

## **Broadways**

### **"Ragtime-Buffalo Nickel Photoplay, Inc"**

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Anyone can get lucky in America. I remind myself of  
this  
every day.

The first nickel I ever earned,  
I keep in a little silver frame.  
It's how I gave my company a name.  
Reminding me how very far I came!

I was a  
Maker of the silhouettes  
Who made a small improvement-  
A little book of silhouettes  
That simulated movement!  
Well, people seemed to like it.  
Soon the money's going clink!  
And I'm Buffalo Nickel Photoplay, Inc.!

I go from  
Silhouettes to photos,  
I invent a small projector,  
And soon, I'm making movies  
And they're calling me director!  
An industry is dawning  
And I'm standing on the brink-  
Mister Buffalo Nickel Photoplay, Inc.!

Life shines from the shadow screen,  
Comical, yet infintely true.  
People love to see what people do,  
Here where everyone os someone new!

Such tales from the shadow screen!  
Little men who never get the breaks,  
Fighting on till something fin'lly takes-  
What a lovely movie it all makes!

Well, business is booming  
I'm happy to say.  
I just made a contract

To film for Pathe;  
A series of chapters  
That end in suspense.  
Each week, see what's next  
For another five cents!

And I am  
Waking every morning  
Filled with such anticipation!  
I frame the sea,  
I frame the sky,  
And this is my vacation!  
I shake you hand,  
I kiss your hand,  
I buy you all a drink!  
And maybe if you chance to see  
A movie that was made by me,  
Remember when my name goes by  
(That's ASH-K-E-N-A-Z-Y)  
The baron, now American,  
Who happened once to think  
Of silhouette  
And flicker book  
And movies as they're  
Meant to look  
And Buffalo Nickel...  
Buffalo Nickel Photoplay, Inc.!  
Action!

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