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THE GOLD RUSH

(U.S. 1925) silent \$27.50

121 minutes at silent speed of 16 fps (81 minutes at sound speed). Prints have a musical sound track.

Directed, scenario by Charles Chaplin, assisted by Charles Reisner, H. d'Abbadie d'Arrast - Cinematography by Rollie Totheroh, Jack Wilson - Technical direction by Charles D. Hall - Produced by Chaplin for United Artists Release. Players: *Charles Chaplin, Mack Swain, Georgia Hale, Tom Murray, Henry Bergman, Betty Morrissey, Malcolm Waite.*

This is Chaplin's most popular comedy film. It is set in the Klondike days of '88 with Chaplin playing the part of a lone prospector, who is too busy warding off cold, hunger and a slightly demented Mack Swain to do much digging. He is more serious about a vain dance hall lady, who has her own method of digging for gold. Viewed today, fifty-two years after its initial release, *The Gold Rush*, with its unique and typically Chaplinesque blend of pathos and humor, is as fresh and enjoyable as ever, from the exquisite mime of the "Dance of the Rolls" to the scrambling, sliding balancing act of Mack and Charlie in the teetering cabin on the brink of a chasm.

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