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ANOTHER FINE MESS (1930; Hal Roach-MGM) Directed by James Parrott, and photographed by George Stevens. With Laurel & Hardy, Thelma Todd, James Finlayson.

A mere three years later, the team well established, and Roach in the interim having moved from Pathe to MGM, "Duck Soup" was remade as a talkie. The ~~original~~ team elements have been strengthened of course, and Hardy's slightly abrasive (and unshaven) character in the original soften. It was been polished, the motivation slightly changed, and the sound track of course allows for the employment of much double-entendre dialogue undoubtedly taken directly from the original music hall sketch. It's still not a major Laurel & Hardy, and at 3 reels, possibly a shade too long, but it's constantly amusing and the opportunity to see it side by side with its original of particular value to comedy and Laurel & Hardy students.

~~(Together, one hour)~~

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