

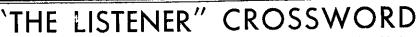
AFTER almost six years I still recall vividly the pleased expectancy with which I first saw Four Steps in the Clouds opening with its winding road and gay little tune. A similar beginning to Bread, Love and Dreams captivated me in much the same way, and if this Italian comedy isn't quite in the same class as the earlier film—which I rate amongst the most enchanting I have seen-it is still much better than many films we have had from Italy or anywhere else.

This is a simple tale of Italian village life with, I imagine, a good many ordin-ary villagers among the players. Into this white, sun-drenched village, from the bus we've followed on that winding road, comes the Maresciallo, the new head of the local carabinieri—fortyish, handsome, still unmarried and very susceptible. This is Vittorio de Sica. Who is he to woo? Frankly, he seems unable

FINE: "Bread, Love and Dreams." FAIR TO FINE: "Desk Set." FAIR: "Run for the Sun."

to make up his mind between the untamed, barefooted Bersagliera (Gina Lollobrigida) and the young midwife (Marisa Merlini), and he's not above trying to take advantage of the Bersagliera in a gentlemanly way when he has to put her in jail for a night for fighting. I must say I felt for the Maresciallo in his restlessness.

Better than I have seen her in any other film, Miss Lollobrigida plays with genuine primitive charm; and it's a pleasant change to see the attractive midwife courted by the talented Mr de Sica, not in a Cadillac convertible but on the bar of a power-cycle. This film, you'll see, stays pretty close to the earth—which is all part of a charm I don't find easy to pin on paper. Among



(Solution to No. 869)



Clues Across

- 1. According to this proposition you'll find them situated around the native mineral (7).
- 6. And so I am disturbed to find myself beloved of Venus? (6).
- What the impressive model said during working hours? (8). 9. Stir honey up well

soothing to the ear (7). 10. I precede the holy woman to the appointment and apparently overwhelm

if you want it to be

her (8). Little brothers in a firm association (4).

composer who 13. A could earn when slightly muddled (4).

Appear to descry a large number (4). This machine offers

a form of self-service (4). 19. Hurt a leg? Surely

no cause for this!

20. Mother's arrange ment for keeping things hot (7).

A singlet could be the proceeds of this illegal appropriation

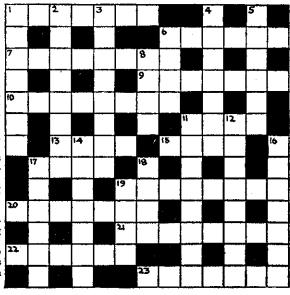
22. "Scorn not the --; -- with this key Shakespeare unlocked his heart" (Wordsworth) (6).

"A moment's —— is sometimes worth a life's experience" (Oliver Wendel Holmes) (7). is sometimes

Clues Down

- 1. It's commonplace to put half a dozen in probation (7).
- Was Sue's opal re-set as a symbol of hers? (8).
- One of the local inhabitants among the scores I'd entertained to dinner
- Where to find a new hero? (7).
- "There were in the earth in those days" (Genesis, 6, 4) (6). An ailment found in Prague (4).
- 8. Snares made from 22 across, no less! (4).
- 11. Continentals who are apparently half Scots (8).
- 12. Leaving out (8).
- 14. To see an oar in the ring would probably set the boxing fans this (7). A strictly honourable sort of post! (7).
- Sheridan's was for scandal (6). 17
- 18. The one remaining tool, so no wonder one should stick to it! (4).
- 19. 17 across gone astray (4).

No. 870 (Constructed by R.W.H.)



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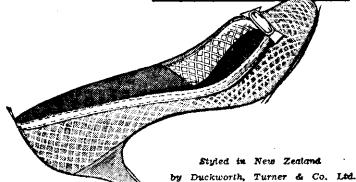
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