

## THE MAGIC LANTERN WITHIN

This is another slide that features a magic lantern as part of the image. Please keep sending in any slides you have with images of magic lanterns, slides or peepshows.

In this issue we are just featuring one slide from Patrice Guérin (Diaprojection Collection) – with the magic lantern section shown again in detail. This slide, *Fantasia No.11*, was marketed by Maison Lapiere around 1870. "Lapiere Philosophale" written on



the lantern is a play on words: Lapiere (the makers) and la pierre (a stone), hence 'la pierre philosophale', 'the philosopher's stone' (that allegedly turned base metal into gold). Auguste Lapiere opened a metalwork shop in Paris in 1848 and was the first manufacturer of toy magic lanterns in France in the 19th century. Lapiere became the leading French slide producer.