

North Herts Museum Update. 17th Century TV!

Pictured below is a very intriguing item from the collection. It is believed to date from the late 17th century. It is made of wood, leather, paper and glass and is about the size of a pack of cards. It is an early example of a moving picture show. The paper is held between two rollers, and by turning the rollers together, the pictures move on, creating a cross between a slide show and a comic strip. The tale told is of a plot, made up by Titus Oates, to kill King Charles II in 1678. He was subsequently discredited and imprisoned after having caused 15 people to be wrongly executed.



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