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EMOTIONAL DRAMA

IN FIVE ACTS:

"UP TO THE HILT"

(Produced by The Société des Films Albatros, Paris)

WITH

Madame LISSENKO (Imperial Theatre, Moscow)

AND

Monsieur JEAN ANGELO

IN THE LEADING PARTS

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CAST

Valda, a circus rider)
Diane d'Avremont

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MADAME LISSENKO

Ayesha, a fortune teller - MADAME DE LA CROIX

Justo Pinelli, a circus proprietor,

MONSIEUR BARTHEVITCH

Pablo Soriano, a South American millionaire

MONSIEUR JEAN ANGELO

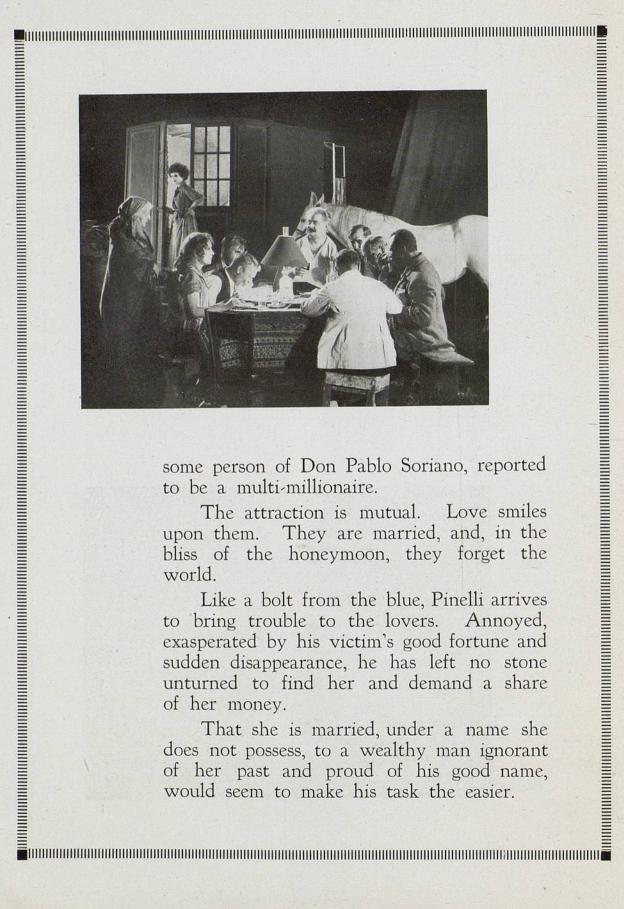
THE STORY

VALDA, the star of the circus, is persistently bullied and ill-treated by the brutal proprietor, Pinelli.

A ticket in a lottery wins for her the principal prize and she leaves her existence of toil and terror for a life of luxury and enjoyment.

Changing her name to Diane d'Avremont and taking with her the old fortune-teller to act as "Mother" she plunges into all the light-hearted amusements of Trouville and there encounters her fate in the hand-





He calls, passing himself off as her uncle, and at once makes his business plain. If Valda does not pay him 10,000 francs he will tell her husband he has married a nameless circus-rider.

Valda consents to pay the price of silence and goes to her husband for the money.

But he has overheard the whole of the interview.

He upbraids her, declares she has married him for his money alone, and, despite her passionate entreaties, leaves her prostrate, torn by conflicting emotions.

When she recovers she finds the house in a turmoil; the furniture is being removed





by her husband's instructions and she is given a letter from him in which he repeats the accusations he made and declares, in addition, that he is ruined, for he, too, is an adventurer and had thought when he married Valda that he was marrying a fortune. Pinelli comes for his money and is shocked to learn what has happened. He departs for town in the most despondent frame of mind and encounters on the journey

Pablo who gives confidence for confidence. He is not a millionaire, neither is Pinelli Valda's uncle.

Still baulked of his prey, he may yet re-couphimself if he negotiates on Pablo's behalf with Valda for a divorce. Pablo assures him he will pay him handsomely if the suit is undefended.

Valda refuses to make terms with anyone but he husband in person.

He calls upon her and the unselfishness and great ness of her love melts him to reconciliation. She goe to seek the letter he wrote her so that he may destroy it, and, on returning, sees him pour something into her glass.

He begs her drink. She refuses—then consents believing he wishes to get rid of her. Amazed she sees him prepare to drink a similar draught. If death is near they will go together.

But it was not poison. It was perfectly harmless Pablo had proved her love for him to be beyond al question. She had braved death, sacrificed herself for him.

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