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Irvin V. Willat has just completed "Fifty Candles," a picturization of Earl Derr Bigger's novel, for Hodkinson. You can't make light of that!

Paul Scardon—husband of the radiantly beautiful Betty Blythe, who scored so triumphantly in Fox's "Queen of Sheba"—has been engaged to direct for Universal.

There's a rumor—but it's *only* a rumor so far—that after a prolonged rest "Doug" and Mary are going to make a picture together. Wow! Come early and avoid the rush!

Benj. B. Hampton has completed "The Mysterious Rider" for Hodkinson. When questioned, the gentleman refused to divulge his identity. Mebbe he's related to one of "The Four Horsemen."

"Exit The Vamp," a Paramount Picture starring Ethel Clayton, was completed just a little while after Theda Bara had announced her retirement from the screen. Which means .....?

Norman Kerry, one of the most popular leading men of the present day, is at work in London upon "Three Live Ghosts," under the direction of George Fitzmaurice. His brother spooks haven't been announced yet.

The title of Anita Stewart's new picture has been changed from "The Price of Happiness" to "Her Mad Bargain." Don't women always go mad when a bargain is involved?

Ward Lascelle's version of "Van Winkle," a forthcoming Hodkinson picture which boasts Thomas Jefferson in the leading role, will have its world premiere in Philadelphia. Can any little boy or any little girl tell me why that particular city was chosen?

Louis D. Mayer has secured the film rights to Hulbert Footner's "Fur Bringers." It will be made by John M. Stahl. Which reminds me of the youngster who when questioned by the teacher as to what animal supplied his mother with furs, answered "Father!"

—? R. W.

MAJ. THOMAS L. CLEAR

Maj. Thomas L. Clear is the new asurer of the United States ship- g board Emergency Fleet corpora- n. Major Clear has been connect- with the regular army less than a r, but he served with the expedi- nary forces in several countries in rope during the war as an inspec- general in connection with army nces. He was one of General thals' assistants at Panama

THANKSGIVING

Tomorrow Ashland will celebrate. The epicurean tastes of Young America and the "grown ups" will run riot at tables laden with the Thanksgiving day feast, from turkey to cranberry sauce and all accessories, planned weeks in advance by housewives as the event of the year when their culinary ability is brought to the light of appreciation.

Of all the festivities and holidays celebrated in the world, Thanksgiving day stands out as typically American, harking back to 1621 when the Pilgrim pioneers of a great country offered their prayers of thanksgiving for a year of plenty. With the passing of years Thanksgiving day has taken on added significance to the people of a nation that has fought its way through the trials of an early beginning to the place of leadership now granted with the evolution of a world disarmament conference at Washington.

Ashland, enjoying the prosperity of a year that has sent the city forward in advancement in accomplishments, has every reason to be thankful for the benefits of the past and the already grasped hopes of a greater and bigger Ashland for the coming year. In their private homes and in the churches, Ashland people will pause in the pursuit of worldly gain that they may the better review the nearing end of a brimful year.

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The Royal Danish Automobile club in Copenhagen, was founded in 1901. Prince Axel is president of the club which has a membership of 1,000.

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Motor buses are used by 12,000 schools in the United States. The vehicles are operated in 16 states, and transport more than 200,000 pupils.

Teachers Recommend Books As Christmas Gifts For Children

Parents and educators agree that books make the best possible Christmas gifts for children, provided the volumes are interesting and instructive, well illustrated and filled with reading matter which will assist in building character in the right direction. The prospective buyer is perplexed with an embarrassment of riches, for there is such a vast number of good books to choose from that it is sometimes difficult to decide just which ones to purchase. Librarians and others who have made a special study of the subject recommend large lists of first-class children's gift books, which renders it easy to make Christmas purchases.

Ashland dealers carry large stocks of the best gift books obtainable and will gladly order any desired volumes which they may not have in stock. One of the largest bookstores in the world is located at Portland, making it possible to fill orders for this line of goods within a very few days. In order to avoid possible disappointment, however, book buyers should make purchases or select books to be ordered, at an early date.

The growing habit of parents of allowing their children to attend moving picture shows is to be questioned. Granted, even, that the plays are strictly censored and thoroughly moral, there yet remains the fact that this form of recreation is passive and not a substitute for the reading habit. The plots are hurried and full of thrills, and the child's mind becomes so accustomed to "plenty of action" that it will never form a liking for "quiet and leisurely" mental pleasure. The plays, written for mature minds, are attended by the child, who is soon unbecomingly sophisticated. The conscientious mother will watch the plays carefully, and when one appears that is well recommended for children, she will take her boy as a special treat, or as a lark, pure and simple, to be enjoyed the more because of its rarity.

The moving picture cannot be a substitute for the reading of good books. The child's imagination should reach out into a field of activity stimulated by the word picture instead of constant stimulation from the screen.

The following list will be helpful in selecting good books for children's reading. To further aid the mother, the age of the child for which each book is intended, is given:

"Little Women," by L. M. Alcott (12 years).

"Story of a Bad Boy," T. B. Aldrich (10).

"Fairy Tales," H. C. Anderson (all ages).

Arabian Nights Entertainments, edited by Kate Douglas Wiggin (11)

"Story of Roland," James Baldwin (12).

"In the Days of Giants," A. F. Brown (10-11).

Bird Book, T. W. Burgess (all ages).

"Alice in Wonderland," Lewis Carrol (9).

"Prince and the Pauper," Mark Twain (12).

"Little Lame Prince," D. M. M. Craik (7-9).

"Robinson Crusoe," Daniel Defoe (all ages).

"Hans Brinker," M. M. Dodge (10-11).

"Lance of Kanana," H. W. French (14).

Fairy Tales, J. L. K. and W. K. Grimm (7-11).

Wonder Book and Tanglewood Tales, Nathaniel Hawthorne (8-11).

"Water Babies," Charles Kingsley (9-10).

Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling (8).

"Boys' King Arthur," Sidney Lanier (12).

"Pinocchio," Carlo Lorenzini (7-

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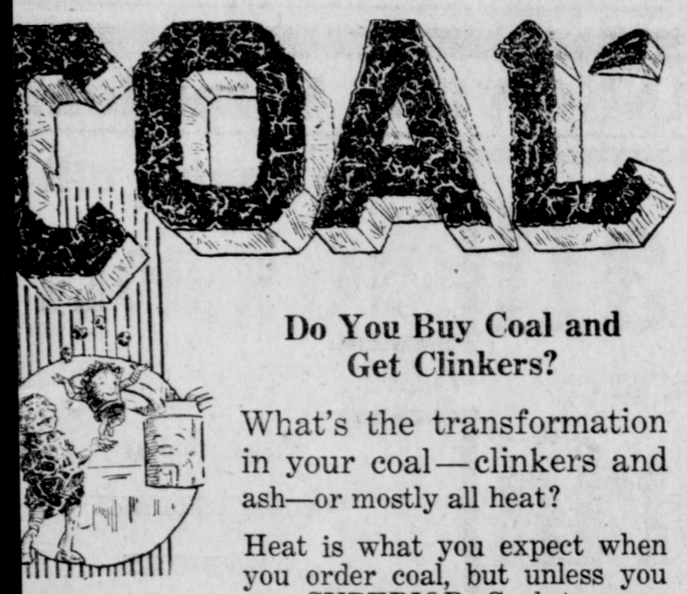

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