Greta to Blossom Out in Corset and Bustle in Next Film

Period Styles Revived for Russian Tale

"Anna Karenina" Demands Twenty-Five Fussy, Complex Ensembles.

By Rosalind Shaffer.

TOLLYWOOD, Cal. - [Special.] -Greta Garbo will burst upon her faithful but ofttimes startled public in corset, bustle, and other feminine accessories to charm in her next film, Anna Karenina.

The story, laid in the fashionable circles of St. Petersburg in the middle 19th century, gives Garbo twenty-five changes of costumeeverything from evening gowns, street costumes, and morning wear to the intimate negligees that kept 'em warm along the Neva at that

Gilbert Adrian, master stylist, who has guided the sartorial destiny of Garbo over a period of years, is immersed in fashion plates of the era, which precedes the "Godey's Ladies' Book," known to admirers of Americana.

Hard to Be Faithful to Period and Flatter Garbo.

"It's quite a problem to evolve twenty-five costumes that will all be charming and all flattering to Miss Garbo," says Adrian. "The styles of the period incline to be amusing and unusual, and for a film star this is not desirable. We want people to like what they see. Moreover, in order to wear these clothes, any woman would be compelled to wear a corset.

"Of course it is not possible to bring a modern woman to the proportions of the woman of that era. Lacing has to go on for a period of years, during early youth, to produce the tiny waists and bodies that these costumes were made for.

"Miss Garbo is fortunate in this in that she has sufficient height to wear the frothy ruffles and embellishment of the period without being made insignificant and frumpy looking in them, as many a woman

"Anna Karenina" May Incline Fashion Toward Ultrafeminine.

Asked what might be expected to sound a note of fashion forecast in the gowns he has designed for to know ahead of time what will strike public fancy. It may be a sleeve, a hat, a skirt, it is hard to say. Perhaps a rage for parasols

"But it may well be that these costumes will incline the scale of public favor still further toward the ultrafeminine mode and that women who have a flair for such feminine things will find themselves able to be themselves fully, in respect to their garments, for the first time in their lives. There has been precious little chance for them for some years.

"Miss Garbo herself has expressed great interest and enthusiasm in the selection of fashions and sketches for the clothes. There have been many hairdresses planned, also, which have an elaborate feeling, in keeping with the period. One at least will show Miss Garbo with the frizzed bangs or "front," with the flat back to the hair. Some of the headdresses shown are bound to influence fashions.

"Inseparable from the hairdresses are the hats. I've noticed before now that most frequently it is a hat that causes a fashion furor."

This is true enough. Adrian attracted much attention with the tight tied turban with the ties on the neck that he designed for Shearer "The Gay Divorcée." And again in the pillbox hat he designed for Garbo a couple of years ago. And still more recently with the sugar bowl cover Chinese pagoda hat with a handle standing straight up from it that he did for Garbo in "The Painted Veil." This model was noticed at the Santa Anita handicap

"There is no doubt that film fashions have a tremendous influence on fashions all over the world, including those of Paris," says Adrian. "Five months ago we made

The rest of the

world can jolly

well go by, for all

Josephine Hutch-

inson and Colin

Clive care. Here

they're shown in "The

Right to Live." Garrick

APPEARING IN 'GIGOLETTE'



none other than Miss Adrienne Ames. She's appearing opposite Ralph Bellamy in "Gigolette." Palace.

This lovely lady is

loan Crawford's 'wedding gown for 'Forsaking All Others,' and showed it with a hoop in the hem. Now comes word that the Paris 66 THREE MEN ON A HORSE, openings are showing wired hems

in the evening gowns. Of course film fashion designers get criticism at times from fashion designers who do not stop to realize the problem facing a film designer. The gown must be made dramatic, exaggerated a little to help put over the mood of the scene in which it is to be worn. It is designed for a particular star, for a certain setting. Divorced from these, it may be flamboyant for a country club dance. The woman of sense and taste will modify what she sees for her own uses in her own circle.'

"Mr. Covenay" a Gag That's Gone Too Far.

"Mr. Covenay" is the name printed on the door of the office adjacent to that of Robert Edmond Jones, color director of Pioneer Films, Jock Whitney's new color film company, producing "Becky Sharp," as the first of a series of all color feature films.

Behind that simple name "Covenay" is the history of an amazing gag that has been carried so far and gotten so hot that there seems no way to drop it. The gag originated several years ago when Walter Huston and Jones, then working together on the production of "Othello" at Central City, Colo., in the famous ghost town theater, got to talking about the gullibility of

Covenay" First a Dusty Mongrel Pup.

Huston and Jones were arguing at the railway station, when Huston said, "Now I could take any name that means nothing and by proper

THERIGHT

TO LIVE'

about Erwin Trowbridge, a Jersey commuter who makes his living writing verses for greeting cards. His hobby is "doping" the races, and, although he is uncannily successful at it, he never capitalizes on his luck. He reveals his gift to a trio of track men, who kidnap him and force him to spend all of his

> presentation of it I could force recognition of it." Plucking the name Covenay out of the air, Huston approached the baggage master who was sitting in the sun with a flop eared mutt dog and began a conversation, throwing Jones' leads like this-"Now I wonder if that is really a Covenay dog-one way I look at him, and I think so. Then

time picking horses for them.

Play for Chicago

31, in either the Harris or Selwyn

theater. Alex Yokel, its producer

and former Chicagoan, has organ-

ized another company. The play

was written by John Cecil Holm and

George Abbott. The story centers

a recent Broadway hit, will

come to Chicago for a spring

engagement, starting March

"O, but you must admit that is a pure Covenay leg," expostulated "Yes, but that one ear now," said Huston, looking carefully at the

mystified mutt. "Well, we'll ask his owner—if it's a Covenay dog, surely he ought to know," said Jones. "Is that, or is that not a Covenay dog, sir?" he asked the baggageman. "Waal, it's thisaway-his mother were, but not

his father," answered the rustic

The gag was such an uphoped for success that the Joneses [Mrs. Jones is Walter Huston's sister, and a dramatic coach de luxe, having taught John Barrymore, Fredric March, and others of note] took the Covenays to Europe with them the following year. They became the duke and duchess of Covenay, and were duly fed to big city newshounds as being on their way to Peru, week-ending in the country with the Joneses, and on their way to California, Hawaii, and God knows where. As such they duly

appeared in many newspapers. Stage Extras First Incarnate

"Duke and Duchess Covenay." On their return to their little town in New Hampshire they incarnated the Covenays for the first time. As they had had many questions from friends who had followed their travels abroad in the press, they decided to give a big reception, and for a gag got two stage extras from New York to come to New Hampshire and impersonate the fabled duke and duchess of Covenay.

With paste jewels, a monocle, and rented wardrobes, the duke and duchess appeared, and just when the Joneses were ready for the big laugh they were knocked for a loop

curtsey and went quite gaga over the "duke" and "duchess." It was less embarrassing to go ahead as if it were real than to engage in endless explanations over a gag that went flat, and perhaps get some one

insulted-so the Covenays rode on. In Hollywood Huston and Jones have carried on for dear old Covenay. Recently Jones asked for some Covenay melons at an open air market and got the amazing response that they were all sold out of Covenays, but if he wanted them he could come early in the morning

Covenays Slipped Into Guest Lists for Duke of Kent.

Mrs. Jones has carried on well in her quaint way. She bought an old portrait of a gentleman with mutton-chop whiskers and brocaded vest. A neat brass plate was affixed by her orders, reading "Phillip Covenay, 1724-1831," and many an unwary one has been regaled with tales of the fanciful Covenays.

When the recently married son of King George and Queen Mary was visiting in Santa Barbara from his battleship some couple of years back the names of the duke and duchess of Covenay slipped in the guest lists at a couple of important social functions given in his honor. But the alert Santa Barbara editor discovered the hoax and was plenty

burned about it. "Mr. Covenay" at the studio is simply nobody at all. When Jones has a troublesome person whom he wishes to get rid of easily he says, "See Mr. Covenay, that is in his department. He gives the answers on those things,"

The phone girl at the studio is on, and never says, "There is not any Mr. Covenay—he's just never in."

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Hollywood Men Abhor Sartorial Perfection Now

FEARLY any actress in Hollywood would be set pleasurably a-twitter if she were to be asked how she achieves that well dressed effect. Yet try asking Clark Gable, Bill Powell, Warner Baxter, Robert Montgomery-and they are liable to answer succinctly, "Nerts." Any actress will spend the whole day in front of a camera taking fashion stills—but try to get a single male star to model any garment and he's sure to have a date to go duck hunting or something. There simply aren't any "best dressed men" in Hollywood except Adolphe Menjou, and he's of a different film generation, anyway. Bill Powell says: "Ask my tailor

one ever hired me because of my clothes, so far as I know." Clark Gable's tailor designed a certain type coat for him, and the world has gone wild over it. Yet you can't get Gable to say a word on "what the well dressed man should wear." If the men of America want fashion tips from films they'll have to get 'em by observation, for their favorite well dressed man will tell them nothing. Perhaps he doesn't know, but one thing is

-he takes care of that for me. No

Leo Carillo and his wife are on a jaunt to see Death Valley Scotty, out in Death Valley.

sure: he doesn't care.

RUSSIAN DANCER AT THE PALACE

Suzanne Choumetska is prominent in the group of Russian dancing girls with the cabaret revue, "Hello, Paris," now at the Palace theater. She appears in several handsomely staged

ballet numbers.

[Maurice Seymour Photo.]



Pals of W. S. Van Dyke, director, wedding breakfast was put on for who recently married Ruth Mannix Van and the bride at the historic in New Orleans, hear that a big

HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS

Bob Hopkins, comedy writer at M.-G.-M. has bought him a ranch at Encino, near Eddie Horton's. He says he wants some "first run fresh

Bob Taylor, leading man in "Times Square Lady," is entering his third name, as above. He had two others which proved unlucky. But the third one he's keeping as it seems to be taking him places.

Francis Lederer remarked the other day that, in his opinion, Bette Davis in her performance in "Of Human Bondage" merited the academy award for which she was not nominated, the nominees being Claudette Colbert in "It Happened One Night," Norma Shearer in "Barretts of Wimpole Street," and Grace Moore in "One Night of Love." Lederer said: "For the last fifteen years I have made it my business to see everything worth while in the theater and of course in films. I have never been so thrilled by a performance as by Miss Davis'."

The star, when questioned about his preference in women, said that a woman's looks made no difference, it is her mind that interests him. He always says that, yet the girls in whose minds he takes an interest are always young and good looking.

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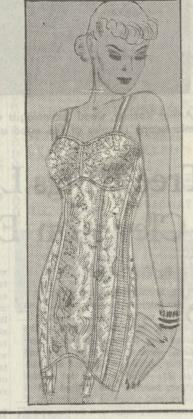
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