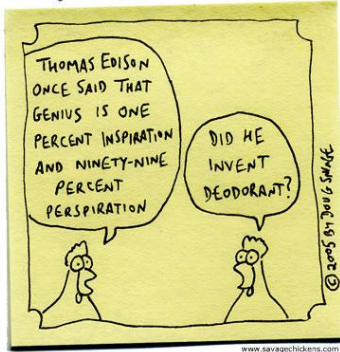


Film as Lit Mr. Turtola

Film Notes: Innovations and History of Film

Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



Edison

Thomas Alva Edison- regarded as the “Wizard of Menlo Park” (moniker)

Important inventions:

- Universal Stock Ticker
- 1st to record sound
- Incandescent light bulb
- 1st camera- Kinetoscope- use was limited- bulky, not portable, only one viewer at a time

Awards- the Congressional Gold medal for his inventions that revolution civilization on the last century

Lumiere Brothers- Auguste and Louis

Camera- Cinematographie- quite an improvement over Edison’s Kinetoscope-

Advantages:

- smaller,
- lightweight
- images could be projected for more than one viewer

Was a combination of camera, printer and projector

Most famous film – *Workers Leaving the Lumiere Factory (La Sortie de usings Lumiere (1894))*

The theaters where they showed their films became known as Cinemasa



Edwin S. Porter- The Great Train Robbery (1903)

1st American Company to work with-
Vitascope Marketing Company

Credited with the 1st Western film
Films benefitted from:

- strong story lines
- Well-composed, sophisticated camera work
- Excellent dramatic climax

Great Train Robbery has:

- sophisticated panning shots
- created two western film clichés- shooting at someone's feet to make him dance and a gun shooting directly at the camera
- color is painted on the actual film strips



Melies- A Trip to the Moon (*Le Voyage dans la Lune* 1902)- 1st Sci-Fi film

Principle contributions to cinema- a combination of traditional theatrical element and spectacle

Discovered special effects because his camera jammed- objects suddenly appeared, disappeared or were transformed into other objects

Credited with:

- 1st double exposure
- 1st split screen
- 1st dissolve