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One of the pioneering actresses of silent film, Dorothy Gish starred in over 20 films directed by legendary filmmaker D. W. Griffith. Like her older sister and co-star, Lillian, Gish played roles that embodied Griffith's vision of ideal womanhood—charming, chaste, and strong-willed. In particular, Gish earned acclaim for her comic portrayal of "The Little Disturber" in Griffith's *Hearts of the World* (1918) and as the blind Louise in *Orphans of the Storm* (1921). Even though Gish left film for a successful stage career in the 1930s, in the eyes of the public she remained forever Griffith's *gamine.*

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