# The Daily Movie Magazine



# CLOSE-UPS of the MOVIE GAME

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The Cameraman Used to Be the Biggest Man in the Business

THE name of Billy Bitzer probably doesn't mean anything to the average movie fan today. But mention it to any one in the profession and notice the respect which it meets. In any group of move tolk you find the same claim: "Why, I used to know Billy Bitzer when --," that you used to find among the theater al neone at the mention of the name of Fredman. Remember the old song that wound up with " For a personal friend of a friend of mine is a friend of a friend of Frohman at ?

I'm speaking of Billy Bitzen now because I have just heard that he has suffered s complete nervous breakdown. And the man who told me about it started to reminisce as all movie people do.

Unless you were mixed up in the game up its early days, you'll find it hard to realize how a cameraman could win such a reputation. But things were

Some twelve or fifteen years ago the industry was field up he patent suits that were so involved that no one scened to understand what they were all about. But the injunctions and counter suits and all that sort of thing-I three the big question involved the patent rights to the sprocket bales in movie filmand it finally got to such a pass that no one direct to sell a movie camera nor

Consequently, the few cameramen who award their own hores became the kingpins in the profession. They were bigger than directors or producers or stars. You could always get a director or some one to finance you or some one to act for you, but what was the use, if you couldn't find a cameraman with a box to take the picture?

Billy Bitzer was the first really big cameraman. And he maintained that position during his entire working career.

He and tiriffith got together in the very early data when Griffith's name didn't mean anything and Bitzer's did. They tell several stories of rival compaples who actually shangbaird Blizer, much as sailors used to be shangballed, so As to get the use of his precious camers. But he stuck to Griffith, and Griffith is still sticking to Billy in his present trouble.

THEY had to be in energy in more duck that tenfith count a man A with a regitable earl in transport the previous camera. The cart would drive up to an appointed place the namera would be loaded abourd and covered with contribles and away they would go on location protected by scouts to see that to puter thanks got wind of their work.

SEEMS impossible to believe that the consecute was then unknown. Teday it is the most important thing in movies. It's the Italie type that emphasizes

But it hadn't been invented then. Everything was taken with the camera some fifteen or every first away from the subjects and nobody had thought of any reason for making a change

The long shot had been used in seemle photography, travelogue pi-tures had been made showing mountains and valleys and things of that kind, but they were supposed to belong only to some as and to have no pince in regular productions. briffith conceived the hour of the converge. The way ware dramatic emphasis that nothing e'se would, and he wanted to experiment with it. In the Hallywood film colony one per-But the remarkable pair of it is that he couldn't get a cameraman to take son Can you imagine a experimen so important that he could siver at the orders

of a director? That shows the change that has come over the industry. Three of Griffith's came camen absolutely decimed to do as he wanted. They didn't believe in his theories and they had their own reputations to protect. And, himself they weren't going to let any such ding-fungled foolishness as that go out with second their names to it. It dian't matter about Griffith; he was only a director. Billy Bitzer took the existing. The was the only man who daved reputation was so big that he could afford to take a chance and he did it.

today have Billy Bitzer to thank for it. After Griffith, of source, for it was efrom s idea. But it was Billy's camera and Billy's reputation that put it

WOLLD be interesting to know the total mileage that a man like Bitzer has ground through his camera. Take the figures of just three of Griffith's productions, "Intolerance" totaled over a million feet of the. "Way Down East, we' passed 260,000, "The Two Gephane" has already exceeded \$100,000, and will probably pass the figures of "Intelerance." This doesn't mean reastage. There are three complete negatives made, one for abroad and two for this country.

## A STAR TELLS A STAR'S FORTUNE



Lots Wilson seems to have found something your unusual in Marganet Loomis paim. Wonder wear of the

# Answers to Questions by Movie Fans

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oral years ago, and which has been re the country.

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GLADYS -Mildred Harris plays the Ford Marguerite De La Monte placed Constante in The Three Musketers Sign Kathleen Clifford are related Never than recently finished. The Bride of heard they were The character of the Gods, and has commenced were Cliver Lewton in It is a Reing Lion of the Fox studies in California have a content new picture which will be called Lais Senson. Was powed by Webster to record, for the benefit of the content.

been chosen to play opposite Richard in the cast Barthelmess in his second independent REFERENCE

CHARLES- Kenneth Harlan was orn in New York City in 1895, the smarried to Flo Hart. Henry King was to one time a well known actor on the gitimate stage. At present he is nighting the law. Richard Barthelmess.

RENNIE—So you are going to visit. is married to Flo Hart. Henry King was recting Richard Barthelmess.

New York, and you want to see "The Kid" when you're there. Well, all I can say is that "The Kid" has already played at every theatre in New York at least oncy. Of course there might be a Dog."

SIGMUND—Conway Tearle is not the backledors were notified that remained and proceed and the process of the backledors were notified that remained and not have a job, and that their poles would be "minus" if they did not at least oncy. Of course there might be a Dog."

vived this fall, as no be filmed soon.

CONSTANCE Margaret Livings are lire for Harry.

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to get mong better and don't waste strong sold, is five feat six nobes in ANNA William Farmin has never so much time height, has dark hair and exam His been divorced for I know of He is address in Long Beach, Calif.

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BREWSTER S - Agnes Agres has of the reporters, who said frunkly that

Lady " he Arnold Renness, has been sured thom.

CREATORS OF FILMS YOU GO TO SEE



noted director, and Claim Beranger. In New York blocking for new uniterial. It has to be good, too, or they won't take it

### HARRY MYERS IS SCREEV'S REAL. LIVE OPTIMIST

DESPITE the various antidotes to

tame as "hitchers," In fact, Acces "Mickey appear to sport an infinitive Moss people like themselves les see

or Harry then I'm a failure. None only Mister My as stuff for the In his "off connects" Moore is not

ago he are due ring and starting in a eas or no to heavy though a certain necture the title-nector fell ill, and Myers started in to point the emptions times be was a curtomist, and, while be aga nothing on the titles, he foun himself making a shoreh illustrative of the subject matter. He made several more showed them to the president of be company and finally incorporated on entire at a armyings into the pie-

Week, with his N Yank drawl and the lace Mrs. Blies sent the stat a rare which eventually entries him to sea and the series and the series are a Lubin powerle mantile, two functions are and a cral's uniform instead of a cowboy out only achieved great inquiarity. For some the left the screen, and returned and comparatively excently—and on a comparative excently—and on a co a return he found that he had gained

to Marjorie Seaman. It happened during the finding of "Dream Street" and was kept more or less secret except from intimate friends.

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Charles Brabia, well known motion-the turn director

JACK K. Charles Ray will soon be seen in "Gas. Oil and Water" Charles Bending lady.

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which is now being shown.
The studio executive questioned one Stillman, who is a hydraulic engineer derella in "Forbidden Fruit." I don't the temptation to keen close to Missianpin to know whether "The Pretty Mason, whose personal course and can-

## Cast in Hayakawa Film Like Chinese Phone Book THE salary list for Sessue Hava-

I kawa's latest production, "The Street of the Dragon," reads like a hinese telephone book. In his supsorting case are Tsuru Aoki (Mrs. Hayakawa), Goro Kino, Misao cki, H Konishi and Toyo Fujita.

Tully Marshall Is Engaged by Veilan

### One Studio Has Seven Weddings in a Row

ROMANCE still holds sway at the which was started the list of wedding othy Baker, who for some time previous to her marriage was a member of the The groom, Dr. William W. Gardner is one of the pioneer builders of the motion picture colony at Hollywood This is the seventh marriage of the scason on the Fox lot.

#### Betty Has a Real Friend In the mismarion of Barrie's "The

lattle Minister, Betty Compson wears dull? a collar of rase point lace a best as old e lace was a gift of Mrs. Amelia

### YOU CAN VISIT FIVE LANDS IN A HALF HOUR AT A STUDIO

ROUND trip to five countries-A Canada, Mexico, Scotland, England and America-in thirty minutes sounds like an impossibility, but visttors at the Lasky Wostern studio these days are enjoying just such a trip. There are no railroad fares or steamship bills to pay.

Tilly MARSHALL, character dozen steps to Canada, Pontiac, a little and a frilly white blouse. engagement with Thomas H. Ince. re- Agnes Ayres and a company of players you go to see a manager, and look like

found on bounded formed form

IT is only a few steps over to Scotlike Mr. Melville, but these men were
so fisted. When the Minister."

Entry Compson as Lady Bubbie can be
seen surrounded by the quaint Scote
characters of Barrie's book and play.

One doesn't even have in get on a
train to get from Bonne Scotland to
England in this land of magic—the
modern movie studio. In this country
of pipes and tea Wallace Reid is busy
modern to the Minister.

The Champion."

Seward, because I can t tell you his real
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gets glimpses of American life while graphs I'd brought with me—it seemed rence French often came over to Fort watching Thomas Meighan in "If You Believe It, It's So." and Will Rogers n another fanciful farce called, "One Who said life in the movies wa

# Mix Quits Ranch-in Film

Tom Mix. in his latest picture, quit



Here are, left to right, David Powell, Ann Forrest and Director John Robertson, who are producing "Love's Boomerang" sbroad. Ann. in a little girl's make-up, is undergoing a searching scrutiny from Robertson preparatory to a scene. Powell seems perfectly satisfied, but the director is more particular

# How I Became A Movie Star

As Told to INEZ KLUMPH

What Has Already Happened Dorothy Lane, a girl from a small town, shares her biggest ambition with thousands of other American girls—that of becoming a moving-picture star. She thinks her chance has come when Persis, a friend of hers working in New York, tells of meeting some people approach with meeting same people connected with motion pictures and asks her to visit her. On her first day in the metropolis, the girl starts on a visit to the studios and gains admittance to one of them. Dorothy is given the chance of them. Dorothy is given the chance to play in a mob scene, and makes the most of it. She meets Lawrence French, press agent for the company, who becomes interested in her. Then comes her big chance when, because of her resemblance to a well-known star, she is asked to double for her. When she tells Persis the happy news. Persis in turn tells of a delightful surprise for the evening a party planned by her motion-picture

THAT day was certainly a joyous one for me, for in the studio at which I applied I ran across Lawrence French. He said he thought he could get me an engagement, and proposed that he meet me that evening and take in some of the picture shows, where he might point out to me the methods of different stars. I was never happier in my life than I was when I realized that that night would see Lawrence French, and would hear about the engagement be had in

He came very early and we spent the vening at the Rivoli Theatre, watching picture of Elsie Ferguson's. He a picture of Elsie Ferguson's. He showed me how I could study her work and learn a great deal; from the way she used her hands, for instance, and the way she walked. And when we said good-night, and he told me where he'd meet me the next day, and when I felt so grateful to him that I tried my best to tell him so. my best to tell him so.

You've been so awfully kind to mecan't see why, but I do appreciate I told him. The expression in his eyes made me feel suddenly hot and then cold, almost "Maybe some day you'll know why,"

answered, as he turned away. "You'd better wear your sailor hat." Sylvia told me, when I dressed the next less looking, and your other hat is too sophisticated."

When the globe trotter gets by the So I were the dark blue sailor-it sloor man at the huge studio and walks had sort of a scoopy brim and was

the production of Booth Tarkington's story, "The Lane That Had No Turn-"But it's much better to give the im-

direction of the Jackie Cocan picture, characters of the border country in office where the star-I'll call him John that we went to work.

The Husband's Trademark.

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And last, but not least, the visitor the room, and they looked at the photo-

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WILL THE MINUET RETURN. TOO?



favorite of former days is said to be in the process of resurrection. Betty Compson and Nigel Barrie are shown trying it in a recent picture

body my picture. Then we all went to a studio over in Fort Lee and I posed before a motion-picture camera. And finally they told me that if I screened. well Siey'd engage me, because they felt sure that I was just what they

"I told you you'd get it." Lawrence afternoon to go to the office in the Times Building, where Lawrence French reminded me when we were having supper at about half-past 10 that hought would engage me. "Evidently they want somebody sweet and guiletess looking, and your other hat is to make good, and you'll be made if it to make good, and you'll be made if it does. Remember 'The Miracle Man' and Betty Compson.

"But she could net." I told him.
"So can you." he answered. "You haven't any idea of what you will be able to do when a good director gets old of you. Being intelligent is about half the battle, you know. The director called me up the next

Square office and talked some more with him and the star-and when I went

At first we just rehearsed. We did they were shooting some scenes that I

Semon's Close Shave Altogether Too Real

TN MAKING one scene for his new comedy, "The Sawmill," Larry Semon had an excessively close shave. The comedian had to sit near a big buzz saw and look coquettish. When it was all over Larry discorcred that the brim of his hat in back had been clipped off close to his Semon has been shivering about it ever since. He had intended to sit near the whirling sawbut not that near.

Lee, where we were working, and brought us home. Spring nights it would be wonderful, coming across the Hudson on the ferry. The Atlante Hudson on the ferry. The Atlante fleet was anchored in the river for

One awfully hot afternoon,

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