

= Hypnotized ( 1910 film ) =

Hypnotized , released in Britain as A Quack Hypnotist , is a 1910 American silent short drama produced by the Thanhouser Company . The film focuses on May Smalley and Jack , who loves her , who attend a traveling show that comes to their little town . The show consists of a hypnotist and a Hindu magician and proves to be a popular show , but the hypnotist who is becomes interest in May . The hypnotist lures May away by telling her that he has a message from the spirit world and later gets her to leave town with him . Jack knocks the magician down and takes his costume and follows the hypnotist and May back to their hotel , where he rescues her . Aside from William Russell 's role in the film , the production and cast credits are unknown . The film was released on December 30 , 1910 , it was met with positive reviews . The film is presumed lost .

= = Plot = =

Though the film is presumed lost , a synopsis survives in The Moving Picture World from December 31 , 1910 . It states , " May Smalley is a simple little country girl with whom Jack , a youth whom she has known since childhood , is very much in love . When a traveling show , consisting of a hypnotist and a Hindu magician comes to the opera house in her little town , the two young people are among the other interested spectators who flock to see the performance . May 's youth and beauty attract the hypnotist , who plans to lure her away from her home . He sends May a message that he has a communication for her from the spirit world . Against the protest of Jack , her escort , May goes behind the scenes after the performance to meet with the great hypnotist , who fascinates her with his wiles . The hypnotist is an unscrupulous villain , and seeing that May is thoroughly impressed with his few tricks and considers him quite superhuman , he induces her to follow him when he leaves the town . How Jack proves himself to be a youth of resource as well as courage , the important part he played in May 's deliverance by the Hindu fakir , is well told by the picture . Finally the hypnotist is shown in his true light . May is disillusioned , and comes to decide that Jack is just about the kind of protection she needs in a world of uncertainty . " According to a reviewer , Jack comes up to the stage where the Hindu magician is and knocks him down . Jack takes his costume and follows the hypnotist and May to the hotel where he rescues her .

= = Cast = =

William Russell as the hypnotist .

= = Production = =

The writer of the scenario is unknown , but it was most likely Lloyd Lonergan . He was an experienced newspaperman employed by The New York Evening World while writing scripts for the Thanhouser productions . The film director is unknown , but it may have been Barry O 'Neil or Lucius J. Henderson . Cameramen employed by the company during this era included Blair Smith , Carl Louis Gregory , and Alfred H. Moses , Jr. though none are specifically credited . The role of the cameraman was uncredited in 1910 productions . According to Bowers the cast credits are unknown , but many 1910 Thanhouser productions are fragmentary . Though a production still shows William Russell in the film . In late 1910 , the Thanhouser company released a list of the important personalities in their films . The list includes G.W. Abbe , Justus D. Barnes , Frank H. Crane , Irene Crane , Marie Eline , Violet Heming , Martin J. Faust , Thomas Fortune , George Middleton , Grace Moore , John W. Noble , Anna Rosemond , Mrs. George Walters .

This film was an example of the use of the character names Jack and May , which were to be repeatedly used by Lonergan in various productions . Bowers writes , " It developed that Lloyd F. Lonergan , ... liked these names , and during the years to come used them again and again . One can imagine that it must have become a studio joke to decide who was to play Jack and who was to play May . In actuality , names such as Jack and May were used in printed synopses to keep track

of who was who , but such names were usually not mentioned in the film 's subtitles . Patrons watching the picture in a theatre had not the foggiest idea whether the hero was named Jack , Bertram , or Ezekiel . " The first usage of the two leading character roles was in Dots and Dashes .

= = Release and reception = =

The single reel drama , approximately 1 @, @ 000 feet long , was released on December 30 , 1910 . The film was released in Britain under the title A Quack Hypnotist on April 26 , 1913 . The film likely had a wide national release , known advertising theaters include those in Arizona , Pennsylvania , and Kansas . Some theaters did not provide the production credits , complicating identification with Selig Polyscope 's Hypnotized . The film received a positive review in the Moving Picture World which said , " It is a good story , well told , and the audience seems intensely interested in it . " The New York Dramatic Mirror offered a review that neither commended or criticized the production in its summary review of the film .