### **UNDERSTUDY SATIATES** DESIRE FOR PLEASURE

Doris May in Grand Picture Inoculates Audience With Gaiety.

### ADMIRABLY DIRECTED

"Smiles and Chuckles," Musical Comedy, Fails in Efforts To Amuse.

Virtue should take precedence over vice, and for the same reason the picture at the Grand, "The Understudy," should claim the attention of the reviewer several laps ahead of susceptible man would look at, but the so-called musical comedy showing at the same theatre.

Like the alluring figure of utienus de Milo standing against a ackground of ash cans, Doris May, Jon "The Understudy," looked good to a fat check from the ancient Crossian, and a fat check from the ancient Crossian, he on seus, with the provision that she job worse.

29 breaklest the control of "Smiles and leave little Tom alone. Unfortunged As a mession of the control of the c atvailing spectacle of "Smiles and leave

Etford "vivacity." She manages to inculate the picture devotee with heerfulness and gayety. She gives herself up to an abandonment of joy, and the elixir is admirably imparted to the audience. In "The Undersfudy" she was afforded ample scope

for displaying her invigorating wiles. Coquettish, teeming with the repressed loveliness of life, Miss May makes an attractive comedienne. Not the rough and tumble sort exactly, but rather a combination of fresh

youthfulness and incorrigibility. Portrays Part of Maid. In "The Understudy" she takes the part of an actress' maid. The actress,

whose name is Grace, represents quite faithfully the traditional type of show vamp that carries a string of wealthy hearts upon her arm. In the movies the designing leading lady is invariably the sort that no

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GRAND.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday-Doris May in "The Understudy."

Thursday, Friday, Saturday— Bert Lytell and Betty Compson in "Kick In." Vaudeville.

PATRICIA. Thursday, Friday, Satur-day-Frank Mayo in "The Flam-ing Hour." Vaudeville.

Manning castle and waits the arrival Manning castle and waits the arrival of Tom. When he comes, after numerous ludicrous predicaments, he falls for the usurper

Quick-Fire Action Delights. Quick-fire action delights the spectator, and by the time the two well-mated persons are wed everybody can see the outcome. Grace, the constant of the freckle-faced star had been delights the spectator was it might still have served a useful purpose if several dozen close-ups and near close-ups of the freckle-faced star had been omitted. her former beaux post-haste, and all kinds of laughable situations crop up. The villain, who is a scion of police and newspaper reporters against criminals, with the news-

As previously stated, a musical comedy went before the picture. It was called "Smiles and Chuckles." There are seven girls in the cho and each of the seven becomes leading lady part of the time. None will ever vie with Galli Curci for singing laurels and the men will have to

Troupe Give Their Best. The pathetic feature of comedies

of "Smiles and Chuckles" variety is that everyone in the show does his best. One of the actors however possessed a most inane smile which was good for a chuckle or two, but that was the extent of the hilarityproducing equipment. One thing in the show's favor was that the chorus the show's favor was that the chorus denied a solitary hand-clap, would still continue unperturbed. Applause, or the lack of it, meant nothing to

A burlesque of Antony and Cleopatra drew the odd chuckle and re-lieved the audience. The young women of the chorus would probably be valuable in a large comedy, where their voices could not be distinguish. ed, but the vocal attainments of the nen are beyond recall. To paraphrase the words of Artemus Ward ties; they were the saddest when they sung, and the audience that heard them was sadder."

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### FRECKLES DISAPPOINTS PICTURE AT PATRICIA AS DRAMATIC ACTOR | SHOWS LIFE IN REALITY

'Heroes of the Street" At Allen's Contains Material, But Lacks Action.

Film Starts Off and Ends Well, Quality of Suspense Artistically But Develops 'Dragginess' Between.

"Heroes of the Street," now at The hope for movies lies in the Toronto, Feb. 16.—Resuming his the Allen is built of good material, gradual realization of directors that speech on the address yesterday of their queries and I will answer

Stars Wesley Barry.

fact that a special arrangement had been made with Marshall Neilan to Frank Mayo is good-looking, but arrangement had been made with Marshall Neilan to

look up the English dictionary and cultivate a new sense of humor before they will be able to shove De
Wolf Hopper from his place in the
Scenes in the Callahan home are exsun. cellent, the byplay between youngsters is worth while, but they don't carry sufficient weight to make

The film starts off well, it ends well, but it lingers too long in the middle. The kiddles will probably like it if they are enthusiasts of "Freckles Indeed it can truly be said, that it would make an excellent treat for the youngsters, but it doesn't rank Grade A, as adult amusement.

Hackneyed Theme of "Kick In" Redeemed by Acting of Bert Lytell.

FOUR STARS

Acrobatic Vaudeville Turn Presents New Stunts Which Commend Approval.

the presence of Bert Lytell, Betty he presence of Bert Lytell, Betty Compson, and that lovable pair who were so entirely appealing in "Sentifal Tormy" May McEyov and much to the satisfaction of spec-

Bert Lytell is a distinct departure from the average type of matinee idol, and he makes any role glow with a certain quality of the virile work of many stars. And in Betty Compson is afforded a blessed relief from the average type of month. from the average type of movie hero-ine, neither blonde and petite nor velte and immaculately marcelled.

Admirable Characteristics. She has a great many of the characteristics of the "regular girl," one of the most soothing of which is a happy faculty of getting her hair without setting one's teeth on edge until it is arranged again in

apple-pie order.
In fact, she impresses one as being so taken up with her characteriza-tion that she is comfortably unconcious of her good looks, a trait which s decidedly restful to an audience is decidedly restful to an audience wearied of the slim, silken, flaw

essly-attired movie queen.

It seemed that the role of "Duckie, the jazz-loving mother, was a trifle exaggerated, but Mayme Kelso usumakes the best of that role Charles Ogle is also included in the list of the stars, and to the old-timers t any rate he imparts an air of geni-

Makes Excuse for Theme. At the outset the film makes exuse for its theme. It remarks gently a sort of foreword that the police of today would scorn the methods of predecessors, the business of hird degree and the hounding of exconvicts in the effort to gain stool-pigeons. Yet the picture is entirely up to date in its setting, and there is provided a plot which, however ackneyed, gives plenty of oppor-

Mixed up with the theory of "once an ex always an ex" is the tale of the modern politician who spends so much time "cleaning up the city" that he entirely forgets that he has son and daughter of his own. hat he entirely forgets that he has son and daughter of his own.

Six years in Europe, however, have reed the daughter of any contaminating influence, and she returns ome to find herself disgusted with he artificial, Jazz-soaked existence of her mother and brother. In concequence she becomes attached to

"The Flaming Hour" Entitled To Niche in Drama's Hall of Fame.

PLOT STEREOTYPED ENACT HUMAN ROLES

Maintained Throughout the Production.

simpering heroines and heroes who in the Legislature, Attorney-General them later. Under Marshall Nei'an, Wesley look like toothpaste advertisements Raney said that he thought he owed Barry has had an opportunity to ex- do not always appeal to the public. an apology to the house for his perhaps this is necessary in order to hibit himself as a bright, peppy of late a number of real human men lapse yesterday in using epithets, and ment sold all the spruce purposes of the contrast the pure girlishness of the contrast the contr contrast the pure girlishness of the heroine with the sophistication of the inveterate footlighter. Anyway, Grace liven up many a picture that might human roles, and therein are re-house. In regard to the question of inveterate footlighter. Anyway, Grace liven up many a picture that might has Tom Manning, derelict son of the proverbial wall street millionaire, on the malady of "dragginess." As the permanent niche in drama's hall of as to whether prescriptions on the Mr. Clarke, amid laughter.

check for \$10,000, and employs her understudy, the maid, to impersonate her and get the money.

Doris May, the maid, tries to act, but fails to impress the old man. He sees, however, the unblemished purity of the impersonator, and schemes to compel his prodigal son to marry her. Doris is therefore housed in the Manning castle and waits the arrival.

Stars Wesley Barry. and them. rage, and curses everything and everybody. While this may not be an not handsome, and his wife in "The Flaming Hour" is no feast of beauty. They are just two ordinary individuals with ordinary souls and aspirations—the kind you meet at private tions confidential?"

dances and bridge parties, polite, conventional and frequently insipid. Carl Lamaele has made a very nobility, becomes attached to Miss paper reporter always three jumps ahead of the blue-coated ally. To this interesting trio, "Heroes of the discarded actress. His last name is Vane and his first should have been Prevost, a comely Broadway star, who Eggnogg, but that is neither here was born in the East side and rises to the glory of her own dressing room. band with an uncontrollable temper more there. He enacts the part of a fop very well indeed.

"The Understudy" is a good company, well directed and full of life.

As previously stated, a musical comedy went before the picture. It is scenes are Excellent.

"Scenes Are Excellent."

"Was born in the East side and ries to explosive manufacturing plant. His ungovernorable temper and self-complacency takes the form of pugilistic ungovernorable temper and self-complacency takes the form of pugilistic in that regard."

Then Mr. Raney told how 75 per cent of the doctors issued not more than 25 scrips a month. slows up to give Wesley a chance.

Scenes Are Excellent.

It stops where it ought to have started. The first three reels are occupied with an heroic exposition of Mickey, preparing to take the place of his father, Michael Callahan, a gallant man of the New York police, who had been killed in action. As

Abandons Husband.

Finally the villain makes trouble between Bruce and his wife, and the latter, with the true consistency of pampered daughters, abandons her for office use. In October it was 128 father's wing. Becoming a derelict. managed, foils the villain in an at-tempt to run off with the bank ac-count, and saves his wife and her to ounce mearly all were for the usual father from death.

The scene of the explosion in the dynamite factory is realistic. Every thing about the play is realistic, in fact, and appeals because of its reasonableness. The quality of suspense is artistically maintained durpense is artistically maintained durpense. The quality of suspense is artistically maintained durpense is artistically maintained durpense. scene of the explosion in the pense is artistically maintained dur-ing the series of explosions, and the lives are saved about fifteen minutes suspended from the issuing list if

in this case he is given several nicks Impression Only Temporary. of play that makes good entertainment while it lasts, but the impression is very temporary. Next week you'll have forgotten you ever saw just it, which must not, however, be taken as a reflection on the picture.

Crook plays, particularly if they re well cast, still carry a strong and the stro Crook plays, particularly if they are well cast, still carry a strong appeal to the movie-going public. The audience at Loew's yesterday seemed and that, it was most uncomfortable for the audience until the vandevillar scampered off the stage as fast the manual of the stage as fast the s peal to the movie-going public. The audience at Loew's yesterday seemed favorably enough impressed with the first showing of "Kick In," a feature with four stars to recommend it.

Weep nau & stars uncomfortable for the audience until the vaudevillian scampered off the stage as fast as possible. The second attempt however, was not half bad, one of the impersonators evidently having careful that in one month he issued only 29 scrips.

no variation, but it is redeemed by gentlemen, because I have a bad ber is not in the house

"The Flaming Hour," however, is a

Portland Officials Notify Chatham Police Man Wanted Serving Prison Term.

Special to The Advertiser. tiary in Portland, Oregon, is about missions, cost \$57,000, he said th complete, will be brought to Chatham to face charges of bi escaping from the Kent County jail

some years ago. Forsythe was serving a term in the county jail here, when he attacked Turnkey Somerville and badly mauled him. Securing keys, Forsythe un-locked several doors, and finally ser-cured his freedom. A hue and cry at any rate he imparts an air of gent-ality amongst the fans, and he has the by no means unimportant role of a detective. of the man until a few days ago, when Portland officials notified the local authorities that Forsythe was about to be released after serving a

It is understood that the escaped prisoner will be taken by United States officials to the Canadian border, where he will be arrested for the local authorities and brought here to

the "crook-hero" and her timely aid saves him from a second trip up the river.

Action Abounds.

All the stars are intelligent enough

### ish river limits. "There was not one acre of land sold," he declared.

Attorney-General Claims Results Have Shown Justification For Appointments.

TELLS ABOUT "PERS"

Outlines Record of Dr. Forbes Godfrey For One Month.

government dispensaries were con-"The Flaming Hour," showing at fidential or privileged, he had no As a messenger boy, sparkling with the Patricia, is good because it dis- hesitation in saying they were not ately, she is called out of town when the millionaire offers her a check for \$10,000, and employs her or a copy boy darting through the check for \$10,000, and employs her or a copy boy darting through the trays a man and his wife with all casumed to be by the honorable member, although they were not open to inspection by anybody asking for

In cases where doctors issued too many those prescriptions were brought into court, though the iden-The whole trouble with "Heroes of the Street," is the fact that its director was too palpably conscious of the fact that a special arrangement to have a monopoly of the person for whom the preference of the fact that a special arrangement to have a monopoly of the person for whom the preference of the fact that a special arrangement to have a monopoly of the person for whom the preference of the person for the person for the person for the person for whom the preference of the person for the pers He called these doctors "high doctors," and the Liberal leader asked him to repeat the phrase, which he

Mr. Ferguson: "Are the prescrip-

Mr. Raney: "Other prescriptions do not come to the government." homely, commonplace tale of a hus-longity, commonplace tale of a hus-ontario, 2,500 of them issuing pre-He said there were 3.200 doctors in

He read the clause in which the doctor certifies that the amount of liquor he prescribes is the minimum

suspand and seeks the shelter of her and 12 gallons."

Then in December Dr. Godfrey Bruce ultimately procures employ- had handed out not less than 289 ment with the concern he formally prescriptions and 9 gallons for office

For the last five months of 1919

lives are saved about fifteen minutes before the final blast which exterminates the factory. In the average picture the hero would have saved the heroine in the "nick of time," but average of 81 a month—not so very the heroine in the "nick of time," but average of 81 a month—not so very much above the limit.

Mimico's Health Improves. "It was wonderful," remarked Mr. "The Flaming Hour" is the kind Raney, with biting sarcasm, "how rapidly the health of Mimico improv-(Laughter).

Mr. Ferguson: vever, be taken justification of his Massey Hall speach?"
Mr. Raney: "In partial justifica-

The hackneyed theme of the exconvict who would go straight if the police would let him is given little or

Has Been Sick

Jos. E. Thompson: "Might I Godfrey has been a very sick man for the last three or four weeks, most

plied Mr. Raney.
Currie: "May I ask if he

board had changed and that mem-

were only 19 in all as compared with 55 during the first regime. "May I ask during how

into power," replied the attorney-

"Sir Adam Beck proposed to spend \$200,000,000," said Mr. Raney. "and Round Steak Roasts, lb. 20c Rump Roasts Beef, lb...20c

commission in defending used.
"When they came forward with this proposal to spend \$50,000,000 said the attorney-general, "we had the right to assume that they had the data to defend that expenditure, but

extravagant descriptions of the Eng-

Mr. Ferguson: "Do you think I imagined that Backus was a small armer up there?" There was such a noise and so many audible interruptions from the opposition that Mr. Raney asked for the protection of the chair. "I am en-titled to a hearing," he said.

Told to Sit Down.

"Honorable members must rise when they address the chair," said the Speaker. When Colonel Currie came along with another interruption, the Speaker told him to sit down, stating that the member must be given chance to make some headway in his

speech.
"It will take me four hours to finish at this rate," said Mr. Raney.

"Who said that?" demanded Sam Clarke, when Mr. Raney said that Mr. Ferguson had stated the governhalf a cent a cord and all the other

replied Mr. Raney

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Mr. Raney: "I am not responsible for his not being here." He went on to describe Dr. Godfrey's tendency, to form the honorable minister that Dr.

of that time confined to his bed?

keeps a ledger of every doctor in the Mr. Raney: "The record of every doctor is in the books."

Mr. Ferguson interjected that the

bers had been appointed to use political influence, but Mr. Raney said that there was little change. "The minister is responsible board." When Mr. Raney was discussing Chatham, Feb. 15.—D. P. For-the appointment of commissions, sythe, whose term in the peniten-which, outside the three large com-

> asked Mr. Currie of Southeast Toronto. "Since Sir James Whitney came

Referring to hydro radial commission, he said that it was justified.
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