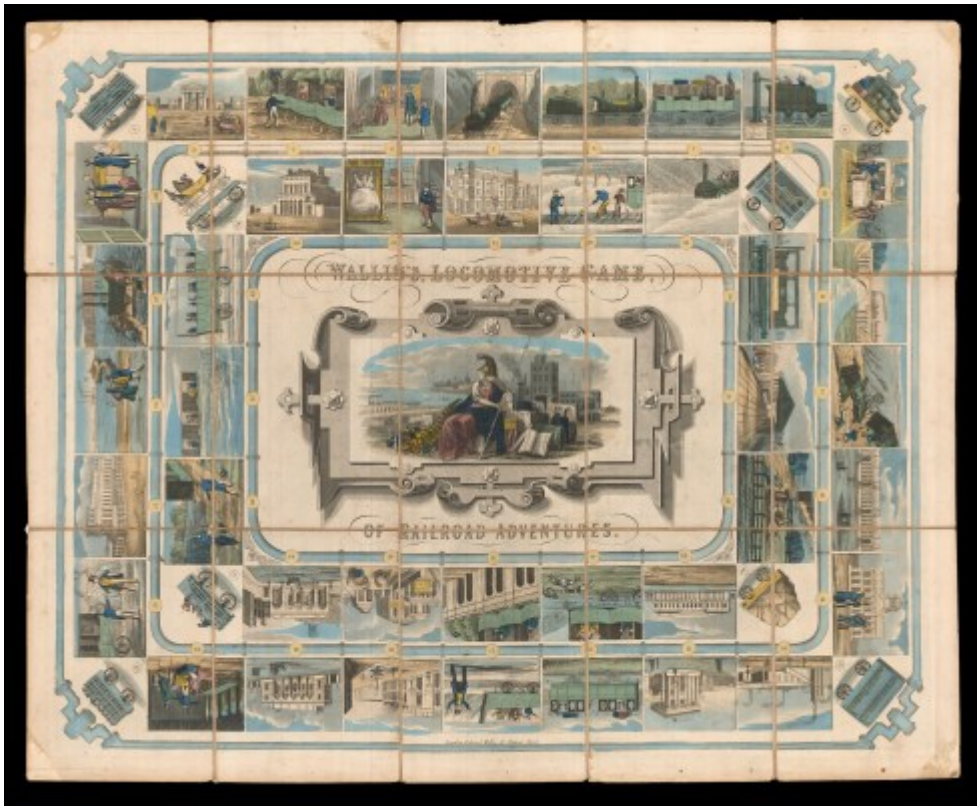


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TRAVELS IN A CHOO-CHOO!

Wallis's Locomotive Game of Railroad Adventures.

Author
WALLIS, Edward

Publication date
[c1840]

Publisher
Edward Wallis, 42 Skinner Street,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Engraving with aquatint, hand-coloured, dissected and mounted on linen.

Dimensions
580 by 600mm (22.75 by 23.5 inches).

Notes
A railway inspired version of the Game of the Goose where players progress along the spiral to the centre of the board; along the way players encounter hazards, bonuses, and penalties. These hazards include derailment, snow drifts, floods, and escaped pigs! If one can avoid these then the player will be whisked around the newly created railway network, taking in new stations such as Euston with its great arch, and Curzon Street in Birmingham. The winner is the first to arrive at the London Docks,

where Britannia reclines on the wares produced by Great Britain.

Edward Wallis (1787-1868) is described in contemporary street directories as a ‘Dissected Map & Puzzle Maker’. His father John Wallis was a very successful games and map publisher until his death in 1818 when the business was inherited by his two. Edward retired from business in the mid-1840s by which time he also owned a timber yard in Clerkenwell, presumable for the production of puzzles.

Bibliography
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Provenance

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