

The Schoolmaster's Portrait

UK : 1898 : dir. : Riley Brothers / Bamforth : Silent : 60 sec
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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985 listing:

"Comedy. Boy draws caricature of his teacher on blackboard, and is caned. (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. So perish all classroom insurgents, I say. Canes were not made for tramps to twiddle with. The release date is given as September 1898, which would make it a direct steal from R.W. Paul's schoolboy mischief film "[WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY](#)", released in August. See also "[THE NURSEMAID'S SURPRISE](#)" and "[THE RUNAWAY KNOCK AND THE SUFFERING MILKMAN](#)", made the same year by the same team. To see a teacher drawing a caricature of one of his *pupils* on the blackboard, try "[LA CAGE AUX ROSSIGNOLS](#)" (44).

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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