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Cinema Talk

"Palmy Days" Expose of Fortune Tellers

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1931

With all the hilarious reluctance that attaches to a fake Hindu mystic's assistant, Eddie Cantor in his screen comedy, "Palmy Days," will engage in an expose of fortune tellers, palmists, numerolegists, soothsayers, clairvoyants, mediums and similar quacks.

Cantor indulges in uproarious an- screen. tics that will give a decided sense of humor to what has been described as the first serious step in an aggressive campaign by authorities to rid the nation of 125,000 fakirs who yearly mulct the gullible to the extent of \$125,000,000.

Mediums Break Homes

John Mulholland, first vice president of the Society of American Magicians, remarked recently that "fortune tellers and their kind break up more homes in the United States than any other one cause." years, detailed his explanation.

"People only go to such persons to get answers to two questions: questions of love and money. Fortune tellers have found that plain, predict some dire happenings."

The public pays an annual toll fering of unusual merit. of \$125,000,000 to these racketeers, of which about \$25,000,000 is spent in New York City, while the Chicago "A Dangerous Affair" soothsayers receive annually about \$10,000,000. There are 125,000 of their breed in the United States.

Pogany Excells

Inasmuch as the trappings of a spiritualist's studio usually supply more than half of the mystic atmosphere of a "reading," the producers of "Palmy Days" gave a free rein to Willy Pogany, master scienic designer. As a result Cantor's den is a sight that would render even a successful palmist green-eyed.

Sally Eilers Now Flyer

Add to that ever growing list of American women, who, by their aviation exploits, are paving the way to a greater feminine freedom, the name of Sally Eilers, co-featured with James Dunn in the Fox Film version of Vina Delmar's "Bad

Her versatile husband, Hoot Gibson, is to be credited with interesting her in this most modern means of transportation. "Hoot taught me to ride the first summer we were at the 'stick' of a plane."

. Frank Borzage directed

Romantic Glamour of

Lovers of romance and adventure will find a treat awaiting them when "The Cisco Kid," is presented. A stirring tale of the Old Southwest. cleverly plotted, gorgeously executed and reveals some of the finest work that its leading players, Warner Baxter, Edmund Lowe, Conchita Montenegro and Nora

Lowe, a cavalry sergeant, departs from Fort Huachuca in search of his old enemy, the Cisco Kid. The trail leads to the little frontier town of Carrizo, where the Kid's current flame Carmencita, is dancing in a saloon. The sergeant wings the fleeing Kid in the shoulder, and then endeavors to get Carmencita to help him trap the bandit, but she scornfully turns him down.

Meanwhile the Kid reaches a ranch owned by a plucky widow, who nurses him back to health. In Mr. Mulholland, who has studied the gratitude, he stages a bank robbery machinations of quacks for ten to alleviate the lady's financial distress, and this leads up to an exciting and unexpected conclusion when Lowe finally tracks his enemy to earth.

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Entertains Lavishly

Jack Holt in the role of a small town police lieutenant and Ralph Graves cast as a New York police reporter, are starring in "A Dangerous, Affair."

The general impression, which prevailed following the conclusion of this picture, was that these two ace performers had scored again with some real entertainment. The Holt-Graves team is superb in "A Dangerous Affair." They not only held the audience during the exciting scenes but they cause much merriment in the lighter moments of the story—the film is a mystery treated in a somewhat humorous

Sally Blane in the role of Marjory Randolph from whom, as a joke, Graves steals the necklace which starts all the trouble and later is the cause of two murders, is a very good reason for any young man losing his head. She is appealing and attractive and shows definengaged," she remarked, when asked ing, a newcomer to the screen, is sists that I learn to take my turn also deserving of mention, as are Blanche Frederick, Tyler Brooke, "Bad Sidney Bracy, William V. Mong and Ester Muir.





