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**DIE FREUDLOSE GASSE  
(THE JOYLESS STREET)**

(Germany/1925)      silent      \$30.00

\* 133 minutes at silent speed of 16 fps  
(89 minutes at sound speed). English  
titles.

Directed by G. W. Pabst - Screenplay by Willy  
Haas, from the novel by Hugo Bettauer -  
Cinematography by Guido Seeber, Curt Oertel,  
Robert Lach - Art Direction by Hans Sohnle,  
Otto Erdmann - Produced by Sofa-Film.  
Players: *Asta Nielsen, Greta Garbo, Werner  
Krauss, Valeska Gert, Gräfin Agnes Esterhazy,  
Einar Hanson.*

Here is the story of a street in post-  
World War I Vienna and its inhabitants,  
particularly a daughter (Greta Garbo),  
whose family finds that the father is out  
of his job during a time of severe in-  
flation. The story was based on facts  
in Pabst's own life after the German  
defeat in Europe, and it encouraged  
other German film makers to use ex-  
pressionism in dealing with such events.  
The film brought great fame to Pabst,  
while elevating Garbo to star status.

\* Although our prints fall short of per-  
fect clarity, they are quite acceptable—  
not the commonly exhibited condensed  
prints which feature just the Garbo  
sequences.

*Kit Parker*

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