Photo Plays

IBERTY-"Joan the Woman," said to be the biggest achievement ever pre-sented by any theatrical line, will be projected at the Liberty today, with a specially engaged 14-piece orchestra. At the head of a company of players, the equal of which is seldom duplicated. is Geraldine Farrar. In her support ane Raymond Hatton, Hobart Bosworth, Charles Clary, James Neill, Tully Mar-shall, Marjorie Daw and William Conklin. There are 5000 others in the cast. "Joan the Woman" was directed by Ce-cli B. DeMille, and into this 10 part production there has been incorporated the most stirring theme. Here we have the bravest woman in history coming down to our own age, demanding that we listen to her in the mighty invocation for the freedom of civilization. Today, right at the front in Europe, there is no greater stimulation to patriotic endeavor among the men than the presence among them of that fight-ing spirit suggested by Joan of Arc. She is their patron saint, their mascot, their guardian angel. Never have battle scenes been better shown than those depicting the deliverance of old Orleans by Joan's army. The first epoch of the story is a record of valor and achievement. The second epoch is freighted with the horror of dungeons and torture, and in the end the blazing faggots and the stake. The cumulative effect of the armored legions and the quivering lances, the storming of the towers and the final victory is nothing short of tremendous. Equally moving, in a different way, is the tragic ending.

COLUMBIA - Jack Pickford distin-tinguishes himself with his keen appreciation of humorous situations and his genuine boyishness in "Tom Sawyer" at the Columbia. Tom's story is built around the immortal character drawn so vividly by Mark Twain. Tom lives with his Aunt Polly and his cousins, Sid and Mary. He is mischlevous, but not at all a bad boy. He spends most of his time trying to escape soap and water as well as school and church, and engages in fist fights with the goody boys. This gives him a perfectly good chance to sit next to his sweetheart, Becky, and to write affectionate notes to her. One day Tom gets an unjust whipping, which should have gone to his cousin Sid. He becomes disgusted with life and with two of his friends, Joe Harper and Huckleberry Finn, decides to escape the reverses of fortune. They secure a raft and sail to a desert island and become pirates. Their families are worried to distraction and after a thorough but unsuccessful search for the bodies decide that the boys are dead. The funeral is planned. Tom, who happens to have slipped home to leave a note for Aunt Polly, overhears the arrangements and on the morning of the funeral the three lads appear in church and are welcomed by their grief-stricken parents.

MAJESTIC-Mae Marsh in "The Cin-derella Man." from the famous play of Edward Childs Carpenter, is the holiday offering at the Majestic. A young heiress, Marjorie Caner, is so much touched by the account given by her father's lawyer of a young poet, Anthony Quintard, who is starving in a garret at the other end of the block, that she undertakes to bring him food and comforts over the roofs. Her trips to the garret are made during Quintard's absence; but one day he catches her. He suspects that she is the millionaire's daughter, and is about to evict her because, as a Socialist, he has no use for persons who are "fithy rich," when she tells him she is just Marjorie Caner's companion. Miss Mudge. So he suffers her to remain, and presently she volunteers to help him by typewriting his opera libretto which he has just com pleted to be submitted in a contest for a \$10,000 prize. In due course, Quintard finds himself in love with "Miss Mudge," but feels unable to declare himself because he has no money. At last, how-ever, he makes bold to ask her if she'll have him when he makes good. She tells him "Perhaps." But when the time comes that Quintard wins the prize and is ready to ask her to become his wife, he finds her already betrothed to another. His indignation is increased when he learns that she is really "filthy rich," and it takes the combined efforts of her father and three friends to untangle the situation and bring Marjorie to her happiness. PEOPLES-Maciste (known in sunny Italy, where he hails from, as Signor Ernesto Pagani) is the star in "The Warrior" at the Peoples. He will be remembered for his performance of - Maciste, the giant slave in "Cabiria." The Italian actor is a perfectly huge person, who engages in uprooting trees, upsetting both horse and rider with a gentle shove and bowling over Austrian soldiers by using one of their comrades as a battering-ram with the utmost facility and ease. "The Warrior" is good fun and it also has its share of real thrills. The scenes are laid, for the most part, among the Italian Alps, and the difficulties encountered while carrying on the present warfare in that region are vividly shown. The American public is fairly familiar with the methods adopted by the Alpine soldiers to reach the almost inacessible mountain peaks, but to behold a body of men working their way across a deep canyon by clinging to a wire cable or see them go up hundreds of feet to the top of a straight wall of rock by means of a rope while fully equipped is to experience something new in thrills. There is a story to connect these exciting incidents with the usual romantic love interest demanded by screen melodrama. The Italian strong man towers above everyone in the cast in more ways than one. STAR-Mary Picktord was just made to order to play the small New England heroine in Kate Douglas Wiggin's delightful story, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," at the Star. Vivacious and lovable, never has Rebecca been vis-ualized as Miss Pickford does it. The

CHRISTMAS WEEK OFFERINGS IN PHOTOPLAY HOUSES

Poor Fatty; How He Must Suffer

And one must have a lot of clothes to do the sort of slapstick I have been showing in my comedies. Not only that, but I have to have everything I wear, usefulness.

even to my "rube" outfits, made to or-der, so that I may have something that fits my size properly. Heaven only knows how many expensive suits I have had ruined by a garden hose, a flour tussle or an ice-cream battle. Near Training Camp

Resce Arbockie in December Film Fun A comic fat man, you know, has to select his haberdasher with the same minute care that ha devotes to the number of unusually good ma-terial, and do you think I was able to minute care that he devotes to the pur-chase of a copper mine, only more so. house

showing Keith's vaudeville, will so have completed a big theatre near the camp, and it is stated that the show will be in operation within a few weeks. Popular prices will previ

MORNING





IQIN THE RED CROSS TODAY ery man, woman and child in



-Jack Pickford in "Tom Sawyer," Columbia. 2-Geraldine Farrar in "Joan the Woman," Liberty. 3-Mae Marsh in "The Cinderella Man," Majestic. 4-Priscilla Dean in "Beloved Jim," Strand. 5-Mae Marsh in "Polly of the Circus," Sunset. 6-Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," Star. 7-Maciste in "The Warrior," Peoples.

story follows the incidents of Rebecca's not enter the parsonage. But she does. childhood with only a hint at the ro-mance in her later college days. Most audiences are familiar with the career through all the protests and meddling of a mortgaged farm to live with two se-vere and exacting maiden aunts. In the course of her placid life in the village she contrives to bring joy into a denti-

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guard.

Actress Lugs in tute household, pay off the mortgage on her mother's farm and win the admiration and later the love of a handsome and wealthy stranger.

So completely does the star character ination of Rebecca dominate the picture that one resents the intrusion of even the slightest bit of plot. There are comedies which make people laugh because they show situations which never could occur. but Rebecca arouses memory laughter over things which have happened and been forgotten. Supporting the star are Eugene O'Brien, Helen Jerome Eddy, Marjoris Daw, Mayme Kelso and Jo-

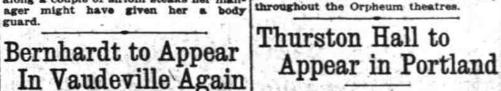
sephine Crowell SUNSET-"Polly of the Circus," Mar-

play at the Sunset, makes a twin appeal -to the eye, and better still, to the heart. The first half is pure entertainment, or nearly so. The last half is sterling drama. It grips and it deeply stirs. And Mae Marsh, the star, shines as Polly. Entering the story as a girl un-tamed, inured to the hurlyburly of the show and accustomed only to the ways of men and women who act and speak

frankly, she emerges a woman-softened by contact with men and women of quieter ways, of education, of simpler life, and touched by love. The first

other morning, but she explained that she had been forced to bring a "few trinkets" to work with her, as the maid was going out and she didn't have time to go to her safe deposit box before The "few trinkets" included : One pear necklace, value \$12,000; two pearl rings, value \$5000 each; one diamond and platinum watch, value \$3000; dog col the greatest acts of her favorite plays, lar of pearls, pearl brooch, a few dia including

monds and sapphires set in rings, a jeweled cigarette case and other "odds and Orpheum circuit, who first introduced the Divine Sarah to the two-a-day Now if Miss Thomas had brought along a couple of sirioin steaks her man-



Thurston Hall, well known in Port-

evidence of real drama comes when Polly, injured in the ring, is brought to the home of the boy "Skinnay," now the village preacher. Indignant parishioners for a limited period at the Palace the-"Love Lettera." He is an actor of ability declare that the girl of the circus must atre, New York, where she will present and pleasing personality. Melbourne

Valuable Jewels

Olive Thomas' dressing room at Cul-ver City looked like a jewelry store the



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MacDowell will also be in the cast. Mr. "Cleopatra," MacDowell is a recruit from the legit-"Camille," "Jeanne d'Arc" and "L'Aiglon." It was imate and has a long record of tragedian Martin Beck, managing director of the roles on the speaking stage.



