

# The Victoria alphabet

pcb2370

## TITLE

The Victoria alphabet.

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## VARIANT TITLE

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The alphabet.

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## PUBLISHED

London : George Routledge & Co., [1855].

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## SERIES

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little children](#) : 6

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## PRICE

6d.

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## AUTHOR

[Dalziel Brothers](#) (engraver)

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

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## TPOLOGY

[Alphabet book](#)

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## DESCRIPTION

### Size

24,5x17,5 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 [pcb2352](#)); specific for this title: "[fancy] THE VICTORIA ALPHABET."

Lower wrapper uniform for the series (see [pcb2352](#))

### Illustrations

24 illustrations, already published in [pcb2291](#) but with different text, unsigned, printed in black on one side of the sheet only and hand-coloured; text and illustration on the same side of the sheet

#### Source for attribution

Documents allow [pcb2291](#) (hence this derivation) to be assigned to Dalziel as engravers

#### Source for date

Documents

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of November 1855

Advertisements

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#### 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

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of November 1855 under the collective title "Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers, large coloured sixpenny books for children, with greatly improved illustrations, new types, and well coloured pictures, an entirely new series of 13 different books. Offered 13 for 4s."

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#### PRINTING TECHNIQUES

[Hand-coloured](#)

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

*Publishers' Circular* (December 17, 1855), 511: see [pcb2352](#)

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#### VARIANTS

Variant A

[1855]: on light pink paper

Variant B

[1855]: indestructible, printed on mustard cloth; on upper wrapper, at foot, outside the decorated frame: "CLOTH, ONE SHILLING"

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#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

2006 Masaki, I.364: "Front covers of the first series of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers carry the series' title Aunt Mavor's picture books for little children except for titles adopted directly from the 1852 versions of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers", 365: "This series was recycled from Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers, and was listed in Aunt Mavor's toy books in 1857 as no. 1-13. Therefore the titles of AMLC-1-13 move straight forward to AM-1-13", 369

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#### COPIES

**BL:** [12806.g.53\(13\)](#) (variant A: [1855]; accession stamp dated 6SE56; bound with other titles of the series, thirteenth title; partially analysed)

**WUL:** [PE1155.V53.1856](#) (variant B: [1855]; inscribed in pencil on p. 2: "to Jamie, five years old, from Cousin Frank, Jan'y '57"; inverted pages 5-4; attributed to Alfred Henry Forrester; partially analysed through digital reproduction)

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#### DRAWINGS, OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS

Documents

**UCL-RKP:** [RKP 9](#) (p. 261: "Victoria alphabet 1855 Nov. 10, 1st edition 2000. 1856 March 20, 2nd edition 2000. 1856 March 20, 3rd edition 2000.")

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#### OTHER VERSIONS

First published as

Alphabet of foreign things. - London : George Routledge & Co., [1852]

Included in

Aunt Mavor's present for a good little girl : comprising Victoria alphabet, The old Cornish woman, The cat's tea party, Little Polly's doll's house, Mother Bunch's evening party, Uncle Hugh's country house, with seventy-four coloured illustrations. - London ; New York : George Routledge & Co., 1856

Included in

Aunt Mavor's present for all good boys and girls. - London ; New York : George Routledge & Co., 1856

Reissued as

The Victoria alphabet. - London : George Routledge & Co., [1857]

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<https://www.picoboo.eu/catalogue/pcb2370>

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