

THE MAGIC LANTERN WITHIN

While processing slide images for the Lucerna Web Resource, Richard Crangle came upon this slide featuring a bit of subtle 'product placement'.

It is the opening slide from a set of 12 titled *The Discoveries of Olumbus*, probably first made in the early 1890s. Our hero Olumbus (not Columbus!) is found in his study contemplating a great voyage of discovery which will make him famous, with pictures of his heroes Stanley and Livingstone on the wall. A biunial lantern marked 'W. Tyler' stands on the table behind him, for no obvious reason. Scattered on the floor are several books, including *Walter Tyler's Lantern Readings* and *The Optical Lantern and How to Use It* by W. Tyler.

The slide, you may be surprised to learn, was made and marketed by Walter Tyler of London.

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