

The railway A B C

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TITLE

The railway A B C.

VARIANT TITLE

Title from advertisement

The railway alphabet.

First line

A's the arrival at the station.

First line

A is the arch.

PUBLISHED

London : Frederick Warne & Co., [1865].

SERIES

Aunt Louisa's London toy books : 1

PRICE

1s.

AUTHOR

Frederick Warne & Co. (publisher)

Kronheim & Co. (printer)

TPOLOGY

Toy book

Alphabet book

DESCRIPTION

Source for date

Advertisements

List of titles on lower wrapper

NOTES

The publishers' caption "Scribner, Welford, & Co." was in use, in conjunction with "Frederick Warne & Co.", in books published between 1866 and January 1872

Title and publication information from upper wrapper, which serves as title page, and from lower wrapper publishers' advertisements

ADVERTISEMENTS

VARIANTS

Variant A

[1865]: upper wrapper with lotus leaves decorated frame, uniform for the series, printed in red, blue, yellow and the black key on yellow paper; on upper wrapper, at head, inside the decorated frame: "ONE SHILLING."; in the upper part, series name: "[blue, outlined in red, black shade] AUNT LOUISA'S | [black, red shade] LONDON TOY BOOKS"; at centre, decorative element; below, title: "[blue, outlined in red, black shade] RAILWAY A.B.C | [red, outlined in black] LONDON. | [black] FREDERICK WARNE & CO."; at foot, outside the frame: "[full caps] KRONHEIM & CO. LONDON."; on lower wrapper, inserted in a frame, publishers' advertisements: "Choice books for children. | Imperial 8vo., price 2s. 6d., boards. | In and out of school: | with twenty-six original design by Absolon. | Little Lilly's alphabet: | with twenty-four illustrations by Oscar Pletsch. | Aunt Louisa's London toy books. | One shilling each. | Demy 4to. with coloured illustrations. | Nursery rhymes. | A apple pie. | The railway alphabet. | Childhood's happy hours. | These picture books are produced in the best style of Colour- | Printing, surpassing any yet published. | London: | Frederick Warne and Co., | Bedford Street, Covent Garden."; inside illustrations with printers' captions, at foot, on the left: "*Kronheim & Co.*", on the right: "*London.*"; text beginning with "A's the arrival at the station"

Variant B

[1865]: same upper wrapper as variant A, without printers' caption, on pink paper; lower wrapper not analysed; inside illustrations without printers' caption at foot; same text as variant A, beginning with "A's the arrival at the station"

Variant C

[not after 1866]: same upper wrapper as variant A, without printers' caption, on blue paper; lower wrapper not analysed; inside illustrations without printers' caption at foot; same text as variant A, beginning with "A's the arrival at the station"

Variant D

[1867]: same upper wrapper as variant A, but on pink paper and, at head, outside the decorated frame: "PRICE ONE SHILLING; OR MOUNTED WITH LINEN, TWO SHILLINGS."; at foot, same printers' caption as variant A; on lower wrapper, inserted in a frame, publishers' advertisements: "Warne's nursery literature. | [...] | [two columns, first] Aunt Louisa's London toy books. | In demy 4to., 1s. each, stiff covers; or mounted, 2s. | [titles nos. 1-9, unnumbered, the last of which published in 1866] | Aunt Louisa's Sunday books. | In demy 4to 1s. each, stiff covers; or mounted, 2s. | [titles nos. 1-4, unnumbered, the last of which published in 1866] | [fancy] Warne's choice editions. | In demy 4to, price 5s., cloth, elegantly gilt, new style. | Aunt Louisa's London picture book, | comprising | [two columns, first] A, apple pie | Nursery rhymes | [second] The railway A. B. C. | Childhood's happy hours | With 24 pages of illustrations printed in colours by Kronheim. [published in 1867, see *Athenaeum* (June 8, 1867), 746] | Aunt Louisa's London gift book, | comprising | Nursery songs | Edith and Milly's housekeeping | The life of a doll | John Gilpin | With 24 pages of illustrations printed in Colours by Kronheim. | Aunt Louisa's Sunday picture book, | comprising | [two columns, first] Joseph and his brethren | The story of King David | [second] The wonders of providence | The proverbs of Solomon | With 24 pages of illustrations printed in Colours by E. Evans. | [second] Warne's large picture toy books. | In large crown 8vo, price 6d. each, with handsome wrappers; or, | mounted with linen, 1s. each. | [two columns, first] Horses | Book of trades | Jack in the box | Children in the wood | Cock Robin's death and | burial | Punch and Judy | House that Jack built | [second] Dogs | Edith's A. B. C. | Sunday alphabet | Old Mother Hubbard | Red Riding Hood | Object alphabet | Our pets | Cinderella [the last of which published in 1866] | [...] | Aunt Friendly's toy books. | In imperial 16mo, 2d. each, picture covers, each containing | six large plates printed in six colours, | a completely new series of | "nursery favourites," | in Dalziel's and Edmund Evans'

best style of colour-printing. | From original designs by first class artists. | [titles nos. 1-12, unnumbered the last of which published in 1866] | [...] | In imperial 16mo, price 3s 6d, cloth gilt. | Aunt Friendly's gift. *With seventy-two pages | of original illustrations, printed in colours, by | Edmund Evans and Dalziels. | Warne's new series of alphabets. | In demy 4to, 6d. each, sewed; or mounted, 1s. With entirely new | designs by Crane, Phiz, &c., printed in colours by | Edmund Evans.* | [titles nos. 1-3, published in 1865]"; at centre, at foot: "London: – Frederick Warne & Co., Bedford Street, Covent Garden. | New York: – Scribner, Welford, & Co."; inside illustrations with printers' captions, at foot, on the left: "*Kronheim & Co.*", on the right: "*London.*"; pages of text not analysed

Variant E

[1867]: same upper and lower wrapper as variant D, but on yellow paper; inside illustrations with printers' captions, at foot, on the left: "*Kronheim & Co.*", on the right: "*London.*"; text different from variants A-C, beginning with "A is the arch"

Variant F

[1868]: same upper wrapper as variant D, with printers' caption, on yellow paper; on lower wrapper, inserted in a frame, publishers' advertisements: "Warne's nursery literature. | [...] | Warne's large picture toy books. | [titles nos. 1-19, unnumbered, the last of which published in 1868] | [...] | [two columns, first] Aunt Friendly's toy books. | In imperial 16mo, 3d. each, picture covers, each containing six large | plates, printed in six colours; or, on linen, 6d. each. | A completely new series of | "nursery favourites," | in Dalziel's and Edmund Evans' best style of colour-printing. From | original designs by first-class artists. | [titles nos. 1-12, unnumbered the last of which published in 1866] | Aunt Friendly's gift. | [...] | [second] Aunt Louisa's London toy books. | [titles nos. 1-17, unnumbered, the last of which published in 1868] | Aunt Louisa's Sunday books. | [titles nos. 1-4, unnumbered, the last of which published in 1866] | Warne's new series of alphabets. | [titles nos. 1-3, published in 1865]"; at centre, at foot: "London: Frederick Warne & Co., Bedford Street, Covent Garden. | New York: Scribner, Welford, & Co."; inside illustrations without printers' caption at foot; pages of text not analysed

Variant G

[1870]: upper wrapper with spear-heads decorated frame, the same as [pcb1047](#), variant A; on upper wrapper, at head, outside the decorated frame: "PRICE ONE SHILLING; OR, MOUNTED WITH LINEN, TWO SHILLINGS."; inserted within the frame, series number: "1"; series title: "[blue, outlined in red, black shade] AUNT LOUISA'S | [black, red shade] LONDON TOY BOOKS"; title: "[blue, outlined in red, black shade] RAILWAY A.B.C | [red, outlined in black] LONDON. | [black] FREDERICK WARNE & CO."; outside the frame: "J.M. KRONHEIM & CO., LONDON."; on lower wrapper, inserted in a frame, publishers' advertisements: "Warne's nursery literature. | [...] | Warne's large picture toy books. | [titles up to no. 26, *Alexandra alphabet*] | Aunt Friendly's toy books. | [...] First series [...] | Second series [...] | [two columns, first] Warne's picture playmate. | [four series] | [second] Warne's picture puzzle toy books. | [...] | [titles up to no. 8, *The horse*, published in 1870 and advertised in *Bookseller* (November 4, 1870): 1064] | London: – Frederick Warne & Co., Bedford Street, Covent Garden. | New York: – Scribner, Welford, & Co."; inside illustrations without printers' caption at foot; same text as variant D but differently set, beginning with "A is the arch"

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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COPIES

BCC: [Ap Fo87.1/1880](#) (not catalogued; not analysed)

BoL-Opic: [Opie M 454](#) (variant B: [1865]; lacking lower wrapper; bound with other titles)

CUL: [146.1.14\(1\)a](#) (possibly variants A-C: [1865-1866]; text begins: "A's the arrival at the station"; not analysed)

CUL-WaC: [Waddleton.b.9.1092](#) (possibly variants E-G: [1867-1870]; text begins: "A is the

arch"; described as wanting covers and last page of text, "possibly extracted from a bound volume of toy books"; not analysed)

FCL: [Juv 1878 R132](#) (possibly variants E-G: [1867-1870]; text begins: "A is the arch"; not analysed)

NL: [Wing ZP 845 .W29](#) (variant C: [not after 1866]; inscribed on verso of upper wrapper: "From Grandpapa. Camelford [Cornwall, England] 1866."; illustrated blue paper cover; on upper wrapper: "One shilling."; last leaf wanting; not analysed)

PUL-CCL: [18150](#) (variant A: [1865]; text begins: "A's the arrival at the station")

SEU: [SCA YPF AUNLr](#) (not analysed)

UBL: [Store 421452](#) (not analysed)

UFBL: [39p174](#) (variant G: [1870]; inscribed on upper wrapper: "From your Sunday School Teacher, Henry B. Plimkton"; inscribed on plate 1: "Henry Plimkton, 5to Universalist Sunday Sch. Christmas /73"; dated: "[ca. 1875]"; analysed through digital reproduction; [Digital copy](#))

UMSL: [TF148 .A96 1860](#) (possibly variants A-C: [1865-1866]; on upper wrapper: "One shilling."; not analysed)

WUL: [PE1155 .R35 1878](#) (variant E: [1867]; inscribed on plate 1: "To Archie from Aunt Julie Bishop"; gift of Pamela K. Harer; partially analysed through digital reproduction; [Digital copy](#))

TRADE COPIES

Connoisseur Bokauktioner, Gothenburg: [1085587](#) (variant D: [1867]; inscribed on upper wrapper: "Mary Ma<...>"; partially analysed through digital reproductions, p. 1 not analysed)

David Miles Books: [11790](#) (variant F: [1868]; pasted to lower wrapper, ex-libris of railway book collector and bookseller Paul Edwards: "EX LIBRIS | P.H. EDWARDS", inscribed: "4295"; partially analysed through digital reproduction)

Rooke Books: [25384](#) (variant C: [not after 1866]; text begins: "A's the arrival at the station"; partially analysed through digital reproduction)

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