

MOTION PICTURE NEWS

ARCADE TODAY

FARNUM PICTURE OCCUPIES ALL OF HUGE FOX STAGE

The whole of the largest "dark stage" in the world was used in making "The Joyous Troublemakers." William Fox production, which comes to the Arcade Theatre today. For the benefit of those who find it hard to keep up in date on studio jargon, it must be explained that a "dark stage" is so-called because it is not dark at all.

This particular dark stage on the Fox lot at Hollywood is an enormous hall that would hold several thousand people. It is big enough for a school in a great city. If it were a lecture hall it would be one of the largest lecture halls in the world. The peculiarity that makes it different from schools, and lecture halls is its roof, which is all of glass.

But most of the time this glass is kept covered, to block the daylight out. That is why it is called a dark stage—there is little or no daylight. But there is something just as good—light.

dead, much better for studio purposes. The whole interior of this great "dark" studio is flooded with light from hundreds of Copper Hewitts and Klieg-lights. One advantage of this artificial over natural lighting is in the fact that it throws sharper shadows. The greatest advantage of all, however, was expressed by a director who, working on an outdoor scene, lamented his inability to make the sun stand still.

"Oh, for a Joshua!" he cried, as the sun sank behind a hill.

"Oh, for some Copper Hewitts, you mean," said William Farnum. The actor was right. The movable lights in the studio are much more convenient and reliable than the sun for film purposes. By expert manipulation lighting effects may be obtained which daylight never could give.

ARCADE TODAY

FARNUM'S NEW PLAY TELLS WITH ACTION

William Farnum gets away from the usual run of romantic roles in "The Joyous Troublemakers," a new William Fox photoplay which was presented last night at the Arcade Theatre, beginning a three days run.

In "The Joyous Troublemakers" he appears first as a carefree youth, and later as a man who, taking life easily, defeats those who scheme against him because of his wealth and because of the girl he loves. It is a role as different from his superb Don Caesar in "The Adventurer" as Don Caesar was from his splendid Sidney Carton in "A Tale of Two Cities." The only resemblance is in the fact that this new role is as romantic as any he ever played. And it is in many ways his most pleasing performance.

Laughs and thrills alternate from beginning to end of the feature. The opening situation is one of the most original ever seen on the screen, and it leads to a series of surprises culminating in a staggering climax. Throughout there is magnetic quality.

The scenery is superb and the direction, by J. Gordon Edwards, is flawless. The cast includes Louise Lovely (who is as pretty as her name), Henry J. Helbert, Harry Devere, G. Raymond Nye, Clarence Morgan and Clare Dubrey.

ALTA TODAY

Coming today to the Alta theatre for a run of two days is the latest Selznick feature picture starring Elaine Hammerstein, and entitled "Poor Dear Margaret Kirby."

Kathleen Norris, author of the story, is known as one of the most brilliant



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ALTA TODAY
Children, 10c Adults, 40c

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LEWIS J. SELZNICK presents

Elaine Hammerstein
IN
Poor Dear Margaret Kirby

BY KATHLEEN NORRIS

Scenario by Lewis Allen Browne
Directed by William P. S. Earle

Social position, wealth and all it could command were hers—and then came the crash. But Margaret Kirby did not give up. She assumed the burdens of another, and step by step won her way back to happiness—and love.

A Photoplay You Cannot Afford to Miss

OTHER ATTRACTIONS
Fox Sunshine Comedy
DOGGONE WEDDING

and forceful writers for the nationally known fiction magazines. Miss Hammerstein is seen in the role of a popular society matron, a charming and noted hostess, who lives only for her society activities. Due to business troubles of her husband she is forced to turn her famous home into a boarding-house. To add to her difficulties her husband, through an abortive attempt at suicide, is a helpless invalid, who is confined to his rooms. Hearing the "boarders" enjoying themselves, the husband who is not acquainted with the drastic nature of his business failure, misunderstands and frequently upbraids his wife. Before the happy ending is reached Margaret Kirby suffers the torture which comes from unfaithful friends and scathing tongues, but she is game all the way through and her detractors are suitably punished.

Supporting Miss Hammerstein are William Davidson, Warburton Gable, Ellen Cassidy, Helen Lindroth and Tom Brook. The direction of the picture was under William P. S. Earle.

A farmer in Saskatchewan has found clay deposits on his land from which he has been manufacturing firelighters on a small scale. The lighter is in the form of a brick. If soaked in kerosene a few minutes and ignited, the brick will burn for a half hour with a steady flame and when exhausted can be replenished with kerosene and used indefinitely.

More than 100,000 volumes and thousands of pamphlets on the Great War have been collected by the French government. The collection of manuscripts, photographs and war records is appalling as to numbers and a building will be erected having five miles of shelving. Princeton University and the University of California, in this country, are especially strong on war material.

Wedding Halted



John Keating and Edith Barrett of Topeka, Kan., were engaged. But the wedding will never take place. John was going to Washington University, St. Louis, and was paying his way by working nights at a gas-filling station. When bandits tried to rob the station he drove them off, but was shot dead in the duel.

As a result of many years of study, a machine has been developed in Lyon, France, to make raised embroidery in gold and silver. The stitch is a copy of an ancient form of embroidery and gives an impression of handwork. The machine uses the metallic thread.

ARCA DE TODAY

Children, 10c Adults, 35c



WILLIAM FOX
presents
WILLIAM FARNUM
in
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by Gregory Jackson
Directed by J. Gordon Edwards

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