# CINEOGRAPH MOVIE PROJECTORS

### And some cameras

### Made by SIEGMUND LUBIN

### 1896-1916

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#### INTRODUCTION

This little check list is a preliminary attempt to list the large numbers of projectors made by Siegmund Lubin from the time he entered the field of animated pictures in 1896 to the time he exited in 1916. This is not an attempt to write a history of his work as this has already being excellently penned by Mr. Joseph P. Eckhardt in his seminal work The *King of the Movies – Film Pioneer Siegmund Lubin*, Teaneck, New Jersey, 1997, which I highly recommend.

This check list is divided into four sections:

Section I, 1896-1899, covers the very early period not only of his early primitive projectors but the early period of the cinema itself of which he was a very important part of.

Section II, 1899-1903, Lumiere Type, covers his sojourn in Berlin (where he had lived earlier in his life) when his Lawyers advised him to leave the country in fear of being jailed due to the Law Suite bought against him by Thomas Edison in his attempt to control the movie industry in the United States.

Section III, Wood front, no wood on the sides

Section IV, 1903-1908(?), covers the period of his wooden case projectors.

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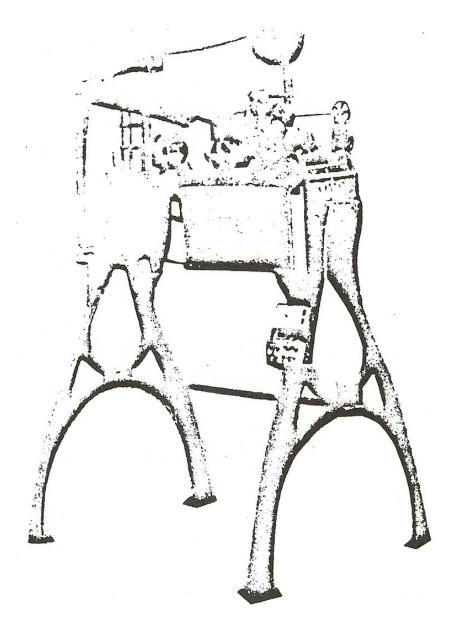
In looking at this book it should be obvious to all that this listing would not have been possible was it not for the archives of Carey Williams, the Dean of movie projector collectors. And I wish here to thank him for his kindness and the openness of his help and encouragement not only for this little book but for all his help in the totality of my work.

I wish to also thank Joseph P. Eckhardt, author of *The King of the Movies – Film Pioneer Siegmund Lubin* the definitive work on the life and work of Siegmund Lubin.

And of course I cannot forget George C. Hall a very erudite scholar of the early cinema and of the cinema in Arizona in particular.

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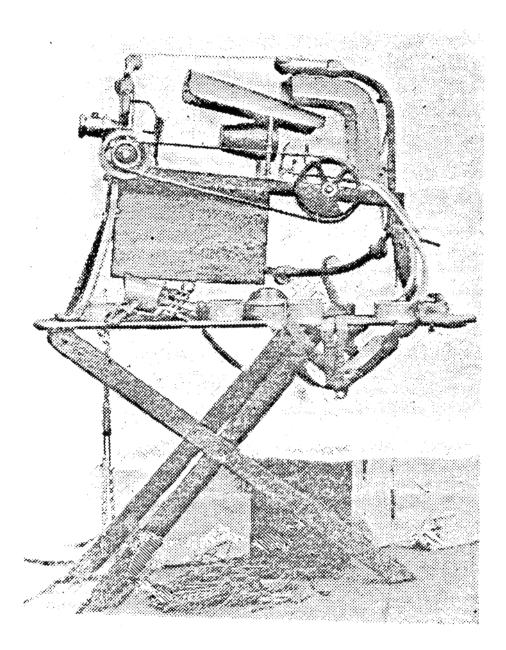
#### **LUBIN PROJECTORS**



This was probably the first Lubin projector made by Lubin with the help of Francis Jenkins. The Stand is very similar to the one used by the Armat Vitascope

RAY BRYAN FILES, Museum of the Moving Image, Astoria, New York

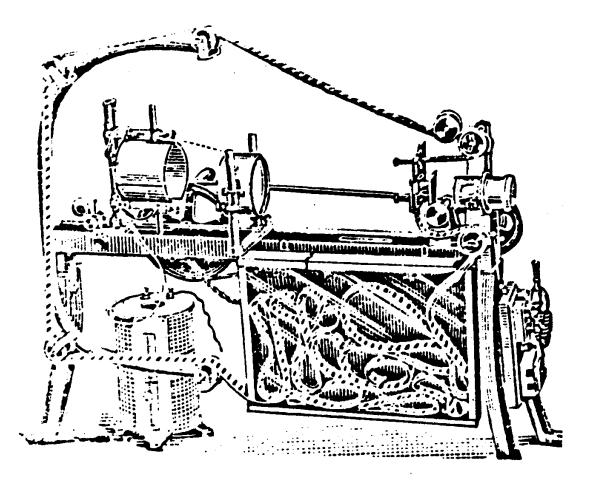
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Lubin Cineograph 1896 model, this was most likely also made with the help of Francis Jenkins and is probably a copy of the Phantoscope, note the colt light housing

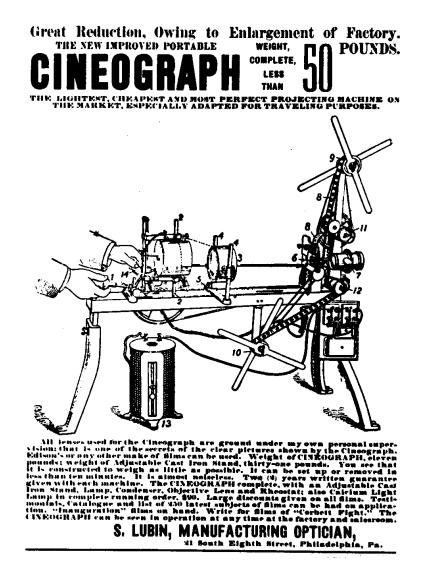
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#### SPOOLBANK CINEOGRAPH



Lubin Cineograph 1897 spoolbank

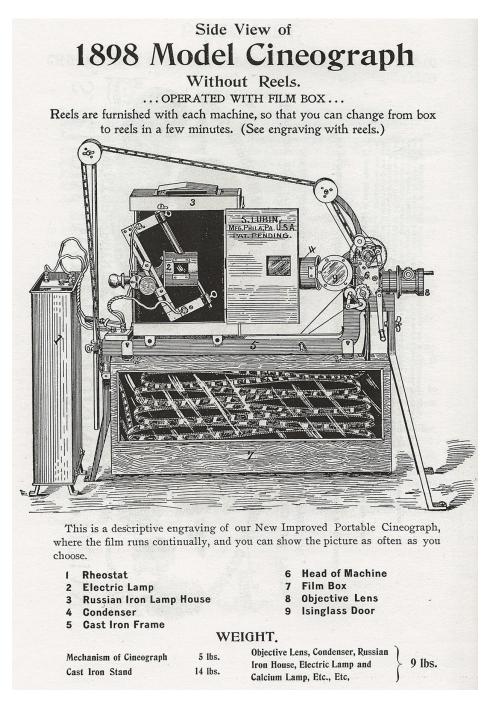
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Lubin Cineograph 1897 model

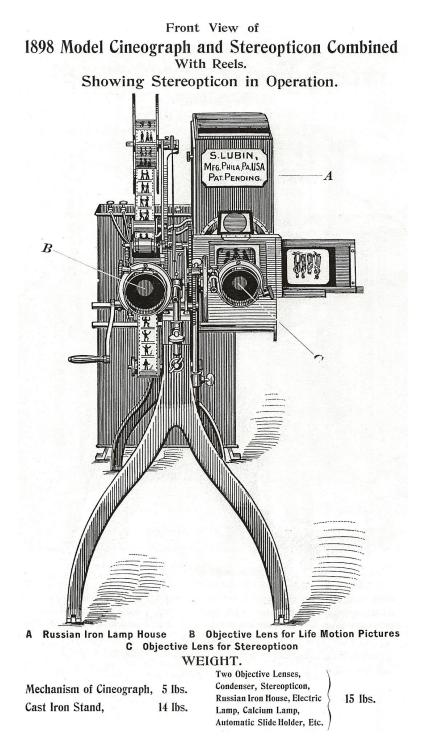
Charles Musser, *THE EMERGENCE OF CINEMA – THE AMERICAN SCREEN TO* 1907, Berkeley 1990, page 168

#### **1898 SPOOLBANK CINEOGRAPH**

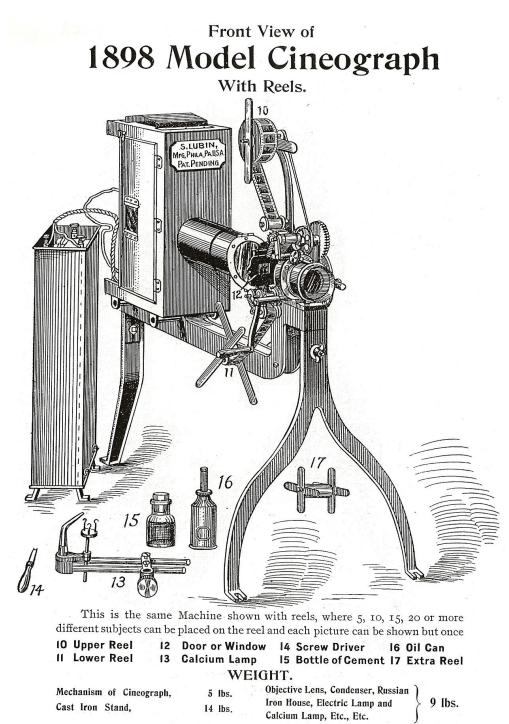


#### Lubin Cineograph 1898 model From a reprint of a 1898 Lubin catalog

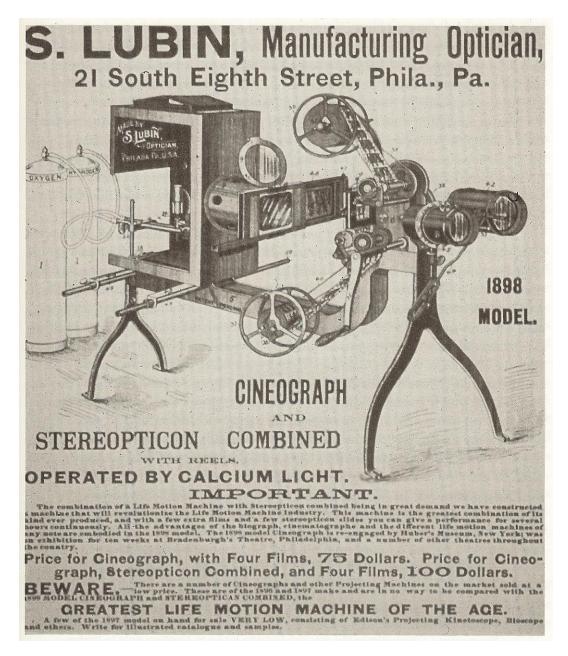
Notice the "film Box" used to contain the film as it runs continuously, this was Lubin's answer to Edison's Spoolbank mechanism which was open to the air system of pulleys, versus the Lubin film box that does the same job, but sits under the projector and is enclosed.



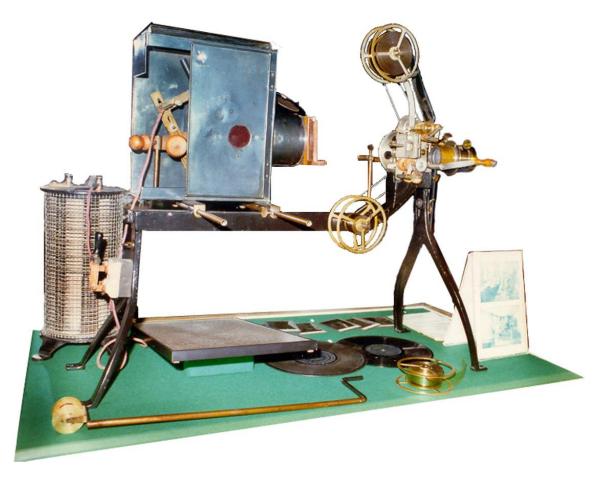
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Joseph P. Eckhardt The King of the Movies, page 23



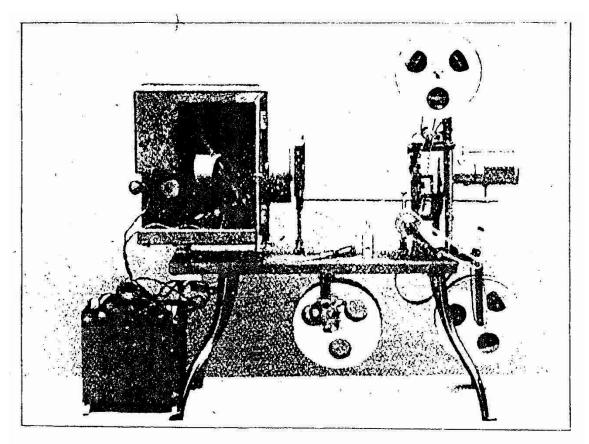
1898 Lubin Cineograph and stereopticon combined. The Jack Judson Collection at the Magic Lantern Castle Museum San Antonio, Texas

#### **CINEOGRAPH PROJECTIONIST**



Projectionist operating a Cineograph accompanied with a gramophone for sound. Courtesy Carey Williams

## II LUMIERE TYPE 1899-1903



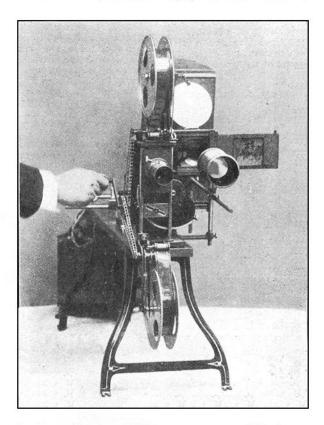
SIDE VIEW OF THE '99 MODEL CINEOGRAPH AND STEREOPTICON COMBINED

1899 Cineograph from a Lubin catalog

The following article (next page) appeared in the January 1899 issue of *The Phonoscope, a Monthly Journal devoted to Scientific and Amusement Inventions appertaining to Sound and Sight.* The year 1899 was certainly the cutoff date of the spoolbank as far as Lubin's Cineograph was concerned. I think this was probably very close to the time when the spoolbank must have ceased being manufactured by all other projector makers as well. I have always believed that the era of the spoolbank was very short, and I believe this confirms my belief. I am very thankful to George C. Scott for this most important article as well as so much other information he has shared with me.

We are pleased to illustrate a new animated picture machine which will be put upon the market this month. It will be known as the "Combined Cineograph and Stereopticon 1899 Model." This machine has entirely new principles which are not seen in any similar machine upon the American market. The absence of any spool bank is a marked departure. The reason of this is that the public is tired of seeing films repeated, and now require a large number of entirely different views. With the new Cineograph this is possible by joining the films together with a few feet of blank spacing film and rolling them upon one of the reels, which has a capacity of two thousand feet, enough for an entire entertainment or exhibition. Our illustraof whiteness or brilliancy can be obtained than with any other. The new Cineograph is the lightest and most compact animated picture machine which we have yet seen. Mr. Prescott's advertisement on another page of this issue shows a side elevation of the machine and a good view of the new rheostat.

We call attention to the advertisement of the National Gramophone in this issue. Although a comparatively new instrument, having been upon the market only about two years, it has been rapidly making for itself a large place in the talking-machine field. The records are made of vulcanite or hard rubber and are indestructible. They are not affected by the climate or various



tion is a front view showing the machine operated by hand. There is but one lamp house and one set of condensers, while there are two lens, one for the animated pictures and the other for the Stereopticon views. The change from animated pictures to Stereopticon views can be made instantly. By an ingenious arrangement it is impossible for the film to jump upon the framing plate. This is an annoyance which has heretofore never been fully overcome. The lens is also arranged so that its field upon the screen may be changed with a satisfactory latitude, instantly. By means of a graduated rheostat different degrees or intensities of light upon the screen may be obtained. With this rheostat greater intensity of light and degree

temperatures of foreign countries. They are also small and compact, so that a dozen records can be packed in the space that would be required to pack two regular Phonograph wax cylinders. Owing to recent improvements the Gramophone records are becoming very clear and distinct in reproduction, there being an absence of any harshness which may have been noticed on the earlier records. An indestructible needle or stylet is also promised for the very near future. Mr. F. M. Prescott, the export agent, is desirous of establishing agencies all over the world, and we recommend all those who are interested in the latest things in the talking-machine line to write to him for further particulars.

The Phonoscope, Vol. III No. 1, January 1899 Courtesy George C. Hall

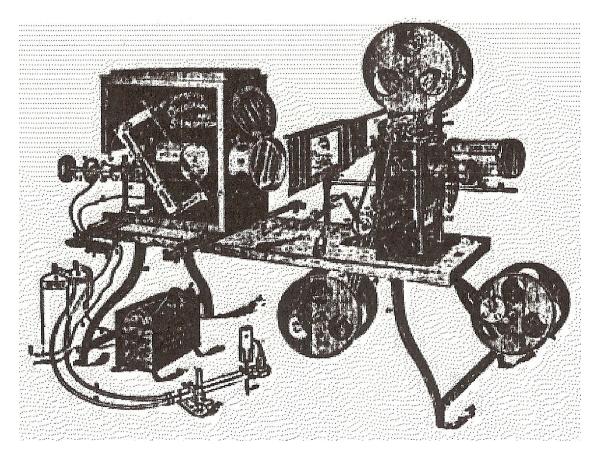


Der Komet 1899, *The King of the Movies*, page 32 Joseph P. Eckhardt collection

#### LUBIN'S CINEOGRAPH & FILM – FABRIK G.m.b.H.



End of 1901/beginning of 1902 Courtesy Filmmuseum Potsdam



1901 Cineograph Courtesy Carey Williams

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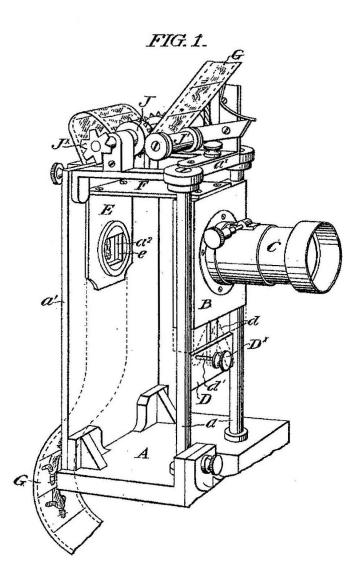
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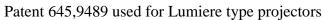
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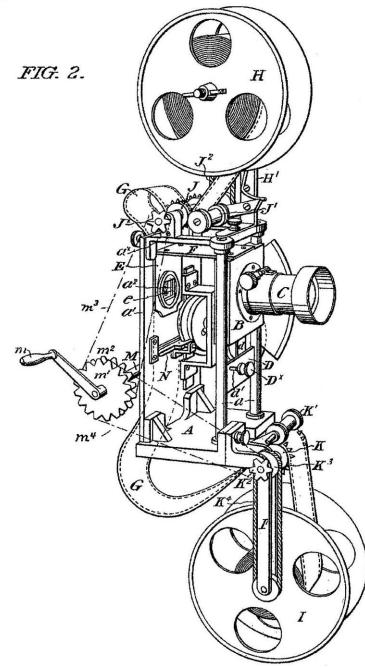
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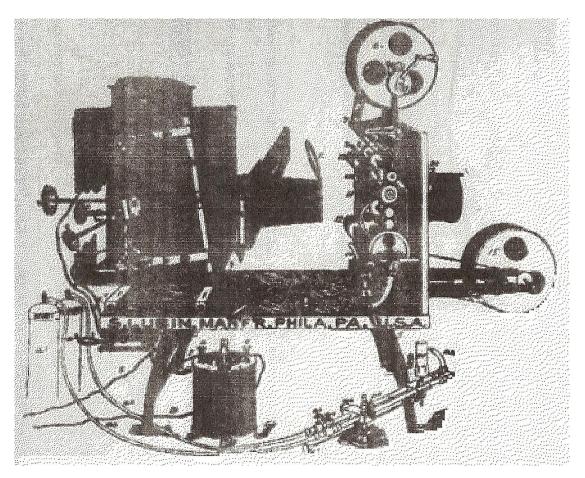
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Patent 645,9489 used for Lumiere type projectors

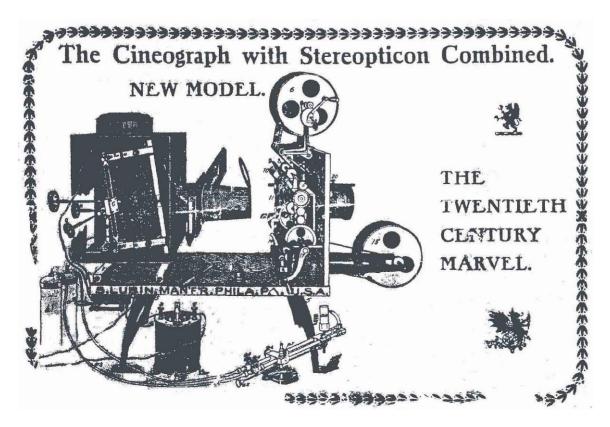
## III WOODEN FRONT (No wood on sides) 1902-1903

#### **1902 CINEOGRAPH WOOD FRONT**



1902 Cineograph Courtesy Carey Williams

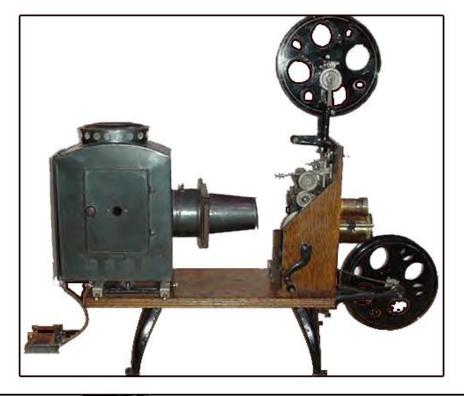
#### **1903 CINEOGRAPH WOOD FRONT**

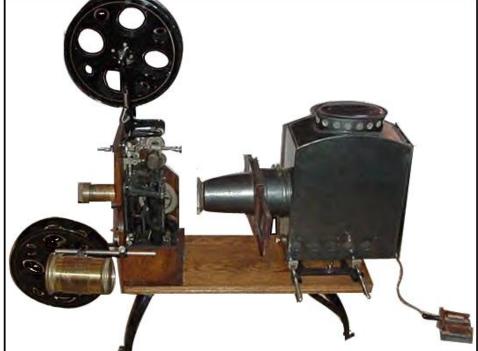


This is the earliest dated add showing a "wooden" Cineograph From a 1903 Lubin catalog from the collection in the International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House Courtesy Carey Williams

# IV WOODEN CASE 1903-1908 (?)

#### **1904 LUBIN WOODEN CASE PROJECTORS**



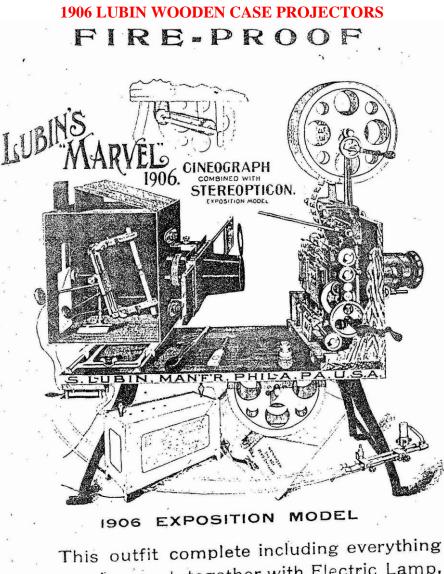


1904 Lubin movie projector no serial number Joseph P. Eckhartd collection ebay Item # 745502837, Dec 6, 2002.

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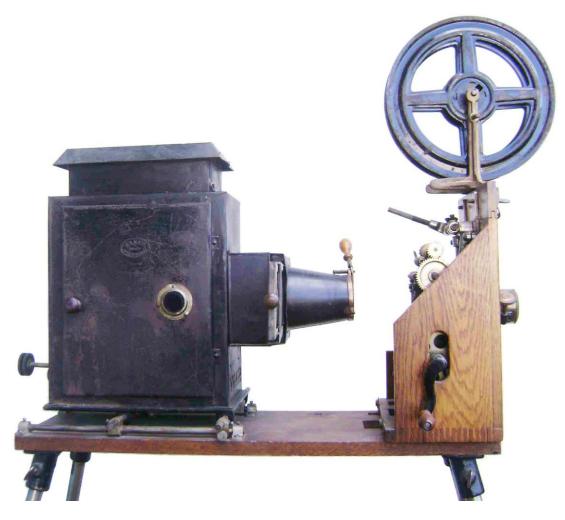
This outfit complete including everything seen on above cut, together with Electric Lamp, Fire-Proof Adjustable Rheostat for direct or alternating Current, also Calcium Light Lamp for Oxygen-Hydrogen Gas or Oxylithe

### The Whole Complete Outfit for \$85

In this 1906 catalog, of which I have a photocopy of all of its 16 pages there is no all metal Projector offered. In the "Directions for Setting Up and Operating the "MARVEL" Cineograph with Stereopticon Combined" also dated 1906 it illustrates the "wooden" Cineograph. The wooden projector is advertised in the 1907 and 1908 catalogs along with the metal Projector.

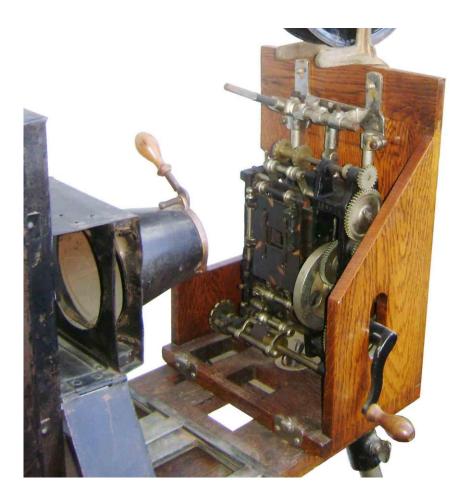
Courtesy Carey Williams Archives

#### LUBIN WOODEN CASE PROJECTORS



Lubin movie projector serial number 2832 Soterios Gardiakos collection

#### LUBIN WOODEN CASE PROJECTORS



Lubin, 35 mm projector, serial number 2832 detail Soterios Gardiakos collection

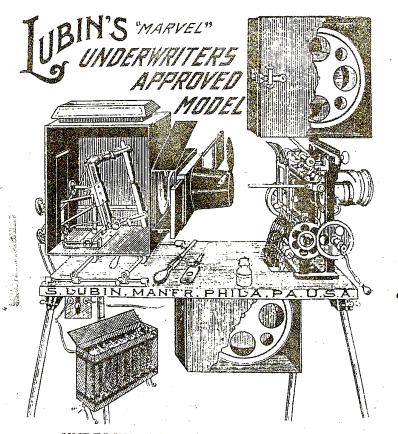
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Lubin, 35 mm projector, serial number 2832 detail Soterios Gardiakos collection

# V ALL METAL 1907-1909/10

#### **1907 LUBIN ALL METAL PROJECTOR**



#### UNDERWRITERS' APPROVED MODEL

Equipped with improved Fire Magazines, Automatic Fire Shutter and Automatic Fire Shield (Lubin's Patent). Asbestos covered Wire Connections, new improved Lamp-House, new style Fire-proof Rheostat, improved Electric Lamp.

Approved and recommended by the Philadelphia and other Departments of Public Safety and the Fire Marshal for absolute Safety and Protection against Fire.

Complete as above together with Electric Lamp and Adjustable Rheostat for direct or alternating current, including Hard Wood Polished Carrying Case for the Mechanism, Two Reels, Sorew Driver, Oil Can and Film Cement, equipped with Adjustable Bicycle Steel Legs 5145.00 which can be raised to over 5 feet high



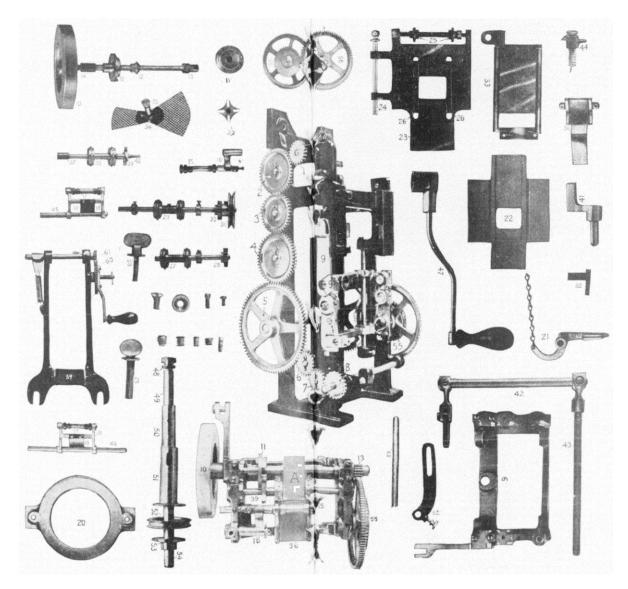
I have photocopies of two 1907 dated Lubin catalogs.

The first and larger of the two catalogs is dated June 1907 and features only the wooden model of the Lubin Cineograph.

The second catalog dated December 1907 features the all metal "Underwriters Approved Model" projector and I assume that this is the first year the all metal Projectors started to be manufactured.

Courtesy Carey Williams archives

## 1907 LUBIN ALL METAL PROJECTOR



1907 parts catalog

### **1907 LUBIN ALL METAL PROJECTORS**

1. Feed Sprocket Gear	\$ .35
2. Intermittent gear	\$ .65
3. Intermittent Gear	\$ .50
4. intermittent gear	\$ .75
5. Left Driving Gear	\$ 1.00
6 & 7. Intermittent Gearseach	\$ .35
8. Take up Sprocket Gear	\$ .50
9. Framing Carriage	
10. Fly Wheel	\$ 1.00
11. Pin Wheel or Geneva Driver	\$ 1.50
12. Shutter Gears	\$ .50
13. Pin Wheel Driving Gear	\$ .50
14. Plain Bushing	\$ .20
15. Rollers	each .20
16. Roller Bracket	\$ .75
17. Roller Collar	\$ .10
18. Take-up Roller Bracket	\$ 1.00
19. Bracket Spring	\$ .05
20. Moving Picture Lens Flange Collar	\$ .50
21. Automatic Shutter Lift and Chain	\$ 1.50
22. Aperture Plate	\$1.25
23. Film Gate or Door	\$ 1.50
24. Door Pin	\$ .25
25. Door Rollers	each .20
26. Film Tension Springs	pair .15
27. Top Feed Sprocket, Brass	\$ 1.50
27a. Top Feed Sprocket, Steel	\$ 2.50
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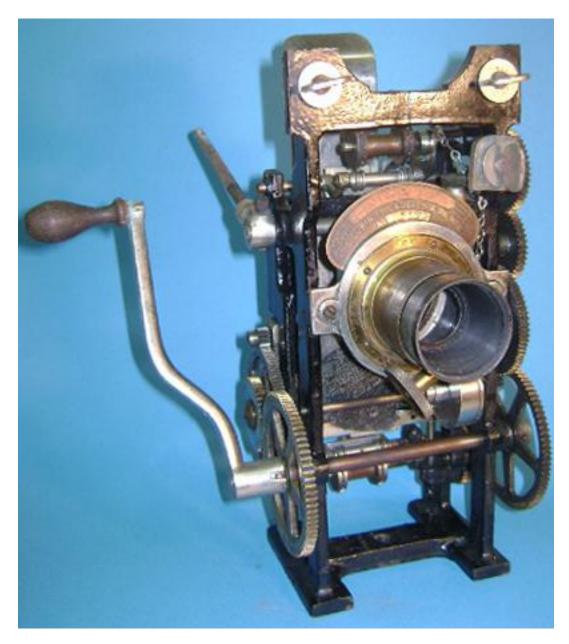
32. Center Bracket Spring\$.50
33. Automatic fire protector\$ 2.25
34. Shutter with Wings\$ 1.00
35. Shutter Gear, with shaft\$.75
36. Film Guard\$ .50
37. Eccentric Bushing\$\$.25
38. Intermittent Sprocket Steel\$ 2.50
39. Intermittent Sprocket, Brass\$ 1.50
40. Star Wheel Shaft\$.75
41. Stereopticon Bracket Holder\$ .75
42. Carriage Lift\$ 1.50
43. Carriage Lifter\$.25
44. Door Lock\$ .75
45. Bottom Bracket Shaft\$\$.25
46. Top Bracket Shaft\$.35
47. Machine Crank\$ .75
48. Machine crank screw\$ .25
49. Main Driving Shaft\$ 1.25
50. Crank Friction Sleeve\$.75
51. Outer Crank Sleeve\$ 1.25
52. Friction Pulley\$ 1.00
53. Friction Cam\$ 1.00
54. Main Driving Shaft\$ 1.25
55. Combination Driving Gear\$ 1.50
56. Main Driving Gear\$ 1.00
57. Thumb Screw for the Head-board\$ .10
58. Screw for the Film Magazines\$.10
59. Reel Winder Frame\$
60. Reel Winder Gear and Crank\$ 1.00
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## **1908 LUBIN ALL METAL PROJECTORS**

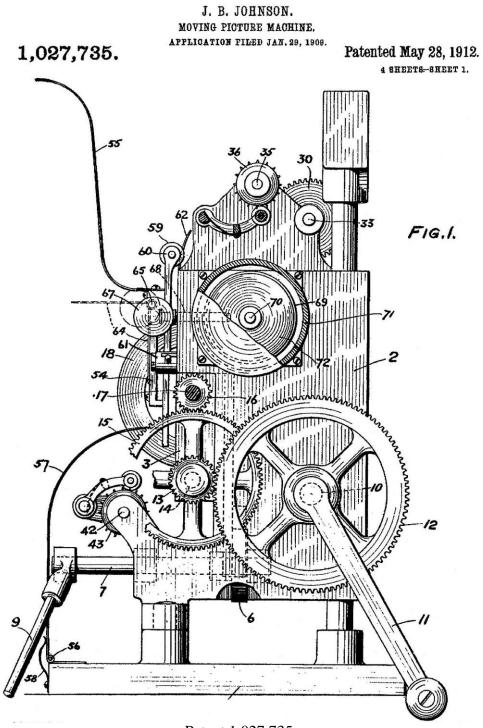


1908 Lubin Catalog

## LUBIN ALL METAL PROJECTORS



Lubin all metal movie projector serial number 5473 Soterios Gardiakos collection

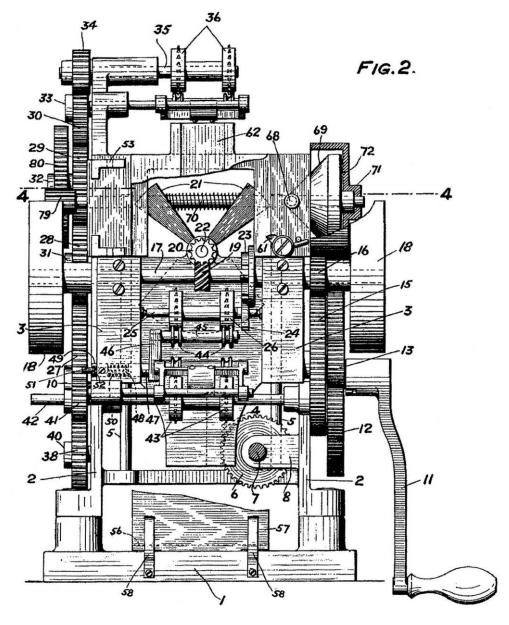


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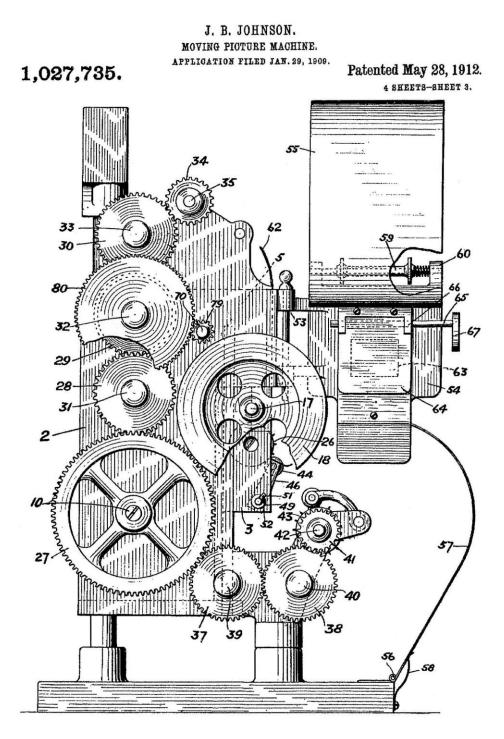
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## VI SOME LUBIN CAMERAS

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The Lubin Company in the Southwest 1912-1913 Images from the collection of Jean Fulton Grand daughter of P. J. MaCoffray Lubin Cameraman 1907-1918 Courtesy Professor George C. Hall

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