

TOY THEATRE INFORMATION SHEET No.4

GREEN PLAYS

List of plays published by John Kilby Green (1790-1860) who claimed to be the “original inventor and publisher of Juvenile Theatrical Prints, established 1808” from the following addresses:

1812: Clement’s Inn Passage, Clare Market.

1814: 5 Artillery Lane, Bishops gate (in partnership with G.Slee)

1833-6: 3 George Street, Walworth

1837-8: 33 Salisbury Place, Walworth

1839-43: 34 Lambeth Square, New Cut

1843-5: 16 Park Place, Walworth

1845-60: 9 Thurlow Place, Walworth

Some publication was continued by his son George J.Green from the same address and from 6 Chatham Place, Walworth. The plates were sold to John Redington (see Information Sheet No.1) who had acted as J.K.Green’s main agent in later years.

Play	Date	Pl.	Sc.	SP	Tk	W	Wing	Nos.	Note
Secret Mine	1.5.12	3							A,B,C
Valentine and Orson	10.5.12	3							A,B,C
Seven Wonders of the World	2.7.12	3							A,B,D
Tiger Horde	8.9.14	?							A,E,F
Jonathan Bradford	29.8.33	10?	11?			3?	1,2,3		G,H
Miller and his Men	1.11.34						2		G, J
Douglas	1.11.34	4	5			2	1,2		K
Miller and his Men	1.11.35	7	11			3	1,3,4		L
Robert Macaire	15.2.36	7	4			2	1,5		
Red Rover	4.4.36	7	10			4	1,6,7,8		
Forty Thieves	30.4.36	12	15			6	3,7,9,10,11,12		
Brigand	19.9.36	7	7			3	9,10,13		
Harlequin & Guy Fawkes	26.12.36	12	16			3 6	1,3,6,14,15,16		M
State Secrets	1.3.37	4	3			2	3,6		
Bluebeard	1.3.37	12	8			5	2,9,10,14,20		
Lord Mayor’s Fool	1.4.37	4	3			1	17		
Wreck Ashore	1.6.37	6	10			3	17,18,19		N
Wapping Old Stairs	1.2.38	8	10			5	3,6,8,21,22		
Lord Darnley	1.4.39	5	7			2	3,19		
Jack Sheppard	26.12.39	17	40			7	1,3,5,6,13,17,22		
Rookwood	15.4.40	10	20	1		3	18,19,23		
Children in the Wood	1.10.40	6	8			3	1,3,13		
Waterman	21.11.40	2	2			2	5,14		
Black Eyed Susan	14.12.40	7	12			5	1,3,6,7,8		
Aladdin	1.4.41	8	15			4	9,10,11,13		P

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Maid and the Magpie	1.7.41	5	5			3	1,5,22	P
Woodman's Hut	1.9.41							Q
Silver Palace	5.9.41	6	4			1	24	R
Harlequin & the Giant Helmet	25.12.41	8	10		2	4	2,5,6,17	S
Blue Jackets	15.4.42	4	3			2	5,8	
Battle of Waterloo	18.6.42	12	12			2	18,27	
Harlequin Riddle-me-Ree	25.12.42	8	12		2	4	1,6,25,26	
Harlequin Robin Hood	26.12.43	8	12		2	4	1,3,6,14	
Cinderella	31.10.44	6	7			5	9,10,13,14,28	T
Therese	26.12.45	4	5			2	5,14	
Forest of Bondy	26.12.46	5	7			3	13,29,30	
Flying Dutchman	5.4.47	7	14			4	7,8,9,31	
Harlequin St.George	27.12.47	8	17		2	5	7,28,29,30,32	
Timour the Tartar	10.4.49	8	8			3	2,10,19	
Sleeping Beauty	26.12.50	8	12		2	4	6,12,19,28	
Belphegor the Conjuror	15.4.51	6	6			2	18,33	
Richard the Third	1.9.51	10	15			5	2,22,27,29,30	
Blackbeard the Pirate	18.11.51	6	11			4	8,9,21,34	
Mary the Maid of the Inn	1.7.52	6	11	3		2	19,28	
Harlequin Oliver Cromwell	26.12.52	8	12		3	4	6,30,31,35	
Harlequin Uncle Tom's Cabin	28.3.53	9	12		2	5	3,6,9,20,36	
Whittington and his Cat	26.12.53	8	13		4	4	6,10,28,30	
Life of a Soldier	15.4.54	8	10			4	3,6,30,37	
Corsican Brothers	11.8.54	6	5			2	38,39	
Tom Thumb	31.10.54	6	7			2	29,30	
Jack the Giant Killer	26.12.54	8	14		3	4	6,7,30,33	
Battle of Alma	26.12.54	9	9			3	19,21,40	U
Battle of Balaclava	10.4.55	7	5			1	41	
Dred	26.12.56	8	11			3	9,45,46	
Sixteen String Jack	1.1.57	9	11			4	6,18,22,31	
Daughter of the Regiment	1.9.57	3	2			2	9,10	
Goody Goose	1859	10	14		2	5	1,3,6,17,47	
Miller and his Men								V

Pl. = Plates of characters, Sc. = Scenes, SP = Setpiece, TD = Top drop, Tk = Tricks, W = Wings.
Notes: A = Principal characters only, B = Copied from West, C = Sold by Burtenshaw, D = Sold by Perkins and Burtenshaw, E = Published by Green and Slee, F = Also a procession, G = "Penny sheets" all later plays were "Halfpenny sheets", H = In 24 plates, J = In 19 plates, K = Copied from Dyer, L = Copied from Lloyd, M = Tricks numbered as scenes Nos.17-19, N = Reprinted from play originally published by Eleazar Lazarus in 1834, whose plates Green acquired, P = Derived in part from Orlando Hodgson, Q = Only one sheet of characters (Plate 1) known showing 6 plates intended but no details of scenes or wings, R = Also a top drop, S = Tricks dated 11.10.41, T = Republished 15.4.49, U = Also 5 plates of a panorama, V = Alternative small version, details unknown.

Green is known to have "manipulated" publishing dates so the dates shown may be different from the actual dates of publication.

Wing series:

“Penny series”:

No.	Inscription	Date	Subject	Note
1		29.8.33	Tree?	
2	Side wings in {Jonathan Bradford, Miller and his Men	29.8.33	Cottage	
3	Side wings in {Jonathan Bradford	29.8.33	Street and prison	

“Halfpenny series”:

No.	First used for	Total plays	Date	Subject	Note
1	Douglas	12	28.7.34	Tree	1
2	Douglas	5	1.11.34	Castle	1
3	Miller and his Men	12	1.11.35	Cottage	2
4	Miller and his Men	1	1.11.35	Robber cave	
5	Robert Macaire	7	15.2.36	Parlour	
6	Red Rover	17	4.4.36	Old Street	
7	Red Rover	6	4.4.36	Rock	
8	Red Rover	6	4.4.36	Ship deck	
9	Forty Thieves	10	30.4.36	Jungle	
10	Forty Thieves	8	30.4.36	Curtain	
11	Forty Thieves	2	30.4.36	Oriental Street	
12	Forty Thieves	2	30.4.36	Pillar and waterfall	
13	Brigand	6	19.9.36	Panelled room	
14	Harlequin and Guy Fawkes	6	26.12.36	Garden	
15	Harlequin and Guy Fawkes	1	26.12.36	Roof top and arch	
16	Harlequin and Guy Fawkes	1	26.12.36	Arch and pillars	
17	Lord Mayor’s Fool	5	1.4.37	Pillared room	
18	Wreck Ashore	6	1.6.37	Tree and cottage	3
19	Wreck Ashore	7	1.6.37	Tree and gothic	3
20	Bluebeard	2	1.2.37	Snakes on pillars	
21	Wapping Old Stairs	4	1.2.38	Ship gun deck	
22	Wapping Old Stairs	5	1.2.38	Prison	
23	Rookwood	1	15.4.40	Hall and vault	
24	Silver Palace	1	5.9.41	Dragon and fountain	

No.	First used for	Total plays	Date	Subject	Note
25	Harlequin and Riddle-me, Riddle-me-ree	1	25.12.42	Pantomime	4,5
26	Harlequin and Riddle-me, Riddle-me-ree	1	25.12.42	Pantomime	5
27	Battle of Waterloo	2	18.6.42	Battlefield tents	
28	Cinderella	5	31.10.42	Cottage	
29	Forest of Bondy	4	26.12.42	Hall	
30	Forest of Bondy	8	26.12.42	Tree	
31	Flying Dutchman	3	5.4.47	Room	
32	Harlequin St.George	1	24.12.47	Pantomime	4,6
33	Belphegor the Conjuror	2	15.4.51	Room and garden	7
34	Blackbeard the Pirate	1	18.11.51	Seascape and log cabin	
35	Harlequin and Oliver Cromwell	1	26.12.52	Pantomime	
36	Uncle Tom's Cabin	1	28.3.53	Carriage and exotic	
36	Life of a Soldier	1	15.4.54	Festive booth	8
38	Corsican Brothers	1	11.8.54	Bare tree	4
39	Corsican Brothers	1	11.8.54	Curtain and hall	
40	Battle of Alma	1	26.12.54	Military tents	
41	Battles of Balaclava and Inkermann	1	10.4.55	Rock and Tree	
42	Rob Roy	1	26.12.55	Room	
43	Rob Roy	1	26.12.55	Prison and Cottage	9
44	Rob Roy	1	26.12.55	Rock and Street	
45	Dred	1	26.12.56	Hut	10
46	Dred	1	26.12.56	Saloon	
47	Goody Goose	1	1859	Pantomime	4

Notes: 1 = "Side Wings to Suit All Pieces", 2 = Same design as penny wing 2, 3 = Ex-Lazarus, 4 = Includes trick, 5 = Wing 25 has 3 wings and wing 26 has 5 wings giving 3 pairs in total, 6 = Includes ground piece, 7 = From wings 13 and 14, 8 = Includes "Green's Royal Theatre" set piece, 9 = From wings 22 and 28, 10 = Includes set piece.

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