

TOYS

Everybody Has Loved



DOLLS, kites, building blocks, stuffed or carved animals, miniature soldiers, play weapons, toy vehicles and games—all these which St. Nicholas, Santa Claus, Father Christmas or Pere Noel will be expected to deliver on his rounds this year, have been favorites with children for literally thousands of years.

This [at left] doll, preserved in the Egyptian Room at the British Museum, London, goes back at least 3,000 years. Doll history is too entwined with objects of sacred or ritualistic significance among ancient peoples to permit estimation of how long the doll has been a beloved toy. In all the centuries of which we have records, travelers to the most remote regions of the known world found few if any people whose children were without dolls and other playthings.

Most great repositories of examples of arts and sciences through the ages besides the British Museum now collect toys, for they reflect truly in miniature practically every noteworthy occupation or preoccupation of man.

The doll has been the girl's toy, of course. What toy has appealed to boys the longest? Perhaps the slingshot, the oldest propulsive weapon of his fathers, or the ball. Throwballs made of wood, leather, papyrus or plaited reeds, are found by archaeologists in the most ancient ruins. Attention of the first Spanish visitors to America was drawn to rubber by the balls with which they saw Indians playing.

The earliest steam-engine to which reference is made was a toy or model made by Hero of Alexandria, who lived at least 150 years before Jesus Christ.

Man's conquest of the skies began with the kites with which he played as a boy. The giving of instruction through play was a commonplace in the nursery long before the phrase "educational toys" was coined. It is observed in Leslie Dalziel's history, *Children's Toys Through the Ages*.

A study of the history of toys throughout the world indicates that the kinds of toys pictured here were beloved through the ages.



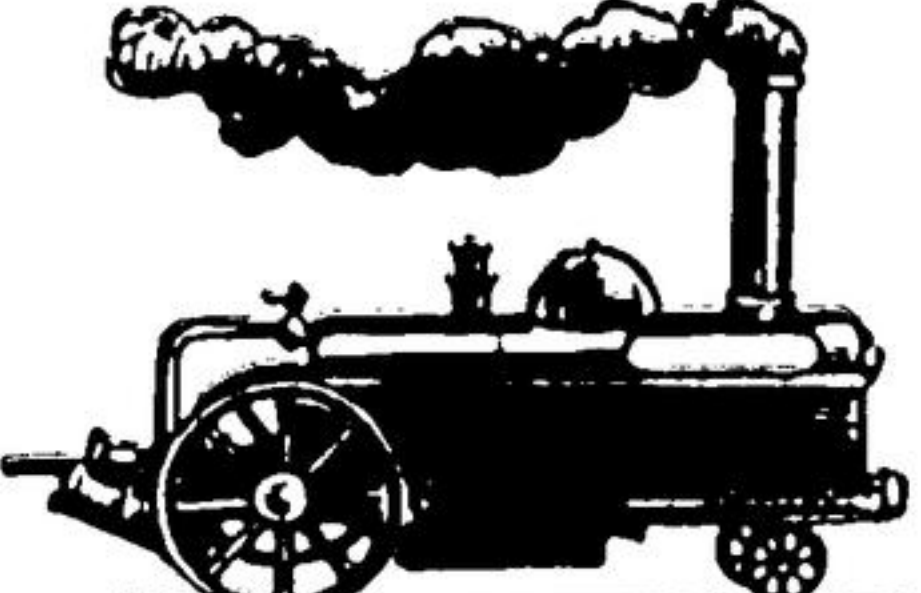
Earliest illustration from C. C. Moore's *A Visit from St. Nicholas* shows toys Santa Claus was expected to bring 100 years ago: horse, hobby horse, jumping-jack, watch, sword, drum, doll, badminton paddle, etc.



Century-old woodcut [1] shows racial kites which were bristlier toys. Kites, the oldest man-made flying device, originated in Orient. Kite-flying was Chinese national sport.



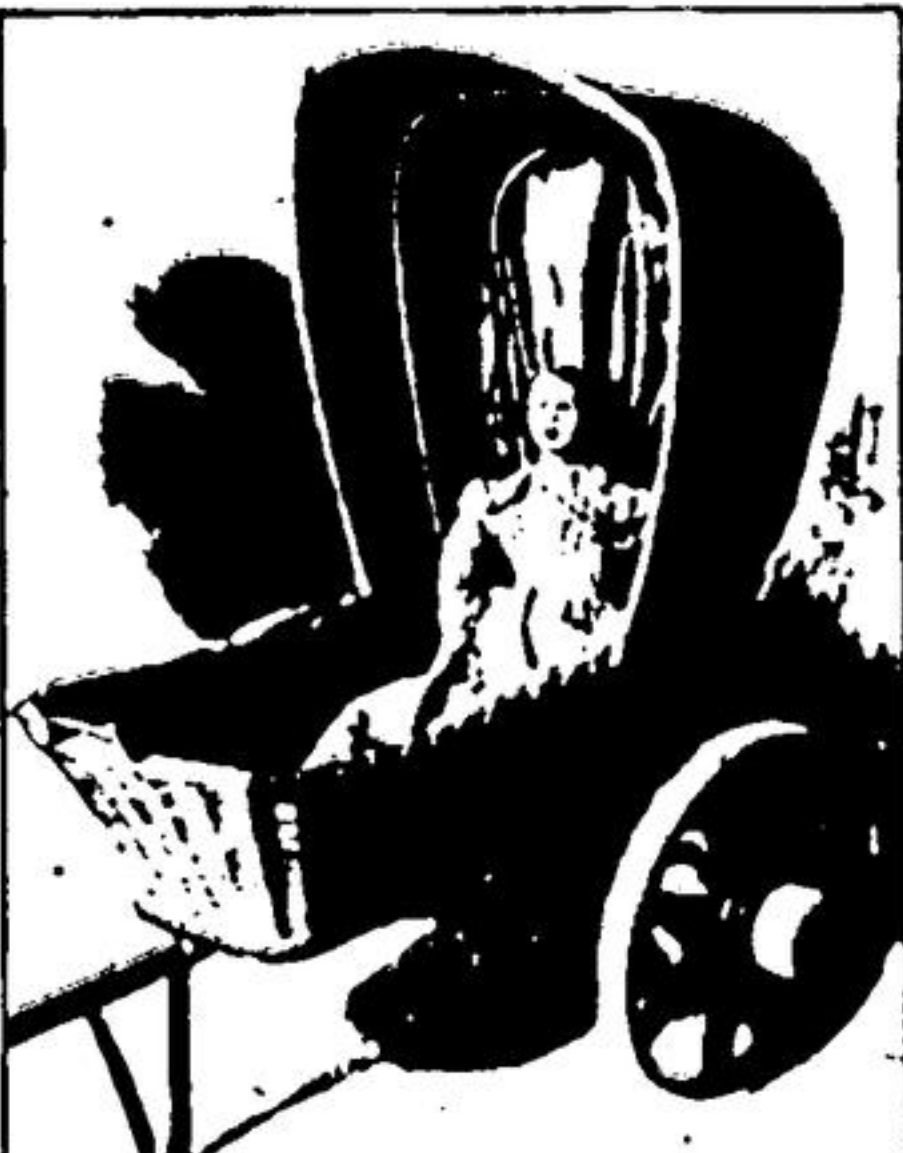
These blocks were called 'building bricks' in Christmas-time ad in the 1850's. Blocks with or without other pictures or designs have been popular toys for centuries.



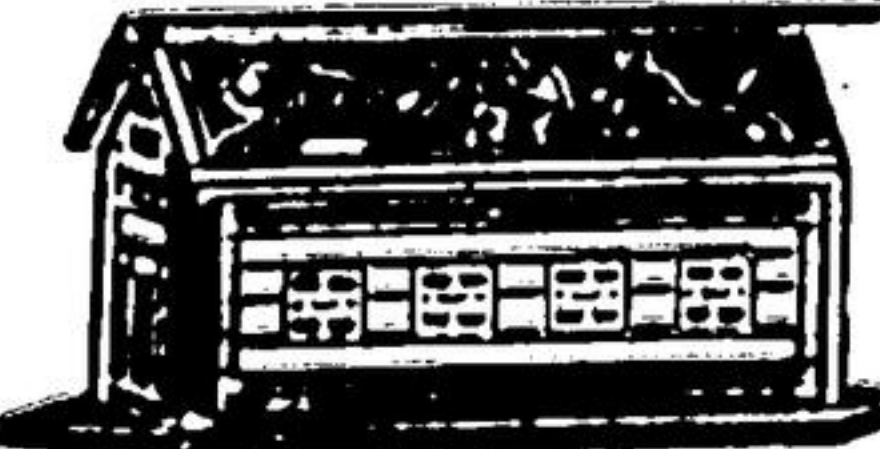
Toy locomotive in 1843, when the first passenger railroad was less than 20 years old. Though toys are electrically-driven now, the steam locomotive replica is favored.



Warrior soldiers as shown in catalogue in 1863. Sets of toy soldiers in wood, moulded papyrus, lead, bronze and even silver have delighted children since Egyptian times.



Rag doll in a simulated covered wagon was popular a century ago, when prairie school-rooms were breaking U. S. trails west. No toy has ever eclipsed the doll in affection.



"Nash's Ark", as sold in 1815. This had its forerunner in the miniature man-of-war and its playthings in ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome. Annual toys have never lost their popularity. Possibly due to impression made by Goldilocks, stuffed bears are perennial favorites.



The Remington repeating rifle was still new when toy-makers capitalized on the age-old appeal of weapons to youngsters in offer this [1] air gun for "Cowboy and Indian" play.

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12	Driving while intoxicated	3	Exceeding speed limit by more than 10 m.p.h. and less than 30 m.p.h.	2	Failing to signal
12	Driving while ability to drive is impaired	3	Failing to yield right-of-way	2	Improper driving where highway divided into lanes
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8	Racing	3	Failing to share road	2	Improper opening of vehicle door
		3		2	Improper cross-over violation
		3		2	Any other driving offence when vehicle in motion

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WON. M. S. DYMOND, M.D., Minister D. J. COLLINS, Deputy Minister

OBITUARY

Lingering Illness Claims E. Humeston

Eighty-fourth Year, No. 24 ACTON, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1958 Second Section.

After a lingering illness Edward Burrus Humeston passed away at his home, 301 Main St., on Wednesday, December 3.

Mr. Humeston was very attached to his family, and particularly enjoyed gardening. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Orange Lodge, and was a member of the Orange Lodge at Gosport, New Brunswick.

He moved to Acton 12 years ago, after living in Grand Valley for 16 years. He had been in failing health.

Surviving is his wife, the former Sarah Florence Lyman.

Three daughters also mourn his passing.

The Acton Free Press.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Claims Writer in Dark Ages Non-Drinker Favors Outlet

107 Elizabeth St., Acton, Ont.

Dear Editor:

In reply to your writer on Dec. 10, 1958, I would like to say that when I should have been living in 1900, I would have been a non-drinker. I would have been a non-drinker. I would have been a non-drinker. I would have been a non-drinker.

Sincerely,
L. A. Williams

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