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PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

By GARDNER MACK.

Moving Pictures Put Ban on Tales of Munchausens of the Future

The moving picture is likely to put the retailer of fish stories and monstrous tales of strange things and strange sights entirely out of business. This is a phase of the moving picture usefulness that has not been much dwelt upon in view of the many other phases that are being discussed. But there is no doubt it will be of untold value in the future. The authentication of travelers' tales through the showing of an actual picture of the thing about which the tale is told, is a brand new field of usefulness. Colonel Roosevelt's explorations into big game territory in Africa, and lately in the wilds of South America have brought these things prominently to the fore. In all sorts of strange places the camera has been carried to bring back curious sights for the entertainment and instruction of the public. The Rainey hunt pictures, the various news pictures and the thousand and one details of foreign travel and topics that are illustrated emphasize them. These subjects, of course, deal with new things or new scenes, and as such bring the various parts of the earth in closer touch, and give an idea of the manners and customs of strange peoples which could not be obtained by merely reading books.

There has been little showing, however, of actual pictures of elements in the life of men and animals that have been known, heretofore, only through stories written about them, but which have been seen only by the few writers who have had the rare opportunities for observation the occasions for the stories call forth.

Probably one of the most conspicuous examples of this, aside from some of the Rainey pictures, is to be found in the unusual bit of film made by Capt. F. E. Kleinschmidt, in Alaska during the period he was in the Far North collecting data for the Carnegie Museum. The Kleinschmidt films were of a very valuable character both scientifically and for mere entertainment purposes, but there is among them one which shows more clearly than any story could possibly tell, the mother love of a polar bear for her cub. There is probably no person who saw the pictures when they were shown here—and who may again see them when they return to the Belasco Theater for a week beginning next Sunday afternoon—on whom this part of the film did not make a profound impression. In fact, so perfectly is the mother love depicted that the audiences burst into frequent applause during the run of this one section of the film. A large female bear is discovered in the water with her cub. She sights the boat containing the camera and endeavors to get away, towing the cub as she swims, the youngster having a firm grip on its mother's tail. The bear turns and doubles with the boat bearing down on her. The camera shows her attempt to get away very plainly, the light conditions being unusually good for the purpose. Finally the cub is lassoed from the deck of the ship. The mother bear tries to break the rope and when the cub is hauled away from her, makes frantic dashes at the side of the boat, being as keen, now, to get into the vessel as she was but a few minutes before to get away from it. She splashes water into the camera, such a commotion is kicked up. So great were the bear's efforts to regain her cub that the people on the boat haven't the heart to keep their captive, and they loosen the ropes that hold it so that the mother again takes it in tow and speeds to safety.

There have been many stories written around this theme, but this is the first time that an actual picture of such a struggle has been made and the exhibition never fails to make a keen impression on the audiences that see it. It is doubtless that Colonel Roosevelt on his recent trip to South America secured pictures of similar episodes that will be utilized in his future lectures on his trip and on his discovery of the river of doubt. The camera as the authenticator of the fish stories and the travelers' tales of the future may deplete the world of many Munchausens, but it will have the effect of showing a number of most interesting things that have heretofore been hidden from the average citizen.

Reference to the Far North brings to mind the success in the moving picture field of Mrs. R. E. Colvin, of Tucson, Ariz., who was known here in Washington as Miss Madeline Burt and was, for a time, the private secretary of Admiral Robert E. Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole. Mrs. Colvin has become a scenario writer of some distinction since her marriage. She has recently completed a particularly important drama called "The Renunciation" which the Eclair company has produced and will shortly distribute throughout the country. Mrs. Colvin was born in Washington and has a host of friends here. She was graduated from the Western High School about six years ago and became Admiral Peary's secretary immediately after her graduation. She moved to Arizona at the time of her marriage to R. E. Colvin, who is one of the Government officials stationed at Tucson. The particular feature of "The Renunciation" is the fine description of the life of the monks of St. Xavier mission. G. M.

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The Famous Kleinschmidt-Carnegie Polar Bear Picture Which Tells a Real Story Better Than Baron Munchausen Could Have Written.

Helen Costello Is Not Partial to Papa's Show

If Maurice Costello, of the Vitagraph Players, has any conceit in his makeup, and such a fact is stoutly denied by all of his fellow-photoplayers, the ego was in danger of complete annihilation and his little daughter, Helen, was the executioner.

A few days ago Helen and several of her little playmates gave a show in their garage. Helen was the stage manager. After the performance, her mother asked how things went. Her reply was explicit. She said, "Oh! the show was all right, only the kid who sold the tickets thought the money belonged to her, and she spent the whole 15 cents for ice cream cones."

To soften the injury caused by the attitude of the treasurer, her mother said, "Well, Helen, don't you care, if you are sure you gave a good show." Helen quickly replied, "Of course, I'm sure it was a good show. It was better than papa's moving picture plays."

WHAT THEY'RE SHOWING IN WASHINGTON.

TODAY

J. Warren Kerrigan in "A Man and His Brother," the Lyric, Fourteenth and Irving streets.

Mary Pickford in a Biograph reissue, the Pickwick, 911 Pennsylvania avenue.

Crane Wilbur in "All Love Excelling," Crandall's, Ninth and E streets.

Mutual Program, Central Park, Ninth near G street.

Nell Craig in "A Pearl of the Punjab," Olympic Park, Fourteenth and V streets.

TOMORROW.

Mary Pickford in "Mugg's First Sweetheart," Olympic Park, Fourteenth and V streets.

Last installment of "Lucile Love, the Girl of Mystery," and "The New York Girl," the Lyric, Fourteenth and Irving streets.

"The Gamblers," Crandall's, Ninth and E streets.

Feature program, the Pickwick, 911 Pennsylvania avenue.

Mutual program, Central Park, Ninth near G street.

Hits From Sharp Wits.

There's a flaw in a man's honesty when he thinks it is something of which to boast.

When you have been talking a long time and your listener looks at his watch, the time may not interest him at all.—Albany Journal.

A model farm is one where somebody else does the work for you.

Behind the Screen

Clifford Bruce, while being driven from a location back to the Pathe studio recently was thrown from the machine and injured. The chauffeur lost control while rounding a turn, and the car turned turtle, throwing the occupants thirty feet.

In addition to his innumerable duties as director of the Western aggregation of Eclair players, located at Tucson, Ariz., Webster Cullison has assumed the unwilling obligation of a zoo keeper. This condition has been brought about by the various animals presented to him by the Tucson residents out of the goodness of their hearts.

John Haas, who was given a three months' leave of absence by Mme. Alice Blache, so that he could accompany James Slevin to Rome and take motion pictures of the Pope, has returned to the Blache studios and is again pointing his camera at the fair Claire Whitney and her busy companions.

Vivian Rich and "Billy" Garwood have splendid parts in the two-reel subject, "The Aftermath." "Billy" takes the part of the young labor leader who later on shoulders the blame for the killing of the man who tries to adjust the differences between the forces of capital and labor. Vivian Rich, in the character of the sister, has a part that is especially suited to her versatility and dramatic ability.

Lillian Walker, the well-known Vitagraph favorite, has the habit. She now rides in an Oakland roadster. She doesn't take anybody's dust, and enjoys the sport exceedingly. We will not be surprised to hear this, as Lillian is a young woman of athletic tendency, fond of swimming, tennis, golfing, and all outdoor pastimes, in which she has proven herself a good match for any of the so-called male experts.

"Shep," the Vitagraph dog, has changed his colors. No longer will the famous collie delight in Vitagraph features, for he is now a Thanhouser actor.

Three seals have been acquired by the Universal Film Manufacturing Company and added to the company's zoo at Universal City, Cal. The seals will be used in motion pictures.

The Faust Film Company is busy with the production of a feature picture of several reels, in which the children will play the important parts. The company is working at the Eastlake studio, in Los Angeles. The title for the picture is "Jessie of the Mountain Country."

In a forthcoming Edison multiple, "The President's Special," two trains were used only to be splintered into a thousand pieces after crashing into each other. So great was the force of the collision that the cameramen were in grave danger of being struck by the flying parts.

Thomas H. Ince is having built a complete Japanese village and garden at his large home in Hollywood, Cal. He expects to use it for scenes in pictures supposed to be laid in the flowery kingdom.

Leo Carrillo, a famous Orpheum entertainer who was in Los Angeles on his vacation, recued one of the Indians at the Broncho camp and forthwith was taken into the tribe with all pomp and ceremony attending the initiation.

Thomas Santschi and Bessie Eyton of the Selig Company are to be seen in an automobile race in a forthcoming release. Miss Eyton is known as one of the most daring women swimmers, but her proficiency at the auto wheel has not made itself known on the screen.

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DEATHS

McCASKEY—On Monday, August 10, 1914, at his home, in Pacific Grove, Cal., MAJOR GEN. W. S. McCASKEY.

Burial on Friday, August 14, 1914. Interment at National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco.

Vital Records.

Births.

Edgar D. and Bessie H. Williams, girl.
Francis M. and Agnes M. Williams, girl.
Walter B. and Eva Wooden, boy.
Charles G. and Agnes Tolson, boy.
Julius and Louise Sommerfield, boy.
Walker A. and Violet R. Stowell, girl.
John T. and Annie Studds, boy.
Stanley M. and Jeannie Reynolds, boy.
Walter S. and Stella Phelps, boy.
Antonio and Rosina Manuele, boy.
Hyman and Sarah Klawans, girl.
Robert B. and Cordelia Hogue, girl.
William D. and Lilly E. Ford, girl.
Frank R. and Mamie E. Dameron, girl.
Harry R. and Nora V. Clubb, girl.
Francis E. and Grace L. Beale, boy.
Earl J. and Bulah Black, boy twins.
Frank L. and Irene M. Bernard, girl.
Thomas and Mary Walker, boy.
John C. V. and Ruth T. Todd, girl.
Lorce M. and Amelia Ryles, girl.
Charles and Nettie Powell, girl.
Andrew and Nannie Harris, boy.
Beny and Carrie Chase, girl.
Cornelius and Grace E. Cook, girl.
Laurence and Mabel Burgess, boy.
Edward and Clara Brown, boy twins.
James and Edna Baily, boy.

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Deaths.

Guy E. Burgess, 27 years, Tuberculosis Hospital.
Walter Borden, 29 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.
Charles R. Vanderslice, 2 years, 608 G street northeast.
Mary J. Johnson, 49 years, 765 Fairmont street northwest.
Robert W. Parthemore, 10 years, Garfield Hospital.
Lola M. Page, 4 months, 2615 K street northwest.
Infant of John and Emma Quinn, 11 days, George Washington University Hospital.
Mary E. Johnson, 53 years, 305 Eighth street northeast.
Martha E. Hall, 34 years, 1210 Wylie street northwest.
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Francis E. Waters, 56 years, Garfield Hospital.
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