

Screen Comics Have Developed Distinctive Art Form

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THE one form of photoplay distinctively American is the comic.

The first slapsticks made by Chaplin and Sennott employed the European idea of clowning. That form has since been modified, resulting in the evolution of an anomalous form of expression somewhere between clownish buffoonery and dramatic comedy.

This form has proved so popular that producers of polite comedy are injecting farce and rough comedy into their stories. Thus a large percentage of American motion pictures, probably one-third, is expressed in a form that finds no counterpart on the stage or in fiction.

Many of the new series of comedies strike this medium of expression. One such is the series starring Arthur Housman, the first of which is "The Snitching Hour."

Housman's pantomime is reminiscent of Chaplin, although it does not appear that he seeks to mimic the great comedian. Several situations are also Chaplinesque, the comedians achieving success apparently through inability rather than ability.

"The Snitching Hour" does not contain enough material for the five reels used. Shortened, it would prove a whirlwind comedy. It gives promise of presenting to the screen in Housman a comedian of unusual attraction.

Evidently no expense is spared in the making of these comedies, for the cast includes: Gladys Leslie, Nita Naldi, Frank Currier, George Lessey, Charles Craig and Mario Carillo.

SCREEN VS. STAGE.

Helen MacKellar previewed the picturization of "The Storm." The role of Manette in the stage play "made" her. Virginia Valli has the



Virginia Valli. She's Heroine in Helen MacKellar, Heroine of the Screen Version of "The Storm." Stage Version of "The Storm." role in the picture. Virginia: "She brings to the part all the charm and naivete required to interpret sympathetically this lovable character."

However, many others, this writer among them, think the same. The premier of the picture was at the Capitol, New York, June 18. S. L. Rothafel, director, prepared a noise effect for the forest fire scene so realistic it might be broadcasted by radio.

BALLAD PLOTS.

The ballad as a plot for movie plays seems to be growing since "On the Banks of the Wabash" and "My Wild Irish Rose" were filmed. Now comes "Love's Old Sweet Song." It will be produced in seven reels with Ernest Hilliard, Louis Wolheim, Lucille La Verne, Amy Lowell, Donald Gallagher, Helen Ware and Warren Cook in the cast.

THE MOVIEFESTIVAL.

Conway Tearle and Miriam Cooper will head the cast of a picture to be made in Detroit.

"On the High Seas" featuring Dorothy Dalton and Jack Holt, is the first original screen story written by Edward Sheldon, author of "Salvation Nell," "The Song of Songs," and "Romance."

James A. Fitzpatrick, who is filming a series of European authors, like the "Great American Authors" series, is at work on the estate of Alfred Lord Tennyson on the Isle of Wight.

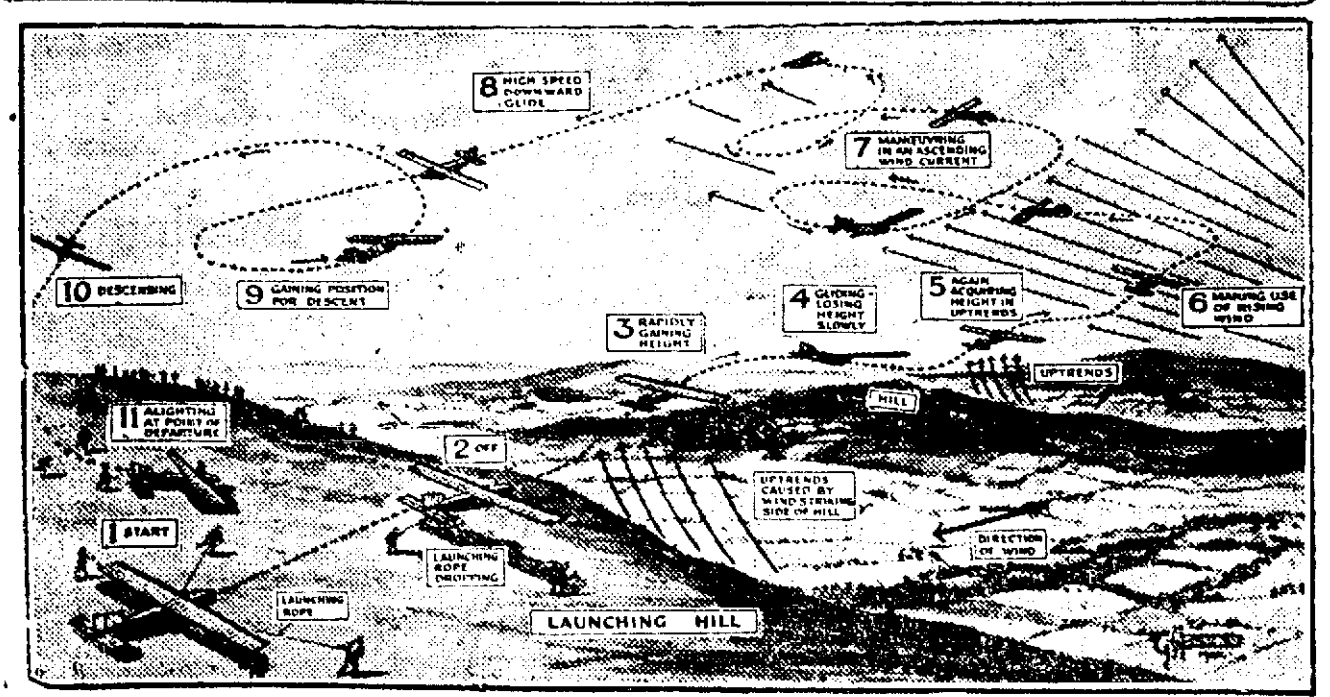
Mary Astor plays opposite Glenn Hunter in "Second Fiddle."

The support of Guy Bates Post in the screen version of "On the Tent Maker" includes: Virginia Brown Faire, Nicol de Bruille, Douglas Gerard, Daisy Ruth Miller, Evelyn Selbie, Rose Diane and Boris Karloff.

Niles Welch, Ruth Renick and Russell Simpson support Wesley Barry in "From Rags to Riches."

Harry Myers will play the lead in "Vengeance Deep."

How Do You Glide? This Explains It



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WOMAN FORGER HELD, WOOD-CO

Chief Perry has received word from police at Bowling Green that the woman wanted here for forging checks has been bound over to the grand jury in that city. Perry had hoped to have the woman returned here where she is alleged to have passed two checks, each for \$54. The woman was arrested in Ottawa after she had operated in a number of Ohio cities with much success. She was turned over to Bowling Green authorities following her arrest. Police in that city told Perry that the woman is the same one who operated here because she answered the description furnished by local police.

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OPENS SHOPS FOR MEN TO RETURN

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 21—The Santa Fe railroad today opened its gates to striking shompen. Idle workers are "free to come back at any time they desire, providing there are vacancies and they have not been guilty of conduct that would make them undesirable employees." W. B. Storey, president of the Santa Fe announced here.

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Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has written Representative Frear, Wisconsin, stating that in Sandusky City chapter will occur degree of most excellent master.

Thursday evening, Erie Commandery, K. T. will drill.

CALENDAR FOR MASONS NEXT WEEK ANNOUNCED

The Masonic calendar for next week follows:
Tuesday evening, regular meeting of Perserance lodge, F. & A. M.
Wednesday evening, Sandusky City chapter will occur degree of most excellent master.
Thursday evening, Erie Commandery, K. T. will drill.

WARNS I. W. W.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21—Portland authorities have served notice to the so called "radical" element that it must steer clear of Portland. Preliminary steps toward the calling of troops for duty here have been taken.

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MARINE NEWS

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STEAMER PILLOW.

For a bride, whose honeymoon trip will take her to Europe, an appropriate gift is a steamer pillow, conveniently packed in a leather bag.

VIOLETS.

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