

own mind. She saw that the little girl's race with death was a losing one. The galloping wolf was gaining rapidly.

Mme. Duchard, shrieking "au secours!"—"help!"—at the top of her voice, ran toward the wolf. As she ran, she planned her method of attack, and thanked her patron saint that she was armed with one of the stout wooden-handled umbrellas commonly carried by the peasants, and with the familiar black net market bag.

Madame Duchard awaited his leap with her ample net bag raised. As the beast sprang straight for her throat, she flung the bag with all her force over his head and shoulders, jumping sharply aside and dragging little Marie with her.

Mme. Duchard gave him not a moment's time. She was on him in an instant, belaboring him frantically with her umbrella. Maddened by the blows, the wolf burst the frail strands that entangled his legs, flung off the mesh, and sprang for the woman's throat again. She threw up her arm, barely in time, and the terrible fangs sank in it to the bone.

It was then that two gendarmes reached the spot, drawn by the cries for help. They drew their short half-swords.

In a moment the wolf, with back broken and head half severed from his body, was kicked aside by a heavy boot, and Mme. Duchard, bleeding and unconscious, was carried gently into a neighboring home.

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#### IN REEL LIFE

A hero rescuing a girl from harm will invariably throw a dozen husky guys around like chaff. But when he puts on an overcoat he needs a valet to help him.

At a mining camp in the far West it is a peculiar circumstance that all the miners are cowboys with spurs, quirts and elaborate "chaps."

There is a rule, or law of some kind, that compels a young man to fall in love with the daughter of his benefactor. The funny part of it is that the benefactor always has a daughter who seems to find it impossible to fall in love with anyone else but the aforesaid young man. No wonder there are fewer benefactors.

To believe the films, a chorus girl can always take the leading lady's part at a moment's notice when the leading lady quits, and she immediately scores a distinct triumph. But we would like to see a chorus girl that could take Marie Dressler's part and make good.

A villain is generally overcome with shame when rebuked by some one who points out where he wasn't exactly nice. Oh, that villains were so easily repentant in fact!

#### Why Do You Say Eavesdropper?

Although the eavesdropper is by no means a popular person in good society today, his lot is not as bad as it was a hundred years ago when Blackstone, the lawmaker, wrote: "The eavesdropper or such as listen under the walls to hearken after scandalous tales, is a common nuisance and presentable at the court of leet."

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