The Daily Movie Magazine



CLOSE-UPS of the MOVIE GAME

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What Do Screen "Credits" Mean to You?

SUPPOSE we manage to get into the theatre between pictures, when the lights are up and we can see to get seats. We settle down in tingly anticipation. We have come in to see our favorite hero. Percy Doorknob, in his sensational New story, "The Haunted Clothesline." Ah! The lights go out. There is a flicker on the screen and we sit up to get every moment of the action. What

First comes a frame informing us that "Abner Dumbbell Presents." Well we're much obliged to Abner, though we never heard of him. Let's get on Another frame-"From the Story, 'One Wonderful Washday,' by Curving Rob in the Thingumbob Magazine." All right. We didn't read the original story but we've read other stuff by Curving Bob. But let's get to the picture.

Comes another title, as the high-brow writers say, "Adapted for the serve by Irma Inkwell: Scenario by Polly Penwiper." We begin to feel a bit peeved We have no doubt that Irma and Polly are most estimable young women, but we came to see a picture with Percy Doorknob in it.

And our anger rises as we see "A Perfection Production-Released by the Hoosgow Distributors," We haven't the slightest idea what that means. We've seen it dozens of times on dozens of screens, but, not being interested in the trade, we've never tried to fathom the meaning of the words. Besides, we came to see Percy Doorknob. Is he in this picture or not?

Wait! Here we are! No: it isn't the beginning of the story, after all It's a frame filled with great big letters saying, "DIRECTED BY THOMAS TINGOD." Then more frames giving the names of the assistant director, the cameraman, the art-title man, "supervised by," the art director, "costumes by," all the way down to "toothpaste supplied by."

ND then comes the modern brand-mark of mental serfdom-the A frame which informs us that a small coterie of political placeholders calling themselves censors has viewed the picture and cut out everything that might tend to smirch our morals or incite us to bol-We're glad of that, of course. We haven't intelligence enough to decide those things for ourselves.

A ND at last we get the cast of characters with Percy Doorknob's name at the top and, with a few more hundred feet of descriptive titles, the picture starts. It was just about time, too. We had almost decided we had made a mistake and this wasn't Percy's picture, after all

When will some producer have the nerve to put these credit titles at the end of the picture? Then, if the picture itself has interested us sufficiently, we will stay to see who acted the characters that impressed us most or who directed it er who produced it. When all this conglomeration of names is shown before the picture starts it means nothing to us, because, not knowing the story, we haven't the slightest conception of the relation of one to the other.

There is a very important psychological reason for this, too-and I have never yet met a man in the producing end of the business who has even considered it. When we go to see a picture we go to see a picture. We aren't interested in unimportant side issues. WE WANT TO SEE THAT PICTURE.

The really shrewd showman will get us to the picture just as soon as he possibly can. He will realize that every moment wasted in the gratification of the personal vanity of his assistants is a moment that arouses our antagonism toward the final result. We came to see our favorite star in a picture. We paid him good, hard-earned money to see our favorite star in a picture. We didn't give him our money to be told who produced it or who directed it or who photographed it or who costumed it or who wrote the scenario or the titles or drew the pictures on the titles or anything else

WE CAN'T see those people living and moving before us on the screen and consequently they aren't actually real to us. They are only abstract names to us something to be memorized like an unin-

BUT THE ACTORS LIVE IN FRONT OF US WITH US. THEY ARE, FOR THE MOMENT, REALITIES FRIENDS. The actors are the only

story with them suffer their tortures, thrill with their joys, tremble with their hates Then, when the wonderful ending comes and we sit back, satisfied,

we realize that it has all been a delicious dream and we are grateful to the men who helped us dream it. Then-BUT NOT UNTIL THEN we want to know who they were. We know the relations between the characters; we realize the part that each man or woman has played.

BEFORE the start of the picture all this information is meaningless—unimportant-delaying. After the picture has charmed us it is full of sigmificance, essential, rounding out our complete enjoyment of the story

The trouble is that producers and directors and presidents never really go to the movies. They see every film at a private view. If Lasky and Fox and Zukor and Selznick and the rest would only spend an evening alone now and about their business that they don't know now and that they'll never find out so long as they are tightly surrounded by the Brotherhood of the Itching Egomeaning the heads of the sycophantic departments you see represented on the

other day which stipulated that the name of the director of the picture should appear in all films and all publicity matter, in LETTERS AT LEAST 75 PER AND AS BIG AS THE MAIN TITLE OF THE PICTURE.

And not many weeks are a back and all publicity matters are the picture of the picture should as if I'd undertaken such an and not many weeks are a back as a second of the picture.

And not many weeks ago a back scenario writer entered suit against a producar for something like \$25,000 because the scenario writer's name was not shown on the screen in these boring credit titles. I'm just wondering. It's your money and my money that pays for all this stuff. What do YOU really think about it?

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Miriam Cooper and "Mike," her prize Airedale, are great pale. Up to now, however, "Mike" seems to have resisted the lure of the films

OLD FAVORITES IN UNUSUAL MAKE-UPS



That immaculate fashion plate, "Wally" Reid, is following in John Barrymore's footsteps. The two upper pictures on the right show two stages of his aging in "Peter Ibbetson." Below he is still the handsome youth. Elsie Ferguson, co-starring in the picture, did a little make-up work herself, as the left-hand pictures

How I Became They Used Five Tons A Wovie Star As Told to INEZ KLUMPH

THE STORY BEGINS

impical "small town" introduces librathy, who is furever langing to yet into the movies. Every time she and her friend, Madge, see a picture they crave to mulate the stars they see grows on tem. Then Dorothy gots a letter from Persis Grant, a girl chum, who has made good in New York, in secretarial work. Dorothy finally persuales her parents to allow her o civit Perses NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER II

On the Threshold of a Studio emed as if I'd undertaken such an my favorites for their pictures. wful lot, not knowing anybody who sent he'd just barely met that motion-pie- with

ares, and the thousands more who had ried and hadn't been able to make it And the future looked pretty gloomy t me as I got nearer and nearer to New York. Maybe that was partly because I d never taken a long train journey some before; I'd been to Colorado once. and to California for the exposition, but with some of the family both times. So, though going alone into the dining ar and doing all that sort of thing ande me feel very important, I was arried my hag through the Grand Cen-Station, in New York, and saw

ersis waiting for me.
"My dear!" she cried, grabbing me o bard that my hat alld over one car.
What do you think? I've got a chance you to act - you've come just at the ight moment if you want to get i ictures, because Mr Hopson-that's the man who makes pictures, you know is just casting a new one, and he told he'd want lots of girls. He's been in or office a lot lately. Isn't that gor-

(jorgeous! I was so thrilled that I ardly realized that a few minutes later was riding on a Fifth avenue bus or the first time. I was just in a ream, but as we passed one of the

and I simply dangled over the side of it, breathless. Sure enough, it was Norma—right there within twenty feet of me. Think of it: A lot of people had stopped to stare at her, and she sart of laughed and ducked into the cur quick, but I had caught a glimpse of the violets in the flower holder to side her limousine and of the gold mesh has that she tossed down on the seat people ware sitting and standing around have that she tossed down on the seat people were sitting and standing around the cample of the gold mesh house that she tossed down on the seat people were sitting and standing around the cample of the gold mesh house that emphasize the slender sillines that emph

Petsis' room was nice, I wouldn't sounded fairly unconcerned, have called it big exactly; it was about

of Salt in This Film

THERE is plenty of seasoning in I Jack Holt's first starring picure, "The Call of the North." Five tons of salt were used for the snow scenes.

But she said it was big for the money and it certainly looked comfortable. There were two couches that we could leep on, and she unfolded a card table

me to keep from being lonesome." she told me when I was brushing my bair before we went out to dinner first came to New York I didn't care much about the movies, but after been here a little while, without knowing anybody, I began to go a lot.
And after a while I wrote and asked me such nice ones, and Corinne ould help me at all except Persis—and Griffith even wrote me a nice little note movie friends for real ones-and they

I decided right then that when I got to be a star I'd write little notes with pictures-I even made one up as sis and I walked to the nearest re aurant for dinner.

lopson wanted anybody for his picture, and, of course, I couldn't afford to and, of course, I couldn't afford to e very next morning to look for a b. I'd hunted up some of the studies the telephone book, and made a list them, deciding to begin with the

treet they weren't making any picture and when I went to the Fox studio secording to the boy who sits at the or and asks all strangers what they want. He said the casting director was away, and that I could send in some plotographs, if I wanted to, but that 'd have to call again to see I went to luncheon, and prepared to go that afternoon to one of the studios that out on the edge of town or uburb-that might change my luck ent mother a postcard with a picture of Grant's Tomb on it, and wrote that was having a lovely time; I knew e family would think I'd been sightseeing, and be a lot happier than if I said I was job hunting.

for the first time. I was just in a dream, but as we passed one of the big department stores, somewhere in the thirties, Persis clutched me by the arm and pointed wildly to the sidewalk. "Look—there's Norma Talmadge—the girl in the bright red hat, with the tiny little dog under her arm—getting into that limousine!"

I went on the subway to the studio of picked. Finding the right train was complicated, but people were nice about telling me where to go, and some men I heard talking on the way there got off where I was told to and headed for a big white building not far away, so I followed them. They'd been saying that the big pictures of next year would be made in the East—that the coast was went on the subway to the studio we were riding on top of the bus.
And I simply dangled over the side of it, breathless. Sure enough, it was when they began discussing "long houette."

I metal theory with black velvet is trimmed with embroidery down the front in pointed lines that emphasize the slender sil-houette.

To be continued tomorrow

Nice Old Lady Thought Hayakawa, in Make-Up.

advice after an experience while filmng "The Street of the Flying Dragon."

In the picture Hayakawa plays the bole of an idol carver and one of the Mrs. Flugrath truly bewalled was the part of it. I'll bet they dress her up, estumes he wears consists of a battered straw hat, shabby black clothes and put an electric stove on it when she wanted to cook. The dreaser was behind a screen, and on it she had photographs of Corinne Griffith, Viola Dana, Wyndham Standing and Harrison Ford. for his room key he was about to enter the elevator when a nice old lady tapped im on the shoulder

'I have some old clothes to sell." she Hayakawa "caught the drift." The

coman had mistaken him for an old lothes man. Hayakawa pald her iberally for the clothes.

When dinner time came and the star was seated in dinner dress near the old lady's table—an hour afterward. his identity was made known to her.

The next morning the old lady couldn't be found in the hotel.

Nazimova Favors Sheath Gowns and Other Modern Modes Discarding the historically fa-

miliar basque and crinoline, the Nazimova picture. "Camille, costumed in the present mode, the story lifted to the present generation in Paris, with all of electric lighting.

motorcars and jazz clothes that express the mode of the moment as interpreted for demi - mondaine.

Alla Nazimova star's latest production draws a stirring picture of one of the most pathetic figures in romanhistory, the beautiful Marguerite

bug that she tossed down on the seat begin the window. And Norma's clothes were so stunning and she looked so awfully pretty and happy—I was more convinced than ever that I wanted to be a screen actress.

Despite were sitting and standing with a transparent bem, but decided

Zenda." for which e is casting now They say this is entertaining play for any one who sort of thing. It will be a foreefu argument for the big spectacle, any

That reminds me - there's another case of theatricalism in Agnes Ayres' new picture — "The Lane That Has No Turning." Th

No Turning." Theodore Kosloff has a dignified part in it, in which he wears a black velvet housecoat: Charlie West is a butler, all done up in blue satin looked just like and gold whoop-las; Captain Butler (I know him by no other name) is natural as a British officer in full regimentals, and the rest of the crowd include two diplomats, with all their dodads, and a time. White socks, troup of old-style French soldiers. Impaire this conglomeration all together in one room! Remember the old extravaganzas they used to take us to see as children—"Superba" and "Top of the World"? I suppose the displays plumes—can you of gorgeousness in the movies appeal to "DON'T wear your make-up off of location." warns Hayakawa to his fellow players. The star gives this set up housekeeping in a new Hollywood bungalow, when burglars broke in and cleaned the place out. They took

jewelry, dresses, underwear everything they could move but the only thing

May? This seems he the day of kid



loss of a bottle of Coty's perfume, which had never been opened! It is pretty generally known by this time that Jack Pickford is not going to make "The Tailor-Made Man," and that the company has been dismissed.
This is pretty hard lines for those concerned. The technical people had been given what was fondly termed a "vacation" of four weeks, during which every one took trips and generally enjoyed themselves, which of course. joyed themselves, which, of course, means they spent money. And now each one has a tale of woe beginning with "And when the panic came——" Poor

WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?

Frank Mayo and Dagmar Godowsky inve at last been married. It's been sort of "They will—they won't" affair, and it is no doubt a great relief to their friends to find that at last they

A couple of weeks ago

Katherine Spencer, the

lady in this picture, ac-

tually showed her ears.

Everybody remarked on

it. Here she is again, but

those ears have disap-

neared.

Remember I told you May MacAyoy is to appear in a new story called "Baby Doll"? I saw her

Rex Ingram Has Trouble in Making "Extras" Waltz

DUTTING old wine into new L bottles is nothing to putting ld steps into new feet," says Rex Ingram, the Metro director. "When produced 'The Four Horsemen o he Apocalypse' I had a lot of trouble finding people who could dance the tango. Now in 'Turn to the Right I have scenes calling for the old-time valtz and two-step. And I find the rising jazz generation has to go to dancing school all over again to get the jazz out of its feet."

though, before they're through. Bebe certainly does do clothes a lot of credit!

Cooley Was Very Frank

in Answering Questions HALLAM COOLEY is one young man who insists on being perfectly truthful and frank at all times, even when the occasion requires just a little fiction sauce to add to its coloring. He was recently required to fill out an autobiography form and his answers to some of the questions follow:

"How did you happen to enter theatricals?"

"Tired of going hungry." TALLAM COOLEY is one young

"Tired of going hungry."
"How did you happen to enter

ictures "What are your hobbies?"

"Collecting my salary."
"What are your favorite clothes?"
"B. V. D.'s."

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