HOW THEY USED TO "SHOOT THE FILLUMS"



discuss a picture is when we have a

"What will they care for our opin-

proved a success to them, which they can prove by showing us the box office

money on pictures that are not worth it.

"The sooper we can prove to the pro-

In my reviews of such things as

THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTER-BOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

and bad.

E. M. Gloucester—I'm having some ment and you will not give us your true difficulty getting the information you opinion in your reviews, by what are want about Enid Markey. I think I we to be guided? You are letting a am on the track of it, however, and will bird fly away from your hand to catch print it as soon as it arrives. print it as soon as it arrives.

Rubye—"Peter Ibbetson" was first screened under the name of the book with the intention of having that title with the intention of having that the permanent. Then it was thought that such a name would mean nothing in cities where the play had not been seen, for it was likely that, in such cities, the book would not be generally familiar. So it was decided to release the picture under the title "Peter Ibbetson" in cities where the play had shown, but to call it "Forever" in other places. I can share your admiration for Elsie Ferguson so far as her beauty and the technic of her acting are concerned.
But in everything except "Footlights"
(I fairly loved her in that) and perhaps "Sacred and Profane Love," she impressed me as being too cold and reserved to make a deeply sympathetic appeal. I think, however, she is developing a more human touch and a more heartfelt conception of things, and if she does I'll be one of the first to worship. I'm sorry I can't tell you her age. I've never seen it given in a biography. Her studio address will be core Famous Players' Studio, Astoria, care Famous Players' Studio, Astoria, L. I., after about the 1st of April, but just at present she isn't making pic-tures at all. She is playing in "The Varying Shore" at the Hudson Theatre on West Forty-fourth street.

John Attilio—I'll be perfectly brutal in answering you; you haven't a chance of getting into the movies now. They don't want you, if you're a novice. They are pestered to death with applicants, and there aren't enough jobs for the old-timers who know all the ropes. And, every time you see a contest going new material for the screen," don't believe it. What the producers are looking for is new material to give them publicity and keep their names played up in the magazines. No, Valentino was not an actor in Italy.

"The Phantom"—Is there an actress by the name of Julia Arthur? Gery you take me back many years. She was a nice thing to say about the seen of action. The animal was unnaturally white. Nothing living could have been so white. And it tottered. The company rushed up to examine Ben's find. "But—but—tography or more skillful directing than their company rushed up to examine Ben's find. "But—but—tography or more skillful directing than the company rushed up to examine Ben's find. "But—but—tography or more skillful directing than the seene of action. The animal was unnaturally white. Nothing living could have been so white. And it tottered. The company rushed up to examine Ben's find. "But—but—tography or more skillful directing than the seene of action. The animal was unnaturally white. Nothing living could have been so white. The story is a slight enough thing and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much along the usual Mae Murray line and very much

of yourself.

"What really prompted me to inflict myself on you was J. H. Feit's letter. I should like to shake hands with Mr. Felt, and I do so verbally. He sentirely right. If we had a few more broad-minded people like him in the universe the famous 'Society for the Prevention of Others' would not enjoy so prominent a place in the limelight.

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"Has any company, to your knowledge, contemplated producing Ibanez's from his clients, he has only his own independent and such and such a film and tells why the producers look for reports on their stuff, and, if he doesn't hear from his clients, he has only his own judgment to offer. If he says he received hundreds of protests against such-and-such a film and tells why the producers are pretty nearly impossible to produce as needle objected to it, the producers are it is—and then I suppose they'd cast R. likely to think twice before they put Valentino, Esq., in the leading role, out a similar one. Horrors unspeakable! Perhaps it is You are entirel just as well left undone, taking all in that my opinion influences the fans to

all.

"What do you think of Faversham?
I like him—'tres bien."

I like him, trays bean, too. I don't know of any plan to film "Mare Nostrum.")

"What do you think of Faversham? I panned "Over the Hill" unmer-dully as the cheapest, most banal, silly and stupid thing ever filmed—and it did a land office business here. I can name a dozen shows roasted to the limit by every critic in Philadelphia—and the dollars continued to clink merelly into

odore R. C. (something or other,

I can't read the signature), of Camden, writes: "I saw your answer to 'Peter entirely between the fans and the the-atre managers. And, if I had my way, Pan' in today's EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, and to say the least, it nearly struck me cold. Perhaps you cannot see how, but I will try to explain,

"Of late you have shown a tendency the fans would think of me for it doesn't to take a neutral stand in regard to matter. Nobody loves me, anyhow, the reviewing of pictures, as in the case.

But afterward in the discussion in of Mae Murray's 'Peacock Alley.' In your review, if I am not mistaken, you did not declare whether it was a good or bad picture. Later a reader expressed his opinion of the picture, and you went ahead and nearly said all you wanted to. I say nearly because I am of the belief that very much more could be said of it.

But afterward in the discussion is this department. I would feel privileged to roast the film, too, and to point out to those who didn't think it bad just why it was bad and how they should regard films. There are certain fundamental things to consider in viewing any work that purports to be art and it's my job to try to teach these things.

"Now comes your answer to 'Peter 'Pencock Alley." I consistently remember. You state that you have made her that there are thousands of fans to a definite policy not to discuss in whom the star is wonderful. They are our department films which are have entiried to their opinion. I try to see their first showing here, so as not to influence the fans to go see it or stay away. Well, of all things! I thought to were a person of judgment.

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we will have to blame you for the "Peacock Alley." In this department, where my signature shifts all the responsion in the review, and a little discussion of it in your department, a cool seture would prove a success and beture would prove a success and beture a failure. But if you replace the permission to let the permission to let the little of the permission to let the little of the permission to let the little of t

BEN TURPIN RIDES IN TROLLEY TO KEEP AUTO DRY

By Constance Palmer Hollywood, Calif.

BEN TURPIN was the cause of much excitement one rainy day last week as he entered the gate of the Mack Senthat a good picture can call a crowd nett lot. He was all dressed up in a and a bad picture empty seats. brand-new suit of golf clothes, the outfit including a loud checkered cap. All ions after the picture is gone, when he needed to complete the picture was what we would term a had picture has a bag of golf sticks. He had come to the studio via the street car, which no doubt afforded the passengers their "The educated part of the public daily thrill. When asked why he used should have a means of propagating street cars on rainy days, instead of should have a means of propagating their opinions so as to bring on their side the majority, which is now held by the uneducated, that is, those that can't tell the difference between good he replied: "I never drive my car in coming in his big limousine, and also the rain. It might get wet. And "You are to blame, Mr. Neely. You are double-crossing us by not telling up just how you saw the picture, since we rely on you for an unbiased opinion. by wearing knickerbockers today my other pants will be dry for tomorrow.'

They tell another story about Ben Instead we have to pick a good photo-play from out of the mass, and waste in the old days at Essanay. He was a prop boy with ambitions to become a director. He told every one about it so often that it became something of a nuisance. To quiet his importunities, one of the full-fledged directors loudly ducers that good pictures are appreciated and make k paying for them, the sooner we get better pictures. Do you agree with me?" one of the full-fledged directors one of the full-fledged directors demanded a white elephant to be used in the picture he was making. The (Gosh: How d'ya expect me to agree with you when you lambaste me that way? So I'm to blame for bad pictures 'n everything, am I?

In the picture he was making. The next day his assistant came on the set without it, there being no such animal. But Ben said: "I'll get it, Just leave it to me" So the director gave him permission to absent himself from the

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you take me back many years. She
was the first actress to whom I conpletely lost my heart. She was playing then in "More Than Queen." Then
whe married a wealthy Canadian and dancer and it is considered.

Whiss Murray, of course, plays a
the first titter ran like a wave over

ing then in "More Than Queen." Then she married a wealthy Canadian and retired from the stage and it was only recently that she emerged from her retirement and announced that she intended to return to the footlights. She was a very beautiful woman, decidedly dark—almost Orienta' looking.

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CHAPTER III.

The Test of Bravery JACK didn't want to go back to face the snake climbing the tree to eat the Fairy prince trapped in the spider's web. Snakes made him feel very

But if he didn't go back the snake But if he didn't go back the snake surgly would make an end of Prince Flitter-Flash. Jack and Janet were the only ones who could save the struggling fairy. The birds screamed loudly for help, but they were afraid to venture near the snake.

Jack took only an instant to make up his mind. He snatched up a stout club and turned back to the lovely dell.

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"Wait here," he said to Janet. But Janet didn't wait. She picked up a stick and ran after Jack.

Mr. Snake was climbing the little tree beneath the spider's web, in which the Fairy prince was caught. He thought he had scared Jack away. He raised his ugly head above the edge of the web, and his forked tongue flickered hungrily as he gloated over the entangled fairy. He thought he was going to have a dainty feast.

The snake drew back his head to strike at the helpless captive.

"Hiss I've got you," he exulted. Jack lifted his club. Thud! He hit the snake squarely on the head. Down dropped the snake in a heap. The sudden blow had stunned him.

There is a lot of fight in a snake. This one couldn't be killed by one blow. He squirmed around to battle Jack.

Thud! Down came Jack's club again.

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The birds turned their screams of alarm into shricks of joy. They thought Prince Flitter-Flash was safe.

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But he wasn't. While danger from the snake was past, he was still tangled in the spider's web. And hidden in a den at a corner of the web was the giant spider watching and waiting. The spider had caught the prince for his own meal, but had been scared into hiding by the sight of the snake. As Jack knocked the snake down, the spider saw a chance to regain his dinner. He scurried out on the web to drag the fairy into his den.

den.

Janet saw this other peril. She shivered as the spider darted toward the fairy. Spiders made her feel as creepy as snakes did.

But Janet proved brave. Smash! She drove her stick through the web, almost clipping off the spider's toes. The web was cut in two. The startled spider clung to one side. The Fairy prince was tangled in the other. Janet dropped her stick, so she could use both hands to free the prince. The spider threw out a fresh thread and started toward Janet. She tore the Fairy prince loose and ran up the hill-side. Jack gave the snake-a finishing whack and followed her.

At the top of the hill they paused, and Janet held the Fairy prince up to get a good look at him.

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"Why." cried Jack in disappointment, "the Fairy prince is just a humming bird."

The tiny creature gave a tinkling leads

laugh.
"If you think that." he whispered,
"you are going to get a big surprise."

(What that surprise is will be told in e next chapter).

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