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CLOSE-UPS of the MOVIE GAME

By HENRY M. NEELY

They Pray for Good Scenarios, but Can't Get 'Em THE scenario has become the crux of the whole moving-picture situation. don't know what a crux is, but anyway, the scenario is it. I have the word of no less an authority than my friend Lucien Hubbard, scenario editor-in-chief for Universal, and what Lucien doesn't know about scenarios isn't worth knowing. And he says they're the crux.

I wrote him not long ago, asking him to tell something about the problems his big job put him up against and how they affect the whole movie business. and his answer is so interesting that I'm going to let him tell it in his own way. So Mr. Hubbard has the floor. First he says "Ladies and gentlemen, it is a pleasure to be with you-" and then gets down to business this way :

"In the rejection basket on my desk are more than fifty scenarios which I have just finished reading. Among them are contributions from Tokio, Winnipeg, most of the l'nited States, and two from England. All these scripts are ing returned as unavailable.

"It is virtually impossible for the person outside the picture world to write acceptable stories unless he is patient, plodding, and ready to bide his time. A thorough study of the screen-its requirements, developments and technical problems-is an essential foundation. It is not enough for the untrained critic to see a picture once. He should see it twice, three times, and if it is a good picture, even more often. He should analyze it. A picture is composed of situations-secondary situations leading up to the big dramatic moments in the story, and the big dramatic moments drawing up to the climax. A good screen story will not lag; but will contain plenty of action; move quickly; have a welldeveloped plot; the right amount of humor and pathos.

"But that is not all. Universal has been buying, almost exclusively, stories taken from magazines and novels. This does not mean we do not prefer the original story or scenario written expressly for the screen. We prefer the latter: but the ideal scenario, containing the charm, style and characterization to b found in the short story and novel, is scarce and rarely found.

"Until recently the original story intended for the screen has been an out-Hne of screen action, unadorned by snappy suggestions in conversation for subtitles; totally lacking in characterizations; its cast composed of types labeled, hero, heroine, and villain. They were but cold synopsis wanting the human element that makes big pictures.

"Short stories and novels are not always satisfying for screen purpose They have generally to be built up and revised, and sometimes an axcellent story makes a disappointing picture. There is no method of telling in advance just how they will turn out, whereas with the workable and complete original script of today, the possibility of failure is minimized.

'It is not easy to write such a synopsis. One must be both a student of the screen, and at the same time be able prough a writer to draw subtle characterizations and to transmit through the medium of eleverly worded sub-titles the ence of the story.

"UNIVERSAL scants stories; but while I do not like to discourage the amateur, I think it best to open his eyes to the situation as it really is. No one thinks it easy to become a successful author, and few persons would try to turn out a short story over night. It is just as difficult with writing for the screen-just as hig and impossible a struggle, and only those few who have exceptional talent and will persevere will ever meet with success.

FOR the benefit of authors and scenarists, as well as the occasional talented beaution with the formation of the second talented to deter with the success. The name of Marie Prevost's next picture will be "Prince Virtue" and Hobart Henley is on his way from the East to direct it. all its stars.

We have recently added two new stars to our list. They are Marie Prevost. a former bathing beauty who has discarded her water togs for more serious roles, and Miss du Pont, a statuesque blonde beauty now appearing in von Stroheim's 'Foolish Wives.'

Most of all, however, we want a big dramatic vehicle for Priscilla Dean; um and tenement stories for Gladys Walton; unusual character studies for Harry Carey, and comedy dramas and society dramas for the rest of our stars.

The future of the motion-picture industry depends upon the scenario, but like the motion-picture industry itself, the art of writing for the screen is still undiscovered. At the present time, screen writing is undergoing a change, which will vitally affect future productions.

will vitally affect future productions. "In the past we have contended that the ultimate of the silent art was attained when we were able to visualize on the screen the novels and plays of famous authors. Undoubtedly the pictures in this enote of the screen is a great deal in stories of the type that it is meansible to visualize on the screen. 'Also, not detracting in the least from the tanding in the least from the least from the tanding in the least from the screen. 'Also, not detracting in the least from the tanding in the least from the least from the tanding to the wall" with Maxwell Karger tanding to the wall" with Maxwell Karger tanding to the wall" with Maxwell Karger tanding to the screen. 'Also, not detracting in the least from the least from the tanding in the least from the least from the least from the tanding to the screen. 'Also, not detracting in the least from the least from the tand in the Wall" with Maxwell Karger tanding to the wall'' with Maxwell Karger the wall'' with Maxwell Karger the wall'' with Maxwell Karger tanding to the screen. 'Also, not detracting in the least from the least from the least from the least from the tand in the wall'' with Maxwell Karger the wall'' with Maxwell Karger the wall'' with Maxwell Karger the screen is a great deal in stories of the type that it is the wall'' with Maxwell Karger the screen is a great deal in stories of the type that it is the wall'' with Maxwell Karger the screen is a great deal in stories of the type that it is the studio by the middle of Sep-tember or October 1 at the latest. the studio by the middle of Sep-tember or October 1 at the latest.

LON CHANEY SIGNED FOR BIG PICTURE, CONNIE WHISPERS

By CONSTANCE PALMER Hollywood, Calif.

ON CHANEY, famous for his char Man' and "The Penalty," has been signed by Universal to star in a big picture to start shortly. They do say that there was an all-night conference between Chanes, the manager and the scenario writer. At the end of the ralk, when they staggered out to breakfast, all they would say was that it would be a purty good pic-toor. Dura these secretive souls.

It is interesting to know that Chaney started his stage career with Kolb and

Herbert Rawlinson's first starring

icture will be "The Substitute Mil-ionaire," which was purchased from the estate of the late George Loane Tucker. Herbert is a likable chap, with a strong penchant for comic songs to the tune of the ukulele.

Lois Weber, during her sojourn abroad, will probably direct Elsie Janis.

the event to be staged in England. There seems to be a preference for comedies among the producers. Metro, within a few days, will start five new

adding to her store of experience life in Hollywood. America's motion ple-ture colony, of which she became a part for Anite during the six months spent in writing, and filming her picture. "The Great

for Anita Stewart's next two starring wehicles will be "Rose o' the Sea." by Countess Barcynska, and "The Wom an He Married." by Herbert Back

to hate the word ! I exercised regularly-rode horse-back in Central Park, took barefoot dancing lessons, went swimming in a gorgeous pool—where I later met a Sunshine bathing girl who was sur-

could express a person's personality as definitely as a portrait painter can, I

of the country home of a Japanese nobleman. The Bernheim Brothers, formerly importers and experts in Japanese works of art, traveled in the Far East, and were enchanted with a nobleman's home. They had an architect go through it. and later built an exact counterpart in Los Angeles. Through his friendship for the Bernheim Brothers. Hayakawa obtained permission to take scenes for his newest picture in and around this remarkable house.

In his latest picture the pop-

ular Japanese actor has ob-

tained this exact counterpart

CONFESSIONS OF A STAR As Told to **INEZ KLUMPH**

CHAPTER XX

NOT only was I actually learning to be a star: J was becoming a beauty as well. Sometimes I rebelled bitterly against the process, and sometimes it amused me to the point of hysteria, but I had to stick to it, if I was to live up to my part of the contract with Mr. Sandy.

Sandy. I was fairly good looking to begin with. I have very large, deep gray eyes, and 'my bronze hair is light enough to look yellow when a light is thrown on it properly. My features screen well—the eyes are wide apart, the nose and mouth are clear-cut and not too fine, yet not heavy; my face is broad enough so that fatigue does not make it hard, and so that it takes the light well effectively. And I am rather small; not tiny, like Marguerite Clark, and not awfully thin, like Constance Talmadge, but sort of in-between. That's in my favor, being small; you see, the camera exaggerates, always, and many a star who thought she way about the proper weight has suddenly wellight when the way hereelf on the dienne, is in New York for her free extended visit to the big city. Louis could walk from one end of Broadway to the other without ever being sup-pected of being a "movie queen" unleas the happened to meet some one who knew her when not dressed up in her funny clothes and kinky curls. With her heavy coat of tan and without er and many a star who thought she way about the proper weight has suddenly realized, when she saw herself on the screen, that she was too fat. Priscillu Dean got stout a while ago, you know, and lived on a diet of baked potatoes and milk for weeks till she lost twenty pounds. And Norma Talmadge some-times has to make a regular altar of her bathroom scales for fear she'll get bathroom scales, for fear she'll get too stout.

funny clothes and kinky curls. With her heavy coat of tan and without any sign of rouge or powder. Louiss loos much more like some rancher's daughts who rides ten miles each day for the mail than she does like the popular conception of an actress. "The Love Egg." the new comedy featuring Miss Fazenda, will be re-leased soon. It is the story of a cold storage egg and what happened when it was finally served and its love me-sage read. The little country girl we wrote the message was by that time a widowed mother. too stout. It hadn't occurred to me that my looks would be any special considera-tion; I mean, in my mind you either were good looking or you weren't, and that was all there was to it. But Mr. Sandy's sister, Mrs. Lane, promptly dislugged me lisillusioned me.

"Haven't you always found that you looked much prettier sometimes than you did others?" she demanded. "Well, you can't afford now to let your looks slump that way. Mr. Sandy has mapped out a campaign for you that covers the With the early days in the old Fine Arts studio in California when Colleen Moore, the Gish girls, Bassis Love and a host of others were set next three years, and you'll have to make your looks last, not only for that time, but much longer, if you want to have a real career. You've got to be consistently beautiful—and if more women would take the time for it, and make a very little effort, they could be, Love and a host of others were and host of others were and much more than extra girls, Disau Cheyne tells how she and her chan. Isabel Heath, est lonesomely around the studio until Phil Craney, he famous director, chose Isabel to be the first of the soreen's "hely vamps." They are seen together a great deal, and a scandal is ormina by the director's wife. Derry Wa-chester, a friend of Diana', is called on to help, and Isabel the to "camp" him. Then Isabel in the East by a Paul Markham. Derry goes to France with the avisition corps and Diana meets Keith Ger-ham, who strangely attracts her. On the eve of a romantic runacey

So my beauty regime started. My food was ordered by schedule; lots of fruit and fresh vegetables, very little meat, nothing but milk to drink. More than once, as I climbed into bed and sipped a glass of milk, did I remember the days when I'd stayed with Colleen More and with when yet Moore and we'd runmaged in the re-frigerator and caten everything from cold chicken and salad to chocolate cake before we went to bed. And, oh, maybe I didn't have a fellow feeling for Constance Binney the day I went behind the scenes when she was play-ing "Thirty-nine East" and found her lunching in her dressing room on one nw egg

I had all sorts of baths, too: lukewarm shower in the morning, prethem are too lazy. The richer they, get, and the more time they have, the fatter and more repulsive looking they get. And then," she concluded, with a cynical little laugh. "they complete ceded by a salt rub; a hot one at night, after which I was massaged with cented oil. Massage-massage-I grew

bitterly because some actress who works like a slave to keep her looks is more attractive than they are!" I was beautifully dressed, too. Mrs.

mobile accident.

Lane had taken me to a modista, who made a specialty of studying women and planning costumes that would bring out their good points, and cer-tainly the things she planned for me were amazingly becoming. She really talked in terms of college. talked in terms of color and line,

just to luncheon or the matines or dinner with Mrs. Lane. Mr. Sandy

On the eve of a romantic runaway

marriage, Keith is killed in an auto-

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Seeing the Bright Lights

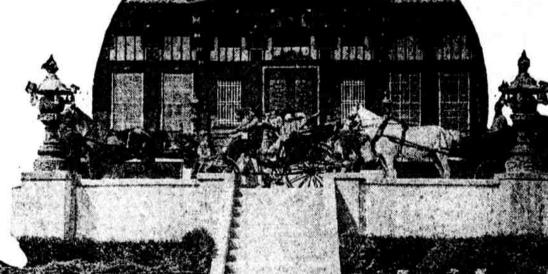
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THE STORY BEGINS

he dares. It was fun, of course. But I never In bed, while I will admit better after. t morning I coat. When I went anywhere it was



WOMEN BECOMING

LESS ATTRACTIVE.

HAYAKAWA SHOWS JUST HOW ORIENTAL NOBLEMEN LIVE

impossible to visualize on the screen. 'Also, not detracting in the least from the again directing. Rex Ingram is now authors of the old school, there is a great deal in the screen version of their at work on "Turn to the Right," with works which was never written in the original stories by their authors.

Alice Terry, 'That story writing for the printed page and story writing for the silver screen are two separate and distinct sister arts, accounts for the fact that cast. George D. Baker is preparing scenario writers and directors must often alter a seemingly perfect story to fit the another comedy for Gareth Hughes, who needs of the camera.

'Even now the influence of the screen is noticeable in modern literature. Magazine writers, short-story artists, novelists, bricklayers and track diggers all write their stories suitable to the peculiar needs of the screen. all write their stories suitable to the peculiar needs of the screen.

"This change has come about in the last few years. Not long ago it was considered highly improper for actors from the speaking stage to work before the camera ; so was there a time when it was not considered good form for a novelist or playwright to waste his talents on motion pictures,

"That has all been changed. The finest actors are giving their best to the screen; they found that it was a new art requiring them to remodel their technique to harmonize with the screen. The same is true of the writers.

"The greatest literary men of the age are now in pictures-they have had to reconstruct their ideas of story selling-they have taught themselves to think in terms of animated pictures instead of words.

"The scenarios of the future will be written exclusively for the screen. Instead of transposing the printed page into action on the ecreen, scenarios of epochal pictures are being turned into great plays and stories."





House Peters and Irene Rich, who are playing opposite each other in a picture

"Star Dust" Is Nearly Finished "Star Dust" is Nearly Finished Hobart Henley has finally completed the actual finning of "Star Dust," and is now engaged in putting the finishing touches to the editing, tilting and gen-eral ensemble, aided by Hope Hamil-ton, the star, "Star Dust" was writ-ten by Fanule Hurst; in fact. It is this reathor's first full-length novel, and ten serially for several mentes in a ten ar magazine. "Ham's" Little Joke "I just happened to run into an old friend downtown." said Lloyd Hamil-ton as he entered the Hamilton-White studios the other day. "Was he glad to see you?" asked a member of the Mermaid Comedy Company. "I should say not," Lloyd replied. "I smashed his right fender and head; light." "Ham's" Little Joke

" a'ar magazine.

personality. Jack Mulhall, Harry

Myers and Margaret Loomis in the There is much of the conventional has just finished "Little Eva Ascends," which they do say is very funny. Gareth

CEORGE MELFORD is almost "The Sheik."

G finished with Watched a big set last night in which lot of shootin' took place, both by guns and George. He certainly is the cussingest director I ever listened to. Seems hardly right. Oh, well, it takes

all sorts of people to make a picture. Mary Miles Minter's next picture will a South Sea Island story calledjust let Realart try to keep names secret-"South of Cuba." Can't feaure Mary as a South Sea Islander, but everybody seems to be doing that sort story, so suppose we must be in

the running. Nice Jack Ho't's up north making she came to America to look us over is first starring picture. "The Cali in 1907 and again in 1911. She is the starring picture. "The Cali in 1907 and again in 1911. She is the starring picture. "The Cali in 1907 and again in 1911. She is the starring picture. "The Cali in 1907 and again in 1911. She is the starring picture. "Feed the brute, my dear." she ad-tises the young wife. "Beautify and adorn yourself for the hours when you are alone with Henry. Men's senses the in everything, apparently uncon-tion for theorem." his first starring picture, "The Cali of the North." Madge Bellamy, of he big eyes, is his leading woman. The name of Gloria Swanson's next, icture will be "The Husband's Trade-

mark." It is from an original story by Clara Beranger. Clever Lorna Moon Louis Seize setting and the famous lips, or wrinkling the forebead, or finby Clara Beranger. Clever Lorna Moon Louis Gaix setting and the fands, by writing the continuity, so that it will pavilion in Essex, where she has com-be ready for the Swanson when she mitted most of her literary deviltry, them, comes home from New York, which will and scubbed hospital floors in France.

Wallie Reid is using the studio roof. ugmented by what is technically known "The Hall Process," for the locaons of his new picture, "Rent Free, In other words, artists are blocking out the background of Hollywood mountainand painting in a New York skyline.

Showed Nerve in "Stunt"

About His Stage Debut

Jack Mulhail, who is to play the leading role in "Turn to the Right." lias, after years of discretion, told the story of his stage debut. He got on as a super in Violn Allen's production of "In the Palare of a King," garbed as a Spanish soldier of King Philip's day, carrying the conventional space. carrying the conventional spear.

Jack Mulhall Gossips

On the first night he did nobly until he started to walk off the stage. The end of his spear caught in his cloak. Trying to disentangle it he caught the point in a tapestry which started rip-ping. He backed away, bumping into a stool which crashed into the footlights. A friend who had come to watch his debut shouted from the audience. "Be carefui, Jackie." His stage career was temporarily disontinued.

Elinor Glyn Writes Another

Elinor Glyn, author of "Three Weeks," who wrote "The Great Mo-ment." Gloria Swanson's first starring picture, has written another original for Miss Swanson, "Beyond the Rocks" is the title, "Beyond the Rocks" will is the title. "Beyond the Rocks" will follow in production "The Husband's Trademark " the Clara Beranger story which Miss Swanson will start as soon as she returns to California from her visit in New York. Lowell Sherman

has been engaged as the leading man for the last-named picture.

Cartoonist's Daughter in It

Gloria Lavenport, engaged by Rex Ingram as one of the laugh-makers in his production of "Turn to the Right." is the daughter of Homer Davenport, the variconist. She can deliver as many haughs as her father's best cartoons. Hys Mr. Ingram.

"The particular problem of the Amer-

at a charming place in Essex bringing wire and brilliant men. It is the law up two daughters and cultivating horses. of Nature, and when we distort Nature But at any rate, the atmosphere sur-rounding her is charged with emotion of the best seller type. She has subtle Elinor Glyn's Utopia would be a

of the best seller type. She has subtle green eyes—a bit feline. "Why is it." she asks herself. "that there are only two species in the world— the canine and the feline—and the high-est development of the canine is man and the highest development of the feline is woman?" Her hair is as Titian as it was when are she came to America to look us over the came to America to look us over

slon for rhetoric. When the war was on she left her sitting, an ugly personal habit of biting

and give him that.

is alight, the greatest intelligence is required to bring in a little mystery. Drop a veil, so to speak, so that he must use effort to lift it; arouse his hunting instinct, in fact. And, above all, let him leave you at all times soothed and pleased with himself. "In America, where men are in the majority, the women can give them selves what airs they please," she de

clared. "This ingrained knowledge of personal supremacy gives them mag-netic attraction, but in our poor old England these England there are six women to every man and the fight is totally unequal for a fight it certainly has become. "It is perfectly ridiculous for people

It is natural that a normal woman should desire a mate and the struggle in every country is regulated by the

mass of egotism and less attractive all the time. This is a condition of num-bers. The war is responsible. So many soldiers rushed into marriage with what

Madge Bellamy in Lead

Madge Bellamy, one of the most at-tractive girls in screen circles, has been engaged for the feminine lead in Jack Holt's first star picture, "The Call of the North," from the book. "Con-jurer's House," by Stewart Edward White and the play by George Broad-hurst. It is being directed by Joseph Henabery. The company is now on lo-cation in the mountains, where it will remain for some time before re-turning to make interior scenes. Miss Bellamy is a fourth cousin of Sam Houston, of Alamo fame, and was ed-ucated in San Antonio. Madge Bellamy, one of the most at.

The order in which these two pic-

ward, and that the next morning I "The particular problem of the failer tures will be made has not open decided toosed as tred. ican woman," she said after looking upon, but both stories have been was to be tired. them over, "is to control the natural turned over to the Mayer editorial staff "Why doesn't somebody tell girls looked as if I'd never known what it Englishwoman about her. even if her books have been banned occasionally, or surreptitiously read behind camou-taged covers. But here and there a bit of the primitive soul that stalks un-ashamed through her entertaining para-graphs asserts itself. Then she becomes the Elinor Givn Then she becomes the Elinor Givn

Then she becomes the Elinor Giyn who, as many interpret her, would make the world a happy hunting ground for men, rather than the wife and mother who has spent most of her life at a charming a the spent most of her life the second mean to have too much of their own to the spent most of her life way. They are happier when ruled by is being prepared by Josephine most women are either too busy to take so much bother or too lazy. Most of

"Bin tears.

To Be Continued Tomorrow





CARMEL MYERS

Carmel Myers, co-star with Wal-lace MacDonald in the new serial, "Breaking Through." has just had her first test of real serial "stunt" work in filming the trestle scene in one of the early episodes. Miss Myers, as the heroine, climbs down Inderneath a trestle and hangs by her hands from an undersupport. The location used, was one of the loftiest bridges in the vicinity of Los Angeles, spanning a deep chasm with a little trickle of a stream in the bottom

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o say this is unfeminine and unlady like.

in every country is regulated by the state of numbers. A career may solve things for a time, but unless the nerves and desires of the working bee are evolved in women the solution is not permanent. "I find that women are becoming a

I call the 'jazz girls' that the race is going to be set back a generation."

and scrubbed hospital floors in France, just like every other nicely brought up Englishwoman. She even rushed in court dress from Buckingham Palace to Versailles to be present at the signing of pence.

Having looked at life from a good able. Find out what does attract flenry many angles, she is now in California, and give him that. "Then, when the spark of interest