

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera Magic and Mystery

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For the 19th century, catalogue records (only) are on the [John Johnson Collection online catalogue](#). Records and images are on [The John Johnson Collection: an archive of printed ephemera](#) (JISC-funded project, partnered by ProQuest).

Additionally, some material is available through Adam Matthew Digital. Defining Gender, 1450-1910 <http://www.gender.amdigital.co.uk/> (Section III: Consumption and Leisure).

Extent: 4 boxes

Box 1

Conjuring and Illusions

Advertisements and Programmes (alphabetically by artist)

Professor M Adil - the Royal Magical Company of America (n.d)

Professor Anderson - at St. James' Hall (n.d):

 Note book

 Letter from Louise Anderson to G. Cruikshank

Signor Auricomato

Friar Bacon's Miracle

Signor Bosco

Mr Bradberry the Inventor

Mr Breslaw

Monsieur Chabert

Clark's Optical Exhibition

Clyte - or Thaumna Entirely Outdone with Madame Leva (1886)

Monsieur Cornillot

Henri Duvale - Professor of Legerdenrain, Humorist (1870)

Signor Entoni

Mr Victor L'Estrange the Conjuror

Monsieur Evanion - the Royal Conjuror and Humorist (1871):

 Programme and new clippings (1883)

 Something New Under the Sun (1889)

 Playbill (1892)

 Whit Monday gala at Dawlish (n.d)

Fanata - Magician and Musician (1903)

Professor Field - Veteran Conjuror (1900)

Herr Adalbert Firkell (1877)
 Hercat - Illusionist and Ventriloquist (n.d):
 Programme from the Free Trade Hall, Manchester (1891)
 Professor Herwinn - the Greta Magician (n.d)
 Mr Christopher Hilton - in "The Coming Race" (n.d)
 Professor Hiodini - "Wonders" (1882)
 L'Homme Masque - the Greatest Conjuror in the World (1899)
 Professor Richard Howard - Prestidigitateur (1880)
 Wilfred Hubbard - (n.d)
 Heinrick Hudson - The Spectre Buccaneer (1885)
 N.A Hunt Esq. - the Renowned Wizard of the North West Passage
 Ingleby, Thomas
 Mr Essler Kessen - (n.d)
 'Leah' - Maid of Mystery (n.d)
 Professor Lenton, with or without Master Frank the Thought Reading Boy (1899)
 'Lottina' - Sylph of the Air (n.d)
 Sylph of the Air (1886)
 With Professor Leon (1887)
 Dr Lynn - Anglo-Indian Entertainment (n.d)
 Maskelyne's Mysteries - various items

Box 2

Conjuring and Illusions continued

Advertisements and Programmes (alphabetically by artist)

Maskelyne's Mysteries - various items
 Mr Mason from Paris - (n.d)
 'Menetekel' - The Mystery of Babylon (1912)
 Catherine Mewis - account of how she "is deprived of her eyesight six days out of every seven" (1810)
 Mr & Mrs Morris - a display of conjuring (1877)
 Mr Charles Morrith - the Leading Wonder Worker of the World
 Mystic Muriel - 'Home of Mystery'
 Professor Oliver - the Great Wizard of the East (1873)
 Professor Palmer - with his Optical Ghost Illusion (1895)
 Pepper's Ghost - Various items
 Sarradoski - playbill in French
 Mr Charles Sinclair - The Wizard of All Wizards (1855)
 Hamilton Stodare - Wizard (1880)
 Monsieur Testot (n.d)
 Madame Thalia - The Royal Illusionist
 Monsieur Verbeck - assisted by Mlle. de Marguerite
 Mr Wewitzer - Apparitions (1802)
 Eric Williams - The Whimsical Wizard (n.d)

The Wizard of East Devon (1883), (1887)
The Wizard of the South (n.d)
The Wizard of Woking and East Surrey - 5 items (1870 - 1882)
Ye Wizarde (1883)
The Wizard - four page poem promoting the Bazaar Rooms.
Yugo - The Genuine Oriental Entertainer (1937)

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Advertisements and Programmes (alphabetically by venue)

Argyll Rooms (1829)
Cosmorama (1837)
Exhibition Rooms, 12 London Road, SW1
Leicester Square
Royal at Holborn
Royal Aquarium
Royal Cambridge Hall of Varieties
Sans Souci or the Theatre of Variety
South London Palace
Spring Gardens

Magic Circle and Magicians Club Programmes

Illustrations

Praestigical Sleights
Curious Bird
Chinese Magician Cutting a Boys Head Off
Mr. Henry's Conversazione
Four untitled drawings of conjurors
Xavier Chambert - portrait
The Fire Eater
Mr Ledbury has his Head Cut Off
The Dog and the Devil
Hieronymus Bosch
Conjuror's Casaques
Untitled cartoon

Box 3

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Articles

Booklets

Dreams

Figaro's Illustrated FortuneTeller.

The Dreamer's Companion

Escapology

Houdini's Newspaper Cuttings

Hypnotism

Signor Bosco

Ralph Slater

Booklet - Putting People to Sleep or in Deep Hypnosis

Mesmerism and Animal Magnetism

Cowper - The Benefits of Mesmerism (1850)

Mr Hale - animal Magnetism and Somnambulism (1850)

Mr Katterfelto - Lectures (1781 and 1783):

news cuttings (n.d)

satirical cartoon (1783)

solar Microscope (n.d)

J A Kennedy - mesmerist (n.d)

Mr Owen's Demonstrations on Mesmerism

Theodosius Purland - Mesmeric Tract number 6 (1856)

G W Stone - Electro-Biology (1837)

Mr Verbeck - Prestigiation and Mesmerism (1885 and 1886)

W J Vernon Esq. - Mesmeric Matinée

Leonard Wallington - mesmerist (trade card)

Telepathy

Mr Alfred Copper - Thought Reading Seance (1903)

The Chevalier Stuart Cumberland, F.R.G.S - Thought Reading

David Devant - Mind Pictures

Mr James Edwyns - Mind Revealing

Dr. Onofroff - Psycho-physiological Seance (1890)

Zanoni - the Olympian Mystic (1894)

Ventriloquism

Mr Henry du Brane - Ventriloquial and Mimetic Entertainment (1880)

Messers Bruce and Verne (n.d)

Lieutenant Walter Cole - King of Ventriloquists (1873 and 1881)

Gallaher's Performance (n.d)

Mr R J Golding (n.d)

Edgar Granville - humorous author, vocal illusionist, character delineator, instrumentalist, mimic and ventriloquist (1879)

Mr G Hodson (1854)

Mr Albert Jones (1878)

Mr Love - the Celebrated Ventriloquist's Polyphonic Entertainments (1854)

Alfred Montague and Jimmy (1913)

Mr T Newton (n.d)

Tervy Routledge (n.d)
Miss Emma Stanley (1873)
F D Studd (1901)
Signors Valentini (1840)
Mr Ireson H Woods (1892)

Box 4

Ventriloquism - Booklets, Articles, Letters and Miscellaneous Items

Miscellaneous

See also

Entertainments folders (arranged by venue)