

The Schoolboys' Revolt

UK : 1908 : dir. Lewin Fitzhamon : Hepworth
 prod: : scr: : dir.ph.:

Silent : 4 min

[Bertie Potter](#); [Gertie Potter](#)

Adult cast unknown

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Bloomsbury Foreign Film Guide review:

"Comedy. Bognor. Two boys play pranks with bathing machine, boat, etc."

[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 1996", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "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 title, as you see, has little bearing on the action. The two boys were played by Bertie Potter and sister Gertie – a girl had to change sex to get involved in all the mischief that was going on before the early camera. According to "*The Moving Picture Boy*", Bertie (age unknown) played in a handful of these early British films – most of them presumably now lost: "**THE DOLL'S REVENGE**" (07), "**THE PROFESSOR'S ANTIGRAVITATIONAL FLUID**" (08), "**THE SCARAMOUCHE**" (10) and "**TILLY THE TOMBOY BUYS LINOLEUM**" (10 - they sure don't make titles like *that* anymore!). Even so, Bertie does not quite qualify as the earliest British child actor known to the archive – pioneer film-maker James Williamson used his four sons in a number of impish titles between 1898 and 1905, such as "**TWO NAUGHTY BOYS TEASING THE COBBLER**", while Michael Carrington was working for Gaumont in 1903 (eg: "**TWO LITTLE VAGABONDS or: THE PUGILISTIC PARSON**")

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