

# The nursery alphabet

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## TITLE

The nursery alphabet.

## PUBLISHED

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

## SERIES

[Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers \[second series\]](#) : 1

## PRICE

6d.

## AUTHOR

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

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

[Lee, James](#) (engraver)

## TPOLOGY

[Alphabet book](#)

## DESCRIPTION

### Size

25x17,5 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, printed in black; inserted in floral decorated frame, at head: "SECOND SERIES OF | AUNT MAVOR'S PICTURE BOOKS | FOR | LITTLE READERS."; in a roundel, the same picture as Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers series but here Aunt Mavor points at the series titles as in a shop window instead of the site of the Great Exhibition; at foot: "[fancy] LONDON: | GEORGE ROUTLEDGE AND CO., FARRINGDON STREET; | NEW YORK: 18, BEEKMAN STREET. | PRICE SIXPENCE."; specific for this title: "[fancy] NURSERY ALPHABET."

Lower wrapper uniform for the series; inserted in a decorated frame, printed in black: "LIST OF THE SERIES | OF | AUNT MAVOR'S | PICTURE BOOKS FOR LITTLE READERS. | [fancy] First Series. | [titles 1-14] | [fancy] Second Series. | [titles1-13] | LONDON: |

GEORGE ROUTLEDGE & CO., FARRINGDON STREET. | NEW YORK: 18, BEEKMAN STREET."

#### Illustrations

24 illustrations, three per page, signed by Lee, 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.)

Signature (engraver, inside illustrations)

#### 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. 1 of Aunt Mavor's picture books for little readers, second series

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

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#### PRINTING TECHNIQUES

Relief

Hand-colouring

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

*Publishers' Circular* (December 17, 1855)

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#### VARIANTS

Variant A

[1854]: on pinkish paper

Variant B

[1854]: on greenish paper

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#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

2006 Masaki, I.375-77, II.D21 (BL: 12806.g.55(1))

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#### COPIES

**BL:** [12806.g.55\(1\)](#) (variant A: [1854]; accession stamp dated 17AP55; bound with other titles of the series, first title)

**TPL-OsC:** [BI NUR](#) (variant B: [1854]; not coloured; analysed through digital reproduction; [Digital copy](#))

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#### DRAWINGS, OBJECTS, DOCUMENTS

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")

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#### OTHER VERSIONS

Included in

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

Included in

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

Reissued as

[The nursery alphabet. - London : George Routledge & Co., \[1857\]](#)

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