JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Predicts Success for the Horse Show at Newport—Dinner at Huntingdon Valley Tonight for Second Field Artillery

NEWPORT, nothing daunted by the war, is going on with plans for the annual horse show which usually officially winds up the season at the fashionable Rhode Island resort. It will be held, as in former seasons, at the Casino, and the dates settled on are the last three days of the month. It is said a larger number of entries than usual have been received. So horsey Philadelphia will feel, in some part, consoled for the loss of the Bryn Mawr show this fall.

Of course, the Riddles have entries from their farm, also the Ashtons, who will run over from Jamestown for the three days of the show, and Constance Vauclain, who evidently has abandoned her intention of "quitting the ring," and very fortunately, too, for she usually adds much to the interest of the show by her superb entries. The Countess von Hohnstein is also to be an exhibitor in the saddle classes, so they say.

The Charlemagne Towers have been quiet for so long that it is nice to hear of them again. They have bobbed up at Newport and are at the Muenchinger-Kings, or, that is, Mrs. Tower is there with Helen, Mr. Tower having remained in Washington, I believe. People are still entertaining in a quiet way. The Craig Biddles were among those who gave small dinners on Tuesday night in Newport, having twenty guests, while Mrs. John R. Drexel and Bishop and Mrs. Darlington entertained at luncheon that day.

Lucile Carter, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. George Brooke, gave a tea at the Red Wood cottage for about twenty girls interested in Red Cross work.

THERE is a charm about the mountains of Virginia many people find it hard to forgo and each successive season finds numbers of the same at the large hotels. The Greenbrier, at White Sulphur Springs, is particularly popular with Philadelphians this month. Francis Kemble and his wife, who was Emily McKeon, you remember, a sister of Spencer McKeon, have joined Mrs. Isaac Kemble for the remainder of August. Miss Frances Clark is also spending some time there, taking a leading part in the Red Cross activities. And, by the way, I don't know whether it was she who was instrumental in the affair or not, but the new film in which Maxine Elliott is to star next month was released for a private performance at the Greenbrier on Tuesday night, and the magnificent sum of $200 was raised for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Howard Weatherly, who during the winter occupies the rather stern gray-stone structure on Chestnut street west of Thirty-ninth street, is at White Sulphur with her daughters Suzanne and Carol Smith, and gave a tea with dancing on Tuesday afternoon for the younger set.

HAVEN'T you often heard of the professor who was so absent-minded that he kept looking for his spectacles when all the time they were on his nose? Then, too, you surely heard about the girl who transferred her ring from one hand to another in order to remember a most important engagement and then sat all afternoon wondering why she suddenly found her seal ring on the wrong hand? Truly Dan Cupid is busy these days. Whether he has had as his assistants the moon, the fascination of a blue uniform or just what has happened I don't know, but the fact remains that right and left people are falling in love and doing the most absurd things.

What do you think of a girl, a bachelor girl, who is one of those out-of-doorsy-and-good-to-behold creatures, natural and possessed of great charm, therefore, who calmly got into a trolley car during the intense hot wave several weeks ago and immediately became so engrossed in her thoughts that she was perfectly unconscious of being the direct cause of a good deal of giggling and chuckling on the part of her fellow passengers until she suddenly "came to" only to find that she had taken off her panama hat and was calmly fanning herself with it. Suffice it to say she got off at the next corner, which was not the one she wanted, her face the color of a peony.

WHAT would we do without the kiddies and their funny remarks to cheer us up occasionally?

A cunning little girl and her father and mother were on their way to New York, where they had planned to spend several days sightseeing—and, by the way, that's the town in which to "sight see," is it not? Well, this happy family arrived at the Twenty-third street ferry and father said to Mary, "Well, here we are; this is New York, daughter."

"But, Daddy," she replied, "I want to see it inside."

Quite some ambition for a youngster, you'll say.

THE second officers' camp is on now at Niagara for the men who failed to make the grade at the first camp, I believe. Mrs. John B. Thayer, of Haverford, is going up there soon to see John, who is a lieutenant and an instructor in the camp. Polly Thayer is going on [illegible] with her aunts, Walter Thayer, to Northeast Harbor, York Harbor and several other harbors in Maine, and Mrs. Thayer will join them at Northeast.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Dayton have returned from their wedding trip and are now on a motor trip to Denver and "the West." Mrs. Dayton's mother, Mrs. Charles Stewart Wurts, has just come back from visiting Miss Hannah Fox, in Foxburg.

Joe Dodge, who has been spending the summer in Jamestown, R. I., as per usual, is now visiting Sarah Erdman Adler at Woods Hole, Mass. Sarah was married in June and has been away ever since.

Mrs. James B. Clews, who is spending several weeks at Loon Lake, in the Adirondacks, on Tuesday night gave an informal dinner for her niece, Leta Sullivan, who is staying with her. Frances Sullivan is visiting at another lake in the Adirondacks, Racquette Lake. Rachel Willet, of Chestnut Hill, who lives in that picturesque house on Springfield avenue, in St. Martins, is visiting in the Adirondacks, too. She is at Tupper's Lake. To go back, do you know the house? It has a fountain in a little court at one side and a sunken garden, with a little pool, and stone walks and all kinds of sun dials and things on the other side. It's the most attractive thing you ever saw.

Alexander Rush has been in the hospital being operated on for appendicitis. He seems to be recovering now, though, and expects to leave today or tomorrow for Bay Head to recuperate. Charlotte and Mary Rush and Mr. and Mrs. Rush will go with him, or, rather, he will be "toted" by them.

ONE may be able to suppress some of one's plebeian tastes, but a leaning toward Limburger cheese, for instance, is always a giveaway. You can't, simply can't, get away from it. It's like sauer kraut in the house. A youth of my acquaintance—a very correct person indeed—has an inordinate craving at times for the strongly scented cheese, and when such attacks come on needs must buy it. He tells me he never remembers the odor, only the taste, until after he buys it. Be that as it may, while passing a grocer's the other day he saw some Limburger, hesitated, then fell for it, and bore a package off to his home.

He boarded a trolley car. The day was hot, the car none too roomy, and after a few minutes of his presence, only too fragrant, a man sitting near him fixed him with the cold glare of suspicion, whereupon he, thinking to save himself such ignominy, leaned over and in a confidential tone declared it as his belief that the countryman with many bundles across the aisle had been indulging his fondness for cheese.

Feeling thus exonerated, all went well until Hiram came to his jumping-off place, leaving behind, much to the mystification of those about him, the same disagreeable aroma. Exit at the next block the culprit, some miles from his destination.

THERE'S to be a dinner-dance at Huntingdon Valley tonight in honor of the officers of the Second Field Artillery, now stationed at Camp Wanamaker. A lot of tables have been engaged and the members of the club are going to entertain the officers and their wives in great state. Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison Frazier have a table, also the Ned Hensons, the Henry Miller Watts expect some uniforms at their table and Theodore C. Voorhees will also entertain. Another table has been set aside for Mr. and Mrs. Kearsley Mitchell Harrison. The Robert T. Hoopes will be there and also the Charles W. Welshs. So you see it will be a great occasion, and Huntingdon Valley is such a beautiful place, and they always have such good music for the dances—and such a good floor for them and everything—that it's sure to be a success.

THERE'S an awful lot of talk about the "tired business man" and his well-earned vacation. Perhaps he does earn it, but very often the kind of vacation he gets is not the kind he has earned. A certain well-known business man has been spending his holiday in the mountains with his family after working hard at the office all day every day. I was walking through one of the cricket clubs last Saturday watching the poor stay-at-homes trying to forget the heat by getting a little hotter playing tennis. In one court I was surprised to see this vacationist flying around the court as if he had just left the office and looking as if he enjoyed every minute of the game. Just before he served I hailed him. "What's the big idea? Has your hotel burned down?" He served doubles before he answered. "No," he said; "I came home to get a rest over Sunday." Oh, absolutely true; there were simply too many week-end visitors up there, so he came down here. There's nothing quite like being satisfied with your surroundings, you know, and if you don't like it where you are move on and out.

NANCY WYNNE

Photo by Bachrach.

MISS ANNA B. WETHERILL AND MISS ADA L. WETHERILL
Daughters of Mrs. George D. Wetherill, who are shown sitting on the lawn of their home in Bryn Mawr. Miss Ada Wetherill's engagement to Mr. Karl Frederick Knipe has recently been announced.

LIEUTENANT BIDDLE WEDS MISS COLEMAN

Quiet Ceremony at Home of Bride's Father Today at Noon

The wedding of Miss Anne Mason Churchill Coleman, daughter of Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, and Lieutenant George Biddle, son of Mrs. A. Sydney Biddle, of 2017 Pine street, took place at noon today at the apartments of the bride's father at 1830 South Rittenhouse Square. The wedding was very quiet, attended only by the immediate families and a few intimate friends, and there were no attendants. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. B. Cress, of Oxford, Pa. There was a small breakfast after the service.

Lieutenant Biddle has been ordered to go to France some time next week, and the wedding was hastened on that account. Mrs. Biddle will probably follow her husband to France shortly, as she had already intended to go in July, but was detained on account of the illness of Mrs. Donnel Swan, of Baltimore, who was going with her.

FOX—BONISKE

A marriage of interest in Jewish circles of this city and Cordele, Ga., was solemnized at the Adelphia Hotel on Sunday, August 19, at 2 o'clock, when Miss Symme L. Boniske, of Cordele, Ga., became the bride of Mr. Harry Fox, of this city, the Rev. Marvin Nathan officiating. Owing to the recent death of the bridegroom's father, the ceremony was informal and private, only the immediate relatives of the bride and bridegroom being present. The bride, although a resident of Cordele, Ga., is well known here, and was attended by Miss Frances Rudolph, while the bridegroom had for his best man Mr. Abraham Berkowitz.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the hotel, after which Mr. and Mrs. Fox left for an extended trip to Delaware Water Gap, Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands and other places of interest. Upon their return they will live at 1325 North Broad street.

SOCIAL GOSSIP OF NEARBY NEW JERSEY TOWNS

Riverton, Moorestown, Palmyra and Edgewater Park Activities

RIVERTON—Mrs. R. Biddle Frishmuth is among the guests at the Breakers in Wildwood.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boyer are passing a few weeks at Fishers Island, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Herr left for a motor trip through Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Street Mills and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Collin have returned from a three weeks' motor trip through the White Mountains.

Mrs. Henry C. Biddle and Mrs. N. Myers Fitler left on a motor trip to New Hampshire and will return early in September with Mr. Biddle Fitler.

EDGEWATER PARK—Mrs. George de B. Keim, who has just returned from a visit to Winter Harbor, Me., will leave tomorrow for White Sulphur Springs, Va., for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Shillard Smith will open their home, the Beech Bank, at Edgewater Park, after their return from Winter Harbor, Me.

MOORESTOWN—Miss Sara M. Ballinger, of Moorestown, left for a week's stay at Ventnor.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Coles, of Moorestown, are spending August at Seaside Park.

Mrs. Victor Wierman and son, Victor Wierman, Jr., have left Moorestown for an extended stay at Denver, Col.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hollingshead have returned to Moorestown from Plymouth, where they have been visiting Roger Hollingshead.

BEVERLY—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hetzel, of Beverly, are at Long Island for a month's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. William Birkhead, of Beverly, are passing the week with friends in Atlantic City.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Winters, of the signal corps, and Mrs. Winters, of Washington, D. C., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simons at their home, Five Points, Beverly.

DELANCO—Mrs. Frank Feussner and Miss Marie Feussner, of Delanco, are at Ocean City for the rest of the season.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Demis, of Baltimore, Md., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Demis on the river front, Delanco.

Mr. Stanley Ridway, of Akron, O., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ridway, Jr., in Delanco.

PALMYRA—Mr. Charles H. Crowell, of Chicago, is spending a few days with his family in Palmyra.

Mrs. Amos King, of Glenside, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward King, of Palmyra, for a fortnight.

Mr. Arthur Wright left Palmyra for France with a unit of the Pennsylvania hospital base unit No. 10 on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin I. Powell, of Palmyra, are spending a fortnight at Wildwood.

Social Activities

Again this summer the Rev. Jacob Le Roy, rector of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill, and Mrs. Le Roy have gone to their summer home in Maine, where they will stay until October. Mr. and Mrs. Levis N. Mann are occupying the Le Roys' home during these summer months.

Mrs. Charles Wolcott Henry, of Chestnut Hill, has returned from Rockport, Me. Miss Gertrude Henry will stay until some time in September.

Miss Emily Tattersfield, of Lincoln drive, Mount Airy, has returned from North Hampton, L. I., where she was the guest of Mrs. James R. Sill at her summer home. Miss Louise Tattersfield is the guest of Mrs. H. Benson at her cottage at Ocean Gate, N. J.

Mr. Samuel Matthews, of 4942 Parkside avenue, announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Florence Miller Matthews, to Mr. Zimmerman C. Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Wagoner, of Paxtang, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Simler and Arthur C. Simler, Jr., of Johnstown, Pa., who motored from Johnstown to the Allentown training camp to visit Mrs. Simler's brother, Lieutenant John Stibick, have been visiting friends in Narberth over the week-end. Mr. Simler, who is a member of the Cambria County bar, was one of the speakers at Allentown on Saturday when the Johnstown unit was presented with a flag.

Captain Matthew B. Carson and Mrs. Carson, of New York, are the guests for several days of Mrs. M. Brinton, Thirty-sixth and Walnut streets.

Mrs. J. Earl Wagner and Miss Mary Wagner, of 320 South Forty-second street, are at present in southern California. They have reached the west coast after a lengthy trip through the Canadian Rockies and will come east by way of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Maxwell Kahaner, of 2636 South Sixth street; Mr. Luke Masterson, of 1726 South Eighteenth street, and Mr. Herman Kline, of 2632 South Sixth street, who are spending the rest of the summer at Seaside Park, attended the bal masque given by the Seaside Heights Yacht Club last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Firth, of 1414 West Lindley avenue, are spending some time at the Hotel St. Charles, Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, of Magnolia, N. J., are visiting friends in Bordentown, N. J., for a few days.

WHEN YOU TRUMP YOUR PARTNER'S ACE

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GERMANTOWN MEN AWAITING ORDERS

Summer Vacationists Return From All Parts of the Country

Lieutenant Philip Darby, of Carpenter street, Germantown, has returned from Fort Niagara and has been ordered to Fort Meade to report August 29.

Miss Augusta McFadden, of the Delmar-Morris, in Germantown, who spent the early summer with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McFadden, has gone to Jaffrey, N. H., to remain until September.

Mr. Romayn Quintard, of Morris street, Germantown, left on Wednesday for the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. Lieutenant Alfred Lockwood Quintard has gone to Oklahoma for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wigton, of West School House lane and Wissahickon avenue, Germantown, have returned from an extensive motor trip through Maine. Lieutenant Edward Newton Wigton is home from Plattsburgh on furlough, awaiting orders.

Mr. George Allison, of the Delmar-Morris, will go to Ocean City on Saturday to remain ten days before leaving for France with the University base hospital unit.

The Misses Baumgardner, of Germantown, have gone to the Thousand Islands to spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman King, of West Stafford street, Germantown, have returned from a motor trip through Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Huston, Miss Judelle Huston and Mr. Craig Huston, of Germantown, will return the end of September from Panther Lodge, in the Adirondacks, where they have spent the summer.

Mrs. Joseph H. Roberts and her two children have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts in St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Laning Harvey and her sister, Miss Dorothy Burgess, have gone to the Hotel Chelsea for several days.

Miss Gladys McCowen has returned from a visit to Miss Dorothy Hicks in Ventnor.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Montgomery and Miss Marion Montgomery, of the Fairfax Apartments, School House lane and Wayne avenue, Germantown, are spending several weks in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Y. King, formerly of School House lane, Germantown, have gone to Toronto, Canada, to live permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Whittlesby have returned from China and are living at 235 School House lane, Germantown.

Miss Mildred Howlett, of West Upsal street, Germantown, has gone to Oil City to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Phinney, who formerly lived in Germantown.

Mr. Walter Chapman, of Winona avenue, Germantown, left yesterday for Fort Oglethorpe to enter the officers' camp.

Miss Leila W. Bear, of Carpenter street, Germantown, has returned from Mount Alto, in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where she was the guest of Mrs. Frank D. Miley. Miss Bear will leave this week for Brant Beach to spend several days with Miss Alice Jones at her cottage.

Mrs. A. M. Barnes, of School House lane, Germantown, has returned from Richfield, Conn., where she spent several weeks.

Mrs. Henry H. Doan, of Germantown, has gone to Manchester-by-the-Sea, to be the guest of Mrs. Frank Boynton. Mr. Carpenter Doan is spending the summer at Pole Ridge camp and will return in September.

Mrs. Walter D. Banes, of West Price street, Germantown, who spent several weeks at Arcola, on the Perkiomen Creek, has returned from Chelsea, where she spent several days as the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. D. Banes.

Mrs. Carol Brewster Grace, of Manheim street, Germantown, has returned from Montrose, Pa., where her son, Mr. Brewster Grace, is at camp.

Mr. Edwin I. Atlee, Jr., of Queen Lane Manor, Germantown, who is a member of the Presbyterian mobile unit, is at home awaiting orders.

WILDWOOD GIRL CROWNED QUEEN OF BABY CARNIVAL

WILDWOOD, N. J., Aug. 23.—Miss Dorothy Gerstel, daughter of W. H. Gerstel, proprietor of the Hotel Savoy, has been crowned Queen of the Baby Carnival and presented with a diamond ring at the Coronation Ball on the Ocean Pier. In the balloting she was victor, with 13,139 votes. Miss Nellie Weldon and Miss Sarah Gould, next in order in the voting, were her attendants.

COMMANDER OF UNIT ORGANIZES CAMP BAND

Tioga Residents Are Entertained at Luncheon in Phoenixville

Lieutenant William E. Baken, commander of the Tioga unit at the army ambulance corps concentration camp at Allentown, is organizing a band, so that the camp will have its own instrumental music. The lieutenant has been one of the active spirits in perfecting the ambulance corps movement.

It is certainly a delightful way of entertaining one's in-town friends by inviting them to outdoor festivities at country homes. Mrs. Raynor Bowman, who is spending the summer at Phoenixville, gave a luncheon recently for the following persons from this section: Mrs. Charles E. Hallowell, Mrs. Horace Davis, Mrs. Charles Haigh, Mrs. Allen Moats, Mrs. C. C. Clegg, Mrs. Thomas M. Scholey, Mrs. Ralph Humphreys, Mrs. Ralph Parkinson, Mrs. Julius Neufeld, Miss Ida Dripps, Mrs. Paul Voight, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Harvey Cressman, Mrs. J. H. Chadwick, Mrs. Charles Thompson, Mrs. W. G. Gibbs, Mrs. Charles Edward Hallowell, mother of the hostess; Mrs. Louis Biggard and Mrs. Walter S. Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks, of North Nineteenth street, whose summer home is in Pitman, N. J., entertained Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gerhart, Miss Lidie Keefer and Mr. Charles Lynch.

The David Titlows, of Tioga street, are spending the summer in Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thorn, of North Fifteenth street, are at their Ventnor cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Clegg, of Butler street, and Mrs. Thomas Scholey, of North Seventeenth street, have their summer homes in Pitman, N. J.

Mr. P. W. Kiefaver and his family are entertaining their friends at their Island Heights cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer are staying at Stone Harbor this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bates have returned from Atlantic City and have gone to Stroudsburg, Pa.

The Harry Heists have been passing several weeks at Egypt Mills.

MARK WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

This is the fifty-second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Mayer Bissinger, 3136 Clifford street, and they are celebrating the event with a few relatives at their home. Two years ago today, the date of their golden wedding, they held a big celebration at the Mercantile Club, Broad and Master streets, but this year they are having only a few relatives who are very near to them.

Mr. Bissinger is eighty-four years old and his wife is ten years younger. They were married in Philadelphia in 1865. Mr. Bissinger came to this country from Ichenhausen, Bavaria, and for many years was a prominent wholesale clothing dealer on Market street. Mrs. Bissinger was born at Granada, Miss. They have three children, Samuel, of New York, and Harry and Amelia, who make their home with the aged couple.

Photo by Bachrach.

MRS. WADSWORTH WILLIAMS
Mrs. Williams will be remembered as Miss Louise Roberts, of 2043 North Sixty-second street.

AMERICAN RED CROSS TO SAVE FRENCH BABIES

Experts in Infant Welfare Will Be Sent to Aid Mothers in War-Stricken Country

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.

A group of specialists in infant welfare has been sent to France by the American Red Cross. At its head is Dr. William P. Lucas, professor of pediatrics in the University of California and originator of the "save-a-Belgian-baby" movement.

Before the war the birth rate and death rate in France were so nearly equal that publicists voiced their concern over the future of the national life. Last year, however, with the death rate probably more than twenty per 1000, not counting deaths of men in military service, the birth rate was officially estimated at only eight per 1000. In New York State the birth rate is twenty-three or twenty-four per 1000, the death rate about fourteen per 1000.

The total of deaths in France in 1916 was about 1,100,000. Births numbered only 312,000. The net loss in population was 788,000, or nearly 2 per cent of the whole. In Paris, where 48,917 babies were born in the year ending August 1, 1914, only 26,917 were born in the second year of the war, ending August 1, 1916.

"There is a crying need for effective work among children," cables Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the American Red Cross Commission, now in France. He reports that there is great need for doctors and nurses for work with mothers and children, and the Infant Welfare Unit will be prepared to give such immediate relief as it can.

With Doctor Lucas in the unit, which was financed by Mrs. William Lowell Putnam, of Boston, are Dr. J. Morris Slemons, of the Yale Medical School, one of the best known of American obstetricians; Dr. Julius Parker Sedgwick, physiological chemist, professor at the University of Minnesota; Dr. John C. Baldwin, specialist in diseases of children; Dr. Clain F. Gelston, Doctor Lucas's assistant at the University of California; Dr. N. O. Pearce, another specialist, and the following experts in sociology and child welfare work: Mrs. J. Morris Slemons, Mrs. William P. Lucas, Miss Elizabeth Ashe and Miss Rosamond Gilder, daughter of the poet.

These specialists will survey the situation and study the work already being done by the French and will practice without receiving compensation from patients. The task before the Red Cross, which will be carried on by this and succeeding units, is not only to co-operate with French specialists, but also to carry on a general educational campaign among French mothers in the interest of better prenatal hygiene and scientific feeding and care of the babies. Special efforts will be made to protect children from tubercular infection, which is particularly threatening France today as a result of trench warfare.

TWO MUSICAL COMEDY STARS IN PHOTOPLAYS

Gardner and Fields Appear to Advantage in "The Open Places" and "The Barker"

By the Photoplay Editor

FAMILY—"The Open Places." Essanay, with Jack Gardner. Story and direction by W. S. Van Dyke.

Are you afraid of "The Open Places?"

Every schoolboy knows by now that the simple story humanly done is worth two of the elaborately story falsely done. Here is an example of what sincerity of "fingering" and acting that rings true can do for a conventional plot, so plain in its essentials that it would be barren were it not for the convincing spirit that the director has breathed into it. This tale of the Royal Mounted and their activities on the Canadian border suggests the success Essanay had with its old "Broncho Billy" films, in which the now-obscured Gilbert M. Anderson used to strut. That is: it is presented with no optical glamor, sets and lighting being machine-made and unalluring. But the handling has done wonders with the script. Detail work is fine, as witness the illusion of blurred vision when the hero, shot, mistakes the heroine for his assailant. A saloon fight, primarily commonplace, has been lifted into the exciting class. And the wind-up of the yarn, without any fade-out embrace, but a droll letter instead, makes "The Open Places" good entertainment. Jack Gardner photographs well and plays in a manly way. Carl Stockdale does the villain nicely.

PRINCESS—"The Barker." Selig, with Lew Fields. Story by Charles K. Harris. Name of director not screened.

Is the "Big Top" your temporary home?

By removing the sob stuff and inserting a few leaders written by the Keystone staff or Anita Loos, Selig might turn "The Barker" into a first-class farce. All the ingredients are there. Imagine dear, old Lew, hero of countless musical comedy absurdities, playing a professor of languages in a foreign country; being inducted into an anarchistic society, which is pinched by the police; sent to America as a banished subject, and leaving his rotter-brother and the latter's vile wife to maltreat Lew's little daughter. As if this weren't enough, Author Harris (apparently the same man who wrote that teary tune, "After the Ball," has turned Lew into a circus person. The Sagacious Reporter suggests that samples of the "language" Lew taught in that mysterious kingdom might well be screened. He also suggests that Lew revive his old eyepoking, choking act, substituting Mr. Harris for Joe Weber. Production and lights in the feature are very "junky." The weird part is that Mr. Fields acts rather well. He ought to get a new script writer and director.

The attention of many fans is centered on the fight likely to ensue between the Stanley forces and the State Board of Censors. It seems that the board had forbidden the exhibition of certain parts of "The Spy," a Fox subject, featuring one of the Farnums, which it had been planned to show at the Stanley. This little brush between exhibitor and authority may mark the resumption of active hostilities, which ceased when Frank R. Shattuck took the place of Louis J. Breitinger as head of the supervisors of State films. The outcome of this forthcoming offensive on the Market street front will be interesting.

Any one who numbers himself among the really truly veterans of photoplaygoing would hardly recognize the old Family Theatre as it is today. Gone are the funny statuary girls whose dim torches used to shine while such things as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Enoch Arden," and "Justinian and Theodora" were being thrown on the insecure sheet. In the days of General Film glory, the Family showed first-runs of that service, and was the Mecca of all persons who liked pictures of the better sort. It was there that all the Griffith Biographs and Sennet's first stabs at farce and the finest Edison stories were shown. Now the family resembles such a pretentious place as the Arcadia. The decorations are simple, in capital taste, and there's a big organ, neatly clad maidens for ushers, a slant floor, good seating arrangements and all the other requisites of modern taste.

George Loane Tucker, "the Griffith of England," is said to have joined Goldwyn as director. Mr. Tucker's efforts, which have found so much favor in New York, have yet to reach Philadelphia.

Recent worthy "educationals" include "The Blackfoot Indians" (Forrest), "Incidents Here and There" (Princess) and some interesting war "shots" in all the news weeklies.

BEACH PARTIES ARE POPULAR AT SHORE

Nocturnal Bathers Entertain Audiences With Athletic Stunts on the Walk

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 23.

Nocturnal bathers are entertaining big audiences on the Walk by their athletic stunts. Bright lights make the strand almost as light as day, and hundreds find relief from the heat by frolicking on the beach, followed by a plunge in the cool sea.

Beach parties are all the rage, and hostesses vie with one another in finding diverting forms of entertainment. Just now it is the thing to be athletic, and matrons and maids possessing the most athletic prowess are receiving all the honors. There are sack races and snail races, when the participants endeavor to reach a given point by walking on all fours. Jumping hurdles, and throwing the medicine ball are among the various stunts which are entered into with a vim. After enjoying an evening on the beach, sometimes a driftwood fire is built for a clam bake or a corn roast. More often the guests return to the hostess' cottage for supper.

An order issued by Chief of Police Miller making it necessary to have a permit to entertain a beach party on the strand has not served to curtail the gayety, for permits are freely given, if the chief is assured that no alcoholic beverages will be served.

Life at the shore these August days is just one round of gayety. There is little formal entertaining among members of the cottage colony, most of whom are busy with war activities or arranging for the many affairs for charity, which always mark the close of the summer season.

About $700 was received in donations on Wednesday at the Children's Seashore House, August 22 being known as Donation Day at the institution. The amount received will serve to run the institution just two days. Although heavily endowed, the increase in the cost of living is so great that there is a great need of funds to carry on the good work of caring for invalid children from the large cities. A charity ball will be given on the Steel Pier the first week in September.

The Municipal Band plays at Shippen Plots, Fourth and Bainbridge streets. Free.

The Philadelphia Band plays at City Hall Plaza. Free.

Dinner-dance in honor of officers Second Artillery, Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Invitation.

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CONTINUOUS—11:15 A. M. to 11:15 P. M.
LAST THREE DAYS
NORMA TALMADGE
IN A NEW PLAY
"THE MOTH"
NOTABLE CAST OF FAVORITES
NEXT WEEK
WILLIAM FOX'S
TREMENDOUS SPECTACLE
"The Honor System"
The Greatest Human Story Ever Told! "The Birth of a Nation" at last eclipsed. Made new history in the film business. The most vital story ever put on the screen."—New York American.
The Monster Melodrama of a Thousand Thrills
150,000 Persons Saw "The Honor System" During Its Sensational Run at Lyric Theatre, New York, at $1 Prices

PALACE 1214 MARKET STREET 10 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. 10c—20c
BRYANT WASHBURN
in "THE GOLDEN FOOL"

ARCADIA CHESTNUT Below 16TH 10:15 A. M., 12, 2, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 & 9:45 P. M.
MARY ANDERSON
IN FIRST SHOWING OF
"THE DIVORCEE"
ALL NEXT WEEK
First Presentation
H. B. WARNER
in Remarkable Story of New York's Broadway
"GOD'S MAN"
From George Bronson Howard's Book

REGENT MARKET Below 17TH 11 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. Daily, 10c; Evgs., 15c.
DUSTIN FARNUM
in "DURAND OF THE BAD LANDS"

VICTORIA MARKET Above 9TH 9 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. PRICES: 10c, 20c.
VIOLA DANA
In First Showing of Metro's
"The Girl Without a Soul"
DESSAUER'S SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FORREST
This and Next Week Only—Twice Daily
Matinees, 2:15, 25c and 50c
Evenings, 8:15, 25c to $1.00
EVELYN NESBIT
AND HER SON
RUSSELL THAW
IN A STORY OF LIFE DEPICTED WITH RELENTLESS TRUTH
REDEMPTION
2 Weeks Only. Regardless of Demand RESERVE SEATS IN ADVANCE

GARRICK
THE CRISIS
TODAY at 2:15 TONIGHT at 8:15
Winston Churchill's Immortal Classic in Film. Praised by Dramatic Critics. A Sensational Screen Production of the Famous Novel.
Secure Seats in Advance.
Mats., 25c to $1.00
Nights, 25c to $1.50

GLOBE Theatre MARKET & JUNIPER STS.
VAUDEVILLE—Continuous
10c, 15c, 25c, 35c
11 A. M. to 11 P. M.
Roseland Girls TEN BEWITCHING DAMSELS
Larry Reilly & Co. Irish Songs, Dances & Jests

CROSS KEYS DAILY 2:30—10c Evgs. 7 & 9. 10c, 20c, 30c
"THE HOOSIER GIRLS"

B. F. Keith's Theatre
CHESTNUT AND TWELFTH STREETS
DONALD BRIAN & CO.
Presenting "SOMEWHERE IN MEXICO"
L. Wolfe; Gilbert & Friedland; Anatol; The Five Girls; McMahon, Diamond & Chapman; Others.
Today at 2, 25c & 50c; Tonight at 8, 25c to $1.

CASINO MATINEE TODAY
"Sliding" Billy Watson and Wonder Show
Walnut Above 8th St.

Zoological Gardens
Open Every Day
Admission 25c Children 10c
Rare Birds and Beasts

Trocadero