

THEATER PAGE---by H. L. LAW



SETH HOLCOMB MAKES LOVE TO MARTHA PERKINS
Scene from D.W.GRIFFITH'S "WAY DOWN EAST"

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D. W. Griffith's picturization of "Way Down East" at the Casino theatre for four days starting Friday evening, April 8, will go down in film history as his greatest achievement since "The Birth of a Nation," and by many it will be considered equal if not surpassing his former triumph in the matter of dramatic strength and thrills.

"Way Down East," as it was remembered as a stage play, did not seem to lend itself to pictures of an especially thrilling character, but the hand of Griffith has transformed this bucolic pastoral play into a screen classic of no mean proportions. Griffith, unquestionably a poet and idealist, has seen through the story of Anna Moore and her

mock marriage a message to humanity, and he has painted his picture with the true sense of the artist unafraid and unflinching. He paints, truly, with a broad and lavish brush, but his strokes are sure and convincing. He is not an etcher, he is a realist, almost fatalist. But he rings true. His message is sent across to his audience with a thundering swiftness that actually lifts his onlookers out of their seats in enthusiasm and excitement.

Mr. Griffith has taken unusual pains in the selection of his cast and in the choice of Lillian Gish for the role so long played by the late Phoebe Davies, he has shown excellent discernment. Miss Gish carries the production on her slender shoulders with a strength and understanding that stamps her again as our

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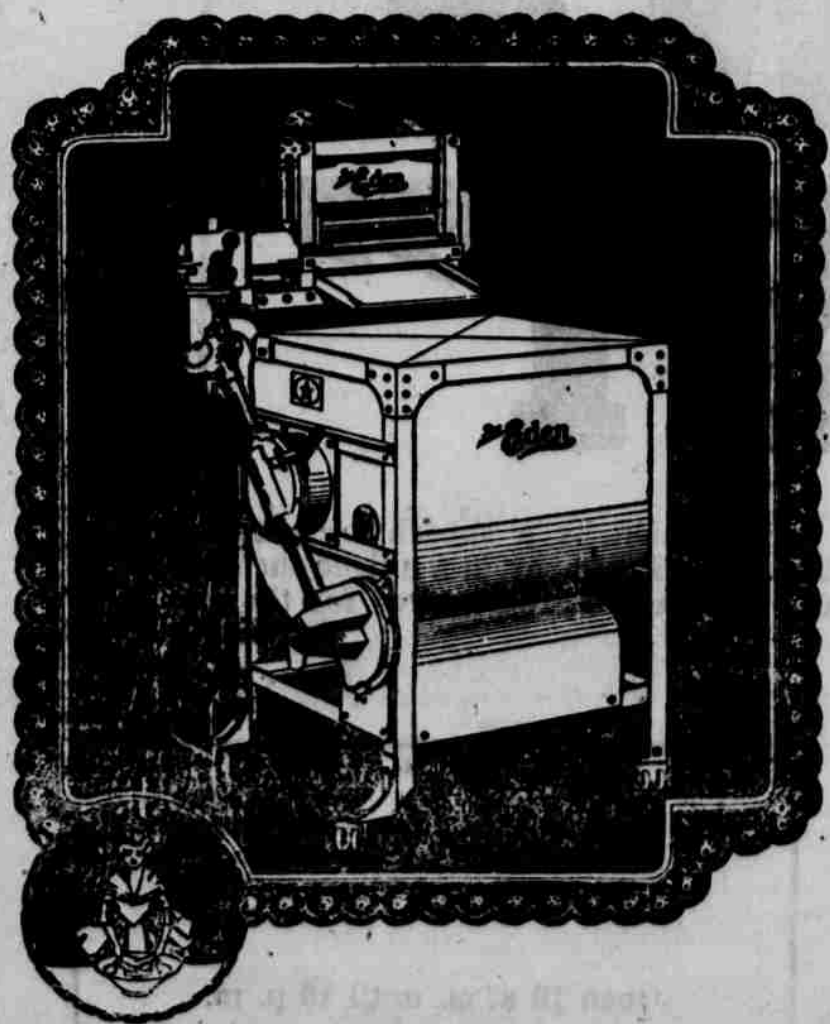
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