

# Old Mother Bunch

pcb2310

## TITLE

Old Mother Bunch.

---

## VARIANT TITLE

Title from page 1

Old Mother Bunch's day at the Great Exhibition.

---

## PUBLISHED

London : George Routledge & Co., [1852].

---

## PRINTED

[London] : Stewart and Murray.

---

## SERIES

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers \[first series\]](#) : 5

---

## PRICE

6d.

---

## AUTHOR

[Dalziel Brothers](#) (engraver)

[George Routledge & Co.](#) (publisher)

[Stewart and Murray](#) (printer)

---

## DESCRIPTION

### Size

24,6x17,4 cm

### Format and pagination

8° : 8 ll.

### Signatures

A<sup>8</sup>

### Signatures note

1 gathering, sewn, paginated 1-8

### Contents

1-8 text and wood-engraved vignettes

### Covers

Upper wrapper uniform for the series (see [pcb2275](#)); specific for this title: "OLD MOTHER BUNCH."

Lower wrapper: see variants

### Illustrations

8 illustrations, one per page, unsigned, printed in black by Stewart and Murray and hand-coloured

### Source for attribution

Documents (engraver)

Comparison with other titles of the series (printer)

### Source for date

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of December 1852 as no. 5 of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers

Early publishers' advertisements (e.g. at the end of *The boys' own story-book* (London: Routledge, 1852), n.p.) describe the series as: "Uniform in size with Dean & Darton's large coloured sixpenny books for children. With greatly improved illustrations, new types, and well coloured pictures, an entirely new series of 13 different books."

---

### NOTES

Printed on one side of the sheet only; first and last page pasted to upper and lower wrappers  
Title and publication information from upper wrapper, which serves as title page, and from lower wrapper publishers' advertisements

---

### PRINTING TECHNIQUES

Relief

Hand-colouring

---

### VARIANTS

Variant A

[1852]: possibly on white paper; not analysed

Variant B

[1853]: on emerald paper; 1853 lower wrapper as [pcb2275](#), variant C

Variant C

[1853]: on yellow paper; 1853 lower wrapper as [pcb2275](#), variant C

---

### BIBLIOGRAPHY

1855 Dilke, 7

1983 McLean, 77 (reproduction of a copy, apparently variant A, apparently not in UTMC-McL collections and without indication of sources)

2006 Masaki, I.12, 19-21, 356, II.B2 (NAL: 60.X.233, as *Mother Bunch's evening party*), D10-11 (BL)

2017 O'Sullivan-Immel, 85

---

### COPIES

**BL:** [12806.g.53\(4\)](#) (variant C: [1853]; accession stamp dated 31OC54; bound with other titles of the series, fourth title)

**NAL:** [60.X.233](#) (variant B: [1853]; on upper wrapper, pasted on foot, green bookseller's ticket: "LIBRARY. | P. HANCE, | Bookseller & Stationer, | Engraver & Printer, | 14, Upper Gloucester Place, | KING'S ROAD, CHELSEA."; on upper wrapper, inscription with accession date: "26.11.67"; bound with other titles of this and other series, eleventh title, collective title: "London | Exhibn. | 1851 | Routledge")

---

### DRAWINGS, OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS

Documents

**UCL-RKP:** [RKP 8](#) (p. 17: "Dalziel a/c for engraving cuts &")

---

### OTHER VERSIONS

Reissued as

[Mother Bunch's evening party. - London : George Routledge & Co., \[1855\]](#)

Reissued as

[Mother Bunch's evening party. - London : George Routledge & Co., \[1857\]](#)

---

OCLCN

[1011925701](#)

---

PERMALINK

<https://www.picoboo.eu/catalogue/pcb2310>

---

CITATION

Francesca Tancini, "Old Mother Bunch". In *PiCoBoo*, accessed August 17, 2021,

<https://www.picoboo.eu/catalogue/pcb2310>

---