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## CLOSE-UPS of the MOVIE GAME

### By HENRY M. NEELY

They're Trying to Spoil a Real Love Affair DRETTY Miriam Battista is getting herself talked about in the newspapers

and the law courts again. I noticed another action involving her while looking over the New York papers last week. But what can you expect from these movie actresses?

Last time I saw Miriam she had temporarily retired from the movies and d gone into the speakies-or, rather, the singles and dancies (can't see why those words aren't as legitimate as "movies").

We had a wonderful long and intimate afternoon together, and when it was time for me to go Miriam gave a flying leap, threw both arms around my neck and-kissed me squarely upon the lips-twice!

Isn't it perfectly disgraceful the way we old movie editors carry on with bene actresses?

But, you see, Miriam was then just past her eighth birthday. She was the years old the fourteenth of this month. So that clinch of ours wasn't really so disgraceful after all. And the law case in which she has got herself involved is an action by the Gerry Society in New York on the grounds that she to too young to be on the stage.

IF THEY make Miriam quit, they will be interrupting one of the prettiest real-life romances that the screen has to offer. Did you see her in her act with Junior Tiernan in "The Belle of New York" last winter? Well, she and Junior are in love-oh, very much in love.

MIRIAM told me all about it while Junior stood alongside of her and hel her hand, and then Junior told me what a wonderful girl Miriam was and how much he loved her and how they had really been in love for all of three years and would be for all the rest of their lives and for ever and ever after that.

And somehow, when you hear about it, you forget that they are eight and years old and you sort of close your eyes and think you are listening to ten years old and you sort of close your every the story that you yourself lived through thirty years ago.

But there's one thing about Miriam that is different from most young She can easily afford to do as she pleases when the time comes. For her folks. salary for some time past has been \$250 a week.

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YES. Geraldine. I said TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS A WEEK! And she is only nine years old. Honestly, I don't wonder you girls all want to get into movies. It's a nice, tidy little pay envelope to get of a Tuesday night.

VET Miriam is already a veteran of the stage and screen. You remember her in "Humoresque," don't you? You probably fell almost as much in love with her as with her screen mother, Vera Gordon. And you could easily see that she knew all the technic of the game and wasn't the slightest bit in doubt as to how to carry a big scene.

She has been at it since before she was three years old. She loves to tell She has been at it since before she was three years out. For early days and laugh over them. She has the most hair triggered laugh by all the members of the company. And tomorrow they are going down wer heard. Not the hysterical, giggly kind, mind you. It's an honest laugh. She's naturally the gayest little person in the world and she can see humor in eversthing.

She told me how she first went to an agent to see if she could get into etre. pletures. Her big brother had been posing for artists-"he's VERY handsome : ron ought to see him," she said-and Mamma Battista thought tiny Miriam could help out the family exchequer the same way. Then the big brother went into pictures, but Miriam will very frankly admit that he wasn't good. So she tried it.

"The agent wanted to know what I could do." she said, "and I told him I could cry and be scared and laugh."

She got a job-and not three years old then! She was in "Blazing Love" with Virginia Pearson, and in "Eye for Eye" with Nazimova. Then came the speakies-with Maude Adams in "A Kiss for Cinderella." "The Inner Man" with Wilton Lackage, "Daddy Long Legs" with Henry Miller, "Doll's House with Nazimova again, "Red Dawn" with an all-star cast, and "Whirlwind" with Mimi Aguglia.

HER little love affair with Junior Tternan began three years ago while they were both members of the Junior Art Society in New York. They played together in "Florodora" and "Quality Street." Then "The Belle of New York" wanted Miriam and offered her the biggest salary she had ever heard of. But she wouldn't go unless they took Junior, too. She got him. Real love, I calls it.



MOVIE CONTEST WINNERS LEARN MAKE-UP AT BETZWOOD

novie beauty contest. They are spending most of their time out at Be zwood, being taught every-The other teacher is James Ferrick, They are spending most of their time

thing about the moving-picture business Jimmy. to Cape May for the week-end to make

ing-picture camera.

America's Beautiful Girl

RUBYE DE REMER

Atlantic Coast Becomes

lantic Coast, became Tahiti recently as

a setting for Thomas Meighan's pic-ture, "Cappy Ricks." The beach was

lined with plantain palms made in the scenic department of the Long Island

studio. When a specially chartered boat anchored in the little harbor and sent

a party of men ashore they were sur-

tem) and Paul Everton, cuptain of the

rounded by naked savages (from Har

boat, was "killed" by a blow from a

and stuck in the sand on the beach.

across a stretch of water.

province.

SOME

Say!

small boat, shooting the action from

Nice is Hollywood of France

Nice is rapidly becoming the "Holly-wood" of France. A "Union des Artistes Cinematographes" of Nice has

been organized to furnish film com-

onnies with information concerning the

Riviera as an ideal "location" spot for

trical equipment, "extra" people, and other requirements of motion-picture producers. Great stress is laid on the advantages of "climate." Every citizen of Nice now is a "native son" when it comes to hoosting the beaution of his

it comes to boosting the beauties of the

nictures, studio accommodations,

"Tahiti" in New Film

The photograph shown above was plant. napped in the Betzwood studios while

THIS is a great week in the lives of per in the Toonerville Trolley comedies. at the present time, when they get a Dan is a veteran of the screen, and what sudden inspiration to put in a comedy script, looks it over, costumes it. lighted windows of the l "dopes out" the "business" and acts it. the route as we flew past.

known affectionately to every one as Then he goes back to his titles, or

With such a combination of infortunate. They are gaining an experi-ence that money could not buy for them.

In the photograph, Mason is touching up the eyebrows of Eugenie Brew, while Marion Heist looks on and listens.



# of a MOVIE STAR

The

LOVE STORY

CHAPTER XXII LIALF blinded with tears, I found my H way down the steps of the street. The tears came so easly those days. Probably because I was half starved. What was I to do? Go back and face that woman? I couldn't and wouldn't. And then I remembered that I would there to a supported that I would And then I remembered that I would either have to go supperless or use a part of my last quarter for food. I had long since grown accustomed to dining off crackers and milk, which I kept in my room for that purpose. Too numbed to think clearly I turned into Eichth accust and walked on un-

into Eighth avenue, and walked on until I suddenly felt that I could not walk another step. The sign on the lamp-post told me that I had walked as far uptown as Fortleth street. Near the corner was a little restaurant. I sim-ply had to sit down somewhere. I went n and asked for a cup of tea and some slices of bread. I saw by the fly-specked bill of fare that toast, which I secretly longed for, was five cents extra. I could not afford that.

I dawdled as long as possible over ny meal. The tea, bitter and badly my meal. made as it was, put heart into me. By the time I had finished I had made up my mind to return to Mrs. Fisk's house in the neighborhood of eleven. I was sure the maid would let me wait. On her return, humiliating This Is How the Story Begins: as it would be, I would frankly explain **N**ELLA MORELAND, most famous of screen stars, hears that a young girl, Annette Wilkins, has fallen in love with Roland Welles, an as it would be, I would wider-my situation. Surely, she would under-stand it. How could she help doing so? And even if she were annoyed at my disturbing her at so late an hour. and never gave me any other work, I couldn't help it. The immediate future was all I had strength to cope with. I only lived from day to day!

failen in love with Roland Welles, on idol of the screen. Miss Moreland, to save Annette, writes the story of her own tragic love affair with Welles, intending to send it to Annette so she may know the kind of man he is. She tells how, while a planist in a monie theater in a Western Penn-I only lived from day to day! It lacked ten minutes to 8 when I came out of the restaurant. What was I to do with the long three hours before me? I simply hadn't the strength to walk about until 11 o'clock. Then I grew reckless. I would spend another five cents—my dinner had cost me ten —and buy an elevated ticket. If I rode to the northern end of the line I could simply walk across the platform and come downtown again. By repeating this maneuver at the Battery I would thus make the complete circuit. Just how long that would take I had no iden: but certainly it would consume a large part of the time that I had She tells how, while a pianist in a movie theatre in a Western Penn-sylvania town, she met Welles when he made a "personal appearance" there, how he invited her to come to New York and said he would place her in the movies, how she came and the chilly reception which he gave her in the studio. Then, becoming inter-ested in her, he gets her a jab in a small town stock company for the experience, promising to see her often. a large part of the time that I had

The ride was positively restful. had been fortunate enough to secure one of the cross seats next the window. I

a friend of the landlady, still I must Then he goes back to his titles, or else jumps into the laboratory to help on the streets along the elevated railunderstand his position in the matter. I could only assure him that I under-And tomorrow they are going down to Cape May for the week-end to make personal appearances Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Liberty The-etre. Carl Sueke, the owner, is spreading pictures of them all over the title department and draws the titles spreading pictures of them all over the spreading pictures of them all over the spreading pictures of them all over the pictures the pictures themselves. The pictures the service to use the pictures themselves. The pictures themselves. The pictures the pictures themselves. The picture themselves. The picture themselves. The picture the picture themselves. The pictur a husband whose work lay far from self at the park. I selected a bench un-his home. In another house children der one of the lights which happened were being put to bea. How did they to be vacant, and sat down to wait. ever manage to sleep with that con-stant rattle and bang in their cars? I exhausted both in body and mind-I presume the answer to that question is had had nothing but that miserable cup the same as to the other.

As we waited a moment at a station I became perfectly unconscious of the saw a man enter his door and tenderly time. I did not happen to have chosen As we waited a moment at a station I became per I saw a man enter his door and tenderly time. I did is kiss his wife, who held in her arms a sleeping baby. Again, my eyes were stung by salt tears. Only a moment before I had seen wondering how peo-ple could live under such conditions. Would that woman have changed places with me? I think not. It would be madness to think of going back at such an hour. Would that woman have changed places with me? I think not. When I had at last made my round I found that it had taken longer than 1 thought. While still much too anth

thought. While still much too early to hope that Mrs. Fisk would have re-turned. I made up my mind to go back to the house and wait for her. Every-thing on the first floor and in the base-ment was in darkness. On the base-



Back on the Lot

THEODORE ROBERTS

Theodore Roberts made his appear

ance at the Lasky studio last week after several weeks of illness which

had confined him to his home

goes to New York to find work.

Now Go On With the Story

### By CONSTANCE PALMER Hollywood, Calif.

HAD a ridiculous day yesterday. First I visited the Christle studio and then the Chaplin. These are perhaps the most widely contrasted of the comedy studios. Christie's is chaotic; Chaplin's neat, with flower beds and things. At Christie's Bobbie Vernon was cavorting as a Swedish immigrant, I was much impressed at meeting Mr. Chaplin. I admire him very much, both from what I know of him personally and from his work. He is doing the very last scenes of "Vanity Fair," on which he has been working since January.

he has been working since January. He uses no script, starting out with a general idea of the story and then working out the "gags" as he goes along. The finished picture will be per-haps two or two and a half reels long. The scene numbers yesterday were fit-teen hundred and something, and the total footage is I'm afraid to say how many thousand feet. They took the scene I watched twenty-six times-long shots and close-ups. shots and close-ups.

Edna Purviance was working yester. Edna Purviance was working yester-day. She looked marvelous in a Gains-borough hat and Colonial costume, white wig and all. She uses no make-up, io very sweet and aminble, and I like her. Mark Swain, the original Ambrose, was fetching in a Highlander's costume with all the pleats in the front. He is Miss Purviance's father in the picture. The story binges around a fancy dress ball. Charlie is a tramp. The butter lets him in, thinking his natural clothes are a costume. From then on things are a costume. From then on things hum,

. . . WISH people would stop telling me

the funny things Will Rogers says, He's too clever.

He's too clever. I apologetically explained to Mr. Chaplin that I didn't know what to say to famous people. He said he didn't, either. For instance, he was asked to meet the famous French General Ni-velle. He was somewhat at a loss what to say, having nothing in common with a general. (Oh. yes. I know about "Shoulder Arms," but you know how that turned out.) Well, any way, he was waiting to the

Well, any way, he was waiting in the lobby of the Alexandria. Will Rogers was there. Mr. Chaplin asked him what he would do to open a conversation with the general. Will said, "Oh, ask him if he was in the war, and what side he was on !"

Kitty, a member of the company, proves her best friend, but the manager, whom she nicknames "Beaver Face," becomes obnoxious with his ettentions. She threatens him with a revolver, leaves the company and

WILLIAM DE MILLE is just finish-Wing "The Stage Door," which is taken from the story by Rita Weiman. He is to start on a new picture about the first of August. Thomas Meighan also starts at that time on "A Prince There Was," George M. Cohan's stage success.

Jack Holt's first starring vehicle will be "Tall Timber," a North woods story that every one ought to like. He will start the middle of July. Agnes Ayres starts the first of Au-

gust. This will be her first starring venture. They do tell me that Marie Prevoat

aved the life of her company's assistant director yesterday.

It was a very hot day. They were out on location at the Coffin estate in had had nothing but that miserable cup of tea and brend since breakfast—that I became perfectly unconscious of the time. I did not happen to have chosen a sent where I could see the clock. When I did get up to look at it, it was nearly one. It would be madness to out, then went back after Mr. Baggott, but he had by this time recovered and was able to help himself.

Molly Malone is playing opposite Hoot Gibson in his first feature production, "The Sheriff of Cinnebar," which is from a Peter B. Kyne story. How have the mighty fallen !

"Peter Pan" Plans Still Vague Plans are being made at the Lasky

direction of John S.

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will find themselves quite the feature than the pictures themselves, of interest to the crowds who always But Jimmy has done virtually throng the beach over Sunday.

DOROTHY DEVORE

Jimmy is one of the most remarkable out on some of the technical work.

comedies of other companies. thing there is to do about a movie structors the three girls are particularly

In the early days of Betzwood he the girls were having a strenuous les-taught the beginners make-up and the son in the art of make-up for the mov-technic of the screen. He played the ing-picture camera. The instructor on the left is Dan Mason, who plays the part of the Skip-

But Jimmy has done virtually every-

**T** WAS between "Whirlwind" and "Florodora" that she did her work in "Humoresque." And she has a big part in Biograph's "Blonde Vampire" and Lionel Barrymore's "Boomerang Bill." In the latter, she plays a Chinese child. "I cry in it." she told me seri-

"They played sad music when they wanted me to cry. I always cry when I hear sad music. Don't you?"

I didn't tell her that most of the music I heard sounds sad-very sad, I'll But then, if a man will haunt these jazz palaces-----887.

I asked her what business her father was in.

"He has been a barber for thirty 'Oh, he's a barber," she said at once. years on Forty-second street near Broadway."

But here Mamma Battista shook her head violently and insisted on getting to the interview.

"You don't need to put that in." she said. Miriam didn't agree with her. Miriam has no Old World prejudices. "But, Mamma; it's all right," she insisted. "He IS a barber."

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AND somehow that afternoon left me with a picture of a fine type of Asturdy manhood-old Papa Battista still wielding razor and Inther-brush in spite of the fact that his daughter is bringing home \$250 every pay day.

I know men who would quit work, buy a boiled shirt and a suit of store clothes and whiz around in a second-hand flivver for less than





'feature''; they make up their minds to endure the lesser fame for the time. But one of these is not Dorothy Devore. the youngster who has attracted so much attention in the two-reel Christie comedies released through Educational. For Miss Devore has had her chance to become a star in the longer pictures, and she returned willingly to her first

PLAYED LEADS

FOR CHARLES RAY

THERE are a lot of actresses who

think that the one and two reel picture is merely a stepping stone to the

love. It was only recently that Al Christie loaned her to Charles Ray as his leading woman in "Forty-five Minutes From Broadway," and there she scored a big hit. But Miss Devore declined all other offers for feature work and even refused a vacation from Christie, so that she could get to work at once in making two-reelers. She has recently appeared in "Movie Mad" and "Scrappily Married." and in these pictures she is said to have established herself as one of the premier concediennes of the screen.

"America's Most Beautiful Girl," as Rubye de Remer is designated by MISS DEVORE is a Texas girl. She was born in Fort Worth, Texas, June 22, 1901, but while she was a Rubye de Remer is designated by Helleu, has just signed a contract whereby she is to receive feature honors in Frothingham productions. She is now at work upon her first. It is a film edition of E. Phillips Oppenheim's novel, "Passersby," and the working title is "The Black Fox." Edward Sloman is directing, and surrounding the ambrosial de Remer are such celebrated players as oung girl her family moved to Los Angeles, where she finished her educa-Angeles. tion. Instead of going into pictures she joined a musical comedy company, with which she appeared for a year and then went with Lyons and Moran in making medies for Universal. There she was Remer are such celebrated players as Lewis Stone, Walter McGrail, Wil-'discovered'' by Christie and she went liam V. Mong and Kathleen Kirkham small parts. She has been seen in sec-

oppears in "Cappy Ricks," was trainwith that company to appear first in ing for a match when he was approached with an offer of a part in the He at first refused, believing he eral score single-reclers, and only reall of his time for training. When it was explained that he would be proently was advanced to the first rank. with leading parts in the Christie specials. Miss Devore is just an inch over five almost every day while the picture was

The rage for things Tahitian has hit feet, and tips the well-known scales at in the making, he accepted and has the movies. Duck Island, off the Atis a typical outdoor girl. an athlete's training.





No, they're not going to wear them this length ! It's just a snap of Irene Rich as she appears in the prologue of "The Poverty of Riches" which Reginald Barker is directing for Goldwyn

ment was in darkness. On the upper floors, some of the lodgers were eviher escort, made a remark that brought the blood to my checks, as she passed production of "Perpetua," under the dently at home. I rang the bell neverthe bench on which I was sitting. theless. After a long interval, I rang again, a little more sharply this time. my bench several times, came to a halt

After what seemed a very long time, before me. I saw several of the other "benchers" straighten up to listen to the door was opened by a young man, evidently one of the ones whose lights what he was going to say to me. I had seen in the upper floor. He was not over-pleased at having been dia-turbed. He had on a pair of old slip-pers, and was without collar or tie. On was evident that he was going to say something. "What are you doing here,

learning my errand, he assured me that Mrs. Fisk and the servant were both woman?' he asked, not unkindly, "It's time you went home. This is This is out. He declared, quite properly, that not a place for a girl like you, he could not take the responsibility of sides, it's against the rules." He was good enough to letting me in.

Robertson, the Presently an officer, who had passed my bench several times, came to a halt before me. I saw several of the other "benchers" straighten up to listen to what he was going to say to me. It James M. Barrie on the production of "Peter Pan." It has not yet been de-cided whether "Peter Pan" will be cided whether "Peter Pan" will be made in England or in America, but Mr. Robertson has started the prelim-inary work on "Perpetua." an adaptafrom the book by Dion Calthrop tion David Powell will play the leading role and an American woman will play the



Going to Work in Rome Violet Mersereau, who has appeared leading roles with several film com-miss, sailed for Europe last week to

panies, salied for Edrope last week to join the William Fox Co. In making a picture in Rome. Miss Mersereau will report to Director J. Gordon Ed-wards in Italy and will be assigned to the feminine lead in "Nero," the first cture to be produced by For abroad.