

The Daily Movie Magazine

MABEL LEARNS HOW TO "SHOOT"



"Jimmy Diamond," camera chief at the Hugo Ballin Studio, is shown giving Mabel Ballin a lesson in film photography, following the completion of the latest Ballin picture, "Married People."

THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTERBOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

Kitty Clover writes: "So you think it complimentary to be called a pastor-of-a-flock? ... Well, we are of the unanimous opinion that the world is not in need of self-appointed pastors who believe in keeping our eyes blinded from indignity. If inquiry exists we want to know about it. And, if we are not 'hard-boiled' enough (whatever that means) to stand it, we will just jump into the boiling kettle until we are. But, that is ridiculous. Women know what is in the world and we (who claim to be real women and not merely wax-dolls without minds) want to know the truth. Truth can never hurt any kind of woman so much as the cruel ignorance which has always been imposed upon us. We are sick of pretending. If there were more fearless, honest men like Eric von Stroheim we could fight evil to much better advantage. ... Your pretending to be so 'hard-boiled' and able to enjoy what you have called 'unit stuff' seems to me to be unmanly and selfish and decidedly mobbish. 'Foolish Wives' is really so terrible, you should blush to acknowledge that you could enjoy it, just so much as I should blush to acknowledge that I enjoyed it. ... Not until a few days ago did I see 'Foolish Wives,' and I am not ashamed to say that I enjoyed it because it is a picture with a good moral; besides being interesting amusement. Tell me, please, what was so terrible about it? It cannot be possible that I am too pure to even behold iniquity. No, I'm just a plain little sinner like most all the rest of the world. ... 'Foolish Wives' is a wonderful picture. And, if I had daughters I'd see to it that they wouldn't miss seeing it. ... 'Mr. Neely, I don't believe you're so 'hard-boiled' as you wish to seem. You are only a little 'frizzled' on one side and it has warped your 'thinking capacity' and justice. You really know as well as any one else that to cover up is to uphold it; and to expose iniquity is to help destroy it. ... 'Von Stroheim is certainly a friend to humanity, and a much-needed friend to womanhood. You who would hide those facts which make the beginning of the mortal sense of time have been underhandedly destroying the true standard of womanhood would better see that it is only truth which makes free. What women want and need is help; not hindrance through the stuff they call false modesty. ... 'Intentionally perhaps, these nice, smooth, self-appointed shepherds might sometimes be likened unto wolves in sheep's clothing. ... 'I used to like you, Mr. Neely, but I don't any more. And I'll never forgive you until you print Von Stroheim's picture in the EVENING PUBLIC LEADER. In my estimation he is a man, and a very fine, brave one. ... 'I am a principled, self-respecting person, which makes me a man. I had the right to ask you to print his picture, and you had no right in the world to refuse. That was neither fair nor square of you. There isn't one of 500 men who can conscientiously say, after serious, honest thought along lines of truth alone, that woman should be still longer kept in ignorance of the way in which men have run this world. If men's rule had

tack, and, from your side of argument, good logic. ... You didn't have to go into the long dissertation you did on the subject of woman's rights. Gosh, that's ancient history now, and no mere Keeper of a Column would presume to bring up such a subject. ... But, why, oh why, Kitty, did you have to go on and claim that 'Foolish Wives' has such a good moral that you would send a daughter to see it? Even granted that I have been pretty severe on it, and, for the sake of your side of the argument, that it is not quite so bad as I have often painted it, what made you take a flying jump away from all bags of fact and call Von Stroheim a 'friend of humanity'? ... 'I'll bet even Von himself would have laughed at that. ... 'What would you call the 'moral' of 'Foolish Wives'? That wives of American Ambassadors should stay indoors and play pinocle while scouring in foreign capitals? Or that American women abroad should comport themselves with more womanly reserve, etc., etc.? ... Do you, deep down in your mind, fancy that your next-door neighbor when she goes abroad immediately hunts up a foreign count to start a flirtation with while her husband sees the sights? Do you, after all, think that the number of American women abroad who become gay and reckless under the influence of a Monaco moon is considerable enough to make them worthy of some inspiring and soul-saving 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' being written in their behalf? ... You never have heard, or will hear, me complain at any picture or play which honestly or sincerely attacks some problem or aims to overthrow some existing evil. Such a picture or play is very liable to be lacking in artistry, since propaganda of any sort is an enemy to the purely artistic, but if the purpose is good I'm willing to line up for it, no matter how soiled or how unpleasant the details. ... But 'Foolish Wives'—nix! I wouldn't mind if you argued that you

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CHAPTER III

The Lord of the Forest

'ER-UMPH!' grumbled the elephant, his huge form swaying in front of the runaway circus animals. 'I, Nero, the Mighty, will be your leader, and keep you free.' 'S-s-s-a-r-or-ugh!' snarled the tiger. 'By what right shall you be leader?' 'By the right of the old forest laws,' rumbled Nero. 'By the right of might which made my ancestor Ivory Tusk ruler of the wilderness in the long ago.' 'What do you know about the law of the forest?' sneered the monkey. 'You have lived in a circus all your life.' 'True,' rumbled the elephant. 'But the blood of the forest monarchs runs in my veins. I feel it calling me to rule just now as it called Ivory Tusk in days of old.' 'Ivory Tusk,' sneered the monkey. 'I never heard of him.'

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