## OVIEGRAMS **OF THE WEEK** lace Reid in "The Dictor" at Stanley; "Lady Godiva" at Aldine

THAT particular author could claim the distinction of writing stories fort adaptable to the screen?

There's a question which might cause mite a bit of argument, but there is se question that among those menelphia's own Richard Harding Davis. Yet, strange as it may seem, "Dicky' Davis has not been well treated in regard to the filming of his yarns. Since his death it is doubtful if there have been three screen adaptations of his novels, plays and short stories. One of the three will be seen here next week when "The Dictator" opens at the Stanley.

CIDNEY DREW fans (and they were D legion' remember that charming and fragrant "Playing Dead." .based on one of Davis' last stories, in which both Drew and his wife were at their best. That was five years or more ago. Douglas Fairbanks fans, who have followed the athletic one since his famous "machine-gun" entrance the films in "The Lamb," will into member with nixed feeling "The Americano," which was nothing more por less than "The White Mice." and which caused a lawsuit on that account. The real "old-timers" remember when Dustin Farnum, then new to the screen, played Clay in a version of "Soldiers of Fortune," made in Cuba by the All-Star company. It had atmosphere, but, even in those days. something-perhaps it was acked

More recently, that same romance of a South American revolution was filmed the direction of Allan Dwan. with Norman Kerry, Anna Q. Nilsson and others, but it lacked even more the right dash and spirit. In both ver-sions the best parts of the story—the tragedy of Stuart and the satisfying way in which Clay switched heroines— were badly done.

Then we've had a screen adaptation Davis' play. "The Galloper." and previous film version of "The Dic-tor." in which John (then Jack) Barrymore was at his tip-top comedy best: so good, in fact, that he even eclipsed the memory of Willie Col-lier's stage portrayal of Brooke Travers. The old Edison company produced a whort version of "Ransom's Folly."

whose main claim to distinction was the work of Marc McDermott in the has been strangely neglected, not, howthe work of Marc McDermott in the mast role of the post trader, by far the most interesting character of the story. If memory serves right, one of the last stories Davis wrote, "Somewhere in France," was illned with Louise played those two very interesting Locke

Trance." was illined with Louise Glaum. and, once upon a time, some company or other made "Vera the Medium." The best of all his novels, "Captain Macklin," has never been pleturized, probably because of its lack of the much-desired "love interest." Nor has any attempt been made to film "The Princess Aline," with its exquisite end, ing and "The Lion and the Unicorn." The Reporter Who Made Himself King." "The King's Jackall," "The Consul," "The Derelict," "Gallagher" (here's a bully chance for Wesley Barry) and the Van Bibber stories have been equally neglected. equally neglected.



STARS ON THE SCREEN AND STAGE NEXT WEEK

NOT COMPANY

## **Guide to Photoplays**

New Photoplays STANLEY—"The Dictator," based on Richard Harding Davis play, in which William Collier starred on stage and John Barrymore played in films. Wal-lace Reid is featured as hero in South American revolution plot and cast in-cludes Walter Long, Theodore Kos-loff and Lila Lee.

VICTORIA—"Sterlock Brown." Bayard Veiller production of a Veiller story concerning the adventures of a young clerk who turns amateur detective and unravels a mystery concerning the disappearance of government pa-pers. Bert Lytell is featured.

soldier who starts a romance by let-ter and has a hard time finishing it. *CAPITOL*—"The Glory of Clementina," William J. Locke's famous novel of a dowdy, middle-aged genius who sud-denly blossoms out into a stunning butterfly. Pauline Frederick plays the leading role.

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THOMAS MEIGHAN, OUR LEADING CITIZEN" Palace ....

Vivian Martin pleyed in a couple of

WALLACE REID plays the role of the young American hero in the rersion of "The Dictator" on view at the Stanley next week. It is more like the part he had in "Hawthorne of the U. S. A." than any recent role he has assumed, and it ought to be a bully "Jaffrey" he filmed arain.

assumed, and it ought to be a bully "Jaffrey" be filmed again. What's more, he has in his support-ing cast such crackerjack character men the dowdy, unattractive artiste who ing cast such crackerjack character men as Walter Long who, from his Gus in "The Birth of a Nation" all the way down to his villainous sailor in 'Morai of the Lady Letty," has upheld the highest standards of villainy). Theo-dore Kosloff, who jumped into the front rank of screen pantomimists with his portrayals in "Fool's Paradise." "The Lane That Had No Turning" and "The Green Temptation") and Allan hale (who was the only real and human spot in a desert of weird effects in Nazimova's "Doll's House"). Lilla Lee, who has succeeded in build-ing up her structure of popularity al-



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WAR DEPARTMENT

plot of this pleture seems a bit strange to you. Those who saw the original stage farce are warned that there has been tampering with some of the facts, chiefy in regard to the character of "Biff" July 31, and "If You Believe It. It's Dooley, a chauffear.

A ND, speaking of changes from the d, Lord Tennyson, a spirit message tising "Blood and Sand, come and attend a showing of the entino, for September 5. feature at the Aldine next week, which is none other than "Lady Godiya."

returned from a trip to London and "clothed only in clustity" in order to save the townspeople from the wrath of the wicked Earl, her husband, is only an episode in a lively melodramatic plot which culminates in the destruction of the Earl's castle by the rising tide after it has been undermined by the maddened citizency. There is, of causes a here for London and Paris, declares American styles lead bis growns, found a number in Paris, however, which Norman will wear on his present visit to Philadelphia, Mae Desmond at Atlantic City reunited with at the end after the Earl Mae Desmond and her stock players

and all the castle revelers have met their death. The cast is comprised of English players mostly and was made abroad. The name part is played by a well-mencing Monday, at the Woods Thea-the name part is played by a well-mencing Monday, at the Woods Thea-tre. Atlantic Uity. Frank Fleider and who, having failed to have bobbed her the role of the modest lady who took so strange a horseback ride. Others in the cast are Edward Winters, Earnest Dench, Paula Winters and Zoni Zoni. Willow Grove Concerts

Dench, Paula Winters and Zoni Zim-

Arthurian romances have not been made will appear. into celluloid scenes.

LTHOUGH there are other inter-Brown," at the Victoria, with Bert ning. Lytell. Nevertheless, the week's most ateresting film debut, outside of those at the Stanley and Aldine, is "The Mory of Clementina." at the Gapitol.

August 2, when it will replace the Toy Hunt, held for several years. The chil-

Lila Lee, who has succeeded in build-ing up her structure of popularity al-dom after it was demolished by the mis-guided attempt to force her on the public too soon, is the charming Spanish heroine. Don't be surprised, by the way. If the Don't be surprised, by the way. If the

So, with Tom Metahan. "Nice People," with Wallace Reid and Bebe

Daniels, and "The Gilded Cage," with Gloria Swanson and Harrison Ford are Loriginal, some one should send Al-d. Lord Tennyson, a spirit message tising "Blood and Sand," with Val-

is none other than "Lady Godiva."
 However, in all fairness, it must be admitted that the film, "Lady Godiva."
 prominently advertises itself as being only "suggested" by the poem. The result is that the famous ride of the heroine through the streets of Coventry heroine through the streets of Coventry "elumed from a trip to London and Paris declares American styles lead

and all the castle revelers have met who recently completed an engagement

Willow Grove Concerts

Poems, by the way, are not generally filmed, except, perhaps, as single reel novelties. Of course, "Evangeline" has been put upon the screen, and "Paul Revere's Ride," one or two of the Service ditties, "Enoch Arden,"
"Mazeppa" and "Pippa Passes" and a few others. Even Tennyson's (or Mallory's, if you prefer to go backi. Arthurian romances have not been made

Final Week of Creatore

A LTHOUGH there are other inter-including a society story with stat-useque Katherine MacDonald, called "Her Social Value," at the Karlton, a romantic little comedy about two Irish young people in New York, en-titled, "Come on Over," from the pen of Rupert Hughes, at the Arcadia, and, finally, a comedy called "Sherlock Brown," at the Victoria, with Bert

Woodside Toy Day August 2 The first Children's Toy Day of the season will be staged at Woodside Park

"The Glory of Clementina," is dren will be given coupons, which will be ther like Davis, whose stories are be deposited in a bowl and then drawn, the thing for the screen, but who the lucky ones winning toys.

