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When Cecil de Mille announced that he would give \$1000 for an idea for a scenario that he could use in his next picture...

THE MOVIE FAN'S LETTERBOX

By HENRY M. NEELY

S. M. F. writes: "I'll acknowledge that my letter did sound rather emotional when I read it in print, but I assure you that I was calm when I wrote it—bitterly and hopelessly calm."

"But I know that I shall never go to see a De Rochemont picture if the company exercises its injunction to keep Valentino off the screen for two years."

"I have a very soft spot in my heart for Rudy, but I don't think I have a soft spot in my head in regard to the subject."

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"It is maddening just to have to sit back so helplessly, unable to do anything to avert what to many of us will be a great personal loss."

"Isn't it strange how some of us older women really feel toward Valentino? But I think his new wife understands the psychology of the situation when she says that all women love the man that appeals to their maternal instinct, and that Rudy instinctively just does this, for he is fundamentally just a big boy."

"For the fans who have been asking for Valentino's address, he can, of course, be reached by mail through the office of his attorney, Arthur Butcher Graham, 25 West Forty-third street, New York City. Do you think it unwise to give that address?"

(Yes, it's very unwise; that's why I'm giving it.)

Gentle Julia writes: "I had sworn off I was going to save my stamp money toward buying Christmas presents for my rich relations, but the letters from sorrowing sisters were too much for me."

"I don't remember seeing one letter from a man eulogizing his great talent as a lover and deploring the fact that he had quarreled with his bread and butter. Don't the men love our Rudy, too?"

Peter Pan writes: "I loved 'Peter White's' and 'Angela's' letters. I hope they'll write often. A la Peter White, I might say 'twas not so long ago that I brushed elbows with Ethel Barrymore in a convent corridor and breakfasted with her little daughter, Ethel Colt. Sweet child and a great reaver, they tell me."

"Whosis fellow 'Redhead'? Talkative chap! How perfectly ridiculous all this talk of the Valentino affair! I suppose it's the little boy look in his eyes or the exquisite tenderness of his love-making that gets them."

"But, speaking of screen lovers, I thing Conway Tearle is GOOD. He was so completely and so beautifully overcome by his love for Antoinette. 'The Eternal Flame' was all that your write-up on Tuesday said it was."

"I saw Jack Holt and Dorothy Dalton in 'On the High Seas.' Dot can be rather demonstrative when she wants, and I devoutly hope that thousands of American women are not writing to him in such a way as to add fuel to the fire of bitterness and misunderstanding."

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Wally and his portrayal of 'Clarence' is truly a 'gem,' as you say. I certainly hope 'Noname' will see this particular picture and change his opinion regarding any one taking Wally's place.

"Who could—only the great John Barrymore? These two men head the list of my favorites."

"I think it is simply splendid so many fans have been so very enthusiastic about 'The Loves of Pharaoh,' a very great picture, the greatest it has been my good fortune to see. I could not imagine one's enjoyment complete in seeing this picture, however, without a fine orchestral accompaniment which means so much toward creating the proper atmosphere. Can you imagine the saxophone scene in 'Clarence' without a saxophone in the orchestra to give the desired effect?"

"I was fortunate in hearing Charles Wakefield Cadman play some of his music for the new picture 'Omar'—it is very beautiful and full of Oriental coloring. Can you tell me, please, when we are to have 'Omar'?"

"Again, in admiration of 'Clarence' it heads my list of the ten best of the American-made films. I did not miss Glenn Hunter in the part of Bobby, as Robert Agnew was so splendid and May McAvoy, I feel, is our best ingenue in the film, an adorable pair of youngsters."

"I agree with you entirely, no worse photoplay can be imagined than 'The Man Who Saw Tomorrow,' unless it might be 'Last Minute,' which seemed to me equally as poor and disjointed."

"I have an idea that 'Omar' will atone for any 'high brow' disadvantage by the novelty and sheer beauty of the production. I have not yet seen the film, but I have many 'atill' photographs, and I am looking forward hopefully to seeing something which will be different from the ordinary. I have just received costume portraits of Guy Bates Post and Virginia Brown Faire and will publish them for you in a few days."

OLD LAW STOPS ARREST

1724 Statute Quashes Capias in Breach of Promise Suit

A law of 1724 prohibiting the arrest of a person on a capias if a freeholder to at least \$50 and a resident in the Commonwealth for two years successfully quashed a capias recently issued against George R. Knoell, of 3534

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