The Story

Kindliest man in the slums of an Irish town is old Dr. Marius O'Dowd. He could have won high honours in the medical profession; instead he prefers his simple, poverty-stricken practice, his association with the people he befriends. His household consists of his sister, his son Stephen, and his son's wife and baby girl.

Stephen's ambitions turn towards engineering rather than medicine; he dislikes his father's happy habit of having a drink with the people to whom he ministers. Called away on the job which will start him on his career, Stephen learns that his wife has died after his father has made an emergency operation. Falsely he accuses his father of being drunk, with the result that Dr. O'Dowd is struck off the medical register.

The passing years bring to Stephen a fair degree of success in his engineering career. His hate for his father, who by now has disappeared, is counterbalanced by his love for his daughter.

Meanwhile Dr. O'Dowd and his sister, seeking forgetfulness, have found it by a little fishing stream in a community where O'Dowd is known merely as Dan. The site is chosen for the building of a huge dam, and eventually Stephen is placed in charge of the project. On his first day after taking over, Stephen is warned against the good-looking Randall O'Hara as a trouble-maker among the men.

Eventually four people meet by the fishing stream—Dr. O'Dowd, his granddaughter Pat, O'Hara, and Pat's tutor, Rosemary. Pat is drawn to O'Dowd; O'Hara and Rosemary find that they, too, have mutual interests. Learning of the association, Stephen forbids Pat ever to see O'Dowd again.

Diphtheria breaks out among the employees, and O'Hara is the first to get it. The company's doctor decides that the epidemic is nothing worse than seasonable colds; but the men declare that this doctor is in no position to judge and they will only acknowledge the dictum of old "Dan." Stephen determines that the company's doctor is right; then he, too, is struck down. After a race for the serum necessary to save his son's life, Dr. O'Dowd brings him through, is re-established in his profession, and sees his family's happiness restored.

The Cast

Marius O'Dowd ............... SHAUN GLENVILLE
Pat ......................... PEGGY CUMMINS
Constantia ................. MARY MERRELL
Stephen .................... LIAM GAFFNEY
Rosemary .................. PATRICIA ROC
O'Hara ...................... JAMES CARNegie
Dr. Crowther .............. WALTER HUDD
Dooley ..................... CHARLES VICtor
Mulvaney ................... PAT NOONAN
Mrs. Mulvaney ............. MAIRE O'NEILL
Sarah ...................... IRENE HANDEL
Nurse Collins .............. NELL EMERALD
Moira ....................... PAMELA WOOD
President of Council ....... FELIX AYLMER

Liam Gaffney and Pamela Wood in a scene from "Dr. O'Dowd" now at the Cinema.
Shaun Glenville makes his screen debut in "Dr. O'Dowd" here is the famous stage star with Liam Gaffney in a scene from the film.

**SHAUN GLENVILLE IN "DR. O'DOWD"**

**HIS SCREEN DEBUT**

Shaun Glenville, famous stage star, makes his screen debut in the Warner Bros. First National Teddington production, "Dr. O'Dowd," in which he has the title role. He is supported by Peggy Cummins, a very promising 14-year-old actress, Mary Merrell, Liam Gaffney, Patricia Roc, James Carney, and Walter Hudd.

Marius O'Dowd, a local Irish practitioner, has one failing—he tipples. He is called upon to perform an emergency operation on Moira, wife of his son, Stephen. Moira dies through no fault of O'Dowd, but the distraught Stephen accuses his father of criminal neglect. As a result O'Dowd is struck off the register.

Some years later Stephen, an engineer, is in charge of construction of a dam. O'Dowd lives nearby, and there is trouble with the men because they prefer to consult O'Dowd rather than the firm's doctor. To make things more difficult for Stephen, his small daughter, Pat, becomes friendly with O'Dowd and later recognises him as her grandfather. In the end O'Dowd diagnoses a diphtheria epidemic and saves Stephen's life.

It is difficult to believe that this is the first occasion Glenville has acted for the camera, because he is one of the finest characterisations seen on the screen for many a long day. Excellent, too, are Liam Gaffney as Stephen, Peggy Cummins as Pat, Pamela Wood as Moira, and Mary Merrell as Constanitia. O'Dowd's eccentric sister.

Herbert Mason directed "Dr. O'Dowd," which was adapted for the screen from a story by L. A. G. Strong. It will be screened at the

**NEW FACES IN "DR. O'DOWD"**

The demand for new screen faces is being well catered for by the Warner Bros. First National Studios at Teddington, where over the last few months numerous actors and actresses have made their screen debut.

The most recent cases are Shaun Glenville and Peggy Cummins, both new to the screen although Shaun Glenville has long been famous as a stage and variety star, while Peggy, although only 14, has appeared in many stage plays in her native Dublin and made an instantaneous hit on the West End stage in "Let's Pretend." Both make their screen debut in "Dr. O'Dowd," now at the

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"Dr. O'Dowd," the latest Warner Bros. First National Teddington subject, is the attraction at the Cinema next week. The cast, headed by Shaun Glenville, making his initial screen appearance, also serves to introduce Peggy Cummins, 14-year-old screen find. Patricia Roc, is the romantic lead, with James Carney playing opposite her.

Liam Gaffney has the important role of Peggy's father, and others in the cast are Walter Hudd, Pamela Wood, Nell Emeral, Maire O'Neill, Pat Noone, Charles Victor. Herbert Mason directed.

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