

Alice in Wonderland

UK : 1903 : dir. Cecil Hepworth & Percy Stow : Hepworth : 13 min
 prod: : scr: Cecil Hepworth : dir.ph.:
[Stanley Faithfull](#); [Geoffrey Faithfull](#)
 May Clark; Cecil Hepworth; Mrs Hepworth; Norman Whitten

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The British Film Catalogue 1895-1985 listing:

"Fantasy (16 scenes). Period. Girl follows rabbit down hole and has adventures in a strange world. (Extracts released as separate films.)"

Cast:

AliceMay Clark
 FrogCecil Hepworth
 White Rabbit / QueenMrs Hepworth
 Fish / Mad HatterNorman Whitten
 Card[Stanley Faithfull](#)
 Card[Geoffrey Faithfull](#)

[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"]

Obviously the first appearance on film of Lewis Carroll's dreamchild, and, at 800ft, an ambitious production for its day. For once I can confirm that this film – or at least an excerpt from it – is still extant, and appeared in the recent BBC documentary "**Curiouser and Curiouser**". The scene I saw featured an adult Alice skipping along in what appears to be the garden of a stately home, escorted by small children dressed as the Queen of Hearts' men-at-arms. It has rather the look of a procession at a country fayre, the children vaguely bewildered by the proceedings. Ten subsequent film and TV adaptations are currently known to the archive: in 1933, 1946 (TV), 1951, 1966 (TV), 1972, 1976, 1985 (TV), 1986 (TV), plus "**DREAMCHILD**" (1985) and "**NECO Z ALENKY**" (Czech 1988). I have assumed that the two Faithfull brothers named were among those children.

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