The Story of Comfort Air Conditioning

Part-2 The Air Conditioned Building, 1900-1939

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2.22 One view of supplying cold air at the cinemagoers feet, c.1922.
2.23 The “upside down” system of cinema air conditioning with by-pass control, 1922. First used at Grauman’s Metropolitan Theatre, Los Angeles.
2.24 The air conditioned Tower Theatre, Los Angeles, 1926.
2.25 The air conditioned Los Angeles Theatre, 1931.
2.26 Centrifugal water chiller at the Palace Theatre in Dallas, 1924.
2.27 The Rivoli Theatre in New York had its ventilation system replaced by air conditioning, 1925.
2.28 Warners’ Theatre, New York, 1926 at the opening of “Don Juan” which had a pre-recorded music score thus predating the first talkie “The Jazz Singer.” Note the sign, complete with icicles, under the canopy “Refrigerated Washed Air.”
2.29 The Paramount Theatre (the canopy is visible lower left street level) in the Paramount Building, New York, air conditioned in 1926.
2.30 The air conditioned 6000 plus seat Roxy, New York, 1926 (now demolished).