John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera
London Play Places

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Extent: 12 boxes and 12 Entertainments folders

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Alexandra Palace: 1871, 72, 76, 77, 78, 79, 98, 99, 1900, 03, 05, n.d.
Aquarium (Royal Aquarium, Westminster): 1876, 77, 78, 80, 84, 85, 86, 87, 90, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 1903
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Astley’s Royal Saloon

Box 2
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London Crystal Palace: 1876
New Royal Bazaar, Leicester Square: 1830
Queen’s: 1836-8
Royal Victoria Bazaar, Holborn: 1834
British Institution (Illustration published by R Ackermann’s Repository of Arts): 1808
Bullock Museum (see also Egyptian Hall)
Cider Cellars, Covent Garden
Cole Hole Tavern, Fountain Court, Strand: 1853, n.d.
Colosseum

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  Programmes, handbills etc: 1856, 67, 81, 82, 84, 87, n.d.
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Cremorne Gardens: 1850, 52, 57, 60, 77, n.d.
Crown and Anchor, Strand: 1840
Cupers Gardens: 1879, n.d.
Exeter Hall: 1836, 38, 50, 51, n.d.
Fitzroy Arms: 1854
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  Island of St Helena Tea Gardens: 1780
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Myddelton Hall: 1856
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Royal Albert Music Hall: 1888
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   General: n.d.
   Auction catalogue: 1873
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   General
   Auction catalogue
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Parks: 1858, 60, 91, 1908, n.d.
Polytechnic Institution: 1866/7, n.d.

Prospectuses
Exhibition Rooms: 1850
General Exhibition Company: 1856
Glaciarium and Frozen Lake: n.d
Indian Collection and Museum of Mankind: 1850
National Repository for the exhibition of specimens of new and improved productions of the artisans and manufacturers of the United Kingdom: 1829
Panarmonicon: 1829
Royal Elysium: 1812
Ranelagh Park: 1750, 1791
Misc Rooms:
  Hickford Rooms
  Kendall House
  Large Rooms (parody of advertisement for a Room)
  Lisle Street, Leicester Square
  Macklin’s Great Room
  Nathan’s Assembly Rooms
  People’s Palace
  Polygraphic Rooms
  Salle de M. Robin
  Misc.
Rosherville Gardens/Kent Zoological and Botanic Gardens
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- Illustrations: 1841, 43, 48, 93, n.d.
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