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Cartes Mimiques French Novelty Animated Card Game Toy Caricature Antique

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA739398****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Cartes Mimiques French animated caricature cards, circa 1820 Probably created for sale by Alphonse Giroux The slip case with etched pictorial label showing two character and titled Cartes Mimiques the back with applied label Alph: Giroux Rue du Coq St. Honore No 7 a Paris The ten cards show caricatures of various characters, some literary. The upper part of the head of each character is printed separately, cut out and attached to the card, with a strip of card pierced through to the back. The card strip at the back may be moved and the mouth appears to open and close. Cards ten present show:- Mme Pernell Mr. Mirriflore L'Officier Hongrois Vajorine Le Roman Mr Leveille Le Verre de Punch Mlle Cunegonde Le Vieux Chasseur Milady Rout Not all the cards are present, probably originally there were sixteen The outer case is well worn with glue and tape repairs. The two slip cases and all the cards are all in good condition with only relatively light wear and repair. The cards are printed and hand coloured and measure 105mm x 77mm. A very rare surviving toy considering the animated fun it offers. The only other example I found was in the V&A Museum of Childhood collection. ***...

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