

A STAR IN EVERY PICTURE











DOROTHY MACKAIL



JAMES MULIFIANIA MULIFIANIA

"LADY BE GOOD"

From the famous musical comedy by GUY BOLTON and FRED THOMPSON music by GEORGE GERSHWIN

"THE ROAD TO ROMANCE"

AI, BOASBERG'S

Epic laugh riot of the travelling salesman

"LADIES NIGHT IN A TURKISH BATH"

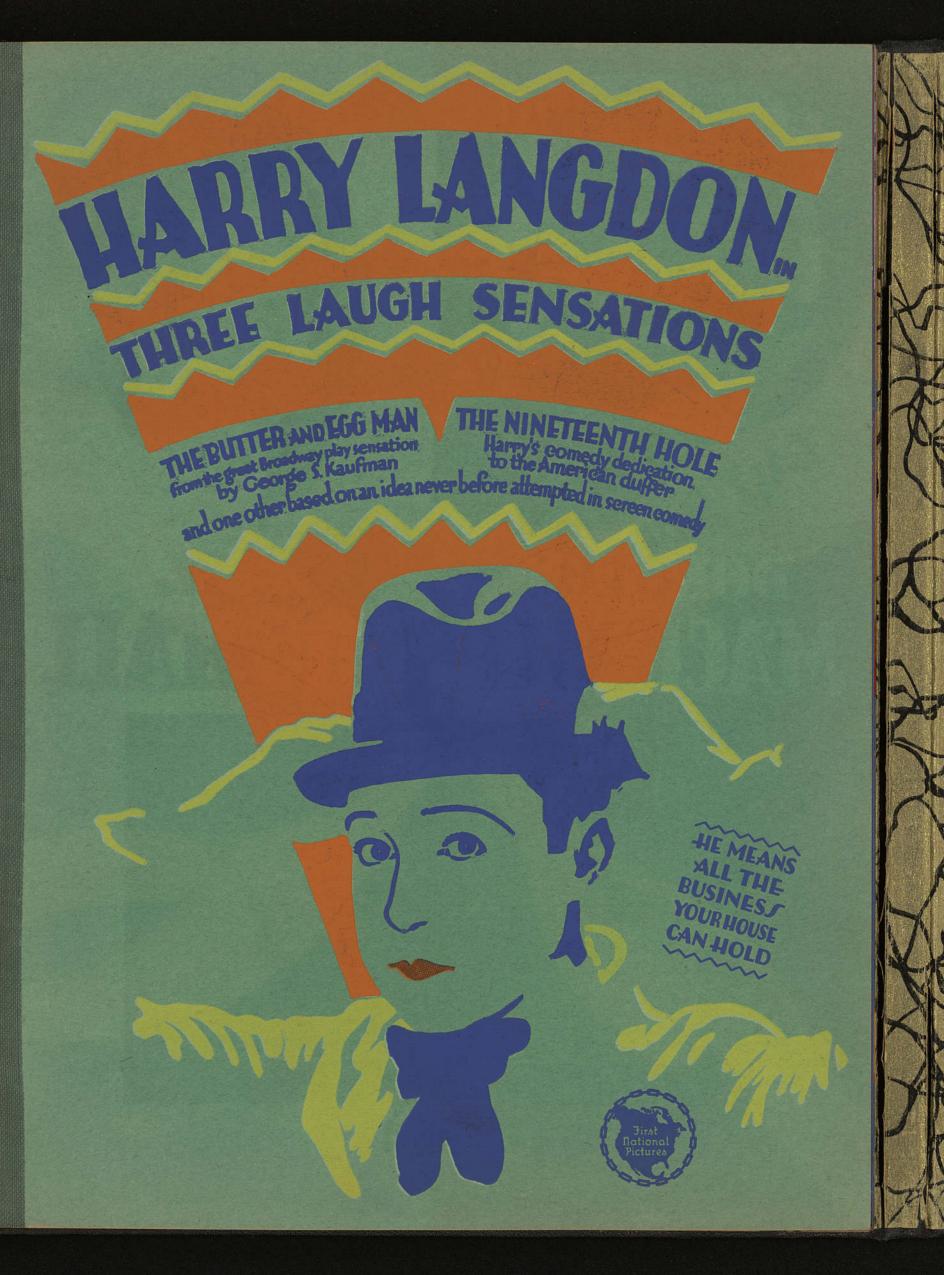
The most famous farce in Broadway history by CHARLETON ANDREWS and AVERY HOPWOOD

"MAN"
CRAZY"

What a title! What a combination to play it!

You know it will be great/

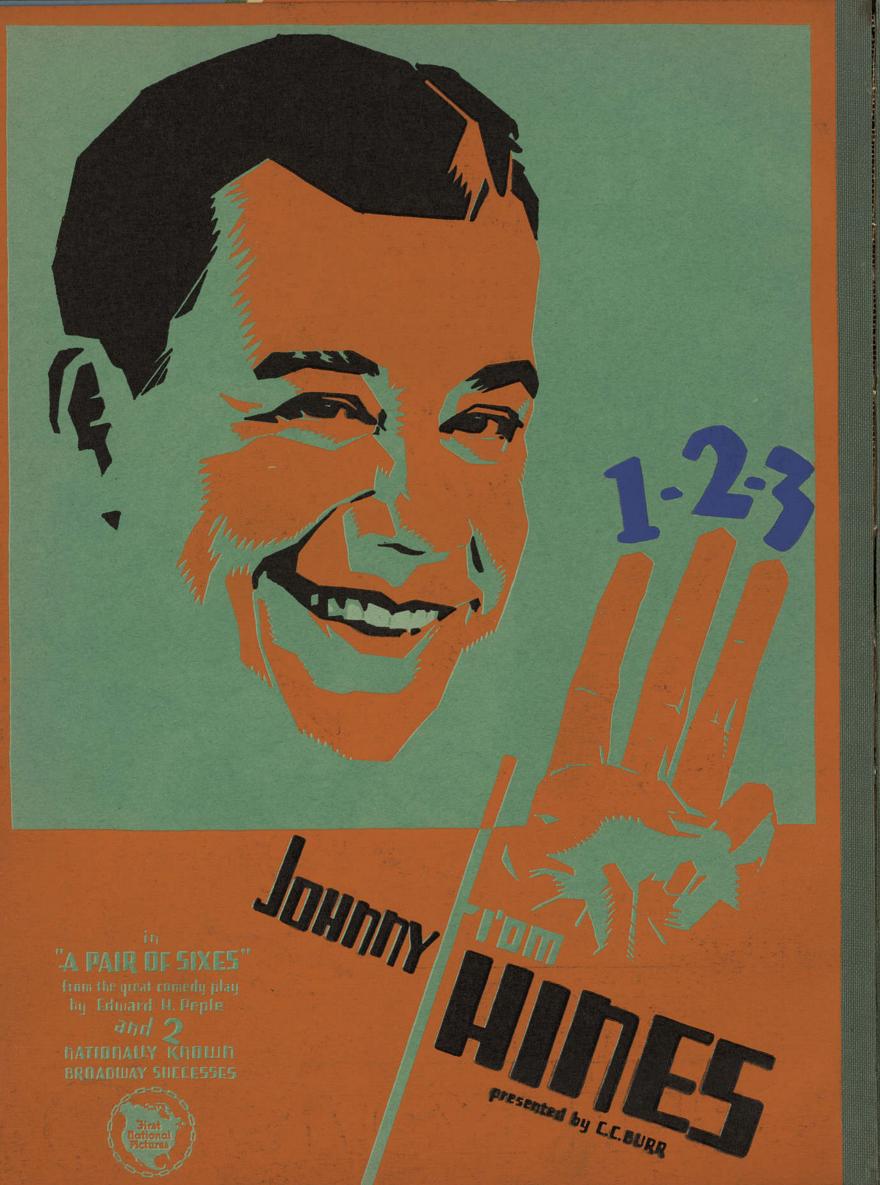
CINÉMATHÈQUE FRANÇAIS BIBLIOTHÈQUE - MUSÉE















ROGERS
goes to
CONGRESS

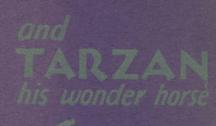
in SAM E. RORK'S
presentation of
CHARLES H. HOYT'S
great American Comedy

TEXAS STEER

with one of the greatest casts ever assembled for ANY picture Titles by Will Rogers

The ALL American Idol
-- the most famous
man in the world, in
the story of the Texas
cowpuncher who
went to Congress-- what a scoop-Will Rogers at the
heigth of his career
--kidding Congressplaying Washington
society--it's an S.R.O.
before you get it /-





OUTDOO! WESTER! SPECIAL

Oh CARAVAN TRAIL
CAPTAIN OF the STRONG
OH ROYAL AMERICA
OH UPLAND STAGE
OH CANYON OF ADVENTUR
GUN GOSPEL

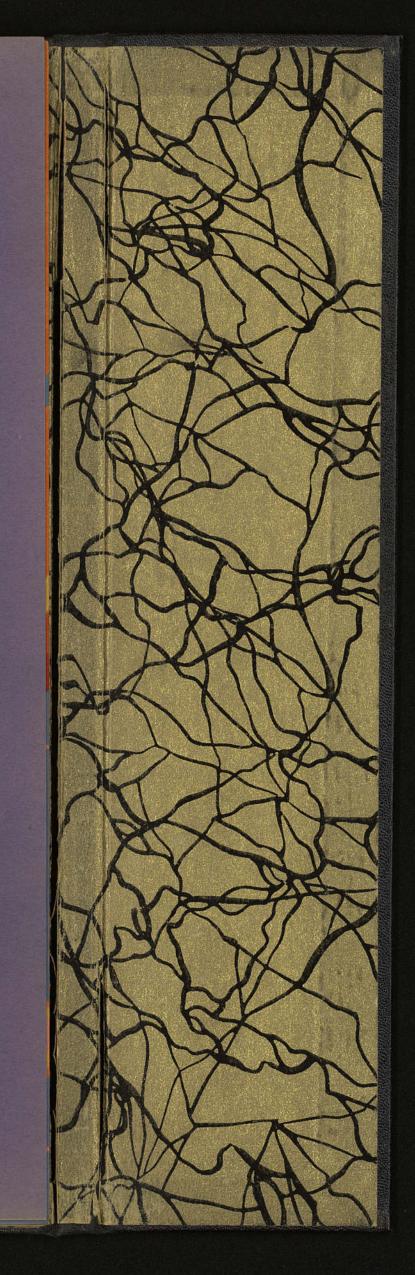
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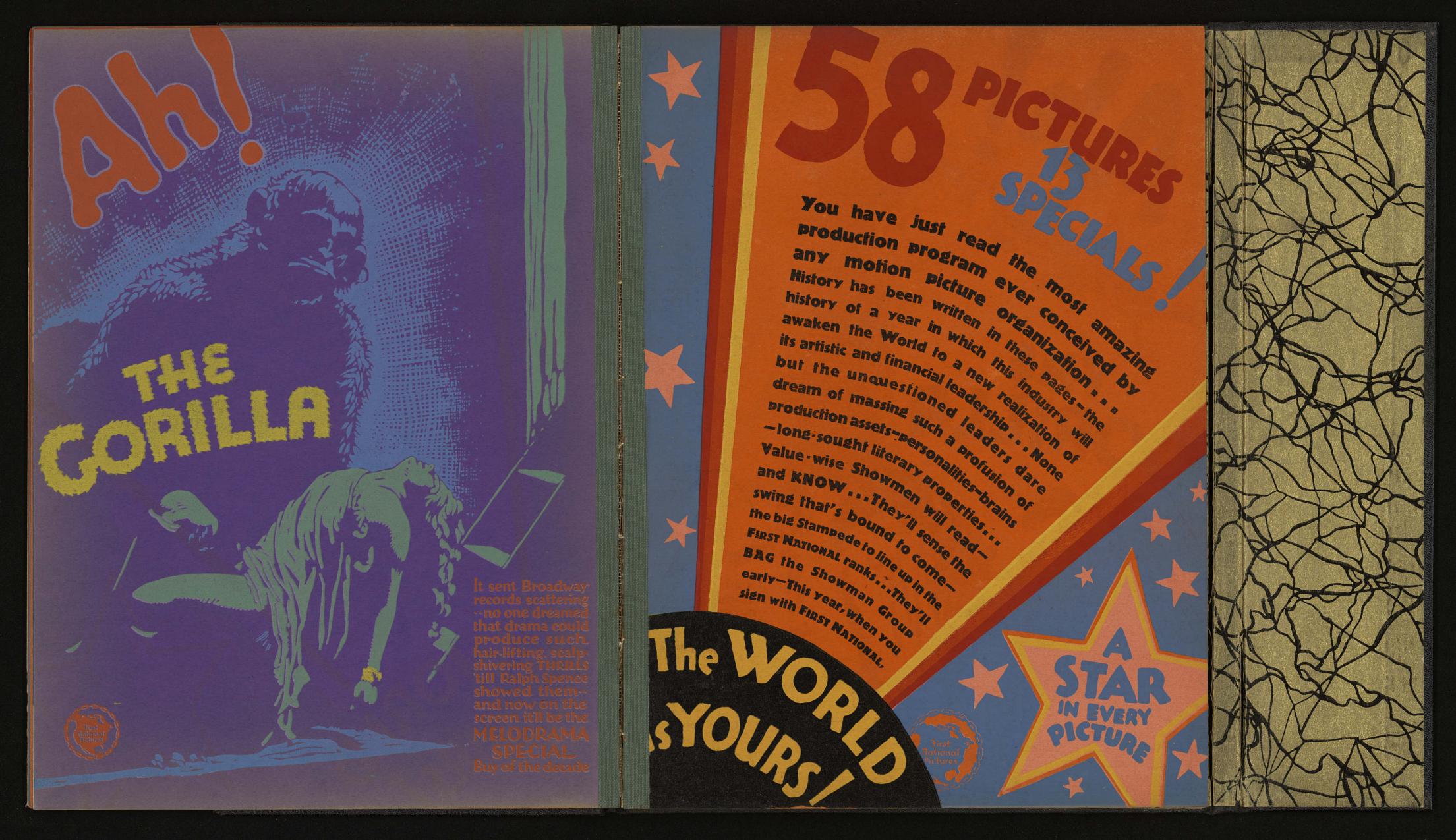
MARION JACKSON

Director to

ALBERT ROGELL

HARRY J. BROWN







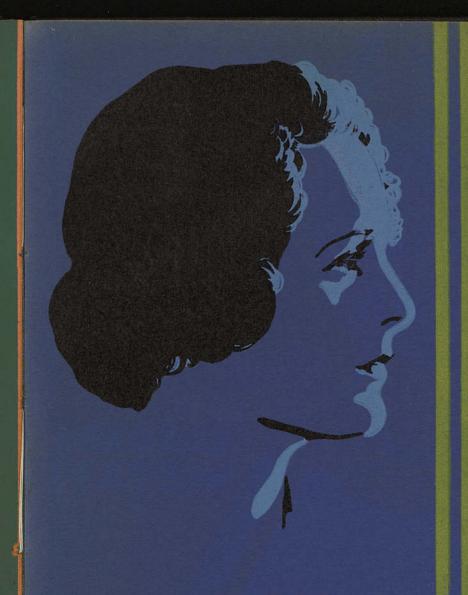
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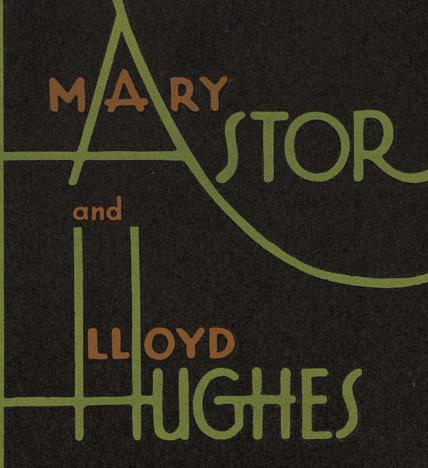
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hit-after-hit
week-after-week
with Special for
every month in the year
proves

FIRST RATIONAL.

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The most popular romantic combination in history-in A certain clean-ups
"OALLOR'S WIVES"

by Warner Fabian
author of "Flaming Youth"
"NO DIAGE TO CO"

"NO PLACE TO GO"

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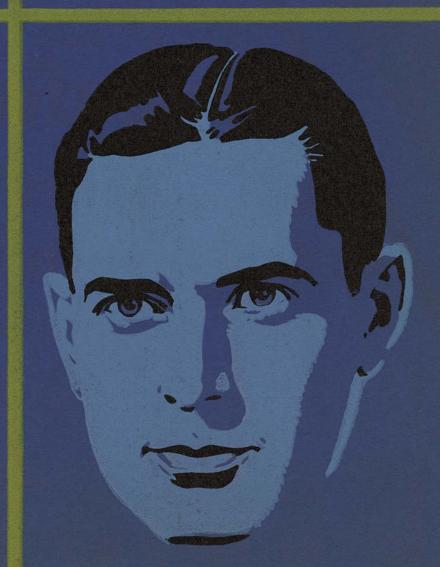
by Richard Connell

"TELL THE WORLD"

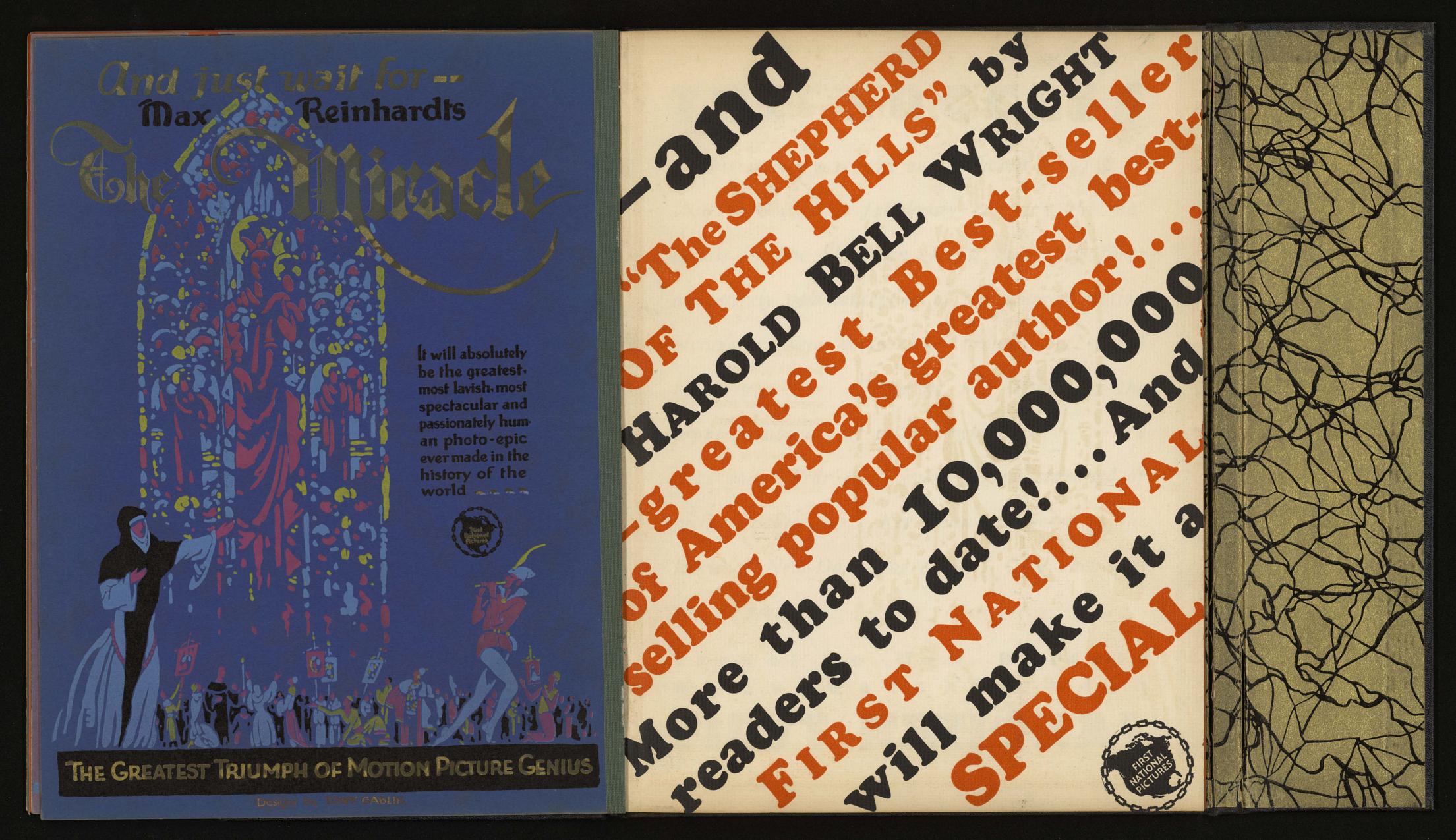
An up-to-date go-gettem story
by thoward driving Young

SO THIS IS LOVE 9H'll lake 'em by storm-the catchiest story and title of the season.





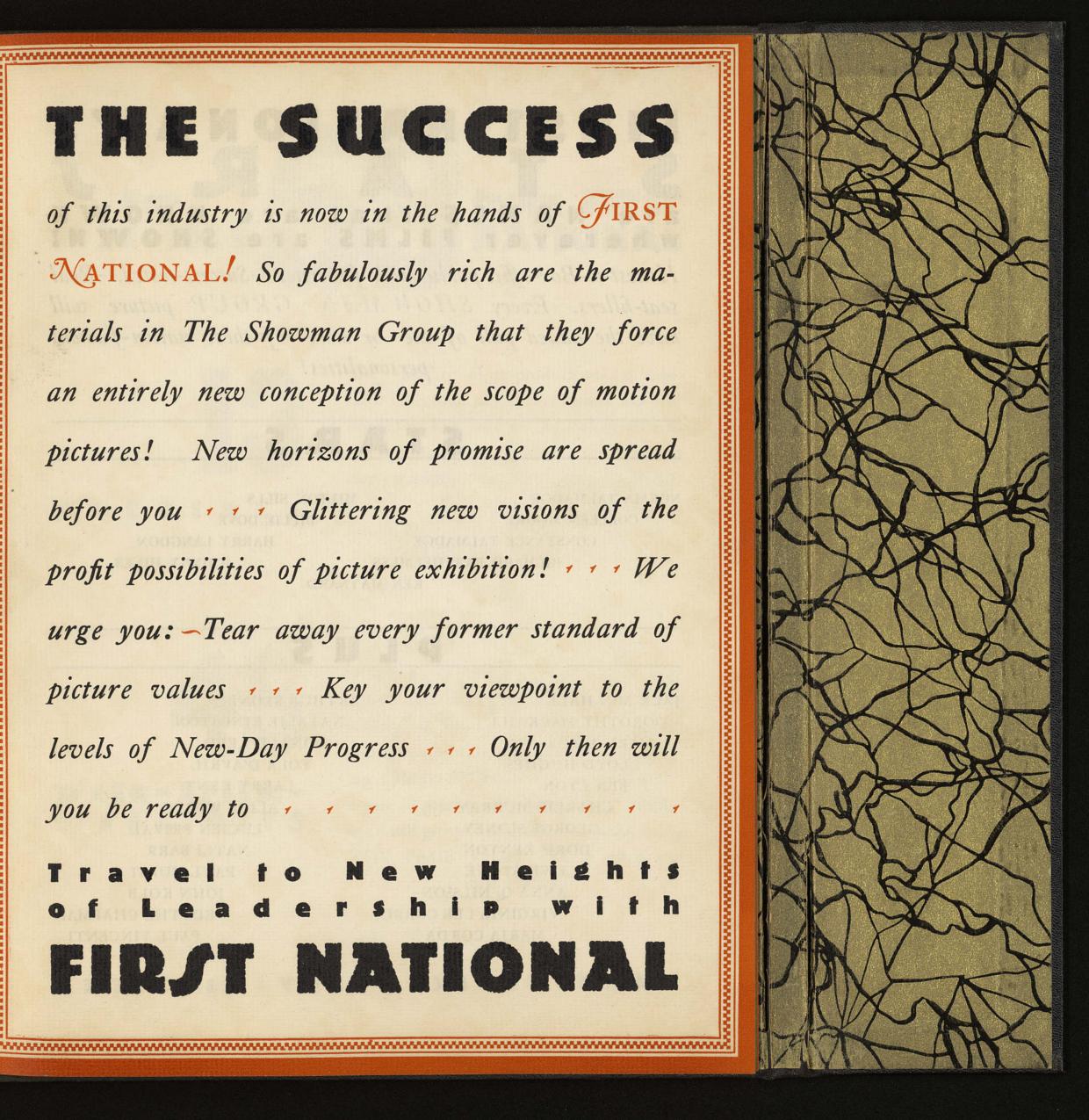




THE SUCCESS

of this industry is now in the hands of FIRST NATIONAL! So fabulously rich are the materials in The Showman Group that they force an entirely new conception of the scope of motion pictures! New horizons of promise are spread before you , , Glittering new visions of the profit possibilities of picture exhibition! " We urge you: -Tear away every former standard of picture values , , Key your viewpoint to the levels of New-Day Progress , , Only then will you be ready to , , , , , , ,

FIRST NATIONAL



FIRST NATIONAL'S STARRAGES THAT ARE KNOWN Wherever FILMS are SHOWN

Honest-to-Box-office public-made favorites.—Success-tested.—Real seat-fillers.—Every SHOWMAN GROUP picture will have the added pull of one—or more—of these nation-famous personalities!

STARS

NORMA TALMADGE
COLLEEN MOORE
CONSTANCE TALMADGE

MILTON SILLS
BILLIE DOVE
HARRY LANGDON

RICHARD BARTHELMESS

JOHNNY HINES

KEN MAYNARD

PLUS

JACK MULHALL

DOROTHY MACKAILL

MARY ASTOR

LLOYD HUGHES

BEN LYON

CHARLIE MURRAY

GEORGE SIDNEY

DORIS KENYON

LEWIS STONE

ANNA Q. NILSSON

VIRGINIA LEE CORBIN

MARIA CORDA

ARTHUR STONE
NATALIE KINGSTON
DONALD REED
YOLA D'AVRIL
LARRY KENT
ALICE WHITE
LUCIEN PRIVAL
NATLI BARR
PAUL HURST
JOHN KOLB
EDYTHE CHAPMAN
PAUL VINCENTI

"A STAR IN EVERY PICTURE"

For 1928 5 S from FIRST NATIONAL

More mighty super-productions of roadshow class than any one company has ever offered in one year in the history of Pictures! — Each one irresistibly dominant in story-strength, star-strength, production size . . . BIG ONES — the kind key houses fight over — the kind that make THEATRE REPUTATIONS!



45 VEEK-AFTER-VEEK HITS "Hit-after-Hit, Week-after-Week"...

Those words will have new meaning in 1927-1928!—Again that steady flow of theatre life-blood... But this time richer, stronger, surer than ever before... Reflecting FIRST NATIONAL'S sensational increase in production resources!... Building a still greater reputation for maintaining THE PACE THAT FILLS every seat in the house!

and

"A STAR IN EVERY PICTURE"

For the Greater Fame of Motion Pictures-

Joseph M. Schenck presents

NORMA TALMADGE in CAMILLE

to millions in "Liberty" and all leading fan magazines!

for tremendous popular sale in special Photoplay Edition

By any standard, artistic or financial, CAMILLE is set as the foremost film of 1927-1928! Story of a luxurious Parisian beauty as famous as Paris itself, in a production as modern as Jazz! ... The greatest love-classic of the century . . . The very name "Camille" has come to stand for Romance and Supreme Love!

The role of years for NORMA TALMADGE. - Unlimited production splendor . . . Gorgeous gowns . . . beauty everywhere! Months to make it! , ,

FRED NIBLO directed—and how!—Perfect cast including GILBERT ROLAND.

Screen Story by Fred de Gresac

Road-Show Sensation at \$2.00 Top

Starting with Smashing Success at Globe Theatre, N. Y.

"Greatest Box-Office Star in Pictures' -Exhibitors Herald

> is SET for the greatest year in her recordbreaking history

Presented by John McCormick

The biggest picture of her career! A rare gem among screen stories, from the famous stage play by Jane Cowl and Jane Murfin. The names of George Fitzmaurice and John McCormick guarantee the Box-Office stamp!

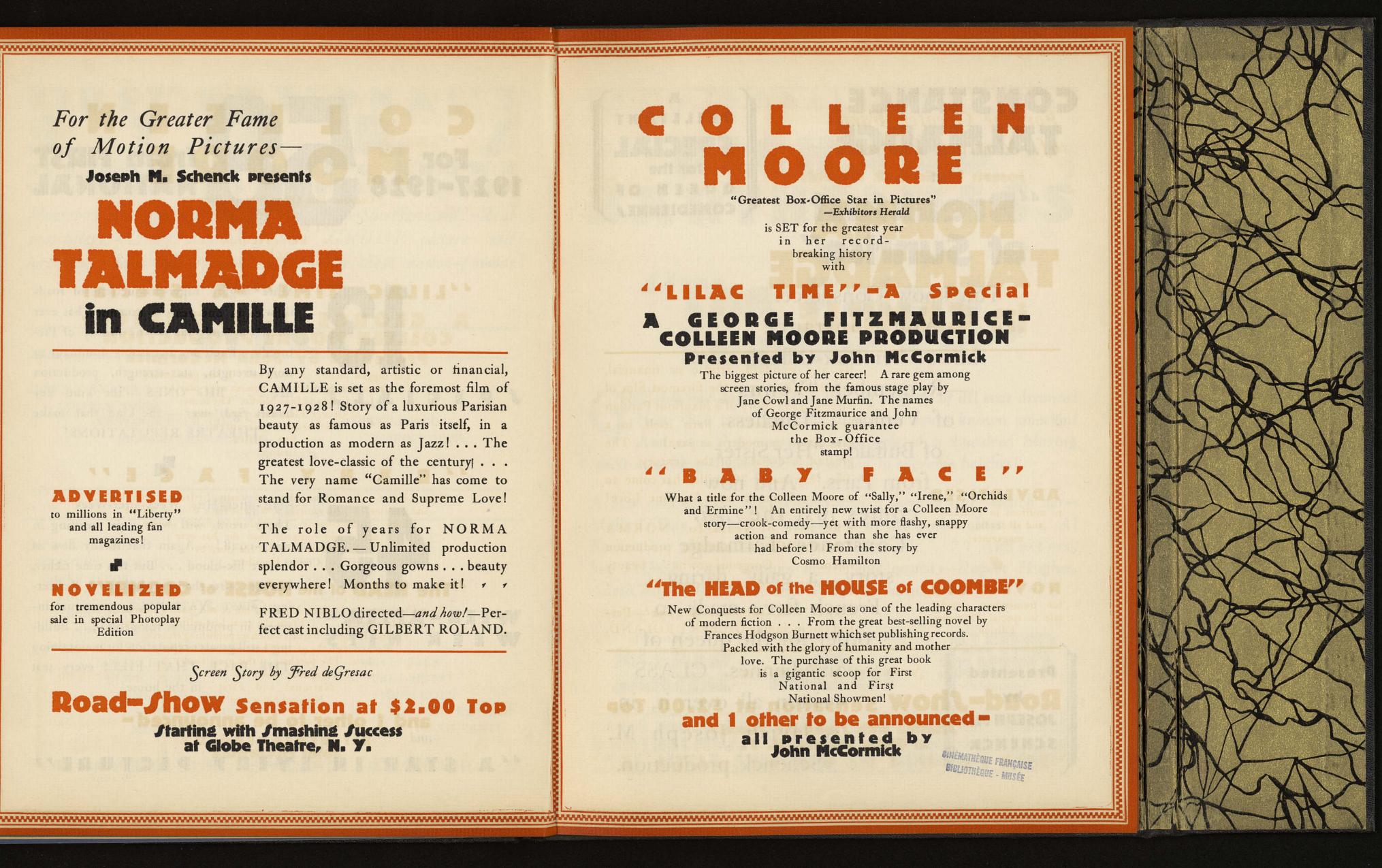
What a title for the Colleen Moore of "Sally," "Irene," "Orchids and Ermine"! An entirely new twist for a Colleen Moore story-crook-comedy-yet with more flashy, snappy action and romance than she has ever had before! From the story by Cosmo Hamilton

"The HEAD of the HOUSE of COOMBE"

New Conquests for Colleen Moore as one of the leading characters of modern fiction . . . From the great best-selling novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett which set publishing records. Packed with the glory of humanity and mother love. The purchase of this great book is a gigantic scoop for First National and First National Showmen!

and 1 other to be announced-

John McCormick



CONSTANCE TALMADGE

"Breakfast at Sunrise"

You know Constance.

... And Constance knows her Box-Office!

-Remember "Venus of Venice," "Duchess of Buffalo," "Her Sister from Paris." And now comes just the right Constance Talmadge story—a gaily daring French farce made to

order for the queen of comediennes. CLASS written all over it, in a lavish Joseph M. Schenck production.

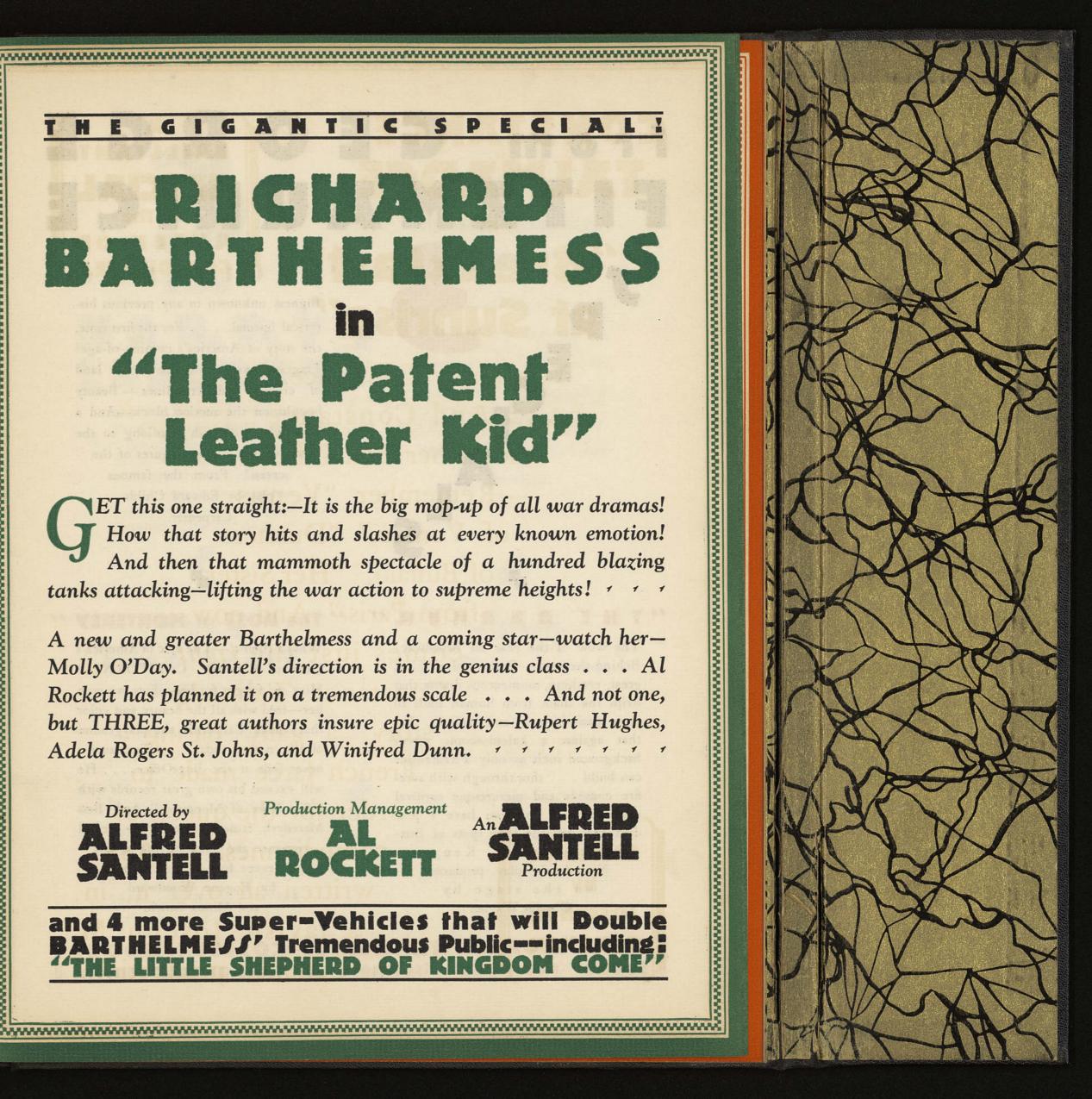
RICHARD "The Patent Leather Kid"

TET this one straight:—It is the big mop-up of all war dramas! How that story hits and slashes at every known emotion! And then that mammoth spectacle of a hundred blazing tanks attacking-lifting the war action to supreme heights! , ,

A new and greater Barthelmess and a coming star-watch her-Molly O'Day. Santell's direction is in the genius class . . . Al Rockett has planned it on a tremendous scale . . . And not one, but THREE, great authors insure epic quality-Rupert Hughes, Adela Rogers St. Johns, and Winifred Dunn.

Production Management

more Super-Vehicles that will Double ESS' Tremendous Public -- including:



from GEORGE FITZMAURICE

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"LOUISIANA"

Bigness unknown in any previous historical Special. . . . For the first time, the story of America's coming-of-age!
Fragrant, exotic romance in the land of creoles and crinolines — Beauty bought on the auction block—And a hero who will rush headlong to the top of the historic figures of the screen! From the famous play by Edward Childs

Carpenter.

'THE BARKER" " The ROSE of MONTEREY

The wow of the year on Broadway! Behind-the-scenes Circus color... A great, crashing, momentous drama that strips the sham from human souls to show passions raw and naked! Put that against a kaleidoscopic circus background such as only Fitzmaurice can build... shot through with sure-fire comedy and picturesque carnival characters... and you have a product that hits the high spots of Box-

Office power! Kenyon
Nicholson's play produced
on the stage by
Charles Wagner.

What a theme!—The epic of America's Land of Romance, CALIFORNIA! How we fought for her—how we won her—told with all the beauty and color that make California the playground of the nation today. . . . Fitzmaurice never fails at the Box-Office. . . . He will exceed his own great records with "The Rose of Monterey." And Bess Meredyth, famed scenarist, has packed romance and pulse-stirring action in every foot of film. Story by Eugene Woodward and Minna Smith.

Also a GEORGE FITZMAURICE-COLLEEN MOORE Special described elsewhere in this announcement

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HARRY F LANGDON

He's MADE now!...."Long Pants," "Strong Man" and "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp" did it! 1927-28 is the time to CASH IN on the sensational reputation he built last year. And here are the vehicles that will do it!

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"The Nineteenth Hole"

Golf as it shouldn't be played!—Cashes in on the most popular sport in America. Figure for yourself the chances for unforgettable gags! The golf interest means an extra draw for every theatre that shows it.

"The Butter-and-Egg Man"

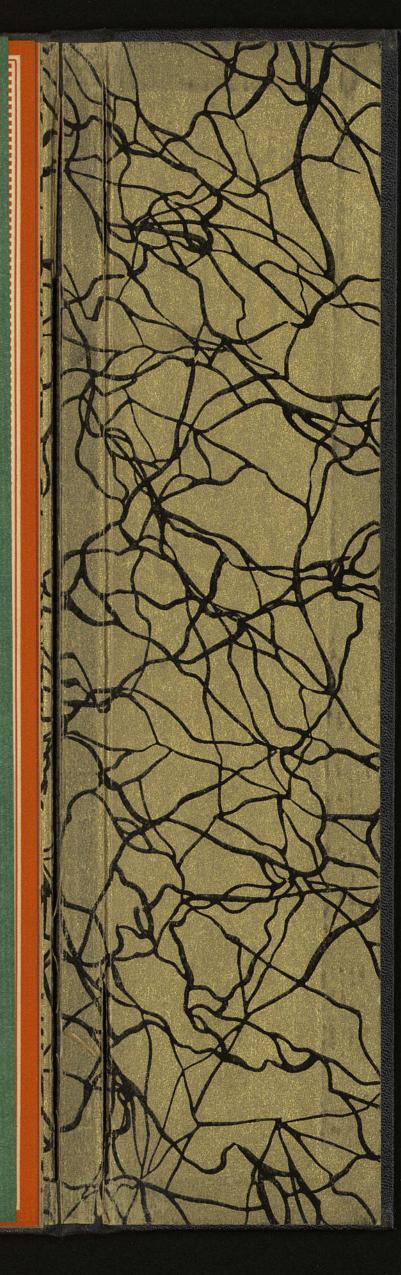
Long-run Broadway comedy hit by George S.

Kaufman . . . A double draw with Langdon PLUS a well-known story.

Perfect type for the ace comedian.

—And a Third

will show the pathetic, lovelorn Langdon of his first great hits—a character that is good for a million laughs in any language.





brainpower

Brains are the backbone of this Industry And the Best Brains in the Business back every Showman-Group product to the limit! They never miss a bet . . . Their names in the billing are your guarantee that every possible Box-Office asset has been packed into that production! * * *

The Producers

JOSEPH M. SCHENCK JOHN McCORMICK CAREY WILSON AL ROCKETT RAY ROCKETT CHARLES R. ROGERS ROBERT KANE SAM RORK C. C. BURR EDWARD SMALL EFE ASHER WID GUNNING

The Directors

GEORGE FITZMAURICE ALFRED SANTELL RICHARD WALLACE

CHARLES BRABIN

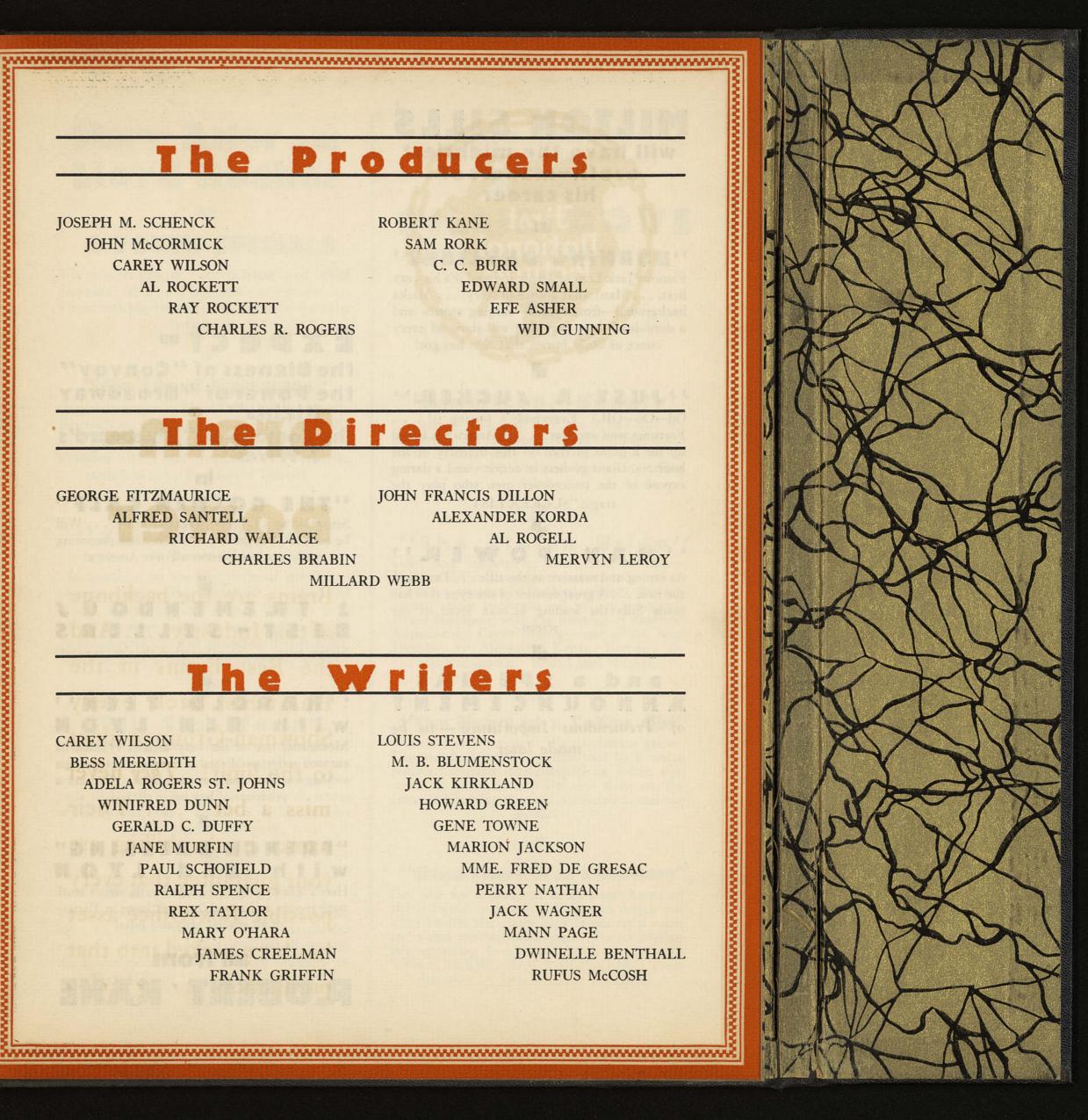
JOHN FRANCIS DILLON ALEXANDER KORDA AL ROGELL MERVYN LEROY

MILLARD WEBB

The Writers

CAREY WILSON BESS MEREDITH ADELA ROGERS ST. JOHNS WINIFRED DUNN GERALD C. DUFFY JANE MURFIN PAUL SCHOFIELD RALPH SPENCE REX TAYLOR MARY O'HARA JAMES CREELMAN FRANK GRIFFIN

LOUIS STEVENS M. B. BLUMENSTOCK JACK KIRKLAND HOWARD GREEN GENE TOWNE MARION JACKSON MME. FRED DE GRESAC PERRY NATHAN JACK WAGNER MANN PAGE DWINELLE BENTHALL RUFUS McCOSH



MILTON SILLS

will have the mightiest profit-makers of his career

"BURNING DAYLIGHT"

Famous Jack London wrote it—and it's his very best.... Man! what a he-man story!... Alaska background-frozen trails-surging storms and a dare-death hero part that will show off every ounce of burly brawn that Sills has got!

"JUST A JUCKER"

Oil-Oil-OIL! Everybody's buying it! . . . Fortunes won and lost! . . . All America is keyed up for a great picture on this industry of the hour . . . Giant gushers in action—and a daring exposé of the undercover men who play the tragic "SUCKER LIST."

As strong and massive as the title . . . Drama in the raw.... A great feature of the type that has made Sills the leading he-man lover of the screen.

of Tremendous Importance - to be made later

the Bigness of "Convoy"

the Power of "Broadway Nights"

the Comedy of "Bluebeard's 7 Wives"

"THE GOLDEN CALF"

Sensation as a Liberty Magazine story. . . . Will be backed by a great national contest preparing ready-made audiences all over America!

BEST-SELLERS

Secrets now Smashes when they're revealed!

with BEN LYON

Movieizing one of the very biggest syndicated cartoon strips, published in over 400 newspapers -Many million daily readers make this one a predestined box-office click.

"FRENCH DRESSING" with BEN LYON

Here's a fast one!—American youth, smart stuff. 1928 modes and morals, turned loose in Parisof all places! It can't miss!

all from

Mary Astor and Lloyd Hughes

4 YOUTH SPECIALS

The sure-fire pair of "Forever After" and "High Steppers" fame . . . Now grown to star size . . . Fitted with big-name vehicles for new and greater triumphs!

"The Isle of Romance"

Gorgeous, tempting MARY ASTOR in an early-Eve costume with handsome LLOYD HUGHES on a trial honeymoon on a desert isle! A great situation with a still greater finish! From the successful story by Richard Connell.

"failors' Wives"

by Warner Fabian

The lowdown on the high jinks of the fastest young married set this side of life. . . . Beautiful young wives "playing around."-Mary outloving the most notorious male experts in the game of hearts. . . . And an ending that straightens up with a clean, heart-warming thrill!

"Tell The World"

A beautiful girl shoots a million to make herself the most famous woman in the world!-You can just imagine the reckless, mad-cap stunts she pulls to get the big name! Packed with scenes of luxury and class. From the well-known hit by Howard Irving Young.

"Do It Again"

This one is different from all the rest. . . . Circus life. . . . out-door stuff . . . lots of spectacular scenes . . . with great romance spread all through the marvelous adventure . . . from the story by Dixie Willson, "Help Yourself to Hay."

New Profits

for every theatre with First National's

New Star

lending her Superb Beauty to



Great Romances

"American Beauty"

The screen is ripe for this new type—Not the flapper but the full-grown American Rose! Class scenes — class story — class star — marvelous gowns! Story by Wallace Irwin, best-selling author.

"The Stolen Bride"

Color and romance in every foot of this.-Imagine Billie Dove in the court robes of an old-world countess! Dashing officers, flashing sabers, smart uniforms-all in gay, laughterloving Budapest, with the wind-up in America. Authored by Carey Wilson - one of the best. Directed by Alexander Korda, Europe's directorial genius. With Lloyd Hughes.

"The Heart of a Follies Girl"

There's a title for you! Heart-interest galore. The best back-stage stuff ever shot by a movie camera. Famous Adela Rogers St. Johns, who wrote it, gives an entirely new slant on the Great White Way that will absolutely amaze the public!

"Once There Was a Princess"

Get this for a plot:—A small-town American girl is forced to marry a European prince but when he dies she comes back in her royal robes and meets the boy from home! For an irresistibly appealing love story they'll never touch "ONCE THERE WAS A PRINCESS"! From the story by Juliet Wilbor Tompkins.



will go to Comedy Starring Heights in

"WINE, WOMEN AND SONG"

Charlie Murray in Paris!—Figure the laughs for yourself! And the typical Murray comedy will double up with plenty of Paris lure handled by some of the highest powered Venuses ever enlisted for vamping duty on the screen. From the stage success by Mortimer Thiese.

A flock of rough-neck youngsters let loose on Murray as the

"DOWN WENT McGINTY"

A comedy natural that will sweep the country as completely as the popular song on which it's based!

A 4th BIG

With a million chances for laughs.

One of the greatest farce-comedy successes ever produced on the American stage.

from sensationally famous Broadway shows.

"THE GORILLA"

Unquestionably the melodrama buy of a decade! Sent records scattering on Broadway. Rapid-fire shifts from hair-lifting thrills to hurricane comedy ... A beautiful girl in the arms of a real gorilla ... Two comedy detectives that will be the talk of the town.

Presented by

ASHER, SMALL & ROGERS

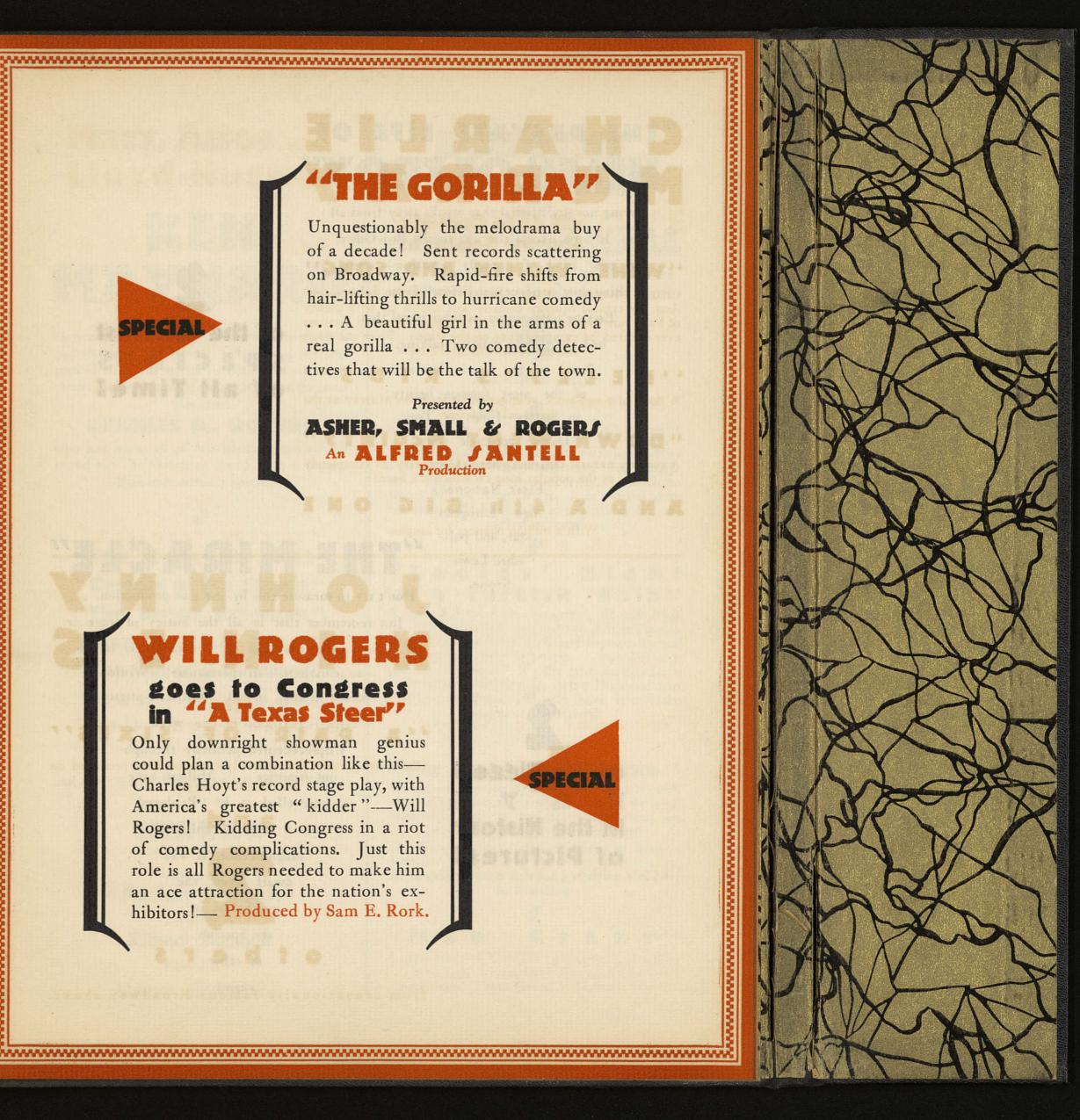
An ALFRED JANTELL

SPECIAL

goes to Congress in "A Texas Steer"

Only downright showman genius could plan a combination like this-Charles Hoyt's record stage play, with America's greatest "kidder"---Will Rogers! Kidding Congress in a riot of comedy complications. Just this role is all Rogers needed to make him an ace attraction for the nation's exhibitors! Produced by Sam E. Rork.









"THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HELEN OFTROY

Daring novelty Special that breaks away from all the old trails except the one to the Box-Office! A new kind of comedy sensation - something they've never seen before! From John Erskine's amazingly popular novel that had the whole country talking. . . Based on the classic love-affair of the most famous beauty in history-Helen of Troy. Daring spectacle scenes featuring Maria Corda,

of the Greatest of all Time!

new European star, and polished Lewis Stone.

First National's

Don't try to measure this by any past production. . . . Just remember that in all the history of stage or screen there has been no production so lavish -so sensational-so spectacular! World'srecord holder of all theatrical attractions - \$150,000 in one week . . . Unprecedented publicity throughout America . . . Millions have marvelled at it! Produced on a scale of unlimited magnificence, it will dwarf even the mightiest of the Specials of other years!

of the Biggest in the History of Pictures! The Outdoor Wonder!

KEN NA YNA DD

Outstanding sensation of all Western stars! He's past the test stage now . . . His first 4 features proved he's "the works"!-With first-run reputation made—his big clean-up is bound to come this year!

CHARLES R. ROGERS

who has made all of Maynard's pictures, will round out The Showman Group with 6 biggerthan-ever outdoor specials:

"The Caravan Trail"

"Captain of the Strong" "The Royal American"

"The Upland Trail"

"Canyon of Adventure"

Gospel"

and don't forget that Maynard's White Wonder

is a draw in himself!

Adaptations by

Marion Jackson

Direction by

Albert Rogell

Supervised by

Harry J. Brown

DOROTHY MACKAILL JACK MULHALI

The greatest comedy-romance combination on the screen will have

Box-Office Aces!

From one of the most successful musical comedies ever produced, by Guy Bolton and Fred Thompson. Music by George Gershwin. . . . Millions saw it, sang it, remember it. . . . It's keyed to be the fastest, flashiest farce any company has uncorked in years!

A natural if there ever was one! It sells itself ... The bashfullest man in town is forced into a Turkish bath on ladies' night and disguises himself as a woman in order to escape. . . . but that only gets him in deeper! It's the most famous farce in Broadway's history, by Avery Hopwood and Charlton Andrews, and will have even more laughs on the screen!

"The Road to Romance"

Romance of the day-by-day business world, with a special appeal to every office worker in the land, from office boys to presidents—and there are only about twenty million of them!

The Movies' first traveling-salesman hero. Ambition, pep, 100% American go-getterism, all heaped up in a stirring, satisfying story by Al Boasberg.

A great story of YOUTH 1928 style . . . burning ... mad-cap. ... restless! Keyed for live-wire audiences. From Grace S. Mason's story.



Made for Every Parent-Every Child-The big heart-drama with a comedy touch—

"The Prince of Headwaiters" with Lewis Stone

The biggest theme of the year—college girls and boys on the loose.... The coming generation of America's best families—burning up Broadway... hitting the "out" trail... while the father of one of the boys looks on, unknown to them, as the famous head-waiter of New York's ritziest hangout! How "the prince of head-waiters," who had paid in disgrace for the hot-headed folly of his own youth, watches over his boy . . . takes the kid's sass... mysteriously steers away the high-binders and high-steppers who are out to "take" the lad, and finally leads him to the right girl without either of them ever knowing... Well, you can see for yourself what a wallop that plot has!

Presented by Sam E. Rork

with a box-office cast including LILYAN TASHMAN, ANN RORK, ROBERT AGNEW, JOHN PATRICK, PRISCILLA BONNER.

From the sensational "Liberty" Magazine story by Garrett Fort and Viola Brothers Shore. Adapted by Jane Murfin.

A John Francis Dillon Production



The Greatest College-Sport Romance Ever Made

JESS SMITH presents

"THE POOR NUT" with Jack Mulhall and Charlie Murray

JANE WINTON, JEAN ARTHUR, GLENN TRYON

No guess-work about this one! 1-year Broadway run on the cleanest kind of merit stamps it sure-fire for pictures. Collegiate!-Sprint-speed romance!—Comedy that will set 'em crazy about the most lovable youngster the screen has known for years. It's a for-allthe-family natural and you know how that helps the intake!

> From the play by J. C. and Elliott Nugent Produced on the stage by Patterson McNutt

A Richard Wallace Production

Production Management, Henry M. Hobart

man-power brain-power money-power star-strength

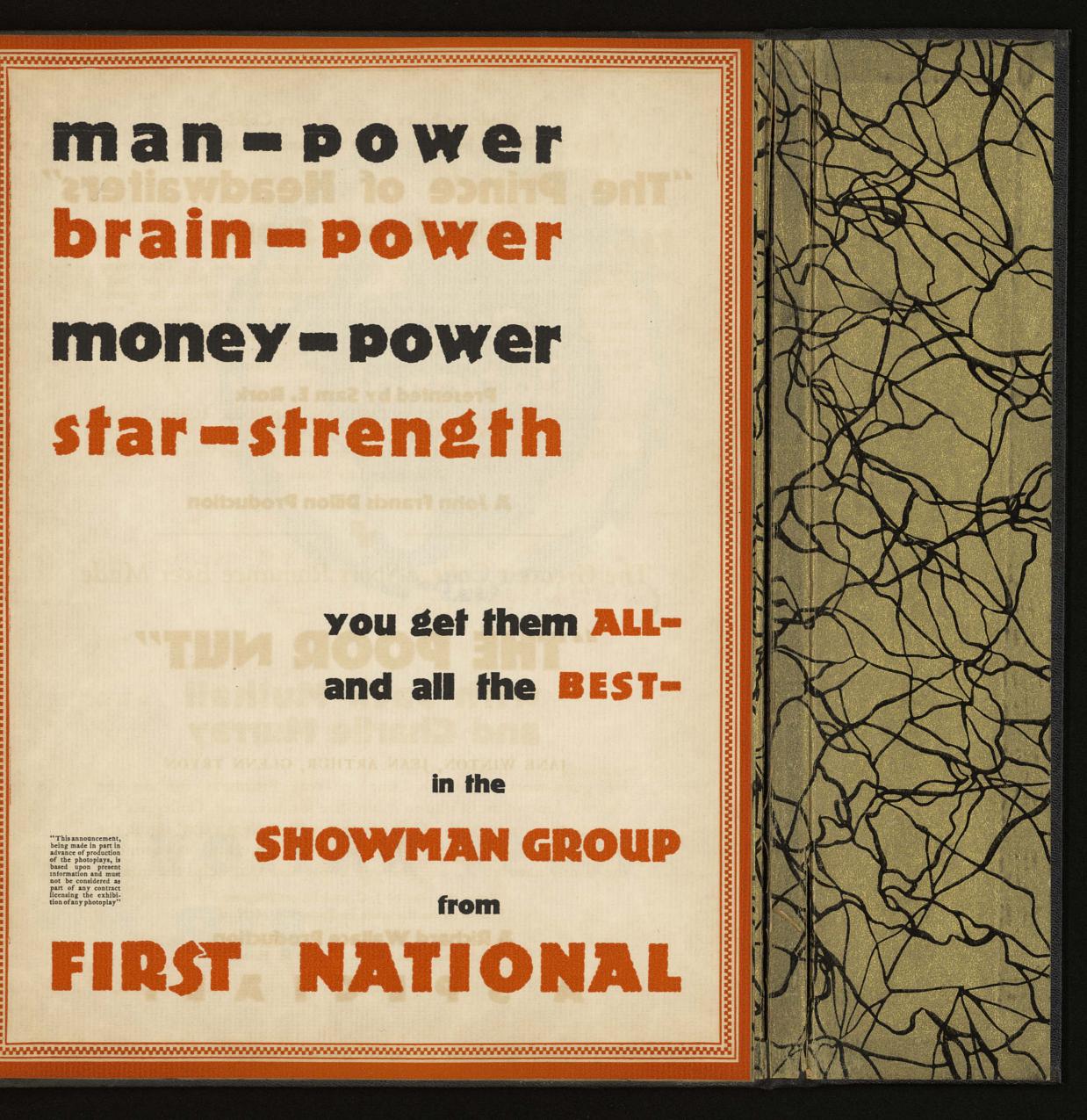
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