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The vivacious, Parisian-born Claudette Colbert was one of America's highest-paid and most popular actresses during her sixty-year career on stage, films, and television. Her popular "screwball comedies" enchanted movie audiences, and her classic performance as the fleeing heiress in *It Happened One Night* (1934) earned her an Academy Award. Although she continued to star in comedies, she was also an Oscar-nominee for the dramatic film *Since You Went Away* (1944). Her most talked-about scene was the milk bath in *The Sign of the Cross.* In the 1950s she returned to Broadway, and, still active in her eighties, starred in a television miniseries in 1987. She was honored with an award for lifetime achievement at Kennedy Center in 1989.

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