

An Artful Young Truant

UK : 1904 : dir. : R. W. Paul Silent : 50 sec
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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985
 listing:

“Comedy. Boy hides in water butt from mother.”

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. A good hiding place, it sounds to me. The scamp opera really hit its stride in 1904, with at least 20 English films that year alone retailing the antics of various young spank magnets, invariably boys. In other comparable titles the mischief-maker might be a tramp, a yokel type, or even a PC, but the boy was the true lord of misrule. It was his designated place. Girls would have to wait a while yet to join the hot seat brigade.

Denis Gifford's *British Film Catalogue* is a staggering work of research, listing virtually every live action film shot in the UK over the first ninety years of the cinema, but uniquely valuable for information on these earliest silent pieces, the great majority of which we must presume to be lost.

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