IT is the year 1880. The penny-farthing bicycle is all the rage. Down in the village of Wakeham there is to be a big race, with 500 guineas and a gold cup for the winner. The lady of Wakeham Manor, Miss Broadbent, orders her solicitor, Septimus Earwicker, to make a valuation of all her property—a worrying development for her steward, George Davenport, who has been indulging in a little embezzlement. Davenport sees a way out of his difficulties if he can win the race, which would clear his immediate debts and give him a better chance of marrying Grace, Miss Broadbent's ward. He has, however, a rival in Tom Blake, who is handsome and strong—but just a blacksmith. Tom is secretly inventing a new type of cycle driven by chain and sprocket. Unfortunately Earwicker finds out about it and in his enthusiasm broadcasts the news far and wide. Davenport, who has secured a famous rider and has backed him for all he is worth, decides on desperate measures. The result is that one morning Tom finds his bicycle smashed to pieces. Miss Broadbent, however, tells Tom to work day and night on a new one.

On the day of the race a cheer goes up when Tom Blake wheels out his finished machine. Davenport is nonplussed, but then remembers a rule that no artisan can ride in the race. Earwicker comes to Tom's rescue, and the race is on. Earwicker struggles manfully against the foes of Davenport's rider, and it is a ding-dong battle. Davenport, desperate, goes to a bridge to stop Earwicker winning by force. Tom follows, and throws Davenport in the river just in time to let Earwicker ride to victory. Tom is on the way to being a rich man with his invention, and enrolls Grace in his arms.

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"RIDING HIGH"

CLAUDE DAMPIER STARS IN UPROARIOUS COMEDY

Millions of listeners who have heard Claude Dampier on the radio must have wished for more chances of seeing him on the screen. Now he can be seen in one of Britain's best comedies, "Riding High," which is being shown at the ....... Theatre on .......... 

Against a gay 'eighties setting, Claude takes the part of a village solicitor whose well-meaning foolishness is continually getting him—and others—into trouble. But finally he comes out on top and is the means of uniting the village lovers and uncovering the dastardly scheme of the local villain.

Here is simple comedy at its very best. George King, so long famous for the great dramas he has produced—films like "Candlelight in Algeria," "To-morrow We Live," and, of course, the popular Tod Slaughter melodramas, has switched to comedy very successfully indeed, and the director too, David MacDonald, who has usually been associated with thrillers and documentaries—he produced the world-famous "Desert Victory"—proves that he can be just as successful with a comedy as he has been with all his other films.

Claude Dampier's co-star, Helen Haye, surely needs no introduction to the filmgoing public. Her performances in "The Man in Grey," "Dear Octopus" and "Fanny by Gaslight," have justly placed her in the ranks of Britain's leading actresses.

The two lovers are played by John Garrick and Kathleen Gibson, while John Warwick, Peter Gawthorne, Billy Merson and the Georgian Singers stand out in supporting roles.

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Claude Dampier, the famous comedian of the radio and stage has the leading role in "Riding High," the Renown release which comes to the .......... Theatre on .......... for a run of .......... days. He has the role of a village solicitor in the gay, good old days towards the end of the last century, and finds himself in the midst of a piece of dark villainy which threatens the happiness of two village lovers, and—strange as it may seem—the future of the then new invention, the bicycle!

The story is a most colourful one, and gives plenty of opportunity for Claude's unique brand of fooling, even though Mrs. Gibson is absent from the plot! Patrons of the .......... Theatre need not, however, worry on that score, for the cast contains many brilliant names, including Helen Haye, with John Garrick, Kathleen Gibson, Billy Merson and John Warwick. David MacDonald who made "This Man is News" and "Left of the Line," directed.

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"Riding High," the next attraction at the .......... Theatre provides filmgoers with an opportunity of seeing an old favourite, John Garrick. He is not very often seen on the screen these days, and his many fans will doubtless welcome the opportunity of watching their favourite once again.

Garrick was born in Brighton in 1902, and educated at the Brighton College. Then he went to Australia where he appeared on the stage in the famous "Rose Marie" for two years. Back in England again, he appeared in such plays as "The Desert Song," "Laughing Cavalier," "Katia" and "The Dancer." He has a fine singing voice as well as a generous share of acting ability and good looks, so naturally it was not long before the film producers began to take an interest in him. He appeared in such productions as "Bad Company," "Charlie Chan Carries On," "A Woman Alone," "Broken Melody," "Ciao Ciao Chow" and the early Amari Rank picture "Turn of the Tide." One of his most recent successes was in "The Great Victor Herbert," like many of his biggest hits, a musical, though he has by no means permitted himself to be "types" in that sort of film.

He drew the role of hero and shares the honours with Claude Dampier, one of Britain's leading radio and screen comedians, in "Riding High" which is released through Renown Pictures.

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