

# Pantomime:

## An Inventory of the Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Harry Ransom Center
<b>Title:</b>	Pantomime Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1793-1977 (bulk 1860-1910)
<b>Extent:</b>	20 document boxes, 1 oversize box (osb), 1 oversize folder (osf) (8.40 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Pantomime Collection consists of around 400 items, predominantly printed scripts, programs, and souvenir programs, relating to pantomime on the English stage, with a strong concentration on nineteenth century production.
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<b>Language:</b>	English
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**Administrative Information**

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## Scope and Contents

The Pantomime Collection consists of around 400 items, 1793-1977 (bulk 1860-1910) relating to pantomime on the English stage, with a strong concentration on nineteenth century production. The collection is arranged in seven series: I. Printed Scripts, Programs, and Souvenir Programs, 1793-1960, undated; II. Pantomime Annuals, 1886-1948; III. Published Works, 1863-1977; IV. Published Music, 1834-1958; V. Manuscripts and Typescripts, 1811-circa 1910, undated; VI. Supplement, 1864-1977, undated; and VII. Manuscript Scores, 1906-1931.

Printed scripts, programs, souvenir programs, and a poster for numerous pantomimes, 1793-1952, make up the bulk of the collection. There are also eight handwritten manuscript pantomime scenes and play scripts (1811-1881), three typescripts (1910-1946), and one prompt book with handwritten notes (1874). The remaining items in the collection include seven pantomime annuals (1886-1949), seven books on the history of pantomime (1863-1977), three original water colors of characters in *Little Red Riding Hood* (1882), as well as four sheet music covers (circa 1890), one book of music, and one book of songs (1890s). The material is arranged by catalog numbers as assigned by the dealer, Motley Books Limited.

### Note to Researchers

The finding aid for the Pantomime Collection is a conflation of the original inventory created in 2001, and of a small addition that was catalogued in 2006. Currently the addition is described only by a Container List which has been appended to the original inventory, continuing the numbering sequence. The Scope and Contents note does not make reference to the addition.

### Note about the Container List

The numbers listed in the following container list are the catalog numbers of the items as given in the dealer's catalog. This preliminary inventory should be used in conjunction with the dealer's catalog which gives more detailed descriptions of the individual items.

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**Series I. Printed Scripts, Programs, and Souvenir Programs, 1793-1960, undated**

## Aladdin

Nos. 1-2, 4-8, 1826-1889	<b>Container 1.1</b>
No. 3, 1868	<b>Container 11.11</b>
No. 5, 1874	<b>Container 12.1</b>
Nos. 9-12, 1889-1896	<b>Container 1.2</b>
Nos. 13-16, 1898-1903	<b>Container 1.3</b>
Nos. 17-20, circa 1904-1906	<b>Container 1.4</b>
Nos. 21-24, 1907-1909	<b>Container 1.5</b>
Nos. 25-30, 1910-1917, undated	<b>Container 2.1</b>
Nos. 30-32, 34-37, 1884-1938, undated	<b>Container 2.2</b>
No. 33, 1897	<b>Container osb 21</b>

## Ali Baba

No. 38, 1866	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Nos. 39-42, 1866-1886	<b>Container 2.3</b>

## The Babes in the Wood

No. 43, 1856	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Nos. 44-47, 1887-1907	<b>Container 2.4</b>
Nos. 48-54, 1884-1947	<b>Container 2.5</b>
Nos. 55-63, 1905-1950, undated	<b>Container 2.6</b>

## Beauty and the Beast

No. 64, 1869	<b>Container 12.1</b>
Nos. 65-66, 1884-1890	<b>Container 2.7</b>
Nos. 66.1-69, 1869-1937	<b>Container 3.1</b>

The Black Crook, no. 70, 1881	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Blue Beard	
Nos. 71-74, 1854-1901	<b>Container 3.2</b>
Nos. 75-78, 1902-1906, undated	<b>Container 3.3</b>
Bluff King Hal, nos. 79-80, 1868	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Che Chi Chow Chan, no. 81, 1869	
The Children in the Wood	
No. 82, 1872	<b>Container 12.1</b>
Nos. 83-84, 1872-1873	<b>Container 3.4</b>
Cinderella	
Nos. 85-89, circa 1809-1893	<b>Container 3.5</b>
Nos. 90-92, 1895-1896	<b>Container 3.6</b>
Nos. 93-95, circa 1899-1905	<b>Container 3.7</b>
Nos. 96-97, 1906-1907	<b>Container 3.8</b>
Nos. 98-102, circa 1900-1937	<b>Container 4.1</b>
No. 103, 1946	<b>Container 12.3</b>
Nos. 104-112, 1883-1952, undated	<b>Container 4.2</b>
Nos. 113-121, 1910-1948	<b>Container 4.3</b>
Nos. 122-128, circa 1905-1960, undated	<b>Container 4.4</b>
Conrad and Medora, no. 129, 1854	<b>Container 4.5</b>
Dick Whittington	
No. 130, circa 1872	<b>Container 11.10</b>
Nos. 131-136, 1897-1934	<b>Container 4.6</b>
No. 137, 1894	<b>Container osb 21</b>
Nos. 138-147, 1908-1952	<b>Container 4.7</b>

Nos. 148-153, 1870-1953, undated	<b>Container 5.1</b>
No. 154, 1885	<b>Container osb 21</b>
The Dragon of Wantley, no. 155, 1870	<b>Container 12.1</b>
Faw! Fee!! Fo!!! Fum!!!!, no. 156, 1867	
The Forty Thieves	
Nos. 157, 159-161, circa 1828-1898	<b>Container 5.2</b>
No. 158, 1869	<b>Container 11.10</b>
Nos. 162-168, 1875-1935	<b>Container 5.3</b>
Furibond, no. 169, 1807	<b>Container 5.4</b>
Goldilocks and the Three Bears, nos. 170-172, circa 1922-1940	<b>Container 5.5</b>
Goody Two Shoes, nos. 173-174, 1907-1929	<b>Container 5.6</b>
Gulliver's Travels, no. 175, 1875	<b>Container 5.7</b>
Harlequin	
Nos. 176-182, circa 1793-1842	<b>Container 5.8</b>
Nos. 183, 189, 1843-1863	<b>Container 12.2</b>
Nos. 184, 186, 188, 190, 194-197, 1800-1877	<b>Container 5.9</b>
Nos. 185, 192, 1851-1870	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Nos. 187, 193, 1852-1876	<b>Container 12.1</b>
No. 191, 1868	<b>Container 11.10</b>
Hokee Pokee, no. 198, 1878	<b>Container 5.10</b>
Hop O' My Thumb	
No. 199, 1864	<b>Container 12.1</b>
Nos. 200-204, 1865-1912	<b>Container 6.1</b>
The House That Jack Built, no. 205, 1861	<b>Container 12.1</b>

How I Found Crusoe, no. 206, 1872	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Humpty Dumpty	
Nos. 207-209, 1891-1906	<b>Container 6.2</b>
Nos. 210-215, circa 1903-1950	<b>Container 6.3</b>
Jack and the Beanstalk	
No. 216, 1859	<b>Container 12.2</b>
No. 217, 1872	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Nos. 218-221, 1889-1910	<b>Container 6.4</b>
Nos. 222-228, 1889-1946, undated	<b>Container 6.5</b>
Jack the Giant Killer, nos. 229-230, 1876-1896	<b>Container 6.6</b>
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Jack in the Box	
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No. 233, 1873	<b>Container 6.8</b>
Jack and Jill	
No. 234, 1872	<b>Container 11.11</b>
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Little Goody Two-Shoes, no. 242, 1876	
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Little Lalla Rookh, no. 244, 1873	<b>Container 6.10</b>
Little Red Riding Hood, nos. 245-248, 1861-1908	<b>Container 7.1</b>

The Long Pack, no. 249, 1868	<b>Container 11.10</b>
Mother Goose, nos. 250-257, 1880-1951	<b>Container 7.2</b>
Nimble Nip!, no. 258, 1870	<b>Container 11.11</b>
Number Nip, no. 259, 1866	<b>Container 12.2</b>
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No. 266, 1860	<b>Container 12.2</b>
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Santa Claus, no. 308, 1894	<b>Container 8.4</b>
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The White Cat, nos. 348-350, 1904

**Container 9.7**

Whittington and His Cat

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**Container 11.11**

No. 352, 1875

**Container 12.2**

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