

## Indexes to *The Bookseller* 1860-1891 - Introduction

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### 1. Introduction to indexes 1860-1891

#### (a) Scope of indexes

I prepared these indexes as preparation for an Open University research degree. The first two indexes - for 1860 and 1861 - were used to identify a suitable subject for my thesis and are comprehensive. See separate notes below for the [scope](#), [indexing policy](#), [arrangement](#) and [main headings](#) used for these indexes.

The remaining indexes are more selective. As a subject emerged around the issues of property rights, copyright, competition and pricing in the mid-Victorian book trade I concentrated on identifying material relevant to these themes. I took 1866, 1871, 1881 and 1891 as sample years to give an idea of change over time; and selected 1891 as the last year, when the Chace Act was passed and British writers were able to obtain copyright in America.

As the emphasis of my work changed there were some variations in the headings used. I hope in future to produce a cumulative index on the subjects covered by my thesis for the period from 1858 to 1891. In the meantime, please be aware that the indexes offered here vary in coverage and the headings used are not entirely consistent.

The indexing reflects information as provided by *The Bookseller*. There is further work to be done correcting variations in the names of publications and people and indexing the content and years not so far covered. This is a work in progress. The intention here is to provide a tool for further research rather than a fully researched set of indexes in their own right.

#### (b) References

References are to page numbers. I have used *The Bookseller's* copy of the British Library microfilm and the Bodleian Library hard copy. I am grateful to *The Bookseller* and Bodleian Library for access to these. The pagination in the early years of *The Bookseller* was often irregular. Please see the [note on irregular page numbers](#) for those which affect indexing references.

### (c) Acknowledgements

I am grateful to my tutors at the Open University, Professor Simon Eliot and Dr David McKitterick, for their comments on the indexes in the early years of my research and also to Simon Eliot for his encouragement and support in making these indexes publicly available.

### (d) Work making use of indexes

As noted above, I have used some of the material here in my thesis: 'Attitudes to Literary Property, Book Prices and Anglo-American Copyright as Reflected in *The Bookseller* 1858-1891' (unpublished doctoral thesis, Open University, 2003)

I have also used some of the material in:

'"Pirates" or "Honourable Men": British Perceptions of American Attitudes to Literary Property as Reflected in *The Bookseller*, 1858-1891', *Publishing History*, 63 (2008), 5-66;

'Competitive Trade or Learned Profession: British Attitudes to Bookselling and Booksellers' Prices as Reflected in *The Bookseller*, 1858-1891', *Publishing History*, 64 (2008), 33-75;

'A Year of Publishing: 1891' (co-authored with Simon Eliot), in *The Cambridge History of the Book in Britain*, VI 1830-1914, ed. by David McKitterick (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 674-703.

## 2. Scope of *The Bookseller* and the indexes for 1860 and 1861

These indexes cover all sections of *The Bookseller*. They contain entries for regular features in *The Bookseller*; the names of traders and the places where they operate; subjects related to the book and publishing trade and general subjects; people prominent in the book and publishing trade; authors and titles of newsworthy books and books reviewed; and the titles of newspapers and periodicals. The following is a brief guide to the main sections of *The Bookseller* and how they have been indexed.

<i>The Bookseller</i>	Index Headings
(a) <b>Editorial</b>	<i>Bookseller, The</i> (when about <i>The Bookseller</i> itself); any relevant subject terms
(b) <b>Extracts from <i>The London Gazette</i></b>	Main headings: <i>Bankruptcies</i> ; <i>Insolvencies</i> ; <i>Partnerships dissolved</i> ; <i>Assignments</i> ; <i>Dividends</i> ; <i>Estates in Chancery</i> ; names of people/companies; places where people/companies operate  Subheadings (under names of people/companies, etc.): <i>bankruptcy, insolvency, partnership</i> <i>dissolved, assignment, dividend,</i> <i>estate in Chancery</i>

- (c) **Trade changes and literary gossip**
- Main headings:  
names of people/companies and related subjects and places;  
titles/authors/subjects for material about publications;  
*Catalogues, booksellers' and publishers'* (with subheading *reviewed* for general comments on catalogues received by *The Bookseller*)
- Subheadings:  
*new and forthcoming publications* (under names of publishers);  
*trade changes and literary gossip* (under Scotland and Ireland)
- (d) **Obituaries**
- Obituaries* (for tributes but not simple mentions of deaths);  
name of person (subheading *obituary*)
- (e) **Notices of books**
- Book reviews*;  
titles of books;  
main author (when given)
- (f) **Articles**
- appropriate subjects, names and places
- (g) **Publications of the month**
- Main headings:  
*Publications of the month*  
(with subheadings for categories of works used in *The Bookseller*);  
categories of works (*agricultural publications, annuals, etc.*)  
(with subheading *publications of the month*)
- Subheadings:  
*books announced* (under publishers' names)  
(where publishers list recently published works under relevant category)
- (h) **Publishers' advertisements**
- Main headings:  
publishers' names;  
place(s) where publishers operate;  
significant subjects relating to the book/publishing trade, e.g.  
*Bibliographical publications*;  
*Copyright*;  
*Expurgated publications*;  
*Large print publications*;  
*Paper trade*;  
*Periodicals*;  
*Printing trade*;  
*Serial publications*;  
*Subscription publications*;  
titles and authors illustrating these issues when advertised separately or prominently;  
some other titles where information links with editorial matter or book reviews

(most book titles are not indexed separately)

Subheadings:

*publications advertised* (under name of publisher)

(i) **Trade advertisements**

Main headings:

*Auction sales;*

*Businesses for sale;*

*Catalogues, booksellers' and publishers';*

*Employment, agencies;*

*Printing trade, machinery and equipment;*

*Printing trade, services advertised;*

*Provincial trade, services for;*

*Situations required;*

*Situations vacant;*

*Valuers;*

names of advertisers and places where they operate (when given)

Subheadings:

*catalogues advertised* (under names of publishers and booksellers);

other subheadings based on the main headings listed above

(j) **Books wanted**

*Books wanted;*

Name of person/company wanting books and place

(k) **Lists of publications for month**

*Book trade, alphabetical lists of principal English (and American)*

*publications for month;*

*American publications, alphabetical lists of English and American*

*publications for month*

### 3. Indexing policy - 1860 and 1861

The following describes how the main types of heading have been used:

(a) **Traders:** Entries have been included for every named publisher, bookseller or other trader who has done or is doing something newsworthy; who is announcing or advertising a new publication; who has placed any sort of trade advertisement; who has submitted an item for the books wanted section; or who is the subject of an obituary.

(b) **Places:** Where there is a place given for the trader an entry is also included under the name of that place.

(c) **Foreign countries:** Material relating to places in foreign countries has been grouped together under the name of the country rather than under the names of individual towns and cities.

(d) **Subjects:** Fairly broad subject headings have been used to cover subjects relating to the book and publishing trade and more general subjects. *Book trade* has been used for general material on the

publishing and bookselling trades; *Bookbinding trade*, *Newspaper trade*, *Paper trade*, *Periodical trade*, *services for* and *Printing trade* for material relating specifically to those trades. Other terms have been used for aspects of the trade such as *Employment*, types of publication such as *Periodicals*, and related areas of interest such as *Libraries*. Because of the overlap in activities no attempt has been made to create distinct groupings of stationers, booksellers and publishers.

(e) **Regular features:** Some headings have been created for regular features in *The Bookseller* such as *Books wanted* and regular features from *The London Gazette* such as *Bankruptcies*.

(f) **Titles:** Title entries have been included for the names of newspapers, periodicals and books reviewed. Some title entries have also been created where there is significant information about a particular work in the literary gossip section; for works advertised where they are of particular interest to the book trade itself (such as bibliographical publications); for works which illustrate issues relating to the book trade (for example, expurgated publications); for works which are advertised particularly prominently and/or separately; and for works which in some way contain information that links with items in other parts of *The Bookseller* (such as the book reviews or literary gossip).

(g) **Authors:** Entries are given for the principal author responsible for books reviewed when an author is given and for significant mentions of authors in the literary gossip section of the newspaper. Occasional entries for the authors of books advertised have been made according to the same criteria as for titles.

(h) **Distinguished people, institutions, etc:** Entries have been created for significant mentions of people, institutions and bodies named in the trade news, literary gossip and other sections of *The Bookseller*.

(i) **Cross-references:** See references have been used to bring together material on similar topics in one place, e.g. Botanical publications see Natural history publications. See also references have been used to provide links to related material, e.g. Authorship, see also Copyright and Plagiarism

(j) **Inconsistencies in *The Bookseller*:** Where there are variations in the titles of publications, the spellings of people and companies, and other details such as addresses, entries have been merged only if there is clear evidence within *The Bookseller* that they are referring to the same person, publication or place and that one particular version is correct or preferred (e.g. entries for Elliott, Andrew of 15 Princes/Princes' Street, Edinburgh merged with entries for Elliot, Andrew of same address). Otherwise separate entries have been created for variant forms (e.g. separate entries retained for Simmonds, Thomas and Simmons, Thos.).

(k) **Incomplete information in *The Bookseller*:** Particularly in the trade changes and literary gossip section of *The Bookseller* references to names of people, companies and publications are frequently incomplete (omitting forenames, partners and words from titles, for example). As with inconsistencies, entries are merged only if the accuracy of the identification and the correct form and details are clear (e.g. entries for Clark, Messrs of Edinburgh merged with entries for Clark, T. & T.). Otherwise, separate headings have been created (e.g. separate entries retained for Smart, Mr. (starting business at 9 Ave Maria Lane) and Smart, H.J. (giving address at 10 Ave Maria Lane)).

(1) **Different emphases of information:** Entries are created to reflect the emphasis of the material (e.g. authors and titles for book reviews, publishers' names for publishers' advertisements) but where different pieces of information about the same publication are given in different issues or different parts of *The Bookseller* some attempt has been made to bring such material together (e.g. an early reference to Mr. Jack's planning a heraldic work has been indexed under the author and title of the work despite neither being mentioned at that stage to keep the material on the publication together).

#### **4. Arrangement of indexes for 1860 and 1861**

Entries are arranged alphabetically word-by-word ignoring punctuation with entries for companies and then people without initials or forenames preceding the names of those with forenames or initials. Entries beginning St are placed as if spelt out in full (Saint), entries beginning Mac, Mc and M' are placed as if spelt Mac. Occasionally in headings, but more frequently in abstracts, a chronological sequence has been used instead of an alphabetical one where the stages or developments of a situation or process are more appropriate (e.g. proposals to abolish paper duties under *Paper trade, duties, and state of trade* in 1861).

## 5. Main headings used in indexes to *The Bookseller* 1860 and 1861

Accommodation offered	Illustrated publications
Acts of Parliament	Import duties
Advertising	Ink trade
Agricultural publications	Insolvencies
Almanacs	Large print publications
American publications	Law publications
Annuals	Learned associations
Archaeological publications	Libraries
Architectural publications	Literature
Art galleries	Medical publications
Art publications	Monopolies
Assignments	Music publishing
Auction sales	Natural history publications
Authorship	Naval publications
Ballads	Newspaper trade
Bankruptcies	Newspapers
Bankruptcies annulled	Obituaries
Bibles	Old people's publications
Bibliographical publications	Paper trade
Bibliography	Parliament
Biographies	Partnerships dissolved
Book reviews	Partnerships entered into
Book trade	Partnerships offered
Bookbinding trade	Partnerships required
Books	Periodical trade
Books wanted	Periodicals
Businesses for sale	Philanthropic activities
Catalogues, booksellers' and publishers'	Photography
Children's libraries	Plagiarism
Children's publications	Political publications
Classical philology	Prices
Commercial publications	Printing trade
Copying machines	Provincial trade, services for
Copyright	Publications of the month
Crime	Railway travel
Denunciation	Readership
Diaries	Religion
Directories	Religious publications
Dividends	Religious publishing societies
Education	Sales
Educational publications	Scientific publications
Employment	Serial publications
Encyclopaedias	Situations required
Engineering publications	Situations vacant
English language	Society
English philology	Sports publications
Estates in Chancery	Stereographs
European philology	Subscription publications
Exports	Temperance
Expurgated publications	Travel publications
Fires	Unfair trading practices
French publications	Valuers
Geographical publications	Workhouses
Guide books	Working conditions
Hand-bills	Working hours
Historical publications	

## 6. Irregular page numbers in *The Bookseller* affecting index entries 1860-1891

There are frequent paging anomalies in the early years of *The Bookseller*. Here I list the main ones which I encountered during my indexing and research and which affect the use of the indexes. Please note:

- *The Bookseller's* copy of the British Library's microfilm and the Bodleian Library's hard copy have been used. Where I have encountered variations between the microfilm and hard copy these have been noted but this is not a definitive list of all discrepancies between the two sources.
- Cover pages, which are not numbered, are not included here unless there are other anomalies. *The Bookseller* left spare numbers for these. The appropriate spare number has been used in the index references.
- There are a number of cases in the microfilm where pages have been duplicated. Again these have not been noted here.
- The final column shows the citation in the index. This may include my own explanation or a symbol such as an asterisk to reflect how it appears in *The Bookseller*.
- Only 1860 and 1861 have been indexed comprehensively. In the other years material has been indexed selectively. The list of irregularities for these years is not comprehensive but those encountered have been included regardless of whether they are cited in the index to aid finding references that are cited. Where an irregularity is not covered by references in the index it is marked as '(not cited in index)'.

YEAR	MONTH	IRREGULARITY	CITATION IN INDEX
1860	Jan	First page numbered 48 – then pages numbered in sequence 1 to 977	(before page 1) 48
	Feb	Pages 146 and 147 missing from microfilm	Indexed from hard copy
	Jul	Page 493 numbered 433	Included in 491-4
	Sept	Page 582 numbered 282 on microfilm (Bodleian copy numbered 582)	582
	Oct/Nov	Number of unused page numbers (699-714) between October and November issues. First page of trade news in November given page number 716	716 for trade news
	Nov	Two articles interspersed: one on illustrated periodicals 725, 728-9, 732-3; the other on modern art of illumination 726-7, 730-1, 734 Page 756 followed by 756* and seven unnumbered pages  Page 898 followed by 899*, 899**, 899 out of order. Should be 899, 899*, 899**	As numbered: 725, 728-9, 732-3; 726-7, 730-1, 734  Distinguished 756, 756*, 756{*(1)}  895-9 (for whole item)

YEAR	MONTH	IRREGULARITY	CITATION IN INDEX
1861	Feb	Page 131 appears before page 130	As numbered
	May	Publications of the month apparently incomplete at page 290 – ends at 'I' in the middle of	As printed



German works. Entries for later letters more heavily represented than earlier ones in June listing (pages 353-4)

Nov	One page numbered 708-12	708-12
	Pages 797, 798, 830 and 831 missing from microfilm (present in Bodleian copy)	Indexed from hard copy
	Page 800 followed by unnumbered page containing plate in microfilm (Not in Bodleian copy)	800{1}
	Page 808 followed by two unnumbered pages with plates	808(1-2)
	Page 868 followed by pages 3 and 4 from <i>Tait's Monthly Advertiser</i> in microfilm (Not in Bodleian copy)	(not cited in index)

YEAR	MONTH	IRREGULARITY	CITATION IN INDEX
1866	Jan	Numbering correct to page 13 page 13 followed by page numbered 14-9* then 9*, 10*, 11*, 12*, 13*, 14* (i.e. numbers 9-14 are used twice) then 15 and numbering as normal	13 14-9* 9* - 14* 15
		'Publications of the month' is split between pp. 9-14 and pp. 103-5	(not cited in index)
		Advertisements for Parker's educational works continued from page 65 on page 87	(not cited in index)
		Page 72 followed by one page numbered 73*79 (i.e. no separate pages for 74-79)	(not cited in index)
	Feb	Page 172 appears as 17	172
	Mar	Page 294 not numbered	294
	April	Page 403 appears before p. 402 and p. 405 before p. 404	As printed
	May	Page 482 numbered 432	482
	July	In the alphabetical list of publications pages numbered 714 and 715 in reverse order but content of pages in correct order	(not cited in index)
	Oct/	In October last page is p. 992; in Christmas first	(not cited in index)

Xmas	Page is p. 1000 (both unnumbered on page)	
Xmas	Page numbers 1049-64, 1209-12 and 1229-32 not used	(not cited in index)
	Two unnumbered pages of advertisements at end of Christmas issue after 1332 with first page of Dec issue numbered 1334	1333 used for reference on first unnumbered page

YEAR	MONTH	IRREGULARITY	CITATION IN INDEX
1871	Feb	Page between 175 and 177 numbered 172	(numbered 172) 176
		Two unnumbered pages on microfilm between 194 and 195 (not in Bodleian copy)	(second unnumbered page after 194) 194
	Mar	Page 229 numbered 226 on microfilm (all right in Bodleian copy)	229, as printed in hard copy
		Page 234 numbered 23 on microfilm (all right in Bodleian copy)	(not cited in index)
	Jun	Page 511 numbered 371	(not cited in index)
	Oct	Page 809 unnumbered on microfilm (all right in Bodleian copy)	809, as printed in hard copy

YEAR	MONTH	IRREGULARITY	CITATION IN INDEX
1881		Page 690 looks like 600	690
		Page 723 appears as 72	723
	Xmas	Page 12 followed by pages numbered 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d	e.g. (Christmas supp) 12a
		Page 24 followed by pages numbered 24a, 24b	(not cited in index)
		Page numbers 51-6 not used	(not cited in index)
		Page 163 appears as 3	163
		Unnumbered page at end of Christmas issue of microfilm but not in Bodleian copy	(unnumbered) 260

YEAR	MONTH	IRREGULARITY	CITATION IN INDEX
1891	April	Page 333 numbered 333-7	(not cited in index)
		Four unnumbered pages between pages 378 and 379 (not in Bodleian copy)	(unnumbered pages between 378 and 379) 378
	July	Page 635 looks like 6 5	635
	August	Page 725 numbered 725-9	(not cited in index)
	Nov	Page 1130 followed by 1130a, unnumbered page, 1130c, 1130d	e.g. 1130, 1130b-c, 1130c

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