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MOVEMENTS OF THE STARS IN FILMLAND

Maurice Luxford, said to be golf champion of New Zealand is supporting Eugene O'Brien in his next picture, "The Figurehead."

Gloria Hope, one of the prettiest girls in the pictures, has the feminine lead in Owen Moore's picture, "A Desperate Hero."

Larry Semon, comedy star whose latest feature is "The Fly Cop," has organized a baseball team composed of well-known film players on the coast.

Jack Dempsey with his company of bow-legged, brone-breakin' hip-shootin' for a wild corner of the Tehachapi mountains, where he will make a few lively exteriors for the eleventh episode of his serial, "Daredevil Durant."

Mary Charleson who will be leading lady for Harry Carey in "Closed Claims," is the wife of Henry Walthall in private life.

Earle Williams and his supporting company are at Santa Barbara, Cal., making exterior scenes for "The Three Keys," the star's first picture in the west after several months in New York.

After an absence of several months Henry B. Walthall will come back to the screen in Allan Dwan's picturization of Harold MacGrath's widely read novel, "The Splendid Hazard." Walthall's appearance in "The Splendid Hazard" will be his first since he completed work in "The Concession," more than six months ago.

William Courtleigh, who played the leading male part in Mary Pickford's "Pollyanna," has a prominent role in "Children of Destiny," which is now being made on the west coast.

Some of the most gorgeous gowns of the season are to be seen in Elsie Hammerstein's new vehicle "The Shadow of Rosalie Byrne."

Mrs. Sydney Drew is still in California looking for a studio. She is to produce and direct comedies under contract with a releasing concern.

Jane Novak, immediately on the conclusion of her appearance in "The Roads of Destiny," was cast to support Tom Moore in his current production, "The Great Accident," a Ben Ames Williams story, being filmed under the direction of Harry Beaumont. Others chosen for the cast are William Louis, Roy Laidlow and Lefty Flynn.

Life, Viola Dana states has become for her one queer coiffure after another. While appearing in Metro's screen version of "The Willow Tree" the star had to have her hair elaborately done the Japanese fashion twice every day; and now in "Dangerous to Men" she appears as Eliza, the little girl with pigtailed braided so tightly that they fairly squirm.

I'll probably be a she-convict next and have to have my hair all shaved off," predicted Viola mournfully.

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STRINGLESS STRING BEANS A REALITY

Seed Growers Trying to Keep Pace With Springtime Visions of the Backyard Gardeners.

Down town in one of the big seed stores, whose business it is to cater to the springtime visions of commuters with gardens, there is a seed psychologist of no mean order who has worked out a great many solemn conclusions in regard to human nature, and especially commuter nature.

"If you want to test human nature test it with string beans," says the seed psychologist.

"A man who believes that there are some new things under the sun does not buy string beans any more he buys stringless beans, and yet even that man doesn't call 'em stringless beans, he calls 'em stringless string beans. It's got to be a pretty reckless fellow that will come in here and ask for stringless beans, without any string at all in the title.

It's For Us Radicals.

"The conservative man won't buy stringless beans at all. He buys the same old fashioned string beans that his grandfather used to plant, and sends up to New York markets in the spring beans with strings strong enough to tie a bull to.

"Generally he lives in the South, this conservative man and he believes more or less that woman's place is in the home, stringing beans, and c. He doesn't want her household tasks to become too easy. As a matter of fact however, if you are going to have a bean with strings to it at all it's better to have one with good strong strings. No bean is meaner to get along with than the bean with light strings that break while you are pulling them out. You don't get 'em all out, no matter how careful you are, and they are there when you come to eat 'em.

There's one thing about the commuter—he's willing to try new things. He doesn't as a rule belong to a conservative group of thinkers.

"How about sandless spinach?" asked the inquirer. "It seems as though the progressive seedsmen ought to do something for the housewife in that regard."

"They have done something," said the seed psychologist. "They've brought a variety of spinach into the market that is more upright than the old fashioned kind and has the branching habit, so that it does not fall to the ground and collect dirt."

"What are the commuters buying this year?"

Going By the Pictures.

"Commuters always buy whatever looks well in the pictures in the seed catalogues," said the seed psychologist candidly. "The larger the picture and the brighter the color the more they are likely to want the seeds. That's why green peas in catalogues are always as green as ink will make them and red roses a good deal redder than anybody would want real roses to be.

"Last year the commuter stumped on his garden—war weariness, I suppose—but the signs this year point to much enthusiasm, the decorative thought predominating, however, over the merely useful."

WOMEN PAINTED SIX HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(New York Sun)

Six thousand years ago the "ladies" painted their cheeks and penciled their eyebrows, according to Dr. E. J. Banks, who gave an illustrated lecture recently before the photographic section of the American Institute of the City of New York.

It was Dr. Banks who conducted the expedition into Babylonia and helped dig up the ruins of some of the ancient cities for which enterprise John D. Rockefeller contributed \$200,000 to the University of Chicago. In telling of "Modern Babylonia and Its Buried Cities" the archaeologist had thrown upon the screen pictures of many kinds of earthen wares found among the ruins of the ancient dwellings. One kind of "twin" vases attracted especial attention.

"That," said the lecturer, "shows that the ladies painted their cheeks and penciled their eyebrows 6000 years ago, just about like some of them do today. The inside of one of the cups was red, while the other was black. The twin cases were found in a room that was undoubtedly a boudoir of the period. Verily there is nothing new under the sun."

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GREAT SURPLUS OF WOMEN IN OLD COUNTRY

More Than 1,000,000 Doomed to Spinsterhood, Says Physician, Who Upbraids "Flappers."

London, April 5.—The statement of Dr. Murray Leslie, well known British physician, that Great Britain has now more than 1,000,000 surplus women of marriageable age has startled English people into serious discussion of one of the gravest social problems bequeathed by the war. Great Britain lost a million men in the war from the ranks of those best fitted for marriage. Its male birthrate is the lowest and its male death rate relatively the highest in Europe.

The excess of women over men is greater than anywhere else. Even excluding those who cannot marry today because the cost of setting up a home is too high there are more than a million women who, if they stay in England, are doomed to spinsterhood.

The consequence of this unparalleled disproportion of the sexes is to be seen in wide social unrest. Bigamy is now a common crime in Britain. The divorce courts are doing a record business. The old ethical standards no longer hold.

Dr. Leslie declares that this is partly due to the freedom of the modern independent girl from parental supervision; her tendency to rebel against discipline and conventional trammels and the cry of pleasure for pleasure's sake. "Never have there been so many unhappy marriages," he says. "Many married women are demanding divorce by mutual consent as it is contended that the present

rigid law condemns many of the society of an utterly uncongenial companion, while married men often seek happier relations among the numerous unmarried women."

The present high cost of living has forced many middle class girls to earn their own living, while less provident women of the unskilled workers' class marry and have large families. In this way the nation is being deprived of its best potential mothers and the birth rate is smallest among the best elements of the population.

There are two outstanding types of women among England's middle and upper classes—the intelligent workers who are now going into the professions and the social butterfly. The latter rouses the doctors' bitterest scorn. He describes her as "the frivolous, scantily clad, jangling 'flapper,' irresponsible and undisciplined, to whom a dance, a new hat or a man with a car are of more importance than the fate of nations." The "flapper" is the slang English term for a girl in her teens.

His remedy for the present scramble for men and its evil results is emigration of women, the adoption of boy babies by wealthy childless couples and greater care in the prevention of infantile mortality and the lowering of the male death rate. The one encouraging fact is that since the war the percentage of male births has increased.

Among other perennial afflictions that are no more forever, we might mention quinine and whiskey.

Sometimes the man who looks before he leaps gives the other fellow a chance to beat him to it.

Light eating may help toward longevity, but no one has ever said that light sleeping does.

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