

# Hop o' my thumb

pcb2753

## TITLE

Hop o' my thumb.

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## VARIANT TITLE

Title from advertisement

Hop o'my thumb.

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## PUBLISHED

London : George Routledge & Sons, [1866].

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## PRINTED

[London] : Leighton Brothers.

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## SERIES

[Routledge's new sixpenny toy books](#) : 3

[Routledge's new sixpenny toy book](#) : 43

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## PRICE

6d.

1s. : "Mounted on Cloth"

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## AUTHOR

[Evans, Edmund](#) (engraver and printer)

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

[Leighton Brothers](#) (printer)

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## TPOLOGY

[Toy 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, pages 4-5 pasted to 3; paginated 1-8

Illustrations

8 illustrations, unsigned; text and illustration on the same side of the sheet

Source for attribution

Wrappers printed in red and black by Leighton Brothers and inside illustrations printed in red, yellow, brown, blue, pink and the black key by Evans

Statement of responsibility (printer of wrappers)

Stylistic analysis (printer of inside illustrations, by comparison with [pcb2672](#), variant D-E)

Source for date

List of titles on lower wrapper

Between 1859 and 1865, publishers' advertisements listed this title as no. 24 of Aunt Mavor's toy books (see [pcb2672](#)), with inside illustrations printed in black, possibly by Evans, and hand-coloured until 1865 and printed in red, yellow, brown, blue, pink and the black key by Evans after 1865

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of July 1866 as no. 3 of Routledge's new sixpenny toy books series (see hereby, Documents: 1st edition as no. 3 of Routledge's new sixpenny toy books, September 1866, with a print run of 5000 copies)

Between 1866 and 1870, listed in publishers' advertisements as no. 3 of Routledge's new sixpenny toy books series

After 1868, it was reissued as no. 43 of Routledge's new sixpenny toy books series, listed as such in publishers' advertisements between 1871 and 1882

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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

Documents make no difference between this title as belonging to Aunt Mavor's toy books series or to Routledge's new sixpenny toy books series

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## PRINTING TECHNIQUES

### Chromo-relief

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## VARIANTS

### Variant A

[1866]: upper wrapper uniform for the series, printed in red and black on yellow paper; same decorated red frame as [pcb2620](#), variant B, but, at head: "AUNT MAVOR'S EVERLASTING TOY BOOKS."; inserted in a red banner: "ONE SHILLING."; at foot: "LONDON: | GEORGE ROUTLEDGE AND SONS, | BROADWAY, LUDGATE HILL."; specific for this title: title: "[red, outlined in black] HOP | O' MY THUMB"; picture from p. 8, the same as variants A-E;  
1866 lower wrapper uniform for the series, printed in black on yellow paper; at foot: "GEORGE ROUTLEDGE AND SONS, | LONDON AND NEW YORK."; at foot, outside the frame: "LEIGHTON, BROTHERS, PRINTERS, MILFORD LANE, STRAND."; inside illustrations printed in red, yellow, brown, blue, pink and the black key by Evans

### Variant B

[1866]: on paper; untraced

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY

2006 Masaki, I.495 ("Leighton Brothers [...] using the design [...] engraved by Edmund Evans" [in fact, the inside illustrations are printed in colour by Evans, Leighton Brothers printing the wrappers only]), 496, II.E17 (NAL: 60.W.284)

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## COPIES

**NAL:** [60.W.284](#) (variant A: [1866]; despite the caption on upper wrapper, it is not mounted on cloth)

**UTMC-McL:** [McLean T 0042](#) (described as: "Aunt Mavor's Toy Books ... Price Sixpence; or Mounted on Cloth, One Shilling. ... Leighton, Bros."; not analysed)

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## DRAWINGS, OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS

### Documents

**UCL-RKP: RKP 9** (p. 497: "Hop o' my thumb (Mavor's toys). 1860 Jan. 10, 2000. 1861 Jun. 1, 2000. 1862 July 2, 2000. 1863 Oct. 1, 2000. 1864 Aug. 29, 2000. 1866 Sep., 5000. 1868 Jan. 8, 2nd, 5000. 1872 July 1, 3rd, 4000.")

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## OTHER VERSIONS

### First published as

Hop o' my thumb. - London : Routledge, Warne, and Routledge, [1859]

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## PERMALINK

<https://www.picoboo.eu/catalogue/pcb2753>

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