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PENALTY OF FAME.

The following from the Minneapolis News, written for that paper by Theda Bara, the wonderful Vampire actress, tells in such a straightforward manner one of the penalties of fame, the awfulness of being in a case that we give it for the many readers of the Democrat who are so familiar with the face of the celebrated actress:

"There are many faces that haven't accompanying drawbacks. I wonder?"

The drawback to my fame is different from that of the writer, lawyer or surgeon. I can hardly walk up the street in my favorite dress or go to the theatre to see my favorite artists work. And to me it is not only a drawback but a tragedy.

There can be no doubt about my identity, in the public's mind. My personality is too pronounced, my type of face is too unusual for that. It is not a question of "maybe it is Theda Bara." They know instantly it is Theda Bara and they tell their neighbors.

They do not mean to be rude and I think that if they knew they are making it difficult for me to take up recreation at all, they would do all in their power to remedy matters. That is why I am writing of it. To let them know just how I feel about it.

Of course it is pleasant to be really known—and I do not resent it, but what distresses me is that after I am recognized I am not allowed to go on my way, undisturbed. I am followed sometimes by crowds of little children, who pick me to pieces, audibly, and compare my screen-self and my real-self with alarming frankness.

Then, again, little groups of whispering grown-ups dog my footsteps. And that is worse. Because I cannot hear what they are saying—and I imagine all sorts of discomforting things.

I will tell you what happened the other day. I had just finished a very nerve-racking picture. Utterly worn in brain and body, I asked Mr. Fox, my manager, if it were possible for me to take a little rest before I started to work on my next feature film. He urged me to go away for at least a week.

My maid and I motored to a seaside resort, near New York and I went immediately to my room. But the boom of the surf was too great a temptation and I ran down on the beach with my maid.

I hadn't ventured 20 feet before I heard the familiar sound: the click of a camera. I wheeled and there above me, leaning against the rail of the boardwalk was a camera squad, each member bent on squandering all their films on the wonderful opportunity of taking Theda Bara with their own little cameras. The worst had happened. I had been recognized.

All the beautiful dreams I had woven of seven, free, restful days vanished into thin air and I fled to my suite, where I remained for the rest of my stay.

Sometimes, when I am frightfully weary in body and mentally blue, I wonder whether the penalty isn't too heavy; whether the fame of it is worth the sacrifice. Then my morning's mail is brought to me—messages of cheer and praise and friendliness from the four quarters of the globe and I know that it is worth it—that no matter what the forfeiture, the reward more than pays the debt.

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The knockers are not all dead in the Will. Val.

Now the lawn mower clicks over the lawn.

"How lush and lusty the grass—how green!"—Shakespeare.

We'll all be glad when the home strawberries get here with the berries on the bottom as good as those on top.

What's in a name. There's a man in congress named Mann, who isn't enough of a man to give credit in the right way, a knocker.

A modern Fake: Story of Villa's death and burial.

The greasers were trying to make capital on false pretences.

But that's a common affair all around us.

Latest War Joke.

A private in an Irish regiment who had been sorely wounded was leaving the hospital on his way back to the front. Some bystander wondered why any man who escaped from hell once was willing to return voluntarily. An acquaintance of the admirable Irishman supplied the answer. "He thinks he knows who did it."

Attend to Own Biz.

The trouble with many so-called newspaper men is that they make the mistake of assuming that personal attacks on their competitors will build up their business, says the Washington County News. There is only one way to build up a successful business—newspaper or any other—and that is by strict attention to your own business, and an honest endeavor to deliver the goods to your customers.

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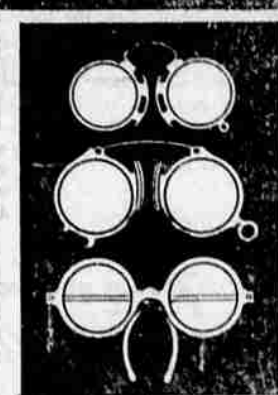
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