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#### THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTERBOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

Ense Drake writes—"I am quite peered at you this time for letting the remarks of 'Ada Tier' go unchallenged. She says it's time for Douglas Fairbanks to retire, he's too old! What utter rot! Do not all things improve with age? And would she put young actors in old men's parts? How about Trank Losse and Keenan and Kirkwood and Stone and Roberts and Gillingwater and Winter Hall and Herbert Standing and Ogle and Burton and Geldart and so on and on?
"Why, Fairbanks is just coming into his own. I don't believe he'll ever grow old in spirit. You see I like him." 'And here is one reader who quite agrees with 'S. C.' about the foreign lims that we have seen. Of course, they don't send over their ordinary every day program pictures; they send their best, but one point must be conseded them. They don't end happily, if it isn't consistent with the story, and our American directors think that secessary and it often spoils an otherwise splendid production.
"I saw Bert Lytell in 'A Trip to Paradise.' The program said 'screen wrsion of 'Liliom. Bert was his usual debonnir self. I wonder if either he or bis director saw 'Liliom' hefore or since the 'screen version' was released. Why, it's almost sacrilege to compare them'. Schildkraut was perfect, I wish Lubitsch would do 'Liliom' and put Schildkraut was perfect. I wish Lubitsch would miss the part was all the rote of 'Nobody Home' seemed to suit her. Not the little group of serious hinkers in mone's little group of serious hinkers in mone's little group of serious hinkers what does not excess your wholesale statt you've cooled off and been stroked all nice and smooth again? Just be-tied that you've cooled off and been stroked all nice and smooth again? Just be-tied to understand him go around the world calling themselves 'Shavians' and till nice and smooth again? Just be-tied to understand him go around the world calling themselves 'Shavians' and till nice and smooth again? Just be-tied to understand him go around the world calling themselves 'Shavians' and till nice and smoo

part, but of course one would miss the spoker word, but not the facial expressions and by-play. You reserved your opinions regarding 'S. C.'s' letter.

Wen't you give them now?"

she never appealed to me and the role of 'Nobody Home' seemed to suit her. Norma seems to be the high spot in that family.

'Charlie, to the contrary I think, did some excellent work, as usual.

(All right. The average foreign film as shown in European film houses is hopelessly bad compared to the average American film. But [that But is important] Europe has produced one or two outstanding geniuses like Lubitsch and Wegener and Wiene twho made "Caligari"] who, in my humble opinion, are bigger artists than most of our own directors. Mechanically and techmically, they have something to learn

wo outstanding geniuses like Lubitsen and Wegener and Wiene twho made "Caligari" who, in my humble opinion, are bigger artists than most of our swn directors. Mechanically and technically, they have something to learn from us, but they have the masterful ability to put their great artistic conceptions on the screen in a way that we have not yet learned to do.

I do not believe that any American director could have made "Caligari," or "Deception" or "The Golem." They all showed a seriousness of artistic vision and a disregard of box-office values that we do not seem able to combine in the same organization. And may one who injects the subject of patriotism in such a discussion as this as a two-by-four conception of what art means to the world. There is no nationality in true art.

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"Possion" I considered a very fine pleture—but not have a real sma I boy with freekles—and where is he? All movie children are produce. The same goes for "Do you suppose Willia

These German directors are frequently compared to Griffith. I consider Griffith the world's muster mechanician and technician of the films, but I do not consder him an artist.

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enjoyed reading your Letterbox and had intended to be merely a spectator, but after reading M. M.'s epistic, I cannot help but join the parade. First, I'd like to know: Why does he (or she) take a slam at the Germans? I thought the war had been over for some time. I know nothing of Pola Negri's looks or acting, never having seen any of the photoplays she is in. photoplays she is in.

As to foreign fi ms. I consider 'The smugness that I find irritating.

"As to foreign fi ms, I consider 'The Golem' a wonderful picture; so different from some of the 'sobby' pictures we've about Mrs. London's plans to supervise the filming of her husband's stories. Hope she does. Did you see the film version of "The Sea Wo f"? Terribly wang'ed.

"As I indicated, I have not seen Green Blood, so can make no com-arison with 'Carmen,' but Gera dine lways has been my favorite, and I see corry photoplay she is in which. I am see to say, are few and iar between. The certainly knows how to act—such a relief from Gloria Swanson and Katherine MacDonald. I don't care much for A ice Terry, so I guess that spoils eny chance of seeing this letter in your atterbox. I don't think she's so d-looking, either, her nose being too

arge, for one thing.

"I am beginning to like Dorothy Dalhers to work overtime so much, and has she did good work in 'Moran, of Lady Letty.' Of course, I like the work of the Four Horsemen' and 'The Lady Letty and 'Lady Letty and ' Four Horsemen' and 'The Also like Wally, but what I'd The Maine Docked at Gloucester

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English lord (in 'The World's apion'), where the fans cou d see appected to see a boxing match arrand K. O. from Wally's fist.

The batt'eship Maine, which was recently sold by the United States Navy to Henry A. Hitner & Sons, from and steel dealers of Philade'phia, along served it is somebody chloroform with several other battleships, was yesterday towed to the Pusey & Jones shippard wharf, Gloucester. The ship was tied up at the wharf of the New Jersey yard of the plant, and it was rumoved that some of the battleships are to be erapped at that plant.

MARY PICKFORD'S LEADING MAN IN "TESS" IS SECRET

By CONSTANCE PALMER Hollywood, Calif. GRANK D. ORMSTON has been I engaged by Mary Pickford as art director for "Tess of the Storm Country," her new picture. He is now Country," her new picture. He is now working on designs of sets and costumes. This is the second time Miss Pickford will have made "Tess." It was a splendid picture before, as many will remember. Now, however, with the improved methods of filming and the advantage of the star supervising her own production, we may look forward to something out of the ordinary.

Mr. Ormston was recently connected with the Katherine MacDonald studio. He designed all the sets for "Kismet, which starred Otts Skinner. Previously he was with Lois Weber for several years in the same capacity.

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There is no announcement of cast as yet for "Tess." but we understand that many a worthy actor is besigning Miss Pickford to give him a job as her leading man.

Gaston Glass left for Santa Barbara

last Saturday afternoon to join the Victor Schertinger Company. He is to play the lead opposite Pauline Starke. "The Ghost Breaker" will be Wallace Reid's next stellar vehicle. Lila Lee will gain be Mr. Reid's leading woman, and Alfred E. Green will again be his director. It is always a good

be his director. It is always a good sign when a company continues together picture after picture. It not only shows that they get along well, but that the public and the studio officials like the combination.

I was surprised to learn that Bert Lytell will play the lead opposite Betty Compson in "To Have and To Hold," which will be taken from Mary Johnston's popular novel. Theodore Kosloff, who grows by the minute in popularity with the public, will have a very strong part. George Fitzmaurice has come from the East to direct the picture, work

part, George Fitzinaurice has come from the East to direct the picture, work on which will begin soon.

What has become of Constance Bin-ney? She was slated to play the lead-ing role in "Pink Gods," with Anna Q. Nilsson supporting her. But poor little Miss Binney seems to have drop-ped from sight, for word now comes that Bebe Daniels is to play the star part. The story is one of Cynthia that Bebe Daniels is to play the star part. The story is one of Cynthia Stockley's South African tales, and will be directed by I'enrhyn Stanlaws. It is gratifying to know that Adolphe Menjou will play an important part, probably being a correct villain.

Irvin Willat started last week on the production of "The Siren Call," although Dorothy Dalton, the featured player, did not return from an extended vacation until the 17th. Paul Powell—whom I saw riding on the street car

whom I saw riding on the street car the other evening, just like the rest of us plebeians—plays the leading man's part, while Mitchell Lewis is also orthily in the cast. Wanda Hawley and Milton Sills will

play the important parts in George Melford's production of "Burning Sands," which sounds like another of those Shiek pictures. Isn't one enough for a long-suffering public? However,



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Answering backward, I don't think

farnum has been particularly fortunate in his recent films, and yet I do feel that he should have made more of the material he has had. He doesn't impress me. There's something lacking. His methods are all very old-fashioned

You have a perfectly legitimate kick about the Connic Talmadge picture, "Woman's Pace." The animal pic-

tures are still going merrily on, but producers have found it necessary to put

babies and men and women in them to make them good box office attractions.

Now that we have all cooled off, I'll admit that I went too far in what I said about Shaw. I do like his stuff—immensely. And deep down in my heart I know that he has taught me a lot about how to look at all the staught of the stau

about how to look at plays and pictures

and things in general. So that's that. Now let's cut that controversy out. We

is a movie column.)

let it get entirely too personal-and this

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It is mentioned with beaming smiles that Winifred Westover and William S. Hart, a bride and groom some months ago, are expecting an heir.

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Austrian Says His income Will Hardly Support a Worm

Vieuna, April 25.—(By A. P.)—
Leopold Woelfing, formerly the Austrian Archduke Leopold, who applied for poor relief in Switzerland and did not obtain it, is living in a Vienna suburb, earning what he can by his skill as a translator.

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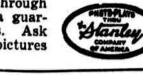
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