

The Little Doctor and the Sick Kitten

UK : 1901 : dir. G. A. Smith : G.A.S. Films (WTC)
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Silent : 50 sec

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Cast unknown

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985
 listing:

“Comedy. Girl gives spoonful of milk to kitten. (Cut-in close-up)”

[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. The girl and the kitten are sadly no longer with us, but perhaps the film survives. Good husbandry of our kitten population is after all a pillar of civilised life. Smith (one of the more prolific English film-makers of the day) also released **“THE KITTEN NURSERY”** the same month (in fact the same elementary scene, but shot with a boy.) The change in camera position within a single film was still a novelty, close-ups generally being confined to films about someone reading a will, newspaper, saucy letter etc.

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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