John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera
Indoor Games

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These boxes contain mounted playing cards, rules and advertisements. There are many other sections of indoor games, in John Johnson Collection Games folder, Artefacts and Card Games, and in the Douce Collection of early playing cards and tarot, the Ballam Collection of Board Games and Pastimes, the Mary Gardiner Collection of Happy Families and other card games, the Donald Welsh Collection of Playing Cards and Card Games. See our LibGuide: Games for Research, indexes for Named Collections, the Johnson online catalogue and Digital Bodleian.

The Indoor Games boxes are not catalogued or digitized

Extent: 6 boxes, shelfmarked Indoor Games 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9

**Box 1**
Playing cards
1400-1699

**Box 2**
Playing cards
1700-
Calling cards

**Box 3**
Transformation packs
Playing cards
History and manufacture
Illustrations
Card games
Bridge
Whist

**Box 4**
Card games
Animal Grab
Billiards
Cheery Families
Depechey
Happy Families (2)
Jungle Jinks see Peter Pan
Musical Snap
Peter Pan: mounted with Jungle Jinks
Racing Nap
Snap
Snip-Snap see Stop-Thief
Spin
Stop-Thief and Snip-Snap
Tratrako

Card Houses
Forty Tricks with Cards

Advertisements for Card Games
Jaques’ Card Games

Books about Card Games
Hoyles Games (prospectuses)

Articles
Card Conundrums

Chess and draughts
Chinese "sensitive" leaves
Invitations
Puzzles
Mathematical
Words
Conundrums and riddles
Cut-outs and line-drawing
Puzzle Postcard Scorers
Misc.

Tricks
Optical
Magic
Shadows
Jokes

Box 5
Various games and toys
Ahoy series (Ship Ahoy. Round the island yacht race. Flotilla. Drake
Air Gun
Alfred the Great or Turning the Cakes (rules)
All in a Row (advertisement)
Animals (The new game of Animals) (advertisement)
Aphoton (rules): mounted with Sea & Land
Attracto or Catch’em (rules): mounted with Skidula
Bagatelle (La Bagatelle) (rules)
Bagatelle Tables (Mechi: advertisements)
Bakato (rules)
Ballatto (rules) see Football
Bankerette (rules)
Base Ball (rules)
Basilisk Bowl and Ball Game (rules)
Batalla (rules) see Revolvit
Bell and Hammer see Schimmell
Bid (advertisement)
Birds Fly see Round Games
Blind Man’s Buff (print)
Blind Postman, the see Round Games
Blowing the Feather see Round Games
Boom (rules)
Boscobel (rules)
Boulet (rules)
Bowlett (rules) see Revolvit
Boycott (rules)
Brinco (rules) see Football
Bunny (rules)
Calvary Game (rules)
Catecheticals (advertisement)
Cathode (rules)
Chasing De Wet (rules)
Children’s Hour see Envelope of loose items
Clock Golf (rules) see Tuball
Cockamaroo (rules)
Conqueror (rules)
Crickette (rules)
Cycle Tour (rules): mounted with Peggitto
Cyco (rules)
Diskus (rules)
Dolphin (rules)
Dominettes (rules)
Drake see Ahoy series
Egg & Spoon race (rules): mounted with Married First
Expert Angler
Fanorona (rules)
Fighting for the Standard (rules): mounted with Repeller
Fireside Footer (rules)
Flipperty Flop (rules)
Flotilla see Ahoy series
Flying Scot see Stop and Go
Football (rules): mounted with Brinco and Ballatto
Forfeits (rules)
Forts (rules)
Four Pegs (rules)
Goodchild Family at Home, The (advertisement)
Goose (article)
Gordon-Bennett Motor Race (rules)
Gordon Kitchener or The conquest of the Soudan (rules)
Gostopo (label + rules)
Grip (rules)
Halma (rules) x 2
Halma (lid, mounted)
Halma (rules): mounted with Forts
Halma (rules): see Yankee Letter Blocks
Hand see Round Games
Hi-Shi card skimmer (advertisement)
Hockeyana (rules)
House of Commons (rules) see Jo-ho
How’s That (rules)
Hunter, the see Round Games
Indoor Clock Golf (rules) see Tuball
Intrigue (rules)
Jo-Ho (rules): mounted with House of Commons and Match’em
Kari-Kari (rules)
Kharbo (rules) see Table Football
Kik (rules) see Table Football
Kings game (rules)
King’s Kraal (rules)
Kites (patent portable kites) (advertisement)
Knockemoff (rules)
Land and Water (rules)
Lawyer, the see Round Games
Letter Bags (rules): mounted with Where’s the Queen
Lifeboat Race (rules): mounted with Ludalma
Little Marvel (parlour steam engine) (advertisement)
Ludalma (rules)
Manchester Ship Canal game (see Tantaluso)
Magic Bags (rules): mounted with Skidula
Majors (advertisement) see Stop and Go
Marbatelle (rules)
Mark Over (advertisement)
Married First or Wedding Bells (rules) see Egg & Spoon Race
Match’em (rules) see Jo-ho
Merelles (rules)
Missing Word (rules): mounted with Spellit
Mississippi (rules)
Monte Carlo (rules)
Nap (rules) see Yankee Letter Blocks
Neuclid (rules)
Nurky or Ducks and Drake (rules)
Ocean Yacht Race (rules)
Omnibus (rules)
Opengoal (rules) see Table Football
Panko
Parlour Football (rules)
Parlour Quoits (rules)
Peggitto or Reverse Pegs
Piladex or Hand-Ball (rules)
Pin-it (advertisement)
Plasticine (price list)
Pope Joan (rules)
Quadrilles (rules)
For Quartetts see Catecheticals (advertisement)
Queen Mary Ahoy! (advertisement)
For Quintets see Catecheticals (advertisement)
Quota
Repeller (rules)
Retruco (advertisement)
Revolvit (rules): mounted with Ringtall, Bowlette and Batalla
Rex Ring (rules)
Ring Quoits
Ringolette (rules)
Rings Off, Rings On (rules)
Ringtail (rules) see Revolvit
Rotarium (rules)
Round Games (rules): Hand; Blowing the Feather; The Blind Postman;
The Hunter; Searching by Music; The Lawyer; Birds Fly
Round the Island Yacht Race see Ahoy series
Sans Egal (rules)
Schmimmell or Bell and Hammer (rules)
Scoring Board (rules) see Ahoy series
Scura (rules) see Spinette
Sea & Land (rules) (mounted with Aphton)
Searching by Music see Round Games
Shan-tu (rules)
Ship Ahoy
Ship Canal (the game of the) (rules)
Skidula (rules)
Skill Pool (rules)
Slipperette (rules) see Envelope of loose items
Snapshots (rules)
Solitaire (rules)
Solitaire with glass balls (diagram and tables)
South African Diplomacy
Spellit (rules) see Missing Word
Sphinx (rules) see Yankee Letter Blocks
Spider and the Flies (rules)
Spinette (rules): mounted with Scura
Stag Hunting (the great) (rules)
Sticke (rules)
Stop and Go (advertisement): mounted with Majors and Flying Scot
Swiss-Tivoli Game (rules)
Table Football (rules): mounted with Kharbo, Kik and Opengoal
Tantaluso (rules)
Terrestrial Humming-Top. Mamma’s first lesson in Geography
Togo (rules)
Travelling (Reis- en Omnibusspel)
Trip Trap (rules)
Tritetts see Catecheticals (advertisement)
Trouwadame see Mississippi
Tuball (rules): mounted with Clock Golf, Indoor Clock Golf
Urania’s Mirror or, a View of the Heavens (prospectus): see also Games Drawers
Velocipede (American velocipede) (advertisement)
Voco & Numo (rules)
Warri-Warri (rules)
Where’s the Queen? (rules) see Letter Bags
Whiff-Waff, or Table Badminton (rules)
Wimbledon Game (advertisement)
Yacht Race Game (rules)
Yankee Doodle (rules)
Yankee Letter Blocks (advertisement): mounted with Halma, The Sphinx, Nap
Yo-Yo (advertisement)

Articles
Old Dolls by Mrs. F. Nevill Jackson
Old Toys by Mrs. F. Nevill Jackson

Prints
Unidentified game see Envelope of loose items
Misc Prints

[NO BOXES 6-8]

Box 9

Tutti Gli Sports - picture book

Board games
Fold-up paper chess board and pieces to cut out and glue to make chessmen
Our Village - a game - board, instructions, tickets and spinning top (Standring & Co., London, 1860)
Roarem castle - a game - board, instructions, counters, and spinning top (Standring & Co., London, 1860)
The Little Dickey Birds Game - board, instructions, counters and a spinning top (Standring & Co., London, 1860)
Game of Besieging/ Belagerungs Spiel/ Jeu de Siege - board in slip case

Plays (see also Miniature Theatre)
Aladdin; or, the wonderful lamp: a romantic drama in two acts (Webb's Juvenile Drama), [Webb, London]
Cinderella: a fairy play in three acts
Harlequin Jack and the Beanstalk, or the Pranks of the Good Little Fairies (Webb's Juvenile Drama) [Webb, London] (2 copies)
The Red Rover: a juvenile drama in two acts (Park's edition) [Mathews, London]
The Waterman: or, the First of August, in two acts (Pollock's Juvenile Drama) [Pollock, London]
Popular Theatricals (wrapper only)

Models (paper)
Bishop’s Models [Bishop, London]
Going to church working model village
Model village wake or statute fair
Our pretty model village
Working model organman and dancing monkey
The little builder of How a child may make a cardboard village without using any adhesive material. London, Ward & Lock, [1860]
Ingram's models [Ingram, London]
A Fishmonger's shop
A Model school house

Models (bricks)
Wenebrix, An instructive architectural toy

Advertisements (for games etc.)
Alma Bazaar and General Toy Warehouse
H.P. Gibson & Sons Ltd The Big Four. Four great games you should play
John Heywood New Game List. Season 1897-1898
Jacques’ Games [Nov. 1894]
Leopold Liebscher (Das Spielwaaren-Magazin). Trade card
The Multum in Parvo Co. Ltd List of Indoor Games, List of Games
James Portland Coronation Year
Robert Ross New Games 1935 or late 1934
John Scott Rational Amusements for the Year 1797
Smith’s Wonderful Novelties
Steiff Neues und Schones von Steiff [1938?]

Catalogues (of games etc.)
Barnum's catalogue for dances, carnivals ... children’s parties ... etc" James, J.M. Winter amusements : catalogue of games etc., sold by J.M. James, Tewkesbury"
Owen Owen Ltd. London Road, Liverpool
F. Ad. Richter & Cie. Catalogue (damaged) January 1886
Tan-Sad & Babette British made Wheel Toys
Wm Wilson & Sons Wholesale Price List of the Famous Silver Cross Strong Toys

Books of game(s) etc.

Single games
Key to the Interrogatory History Game of England (2nd ed.) [Betts, London, 1831]
The Old Family Coach: an amusing game for a large party of children [Jarrold, London]
Explanation to Wallis's elegant and instructive game, exhibiting The Wonders of Nature in each quarter of the world [Wallis, London]

**Compendia**
Cole's intellect sharpener and family amuser: containing 2,000 choice riddles and 500 amusing puzzles and games [Cole, Melbourne]
The Sphinx: a monthly periodical of double acrostics (October and November 1866, Nos.2 and 3) [Simpkin, Marshall & Co., London]
Indoor Games for Children by Oliver Merland (Household Series)
Indoor Games (Bowman Publisher)
Miscellaneous
How to make money by writing Limericks (R.O.T., or Piper's Pie (October 12, 1907)

*See also* Games folder and Indoor Games and Dancing folder