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### THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTER-BOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

Alice Allen writes: "I wonder would ou be real peeved if I were to ask you

several questions concerning Jean Acker.
Also, should I ask those questions,
would you object to answering them?
You are a more or less obliging sort of

a person, and I rather think you will help me out. Anyhow, I'll take a

chance.

"To begin with, give me her age, please, and also her height. Do you know where she can be located at the

present time? Did she divorce Valen-

tino or vice versa? If the former is the

"I saw Jean last night playing a more

am not much of a judge, I guess we will have to hand it to Ethel. Taking it by

and large. I did not think much of that

picture, but I excused it because it was my first meeting with Jean, and, as

you may glean from this letter, she in-terests me strangely.

"I've noticed your opinion of Vaientino has changed. I'm glad and, like you, I hope he succeeds. He is trying hard enough, anyway. I think many

people are too eager to condemn him. With you, I voice the plea: The boy is

(You're mistaken; my opinion of

Valentino hasn't changed. I have said from the very start that I thought he

case, then she must be crazy. Imagine

W. P." writes-"Since you declare scenario-even a good one-a most disthat you maintain that interesting corner of the EURNING PUBLIO LEDGER for the special use of correspondents. I venture to send to you the opinions, not only of myself, but of a number of Philadelphians. I feet perfectly free to express these views to you because we have met (yes we did, although you appear.)

We disagree about "Peter Ibbetson" and "The Four Horsemen," but I won't appear a most discouraging job until you are known.

I'm vastly amused at your asking whether I ever give people advice. But no one ever takes it. And maybe it's a mighty good thing they don't. have met (yes we did. although you don't recall it) and your very appearance proved you very opinionated. However, it's your sort that makes the world go round and causes good shows

Alice Allen writes: "I wonder would

And now in regard to that travesty you l in transubstantiation. I refer to 'Forever or 'Peter Ibbetson.' Maybe Mr. Reid is all right in many ways, and I suppose it is the director's fault, in the suppose it is the director's fault. In the end, but the action really does seem eramped and uninteresting. Twice I have seen the production. Once, just because of interest, and the second time because some bit of the action was called to my attention. For the average American citizen, and from a number of them has come to me a criticism of the play—I say a criticism because all their opinions are alike—it is this: The idea of uplifting the community is giving another woman the chance to get all very good, but don't try to do it by Valentino!

the 'sob stuff.'

"And now for the 'Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse!' Again speaking for a great number of people let me say that it was very beautiful, awe-inspiring and somewhat exaggerated. The and somewhat exaggerated. The ton's picture, but do you know that I rican producers had better be care—think little Jean outshone Ethel in so American producers had better be careful if they want to hold their reputation. The people do not want old wounds opened, nor to be reminded of their losses.

think little Jean outshone Ethel in so far as looks are concerned? But, then, I suppose it is the acting and not the personal appearance that makes a picture a success. Therefore, though I

"Wouldn't it be wonderful, or would it be terrible if every one could pleased? Certainly almost every enjoyed 'The Three Musketeers' and it seems as if Dumas himself would be pleased with the version of his story.

'A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court' was very good, but will it remain long in the minds of the

By the way, do you ever give people ndvice? If so, would you give me your views on these courses in scenario writing, particularly for original scenarios? young: give him a chance.
Staff writing doesn't look tempting enough—or is it better? Could you recommend such a course?"

I thought he was splend faff writing doesn't look tempting "Didn't he put up a glorious fight in 'Moran of the Lady Letty'? Goshes! I thought he was splendid. We've found him to be a regular he-man, after all."

and demerits of the rarious courses in menario writing. But I will say that they should be approached very care-fully. If you find an institution that can point to a number of really succan point to a number of really suc- had lots of talent and I gave very cessful pupils, it will probably be worth high praise to his work in the first while to try it. There are such insti- part of "The Four Horsemen," but I maintains a sales department, for you tures that he was being spoiled. No will find the business of disposing of a one has watched his work with more in-

terest than I have, and I'm beginning to think he is on the right road at last. Jean Acker sued for separate maintenance, and Valentino sued for divorce. lenance, and valentino steed for divorce.

I don't know Miss Acker's age, but she
was born in Trenton, N. J., and is 5
feet 2½ inches tall. Her address now
is 1337 Orange drive, Los Angeles, No,
I wasn't particularly impressed by her
work with Ethel Clayton. I wasn't
perticularly impressed with Ethel's work, either. Jean is cute enough, I guess, but I couldn't detect any signs of tstanding individuality about her.) Ada Rupert writes: "I liked the way

you said you did not publish the Valentino letters to make fun of them. And I know you are right in saying that the girls are serious when they write those letters. At least the one whom I know was.

"I don't suppose that you'would re-member her name if I told you, out she was in great carnest when she

wrote.

"I agree with that person who gave this opinion of Gloria. She is not really beautiful. Her nose is too queer. And her mouth is always painted up too unnatural. I am sure she will spon Rodolph's new picture. I think that he is much better in pictures of action ('Sheik,' 'Moran.' etc.) But how can he act if his leading lady is going to stand around and pose? There is nothing to her acting but a beauty show. She always reminds me of a model in a fashion show.

"Don't you think Norma T. and Rudy would be pretty good together? Although she is also on the Swanson type, and I can't stand Dot Dalton, and I certainly think she overdid her part

certainly think she overdid her part 'Moran'; but then, I am no movie

"I agree with you about Alice Terry.
I just love her. And I'd say that Rex
Ingram was lucky. I hope they stay
happy. Quite unusual. From all that I hear, it must be an unheard of thing for an actor or actress to stay mar-ried to the same person a year. I im-agine they must feel rather ancient and unmodern if their mate continues to hang on. I don't see why they get married at all. Surely they have enough

examples of divorces—out there.

"But I guess it's just habit and I'm not knocking them, for I'd like to go there myself. But I have a little sense left in my old age and know that I'd never get in the movies."

(Honestly, I don't think you're quite fair about Hollywood. I'll venture the assertion that there is no larger proportion of divorces out there than there is in Philadelphia or New York "society." And very many of the movie couples have been living happily together for years and have brought up families of children in just the plain, ordinary way that you and I were brought up. The trouble is that the brought up. The trouble is that the public is insatiable for all news of scandal about its stars, but isn't the slight-est bit interested in stories of old-fashioned domestic Darby and Joan

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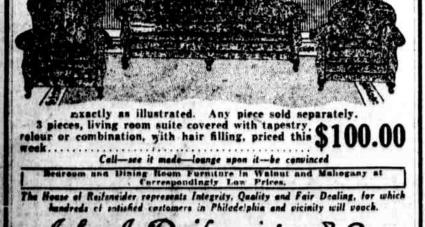
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