

Tom Thumb

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TITLE

Tom Thumb.

PUBLISHED

London : George Routledge & Co., [1854].

SERIES

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers \[second series\]](#) : 2

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers](#) : 16

PRICE

6d.

AUTHOR

[Crowquill, Alfred \(Alfred Henry Forrester\)](#) (illustrator)

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

DESCRIPTION

Size

25x17,5 cm

Format and pagination

8° : 8 ll.

Signatures

A⁸

Signatures note

1 gathering, sewn, paginated 1-8

Contents

1-8, text and wood-engraved vignettes

Illustrations

8 illustrations, unsigned, printed in black and hand-coloured

Source for attribution

Statement on the title page of the collective volume *Aunt Mavor's nursery tales for good little people*, gathering all the series' titles: "With one hundred coloured illustrations by Alfred Crowquill" (see 2006 Masaki, I.375ff.)

Drawings (illustrator)

Source for date

Documents state first edition in November 1854 and a reissue in March 1855 with a total of 4000 copies

Listed in Routledge's wholesale catalogue of November 1855 as no. 2 of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers, second series

Advertisements

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

ADVERTISEMENTS

Publishers' Circular (December 17, 1855)

VARIANTS

Variant A

[1854]: upper wrapper uniform for the series (see [pcb2395](#)), on greenish blue paper; specific for this title: "[fancy] TOM THUMB."; lower wrapper uniform for the series (see [pcb2395](#))

Variant B

[1855]: upper wrapper uniform for the series, printed in black on pinkish paper; same as variant A, but plain title "[plain] TOM THUMB."; 1855 lower wrapper as [pcb2275](#), variant D, on pinkish paper; at foot, inside the decorated frame: "LONDON: | GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & CO., FARRINGDON STREET. | NEW YORK: 18, BEEKMAN STREET."; note that Routledge's New York address was in use after May 1854 but the thirteen titles of Routledge's new series of sixpenny juvenile books were published in May 1855 (*Publishers' Circular* (May 15, 1855): 188)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

ISFD, [477901](#)

2006 Masaki, I.377-78

COPIES

BL: [12806.g.55\(2\)](#) (variant A: [1854]; accession stamp dated 17AP55; bound with other titles of the series, second title)

NLS: [Mas.437\(10\)](#) (variant B: [1855]; bound with other titles, tenth title)

DRAWINGS, OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS

Drawings

Sotheby: [English Literature, History, Children's Books and Illustrations, 09/07/2019, lot no. 246](#) (32 ink on paper drawings on 16 sheets for *Tom Thumb*, *The dog's dinner party*, *Puss in Boots* and *Butterfly's ball*, and *Grasshopper's feast*, unsigned and undated)

Documents

UCL-RKP: [RKP 8](#) (p. 127: "Aunt Mavor 2nd series 12 books [sic] 1854 Nov. 3, 1st edition 2000. 1855 March 13, 2nd edition 2000")

OTHER VERSIONS

Included in

[Aunt Mavor's nursery tales for boys. - London ; New York : George Routledge & Co., 1856](#)

Included in

[Aunt Mavor's book of nursery tales. - London ; New York : George Routledge & Co., 1856](#)

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