

OUR SHINY FRIEND

Since the Movie Came
I need to think if I got mad
That I could safely say
My enemy with knife or gun
And make a scower.
But how I know, though I might
run

A twelvemonth and a day
My County Sheriff would get me
In the end if I were an Amer-
ican or if a Canadian, the
mottled police would find me
from pole to pole.

I used to think my city dad
Had quite a bit of power
In ruling of the civic road
And that a golden shaver
Of glittering graft let in their laps
Their bank roll to enliver.
But now I know that the smooth-
shaved and incorruptible young
City Attorney is always on the
alert and would be grinders
easily baffled.

I used to think that men of wealth
Kept pondering day and night
How railroads, mines and factories
Were to be run aright.
But since five followed movies up
Two leaved a termal eight.
And know it is the decision made
By khaki-clad young civil en-
gineers just out of Harvard
that really weigh in indus-
trial.

Professor Dink Deveau wonders
If anyone has a more piling mem-
ory than his.

All of his life he has taken great
interest in the reading of books
and yet what has he to show for it?

Practically nothing, for he has a
memory which allows great and
wonderful narratives to slip by it
unrecorded and will master only
the inconsequential and mighty lit-
tle of that.

It isn't that he doesn't read with
a proper degree of absorption.

When immersed in a book the
commonplace to meals has to be re-
peated a half-dozen times.

The Hansen children and the
Orni children and his over-
spring may make the dia of a bull-
r factory to get up from his front
porch, but it disturbs him not. His
wife slips away to bed unheeded
and it is only when he comes to
the end of a book that he really
realizes the things of time and
place.

When a month afterward he
manages to remember what inspired the
book has left of his memory is
only up something like this:

As a result of reading Gibbon's
monumental work he remembers a
Granada caliph who reigned long
and wisely and coined the happy
days of his life at noon.

He wades through 675 interest-
ing pages about Queen Victoria
and remembers that she mentioned
to have linen laid out on her bed-
rooms and clean water placed
(This water pitcher for forty years
after his death).

Six hundred pages of Lady Jane
Grey and he remembers that she
was given for ten days and that
men of her age amused themselves
by riding horseback at breakneck
speed and jerking the heads off

THE LANCER

Well, it appears on no less au-
thority than that of Mr. Egan, the
producer, and Miss Margie Ben-
nett, the leading lady, that "Get-
ting Gerrie's Car" is a highly
moral play, that the part of Gerrie
is thoroughly justified and that
the City Prosecutor's office has an
evil mind if it can view it in any
other light.

I must admit not having seen
"Gerrie's Car." Had I seen it
its high moral value I should cer-
tainly have done so. My own com-
plaint is that the author gave it
such a misleading title. I actually
supposed that he wished to convey
that it was, indeed, a stage play.
In choosing any such title myself,
that would certainly have been my
intention.

It just shows that one should not
judge an author's play or its high
moral intent by a mere title. Also,
of course, that any title in any
play is really exclusive to our own
minds. Perhaps it is just as well
your Lancer missed that play—it
would be odious to discover evil in
your Lancer's mind.

I see Mr. Ernest Crutcher has
taken up the crusade against big-
gotties in the New Age Magazine.
Especially for women. "Any few
women who smoke ever have or
want babies," he declares. "And
it is likewise a fact that habitual
smokers among men are less apt
to have children than non-smok-
ers."

In fact, the doctor's treatise gen-
erally conveys the impression that
tobacco smoke reduces mental ca-
pacity and militates against repro-
duction of the species.

Hence the article may logically
be included under the "non-appeal"
story.

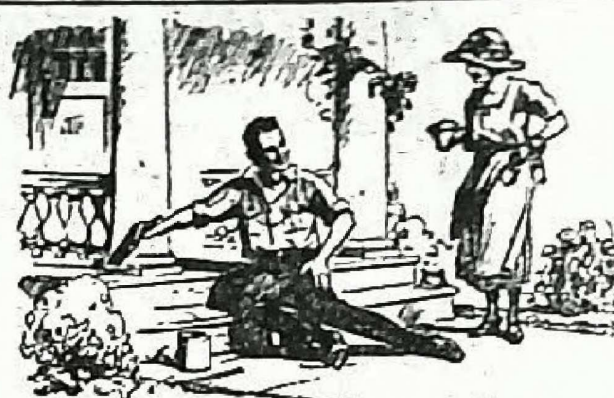
But, really, the motion-picture
people should be more scientific.
They will insist upon presenting
the gorgeous vamp who specializes
in "non-appeal" as a cigarette-
smoking woman. Whereas, of course,
it is surely the compulsory "non-
first" stimulant of Mammoth recit-
tude who should be exhibited as the
bloody result of cigarette
smoking.

Moreover, they will persist in
showing the villain of the play who
seduces all the innocent maidens
as a regular cigarette-smoking
fiend. How the most suspicious
"non-appeal" alphas are inevitably
offered to us with everlasting driv-
ing in their mouths. This is the
sort of technical misinformation
that brings disaster upon the
fourth largest industry, etc.

Always presuming, of course,
that Dr. Crutcher is not mistaken.
How do these scientific fellows get
their data?

This Father-and-Son Week that
is proposed for November, de-
signed to promote a more intimate
friendship between fathers and
sons, opens up far-reaching pos-
sibilities. There is room for so
much simplification of the dazzling
idea.

For instance, that of the du-
mestic and romantic charms of a
husband-and-wife Week, during
which stress could be urged to
make a stupor and sympathetic
study of misunderstood husbands.
And, oh, the possible beautiful
results of an Esther-and-Nitter



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