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THE PORTION OF LEVI—"I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve."—Nu. 18: 21.

ESSENTIALS IN MOVIES

Some circles are much exercised at the latest order of Will H. Hayes, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc. His statement reads:

"Make certain that into no picture there be allowed to enter any word, phrase, clause or sentence that directly or indirectly encourages the slightest disrespect for law. Make certain that into no picture there be allowed to enter any shot of drinking scenes, manufacture or sale of liquor, or undue effects of liquor which are not a necessary part of the story or an essential element in the building up of the plot. That is, there should be no picturization of liquor, its manufacture, use or effect which can be construed as being brought in unnecessarily as a type of propoganda."

Disrespect for any law, whatever that law may be, is not to be encouraged in the movies over which Mr. Hays has any control. The critics who feel that this is unjust discrimination in regard to one particular law have much on their side. If no disrespect for any law is to be shown, a lot of thrilling crook plays will be automatically banned. But there is one qualifying phrase which eliminates this criticism: "necessary part of the story or an essential element in the building up of the plot."

Quite aside from the prohibition laws, or any other laws, if Mr. Hays could really put across a reform that leaves out of any given movie everything that is not necessary or essential to the story, he will do a big thing for art, for movie structure and screen drama. Inessentials have cluttered up the movies too frequently.

SHAW AT SEVENTY.

A magazine writer terms George Bernard Shaw "the father of the flapper" and draws his arguments in support of this none-too-flattering characterization from any number of the proflific author's plays. It may be that the accusation is justly deserved. Nevertheless, even though knee-length skirts and cigarets, excess cosmetics and promiscuous petting may be charged to the fulminations of the witty Irishman, it is doubtful indeed if he really meant to work so devastating a change in life and manners.

It is perfectly true that Shaw's heroines have always talked brashly, for he has delighted in putting into their mouths the most entertaining heresies. Always his long-winded prefaces have discussed at length the revolutionary doctrines one is supposed to read into his plays and no man was ever more insistent upon his own radicalism. The fact remains that Shaw has never been radical in the framing of his dramas or in their conclusions. No hack writer ever watched his entrances and his exits more carefully or trusted more religiously to time-tested hokum. And, by the same token, it is worth remembering that Shaw has never once neglected to get everybody into somebody's arms at the final curtain and, always, into the right pair of arms.

As a playwright, indeed, he has been invariably and essentially a conservative and his radicalism has been strictly confined to advertising himself and his plays. Always his revolutionary promises have distanced his performance.

Shaw is 70, now, and apparently very well satisfied with himself. He has achieved fame and fortune and he finds them sweet. We cannot conceive of him as troubled in conscience. Yet, were the flapper truly his creation, he must have his misgivings. At 70, surely, he has come to appreciate the correctness of the statement of that true radical, Voltaire, who said, "All truths are not for all men."

UNION PERSONALS

UNION, Ore., (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams returned home Saturday evening from a trip to Dufur, Ore., where they spent two weeks visiting their daughter, Mrs. M. Miller.

W. O. Haggerty returned recently from Portland where he spent a few days with his son Emerson and his sister Mrs. Pearl Smith.

Edgar Lewin, of San Francisco, is visiting his mother Mrs. Helen Lewin.

Mrs. Mary Hutchinson and daughter Mrs. Edith Dobbin, left Thursday morning for a fortnight's trip in Montana.

Walter Cock made a business journey to Portland last week. Upon his return he drove back a new hearse, one of the latest models.

Mrs. Sam Pursel and daughter Jeanne, of Bend, are guests at the home of Mrs. E. P. Pursel.

"ASK POLA"

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—For final decision upon the rumored Valentino-Negri nuptials, "Ask Pola" said Rudolph on his arrival here but he admitted a personal preference for red heads and the Chicago duel having left the front pages, his next picture will be around the career of the sprightly Mona Ceiral.

Before a Japanese child can read every word in the dictionary, he must learn a quarter of a million letters.

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK REG.

By Junius

The baider a man gets on top of his head the faster the hair seems to grow around the edges.

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Little Bobbie—Mother, have I been a good boy lately?

Mother—Yes, dear, a very good boy.

Bobbie—And do you trust me, mother?

Mother—Why, of course, mother trusts you, son.

Bobbie—Then why do you go on hiding the jam?

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Suicide is all wrong. No man has a right to kill himself and leave his share of the taxes for the rest of us to pay.

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"But look," a local shiek was arguing after he had been repulsed by a flapper when he sought to kiss her, "look how they kiss in the movies." "I know, but they get paid for it," she yawned.

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"That's disgusting! You put back toothpicks after using them!"

"I want you to understand, sir, that I am an honest man."

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We seldom see a man so honest that he says to his wife, "Where did I leave my hat?" He usually asks, "Where did you put it?"

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'STRETH
Little old joke
Now don't you cry,
You'll be a comic strip
By and by.

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The other day a widower with nine children married a widow with six, and instead of marriage they called it a merger.

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Suitor—"Mr. Perkins, I have courted your daughter for 15 years."

Perkins—"Well what do you want?"

Suitor—"To marry her."

Perkins—"Well, I'll be darned. I though you wanted a pension or something."

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The grounds for divorce are just about as sensible as the grounds for matrimony.

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Young man in a street car (handing her vanity case to the pretty young thing who has dropped it): "Keep that school-girl complexion."

HEALTH

(By C. B. Ripley, M. D., Galesburg, Ill.)
Member Gorgas Memorial Institute

Although states and municipalities have been busy eliminating, by law and ordinance, one of the greatest dangers to health—the spread of germ diseases by the use of common or public drinking utensils—the public often grows careless.

The medical profession, recognizing the grave dangers inherent to the use, by many, of the cup or glass not sterilized between usings, succeeded in gaining the cooperation of the law makers to the extent at such usage, in all places catering to the public, because unlawful.

That the spread of communicmost immediately in the vital these laws cannot be doubted. The glass in the railway coach disappeared and paper envelopes took its place; the mug or goblet was seen no more in the hotel washroom, and rarely now does one see anyone borrowing the drinking utensil or another.

The battle against typhoid fever and consumption, with the splendid assistance given by the press, was largely responsible for the eradication of those "public carriers" of germs from one month to another. The success of the effort at education was noted almation. Can any intelligent person statistics compiled by our State Board of Health.

Then came the "Flu" with its capabilities for easy transmission from one to another throughout was dying down at the time, almost who witnessed the terrible destruction of lives incident to that epidemic doubt that it would have been much worse had the public persisted in the promiscuous use of common drinking utensils?

But the public soon forgets.

In August of last year, one of the most enlightened communities in the state of Illinois, in a city in the agony of an epidemic of a gastro-intestinal disorder called by most of the physicians "intestinal Flu", with thousands entering, enduring, or emerging from the pangs of the disease, the Chamber of Commerce fostered, fathered, and gave a gigantic free picnic to "one and all."

No crime in that! No! But read a bit further! At this picnic, in order that none might be thirsty, pipes were extended from the source of the drinking water, and on these pipes were set multiple faucets. Suspended from each faucet was a nice new tin cup.

Naturally you aren't surprised to learn that the contagion, which was dying down at the time, almost immediately flared up and burned with an increased vehemence.

All this could have been avoided by a little co-operation between the chamber of commerce and the medical profession.

That is all the profession asks, just a chance to protect each individual to prevent unnecessary suffering and economic loss.

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