



Object Factsheets for loan box

VICTORIAN TOYS 9B

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Lead Toy



- Lead toys were very popular during Victorian times
- Victorians did not know lead was poisonous
- Lead was used as it was a cheap and widely available metal



Happy Families



- Card games were often played in the evenings in Victorian homes
- Packs of cards could be made at home
- These cards are copies of hand drawn and coloured cards made in the 1860's by children of the Broadwood family of Lye house near Capel in Surrey
- They depict the Victorian idea of an 'ideal' family set up



Mechanical Clowns



- Toys like this are sometimes known as automata
- Automata use basic cogs and cams to move
- Victorian children could have made these at home



Spinning Top



- Tops have been popular toys since ancient times
- The design is very simple
- They can be made out of scraps of wood
- Rich children could have had more elaborate metal designs

THE TAILOR OF GLOUCESTER



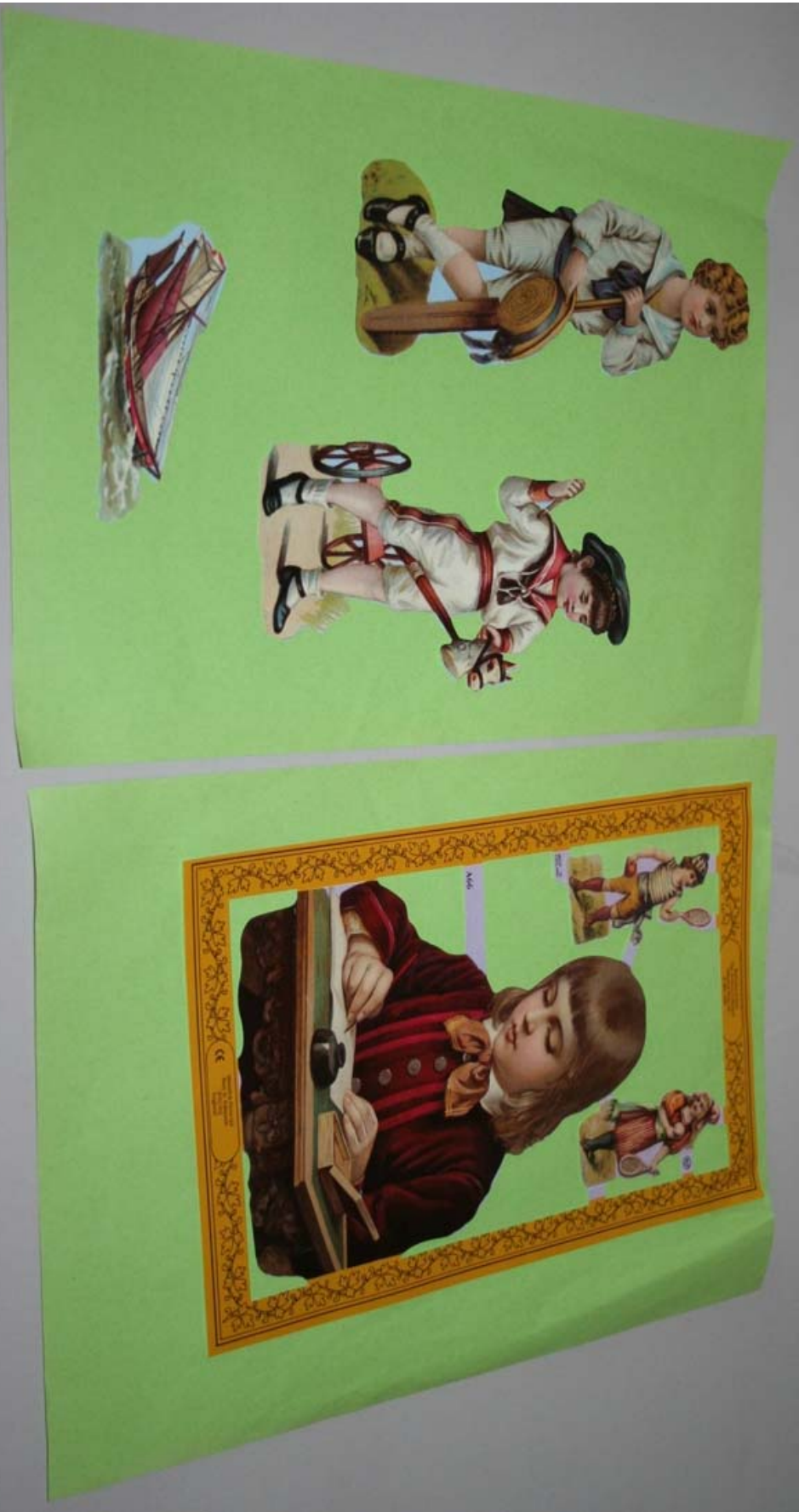
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Children's Book



- In early Victorian times books were used mainly for instruction
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- Later in the Victorian period, story books, fairy tales and rhymes became popular after legislation and social attitudes changed



Cut-Out Pictures

- These were very popular in Victorian times
- They were cut out and stuck into scrapbooks
- They began to be imported into Britain from France and Germany in the 1860s
- They often depict beautifully dressed children, romantic scenes and special occasions





Theatrical Jumping Jack Card



- These were used in toy theatres to act out a play or pantomime
- This figure is from the earliest traditional English pantomimes performed in the first half of the last century
- The most exciting part of the show was the 'Harlequinade' where the hero was transformed into Harlequin (this character)



Zoetrope



- These optical toys were very popular in Victorian Britain
- It would give the illusion of the cartoons and images actually moving inside the metal (or wooden) container
- Different strips of paper could be bought and placed inside and the zoetrope spun
- Children watched through the slits on the side to see the image “move”



Cup & Ball



- This toy is a replica
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- These have been around since the 15th century
- They are still a popular toy today
- They are used to enhance hand-eye co-ordination



Pop-Gun



- This toy is a replica
- Air pushes the cork out when the trigger is pushed in
- This was a very popular toy for Victorian boys



Swing Toy



- This toy demonstrates a simple mechanical movement
- Squeeze together the two long pieces of wood to make the figure move
- It is made from wood and string



Teddy Bear



- Realistic bears were popular in the 19th century
- They were often fierce with sharp teeth and glaring eyes
- Bears were a part of the folklore of many countries
- ‘Teddys’ were introduced in 1903 based on a cartoon of The President of the United States of America
- ‘Teddy’ Roosevelt was depicted with a bear, which he had refused to shoot, at his feet
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Modern Teddy Bear



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Doll's Clothes



- Dolls have been around for thousands of years
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- They were popular for both boys and girls
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Early Plastic Doll



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Dominoes

- These table games of the parlour were played by all members of the family
- They were used as an aid to learn maths

