



# FROM MAGIC LANTERN TO MOVIES

The Optical Magic Lantern Journal 1889-1903

The *Optical Magic Lantern Journal and Photographic Enlarger* (OMLJ) was a British trade monthly published from 1889 to 1903. Its remit included the projected image trade starting with the magic lantern and continuing

with the emerging cinema as well as photography, during the heyday of the hand camera and extended through lighting technology and general science. OMLJ featured news and opinions from each of the worlds and through its correspondence and advertising pages provides a unique insight into each of these areas at an important point in their history.

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- Over 5000 pages from 1889-1903
- Editorial columns covering everything from dissolving lantern slides, to hand cameras and early motion picture projectors; advertisements from all the major lantern slide and photographic manufacturers of the period; a fascinating small ads and correspondence columns
- Additional biographical and company information to add context and historical information to the original text
- An easy tool to help locate information
- High resolution scans of every page which can be printed off

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