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THE FILMS OF ALFRED HITCHCOCK

CHAMPAGNE 6:00*

A vehicle made for Betty Balfour, a popular British comedienne of the silent days, CHAMPAGNE was not a great critical or commercial success. Though Miss Balfour gave a good performance in a new "flapper" role, and despite the unmistakable Hitchcock touches, the story was too slight to carry the film. In his book on Hitchcock, Francois Truffaut disagrees with Hitchcock's view that "this was the low ebb in my output," but critical opinion in general seems to side with Hitchcock.

Directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Screenplay by Eliot Stannard. With Betty Balfour, Gordon Harker, Jack Trevor. (Great Britain, 1928, 80 mins, Print Courtesy of Janus Films)