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This picture shows Opera being performed in a teahouse during the Guangxu reign period (1875-1908) of the Qing Dynasty.



Peking Opera orchestras were located at the back of the stage in the early days.





The 13 leading Peking Opera actors during the reign of emperors Tongzhi and Guangxu (1862-1908).



One table, two chairs and a bed-curtain – a typical sparse Peking Opera stage setting.





Grandfather Mei Qiaoling.



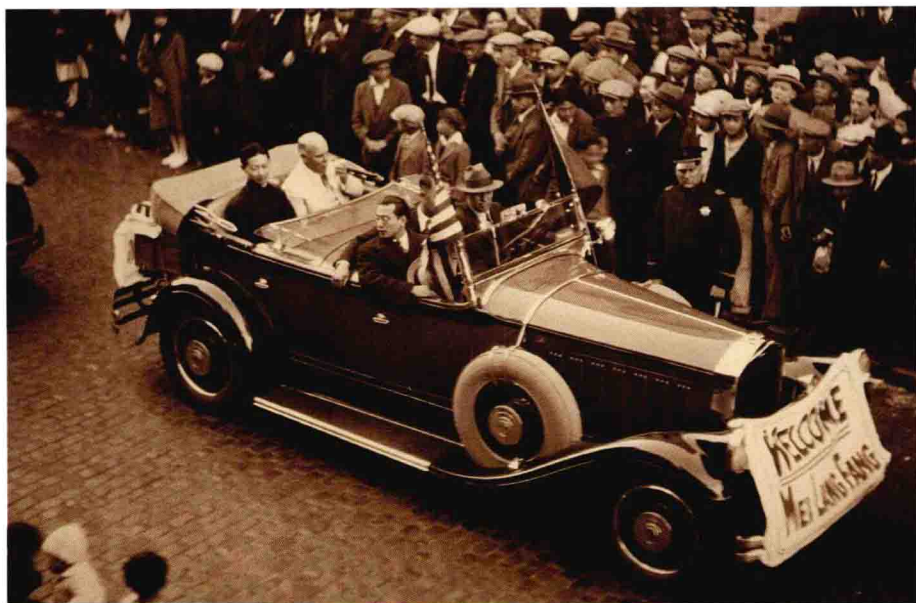
Mei Qiaoling in the role of Dowager Xiao.



Mei Lanfang and his teacher Wu Lingxian.



Mei Lanfang at the age of 9.



Mei Lanfang's arrival in San Francisco during his U.S. tour in 1930. Mayor James Rolph Jr, escorted him from railway station to the Capitol Theatre where a meeting of welcome was held.



With Japanese actors and actresses (1919).



Mei Lanfang and Mayor Ralph Jr. of San Francisco.



The certificate of Litt. D. Diploma conferred on Mei Lanfang from the Pomona College.



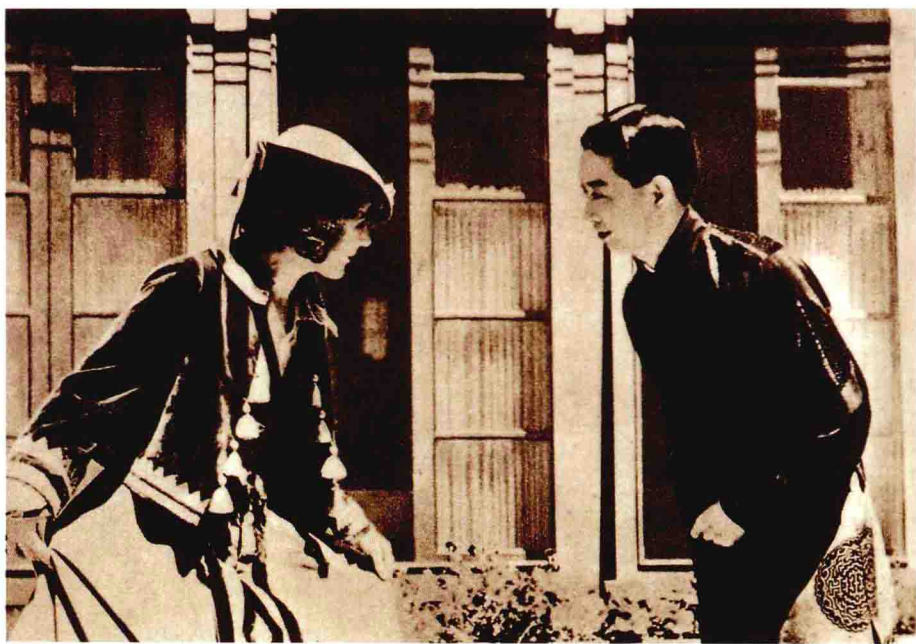
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Mei Lanfang's visit to Japan in 1956.

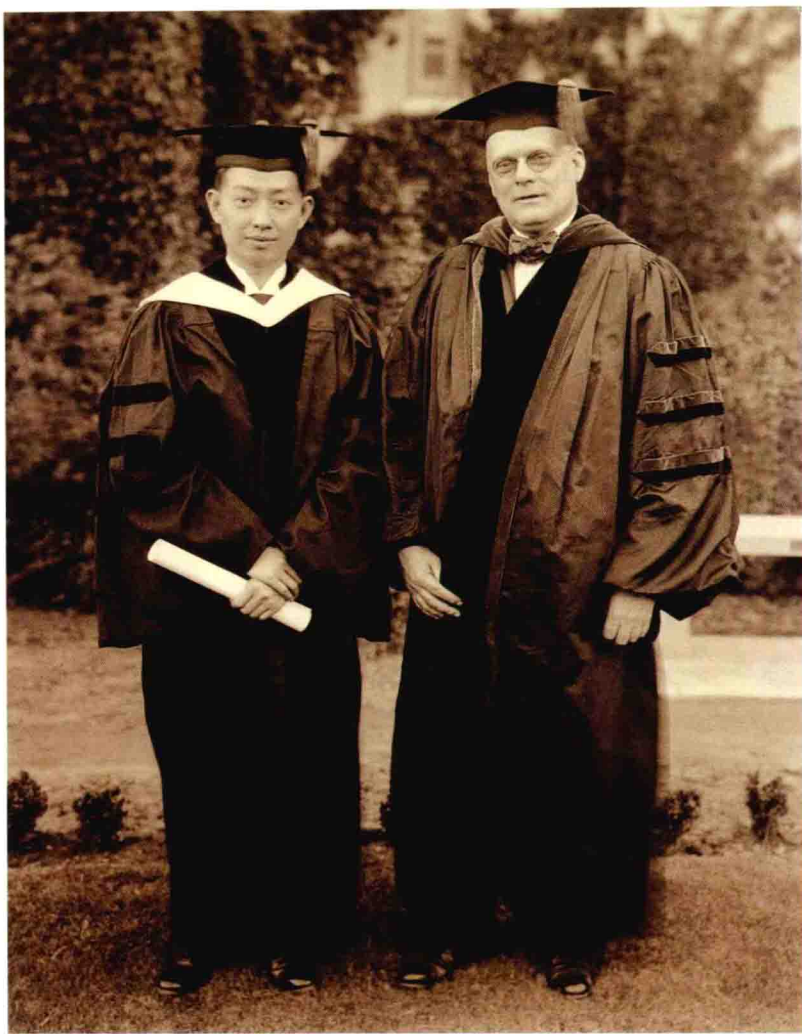




Mei Lanfang and Mary Pickford, an American film star.



Mei Lanfang and Charles Chaplin.



Mei Lanfang poses with the president of Pomona College after receiving an honorary doctorate from the college.