

Traveling the Rocky Road to Fame

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ture, and he rapidly gained prominence in the film colony for his portrayal of comedy and dramatic parts in such pictures as: "The Valley of the Giants," "Little Johnny Jones," "The Patent Leather Kid," "The Love Mart," "Louisiana," and many others. Few of us who saw him in "Kit Carson," will ever forget the lovable colored lad who, by feats of magic, wins over a tribe of Indians and becomes chief of the tribe in time to come to Fred Thomson's rescue with his band of warriors. Such intelligent and human characterizations have made him a credit to his race.

Just when his career had really begun, he was stricken with ptomaine poisoning and was removed to a hospital, where it was found that his entire system was overrun with the poison. He remained flat on his back for many months; too weak to move; hovering between life and death.

His many new found friends that were acquired simultaneously with his fame suddenly disappeared.

Too Proud for Charity

The money that he had lavished on these so-called friends would have stood him in good stead at this time for while he was in the hospital he lost his car and most of his possessions through these self-same friends.



From Left to Right—Raymond Turner, Lawford Davidson, Richard Barthelmess as the three appeared in "The Patent Leather Kid," one of Barthelmess's greatest starring successes.

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The Woman's Tonic

He was too proud to ask for assistance from any of the stars or other friends on the studio lots, such as Mr. Rockett. He did not even let them know that he was sick. When they called at his old address there was no response, and they wondered what had happened to him.

Aie Left-Over Food

When he was finally discharged from the hospital, he was almost too weak to stand. Everything of value that he had owned was either sold or in pawn, including his clothes. The shabby suit he wore when released from the sick ward represented his entire wardrobe.

After his past glowing successes, his pride would not permit him to make the rounds of the studios and ask for a job. He doubted whether he would even be recognized in his present condition. He decided that he would stay until he could get together a few clothes and at least make a presentable appearance.

A job as janitor in an apartment house was found and Raymond, still weak and sick, started on an endless nightmare of heavy lifting, emptying garbage pails, and almost everything that a fellow in his emaciated condition should not do.

Tenants of the place would offer him food left over from their own cooking and he would swallow his pride and choke down the food, meanwhile wondering why his em-

ployer would only pay twice a month. That first pay-day seemed to be as far away as the next Christmas. He is still not quite sure just how he ever managed to stick it out for the first two weeks.

A picture in which he had had a prominent part the year before had been held for a late release and was not shown until the year after it had been made. One day, while emptying garbage pails and putting newspaper in them, Raymond, still feeble and nauseated by his unpleasant task, saw his picture on a page of the paper that he was about to line the inside of a pail with.

"Ray's" Philosophy

Slowly he unfolded it and with weak, shaking fingers he spread it flat against the wall and read a glowing tribute to his acting. He was acclaimed as a superb artist! His head raised a trifle higher; his shoulders squared a bit more; he stood a little more erect.

As he told me later: "A little bit of encouragement to a man who is down can sure make him keep going, even if it comes out of a garbage pail."

Lauded by Al Jolson

Because of keeping his whereabouts a secret, Raymond had lost several good parts that he could have had if anyone on the lot had known where to get in touch with him. After about his third pay-day at the apartment-

Fortune-Teller to The "400"

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"Recently I have observed some unusual appearance of stars in the heavens and this indicates confusion. There is so much wickedness in the world that terrible disasters will come unless the people reform. Everybody is seeking the almighty dollar."

At this point a woman came up who had lost \$10 which she thought had been stolen by some roomers. She told Mrs. Horton she wanted to know whether her money was stolen, and Mrs. Horton said:

"I can not tell you who stole it, but I can tell you who you think stole it. You have two men roomers. One left the house by the back door, the other by the front door. The one you think stole the money left by the front door. You are probably right."

It seems that Mrs. Horton was right. The visitor paid Mrs. Horton one dollar and left her presence satisfied.

In a few minutes an enfeebled and aged colored woman came in, looking the picture of despair. She said:

"Honey, I'm distressed. I'm sick and the doctor's medicine fixes me worse. I know you can tell me what's the matter."

Mrs. Horton said:

"My dear, you are scared. You have enemies you think are dangerous. You fear they may kill you. Now, the first thing for you to do is to remove to some other part of the city among strangers."

"Yes," said the visitor. "I will go

right home now and move."

Mrs. Horton then told the old woman that she must not eat heavy foods, but should choose a diet that could be easily digested. Some exercise in walking must be done, but a woman her age must not overexert herself. The lady paid Mrs. Horton two dollars and left her house in a cheerful mood.

Among other things which Mrs. Horton said to the old lady were:

"Dear, these enemies you have may not be enemies. Didn't you get the impression that these folks did not like you before you said anything to them?"

"Yes," said the woman. "Well," Mrs. Horton went on to say, "You see most of our hurtful enemies exist in our own minds. We are mentally sick. Go home, dear, and forget everything that hurts your feelings. Think of the things that give you pleasure."

"Work hard at the job you like to do. Don't visit anybody unless it is someone that you like. Now you try my medicine for two weeks and come back."

The old woman came in bent over leaning on a stick. She left walking uprightly and had thrown her stick away.

Mrs. Horton said she had traveled with wealthy white families, not as a maid but as mental therapist. She said she has no prejudice on account of race but is happy to be a full-blooded Negro. She is copper-colored, has large eyes that melt one.

How to Be Beautiful

By GERALDINE FOX

Frost on a window pane means that outside, the atmosphere is cold. It is a warning signal to prepare and take precaution against that cold.

Boils, as they come on the human body, are also a warning. They tell you just as plainly as a red flag or as the frost on the window pane that something has gone wrong on the inside and that you should take steps to correct it.

Boils come from impurities in the

blood stream, and the only way to correct that is to clean out the blood. This is not as difficult as it sounds. Improper foods and lack of exercise or lack of physical cleanliness are some of the things that make for a dirty blood.

If you eat too much of rich pastries or too greasy foods, you are certain to accumulate more waste than can be thrown off in the regular channels of elimination. This waste accumulates and eventually forms boils that show up and are the warning

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house, he appeared with a natty new suit and looking very much like the prosperous young fellow of a year ago except for a certain thinness that was very evident.

He went to work shortly after his reappearance, due partly to the fact that his performance in the recently released picture was still fresh in the minds of those who had seen it. After a few ordinary "program" pictures, he landed a part with Rockett again, and when Al learned what he had gone through without letting him know he was furious.

A couple of pictures on the Fox lot helped to put him more firmly on his feet and replenish his meager wardrobe. Immediately after doing these pictures, he was signed to support Al Jolson in "Big Boy." He was a "WOW." Even Jolson, who is notorious for claiming all of the spotlight, lauded his acting highly. Warner Brothers were thinking of signing him to a time contract but didn't think fast enough, for the Fox people brought him back to their lot in the meantime.

A Success at Twenty-six

At the age of twenty-six, Raymond is well up the ladder of fame after surmounting obstacles that would have discouraged most of us. He had a dream—plugged away at it and even starved till he made it come true. Few men could cling to a course of action so tenaciously.

The fulfillment of this dream holds a prophecy for you and for me. No matter what our stations in life may be, if we aspire to great things and "stick to our guns" with a singleness of purpose we can win through.

Just as the little farm boy in New Mexico dreamed and planned, practicing acting before a cracked mirror; just as he had the courage to start out alone, almost penniless for an unknown city to fulfill his dream—just so can you and I "hitch our wagons to a star" and succeed in our chosen fields.

I believe "Ray" deserves a bit of commendation for his pluckiness. If you do—well, his address is Fox Studios, Hollywood, California.

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