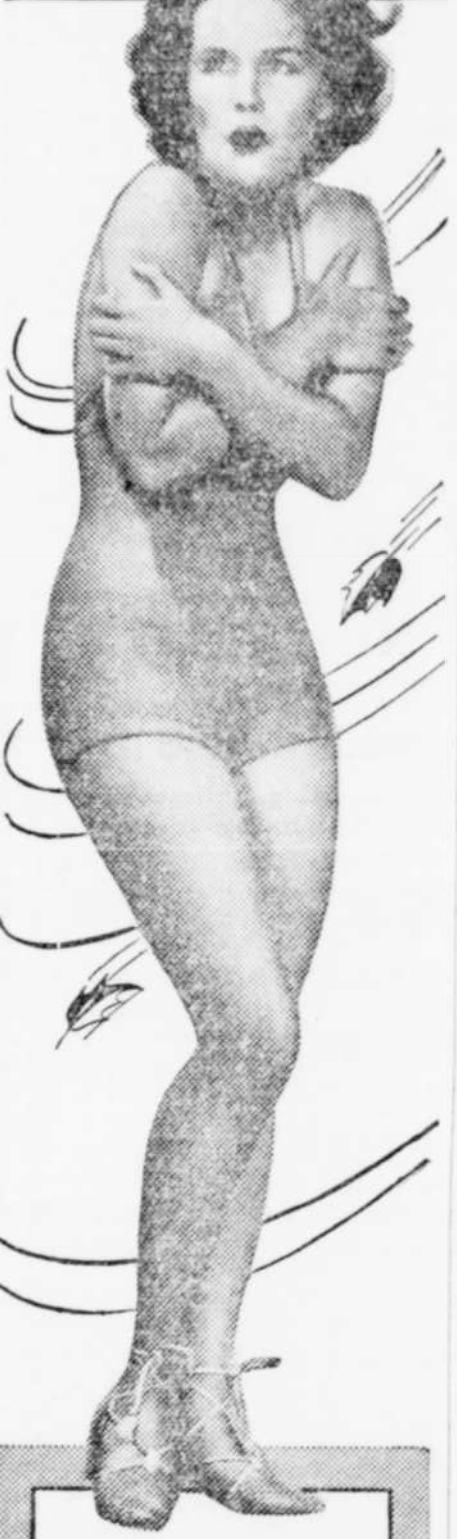


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A WEEK after the release of the motion picture drama "My Darling," the office of Karl Bromfield, owner of Stardom Films, Inc., began receiving notices from clipping bureaus, fan mail, telephones, and telegrams, in praise of the performance of the leading male star, Perry Winthrop. Mr. Bromfield surveyed the stacks of mail on his desk, and nervously chewed a pencil end. There was a worried frown on his face. Presently he swung his swivel chair so that he faced Wally Parks, his junior partner.

"How much fan mail have you let Winthrop see?" he asked.

"About a third of that that's come in—which is quite a bunch in itself."

Mr. Bromfield scowled. "How about the press notices?"

"I've kept most of 'em out of sight."

"Good." Bromfield sat forward. "Wally, young Winthrop's a find! The movie-going public's crazy about him. He'll be worth a fortune to us. We can keep him in the dark till his next picture is made. We've managed so far. It's up to you. Let him see very little of his fan mail and only one or two press reviews. Start him at work at once. Keep his mind occupied. The kid's crazy about becoming a great actor. He's grateful because we gave him his first chance. He's modest and he's too dumb to realize his own worth. We've got to keep him that way."

"Sure we have," said Wally. "And we will—until his next picture is released. Then—"

"Then," said Mr. Bromfield smugly, "we'll offer him more money. We can afford to—then. In the mean—" Mr. Bromfield broke off and looked up inquiringly as his secretary came in. "Well?" he asked.

"It's Perry Winthrop, sir." Mr. Bromfield exchanged looks with his junior partner. Wally began sweeping the bundles of clippings from the desk. "Send him in," said Bromfield, and lit a cigar.

Perry Winthrop was young and almost boyish of visage. He had a shy, retiring way about him, quite in keeping with his blue eyes and blond hair. He paused hesitatingly in the doorway and grinned.

"Come in!" Mr. Bromfield boomed heartily. "Sit down and have a cigar. You know Wally Parks, of course. . . . Well, well, I suppose you're feeling pretty good this morning. Already some of the press clippings have come in. Reviewers speak kindly of you, Perry. Very kindly."

"Thanks, Mr. Bromfield," Perry twisted his hat nervously. "It was

about my contract I came to see you, Mr. Bromfield. It expires this week, and—and I've decided to give up pictures."

"Give up pictures!" Mr. Bromfield's jaw sagged. The cigar fell from his mouth.

Perry gulped. He looked as though he wished he were anywhere else in the world. "Well, you see, Mr. Bromfield, ever since I've been a kid I've wanted to study law. I didn't have any money and so I had to earn some. I'd had some experience on the stage and—"

"Oh, I see!" Mr. Bromfield was suddenly biting sarcastic. "So you came out here and played us for a couple of suckers. You gave us a sob story, accepted our kindness, let us spend a fortune on you, build you up to a spot where we were ready to realize something on our investment, and now you announce you're going to run out on us."

"Now, wait a minute," Wally said. "We'll never get anywhere flying off the handle this way. Suppose we come to terms. Suppose you agree to stick with us for two more pictures, Perry? You're getting \$800 a week now. We'll raise the ante to \$1,000."

Perry looked distressed and helpless.

"Fifteen hundred a week!" said Bromfield suddenly.

Perry wet his lips. He looked desperate.

Mr. Bromfield leaned forward and thumped his desk top. "Perry, I've got faith in you. We'll pay you \$1,800 a week and you stay with us for a year and make two more pictures. It's a long chance but we might get out from under. You can use the extra dough and a year won't make any difference one way or another in your law career."

Perry gulped and swallowed. "All right," he said, and stood up. "All right, I'll stick if that's the way you feel. That'll make us even."

Once away from the office of his employers, Perry tilted his hat to one side, grinned happily and began to whistle.

"Maybe I'm not some actor," he told himself. "Why, neither one of those skinflints realized it was all an act." He sobered momentarily, thinking of the review he had read of himself in the morning paper. It had been a good writeup, good enough to make him hopeful of his future. He had taken a chance, threatening to quit. What if they had let him go? He sighed in vast relief. Let him go? Ha! Now he knew they wouldn't let him go for anything. Eighteen hundred was all right a year. After that—well, maybe he could chisel a couple of grand at least. Lawyer? Bah! He doubted if he could even spell the word.

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