

## FORD STERLING IS VERY GIFTED FILM COMEDIAN

A Close-up Study of Movie Comic Proves He Is a Genius.

By Gene Cohn.

NEA Service Writer  
NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—In the versatility contests Ford Sterling has long since merited the laurel crown. Cast an eye over this list of astounding contrasts:

He was captain of Mack Sennett's Keystone Komedy Kops, yet he paints, carousels and sculpts.

He started as a clown when a boy, and speaks four languages.

He cries when he hears "mammy" songs, and owns a villa on the Riviera.

He looks like a German comedian, but is a drawing room conversationalist of note.

### Artist and Pic Target

He has been the target for umpteen hundred mud pies, and his hobby is artistic photography, for which he has won prizes at exhibitions.

Harold Lloyd says he's the funniest man on the screen, and off stage he's one of the best dressed men in the films.

He studied to be a doctor, but Alan Dwan once said he was the "screen's best pantomimist."

Go ahead and figure out this composite picture, if you can. But it is because of this agility of mind and unflogging interest in many things that this "clown" is one of the most interesting off or on screen players.

Particularly interesting is he at the present moment, since his work in "The Show Off" will doubtless established him as a mime of great artistry. Not that being head of the Keystone Kops did not require artistry, but the public is not inclined to take the slapstick artist seriously as witness the case of Charlie Chaplin.

### Inside Dope

Inside film circles Sterling has long since been established as a superior comic. And he has been lauded critically on many occasions. But in "The Show Off" the picture will be his.

Sterling got away to his start with John Robinson's circus, traveled the Mississippi River on a show boat and entered to movies in its earliest days. Time has proved that there was no better school than Mack Sennett's mud-pie classroom, which graduated Gloria Swanson and many another "serious" star of today.

For a time he studied medicine, which got him interested in chemicals and brought about his photographic hobby. More than a hundred of his subjects now are being shown in a British salon.

## MOVIE NOVELTY MAKES HIT IN N. Y.

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His Best Smile

## SUMMER TRIP IN EUROPE IS TOLD IN GOOD LETTER

Elizabeth Wicks Writes of  
Her Journey to Interesting Places.

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Central Standard Time Throughout

WJZ, New York (454 M); WGY, Schenectady (380 M), and WRC, Washington (469 M), 6:30 P. M.—New York Philharmonic orchestra.

WEAF, New York (492 M); WGR, BUFFALO (319 M), and WWD, Detroit (353 M), 6:30 P. M.—Goldman band concert.

WGB, Atlanta (428 M), 10:45 P. M.—Skylark.

WOC, Davenport (484 M), 9 P. M.—Band concert.

WFAA, Dallas (476 M), 8:30 P. M.—Choral club.

The current issue of the Indianapolis Unitarian Bulletin of All-Souls Unitarian Church contains a letter from Elizabeth Wicks, who is in England with Dr. Frank S. C. Wicks of All Souls Unitarian Church.

She writes of the interesting places she has visited as follows:

In the course of our summer journeying we have paused for a few days' quiet living in a big room with two great windows opening upon the much ploughed piece of water called Spittlehead. Below us is the broad esplanade of Ryde, Isle of Wight. Beyond that, the row of bathing machines and the long beach. Spittlehead and the Island forts and Nelson's old ship, the "Victory," last of all, the little city of Portsmouth on England's southern coast.

These wide windows face the east and it is not surprising that this expanse of sky wakes one early. The scene was all in silver and gray with just a dash of salmon pink; a quiet sunrise without any unnecessary show, and one that would have gone on whether we had been there to see it or not.

The sermon subject of Elden H. Mills, pastor of First Friends Church, will be "The Battle of the Ages." Service at 10:45.

AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. C. M. Clarke will speak in the morning and at night on "Faith in Action" and "The Snare of the Devil."

A. W. MONTSINGER will speak Sunday morning and evening at the Meadow Church of Christ at 3817 Fletcher Ave.

THE PROHIBITION PARTY will assemble in county convention Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in suite No. 702 City Trust Bldg. Stafford E. Human, county chairman, will preside. Candidates for county offices at the fall election will be discussed and endorsed.

Our progress was halted outside the Victoria barracks, so we set our travelers' bags on the sidewalk and climbed up on a rail fence above them and waited. In the course of half an hour a considerable crowd of men, women, baby carriages, children and dogs had collected. The mounted policemen called back and forth gently pushing back the line with his horse's nose or tail, which was more effective, and last of all a little Ford softly pushed up into a good view.

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