

The Gamblers

UK : 1897 : dir. : Silent : 40 sec
 prod: R. W. Paul : scr: : dir.ph.:

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985
 listing:

“Comedy. Boy and girl quarrel over card game. (Date uncertain.)”

[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", "Bloomsbury Foreign Film Guide", "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. As always in these cases, the interest or otherwise of this title hinges on exactitude of the terms “boy” and “girl”. They may be small children, they may just as easily be young adults. R.W. Paul seems to have been one of the more prolific of the early British film-makers, and used (presumably his own) small children in various titles – see “**CHILDREN IN THE NURSERY**” (1896) for example. The description of his “**THE YOUNG RIVALS**” (1897) reads “Two boys quarrel over girl at birthday party”, so it seems safe to assume the quarrelling is of the right age.

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 assume to be lost.

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