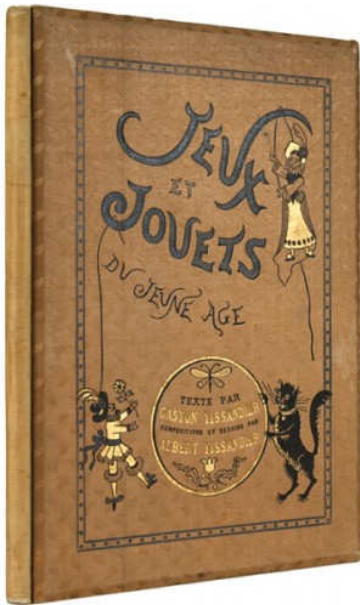


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## Christmas and toys: a tree full of toys and games

An old picture of an almost forgotten toy culture is depicted above: ten children's games and toys around a festively decorated Christmas tree. This jolly picture comes from a book entitled 'Jeux et Jouets du Jeune Age' (Children's toys and games). Small *mechanical figures*, a *musical box*, *masks*, a *Jumping Jack puppet*, and many other things are depicted. In the book, which was published in the late nineteenth century, youthful readers - and their parents - are invited to put things together and play.

The Puppetry Museum has all sorts of things on display in the field of puppet theatre from the Netherlands and abroad. People are introduced in a playful way to the various puppetry techniques, the origin of characteristic puppet theatre figures, and other phenomena of puppet theatre.

We wish all our Museum Friends and visitors a pleasant time in the 'wonderful world of figures, puppets and objects known as Puppet Theatre', now and in the future.

Tip: cut out the picture and glue it on a strong piece of cardboard. Now you have a postcard that you can send away.

Would you like to discover more about folk and mainstream puppet theatre? Make an international journey through the wondrous world of puppet theatre on our Dutch-language website [www.poppenspelmuseum.nl/onderwijs](http://www.poppenspelmuseum.nl/onderwijs). On our four-language website [www.poppenspelmuseum.nl](http://www.poppenspelmuseum.nl) and our bilingual websites [www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2](http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/poppenspel2) and [www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl](http://www.poppenspelmuseumbibliotheek.nl) you will find information about the museum, exhibitions, library and collection. The Dutch-language *poppentheater-abc* (ABC of Puppetry) gives explanations for a wide range of puppetry and theatre techniques, figures and characters. Text and project concept: Otto van der Mieden © (2010). Have fun. Applause!

Doepak presents some unusual theatre forms, far beyond the confines of our own fantasy! Doepak is a cheerful, educational and colourful Dutch-language newsletter packed with background information about folk and mainstream puppet theatre. In this newsletter and scribblings you can also read about all kinds of activities in the Puppetry Museum such as which exhibitions are on show, whether new books were issued, and how the website is developing. The Dutch verbs of 'doen' (do) and 'pakken' (take) are hidden in the name of the Doepak newsletter. This name was composed for good reason, because you are supposed to 'do' and 'take' things yourself. The name 'Doepak' is also the phonetic transcription in Dutch of the Czech word dupak. A dupak is a rod marionette and trick puppet. Where the dupak swings his arms wide as he twirls around, Doepak embraces the international world of puppetry and related arts with its hints and tips, questions and answers, illustrations and DIY activities. In Slovakian and Hungarian puppet theatre the dupak is called Paprika Jancsi.