#### Letters to the Editor

Opinions of Evening Ledger Readers on Matters of Interest in the Amusement World

Str.—In reconsorable editorial, I challenge the Pennsylvania censors to answer the following questions to the satisfaction of thinking people:

(1) If photoplays are so bad as the cansors want to make us think, why are not all the theatrogoers in censorless States all in fall?

(2) What is as immoral picture?

(3) If picture scenes incits crime, are they fit for our loving censors to see?

(4) Why are not the companies represented on the board?

(5) Why must a company pay to have its property destroyed?

(6) Finally, why is free speech forbidden?

bidden?

The six greatest comedians are: Men—
(1) Charlle Chaplin, (2) Douglas Fairbanks, (3) John Barrymore, (4) Rescee
Arbuckle, (5) Harry McCoy, (6) Hank
Mann. Women—(1) Polly Moran, (2)
Louise Fazenda, (3) Mary Pickford, (4)
Mabel Normand, (5) Minta Durfee, (6)
Anna Luther, J. C. JOHNSON.

To the Photoplay Editor:

Sir—Being an ardent admirer of the late Arthur V. Johnson as a film star, I would be glad to have a bit of film of his last be giad to have a bit of film of his last production as per your offer, and would also appreciate it very much if you could tell me the date of his death and where, and if he did not make his home on Spring Garden street at one time. Thanking you in advance.

THOMAS PERRY.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 1, 1916.

Arthur V. Johnson died January 17, 1916. He lived at 1711 Spring Garden street.

To the Photoplay Editor;

Sir—Please mail me a bit of movingpleture film, as offered in Saturday's
Amusement Section, and, if possible, let
me know where I can obtain a sample
menario.

Philadelphia, April 20, 1916.

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N. J. (s),
Essanay Film Manufacturing Company, 1333
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(a); 651 Fairview street, Los Angeles (s),
Famous Players Film Company, 507 5th avenue, New York city (\*),
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Pathe Exchange, 25 West 45th street, New
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Cal. (\*) (s),
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To the Photoplay Editor:

Six actors—Hobart Besworth, W. J. Johnston, William Farnum, Tully Marshall, Jack Barrymore and William J. Hart.

Six actresses-Bertha Kalich, Pauline Frederick, Clara K. Young, Mary Pick-ford, Marguerite Clark and Cleo Ridgely, E. S. CARTER, Llanerch, Pa., April 19, 1916.

To the Photonian Editor: The following is my list of the greatest photoplays and players: Six greatest photoplays-"The Birth o a Nation," "Cabiria," "Passion Play," "A Fool There Was," "The Battle Cry of Peace," "Carmen."

Six greatest actresses—Mary Pickford, Clara K. Young, Theda Bara, Lillian Gish, Mabel Normand, Bessie Barriscale. Six greatest actors—William Farnum, Dustin Farnum, Charles Chaplin, Edward J. Connelly, Francis X. Bushman, G. M. Anderson. EDWARD J. CARLIN. Philadelphia, April 27, 1916.

To the Dramatic Editor:

Sir-Will you kindly reply through the clumns of the Evening Ledger to the following questions?

Did Sol Smith Russell ever play the

leading part in Sheridan's "Rivals"?

If he did, was it a special performance or for an entire season and what year? Thanking you in advance for the above information.

F. W. FARREN. Philadelphia, April 20, 1916. We cannot say. He did not, naturally, appear as Bob Acres (the star's part) in any of the Jefferson revivals. In the great Jefferson revival, 20 odd years ago, the cast was: Bob Acres, Joseph Jefferson Lucius O'Trigger, W. J. Florence; Mrs. Malaprop, Mrs. Drew; Lydia Lengurah, Julia Marlowe; Anthony Absolute, Robert Taber (Julia Marlowe's first husband),

#### Alien Souls of Our Japanese Actors

Followers of the movies may have been attracted by a clever Japanese actor who is often seen in the photoplays from the Lasky studios. He is Sessue Hayakawa. Hayakawa was born in Tokio 27 years ago. His family planned that he should be educated for a high position in the Japanese navy and with this in mind sent him to the Japanese naval school. Hayakawa's uncle was a celebrated Ja-panese actor, Otto Kawakimi, and as the panese actor, Otto Kawakimi, and as the young man was fascinated by the stage, he entered his uncle's company, in which the great Japanese actress, Madam Yacco, was playing. Hayakawa appeared in the support of this distinguished artiste in the Shintomi Za and the Telkoku Za, two leading theatres in Japan.

When Madam Yacco and her company tasted on their international for my party tasted on their international for my party tasted.

started on their international tour, young Hayakawa accompanied them to this country. He realized that he would have to have a wider education, as he planned to introduce the American drama in Japan, so he studied English drama and literature at the University of Chicago one year and translated a number of

the English classics into Japanese. Re-turning to Japan, he appeared in the Japanese version of Ibsen's dramas and in Shakespeare, making a great success of Othello. He returned again to this country and studied and played all along the Pacific coast at the head of the

Japanese organization.

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For the first time this season Mascagni's ever-popular opera "Cavalloria Rusticana." will be presented in the Metropolitian Opera House, on Thursday evening, May 25, by the Sehrens Opera Club, with the following cast:
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Thursday, Friday and Saturday, "The Primal Lure," with William S. Hart. PALACE—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesnesday, "Sudden Riches," with Robert Warwick, and "The Floor Walker," with Charile Chaplin. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, "The Moment Before," with Pauline Frederick. VICTORIA—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Sold for Marriage," with Lillian Gish, and "The Floor Walker," with Charlie Chaplin. Thursday, Fri-day and Saturday, "A Million a Min-ute," with Frances Bushman and Bev-

erly Boyne. erly Boyne.

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