

You Can Be Glamorous —Et Cetera

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Nita Naldi

SOME people look as if they were poured out of a book. Like Nita Naldi, the raven-haired, camelia-skinned, dark-eyed, lush, full-bosomed, vibrant-voiced, one-time movie seductress of Rudy Valentino . . . a lady who belongs to Boccaccio, if ever a damsel did . . . and I do mean the Decameron.

I discovered that after her stay in that New York night club where we sat the bar . . . and she revealed to me what a Class A girl she thinks of life and liberties.

What if Miss Naldi does appear on stage with four dress-suited fellows (I mean chaps) who sing, "A Fool There Was," at her . . . in the dearest manner?

She's Like This

Immediately I became attracted to her somewhat noble proportions and her offstage getup in a navy slack suit, cape and beret that make her look as if she just walked off the now defunct Left Bank. I knew I would like her. And you would you, provided you too enjoyed tarragon vinegar, curry powder, Hollandaise and anchovy paste.

Wed several times, but now being and chainless, Miss Naldi who soon leaves for Hollywood to sign the most attractive contract, was first discovered by John Barrymore when she was singing at the Winter Garden. Having lived in Europe 13 years following the First World War, La Naldi has a distinctly continental manner and a robust laugh. Especially when she delivers herself of snappy quips as . . .

And Says

"Men are disappointed in, as well as resentful of, women they cannot dominate. For the inability to take a woman off, even chagrins a man."

"It's tough to be a professional siren because it takes her about a week after she falls in love to convince the man that sirenning is a profession, just like riveting . . . and that when you're off the job you're just a trusting dame like any little maid from school . . . and sometimes more so."

"I think women should dive into politics and world affairs. Because it is growing more and more obvious that even a group of women at the average club meeting has more snap than seven congressmen and a platoon of senators."

"Most people are so ignorant they think Aspasia is a hair tonic."

"I may never have been a great success, but I do take pride in having been a magnificent failure."

"Perennial ingenues and perennial juveniles, like overage actresses, should be sent to Great Britain."

Also These

"The reason a beautiful woman is so frequently a failure with men is because she rarely makes the effort a mousy gal does. The beautiful woman is a prima donna who expects the male to wave the banner around . . ."

"God help the good-looking woman who follows on the heels of a plain looking one in a man's affections. Because many men who are masochistic with dumb looking femmes . . . are sadistic with the pulchritudinous ones . . ."

"Men have lost their composure because of the times, poor things. Prohibition gave them a defeatist attitude. The crash leveled them. The New Deal, the Double Deal and the Double Cross reduced them to pulp. (Miss N. doesn't like the Roosevelts . . . or have you noticed it, too?) And as if that wasn't enough, now comes the revolution and the counter revolution to push them into Ersatz. What a world!"

"Make no mistake about it. Men will never get over the notion that a woman's place is in the home . . . even those men who are incapable of giving her one."