

## Matter 1

## Summary

Catalogue of a Small but Valuable Collection

Account by:	Laurens van Alst, 57. Merchant.
Source:	Catalogue.
Location:	London.
Event:	29 Jan 1831.
Report:	15 Jan 1831.

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## Report

## CATALOGUE

OF

A SMALL BUT VERY VALUABLE COLLECTION

OF

ANCIENT GREEK AND ROMAN  
ANTIQUITIES

formed by

Dhr LAURENS VAN ALST

the respected Dutch merchant

during his travels to the

TURKISH EMPIRE

which will be

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## SOLD BY AUCTION

at his house on Arlington Street, Piccadilly  
on SATURDAY the 15<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1831,  
at one o'clock precisely.  
May be viewed three days previously.

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## MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS

- 82 Three Necklaces, composed of Beads, taken from Mummies.
- 83 Other Ornaments, taken from Mummies.
- 84 Bronze of Mercury carrying a Feather on his Head; a Wreath half-concealed between his Wings; to judge from his Attitude, he appears to be making a Commendation. 6½ in. high.
- 85 A Lamp of Roman Pottery, in the centre a tragic Figure holding a Scroll in each Hand. 4 in. long.
- 86 A Painter's Pallet, having been most recently used for black Colour; covered in Inscriptions in the Euclidian Alphabet.
- 87 An Etruscan gold Fibula of the highest class

of Art and in unparalleled Condition, with groups of Beasts, profusely ornamented with minute Grain-work of a most excellent Character. A wonderful example of the Ancients' mastery of the Form, a Piece worthy to grace the most distinct of Collections.

- 87 A Four-Stringed Musical Instrument of the particular elongated Shape often seen in the Tombs of the Roman Elite and used by Females. It is constructed of a dense wooden Frame wholly swathed in Skin. 3 ft. 4 in. long.
- 88 A gold Bowl of crude manufacture, perhaps beaten from a grander Object. Scratched upon it is a Sequence of diagonal Lines interspersed with the Eastern-Greek Letters, Chi and Lambda. No other Decoration. A good starter Piece for the nascent Collector. 6¼ in. diameter.
- 89 A round Plate of Silver, with rich Ornaments. Discovered with original Stones absent; now reset with Stones of high Quality. 10 in. diameter.
- 90 A Hydria of pleasing Form, the upper Part of the Handle is decorated with a Satyr's Head. 5¾ in. high.
- 91 A bronze nude Figure of Venus. A very choice Example of pure Greek Art, in perfect Preservation, covered with fine Patina.

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Bronze Pedestal believed to be Original. 9½ in. high.

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## Notes

Only the cover and page seven of the catalogue's dozen pages are reproduced here.

The description of the markings on Lot 88 appear strongly to resemble the digits observed by Edwa(e)rd Mallan, as described by T. L. Charters.

It is probable that Dhr Van Alst was obliged to sell his collection to cover losses sustained in the Belgian Revolution of 1830.

Lot 88 was purchased by a Dr Harris for £48 10s – little more than the £41 scrap value of its metal.

## Matter 2

## Summary

Marvell's Spectral Walking

Account by:	Harold Marvell, ~40. Magician.
Source:	Poster.
Location:	London.
Event:	~1875.
Report:	~1875.

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## Notes

Victorian poster purchased for £20 from an antique shop in Ripon.

The poster advertises a performance given by Harold Marvell at the Egyptian Hall in London. Because of the poor state of the poster, the part stating the time(s) and date(s) of the event are missing, but it was sold as being circa 1875.

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## Summary

Wooden Koi Carp

Account by:	Kamoto Yukako, 28. Physicist.
Source:	COLLIDERNETWORK list server.
Location:	Tsukuba, Japan.
Event:	October 2023.
Report:	28 May 2024.

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## Report

COLLIDERNETWORK collidernetwork-bounces@lists.ucl.ac.uk on behalf of Kamato Yukako yukako.kamoto@kek.jp

**[COLLIDERNETWORK] Strange occurrences.**

To: COLLIDERNETWORK@lists.ucl.ac.uk

Dear Melanie,

Your request reminded me of a very strange event that took place in Tsukuba October last year. I read about it and there was a report on TV.

The story concerns a retired man who kept Koi carps as a hobby. He had a large collection of over

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30, some of which were rare and for show. He kept them in a pond which he maintained at a steady 23 degrees.

One morning, he came to his pond and found that all his fishes had been replaced by wooden replicas! They were floating in the water. Each model had the identical markings of the fish that it replaced.

The man called the police to report the theft of his fishes, but security cameras showed no evidence of trespass. The carps had seemingly changed into wooden models of their own will!

When police scientists examined the wooden fishes, the dyes used were found to be of a very complex chemical composition. Such dyes cannot normally be applied outside of a specialist facility.

But this is not the strangest thing! The wood itself appeared to be the same piece of oriental beech. I do not mean that the fishes were carved from the wood of the same tree: I mean that it was as if they came from the very same block of wood. Each fish seemed to have been carved from the block as if no other fish had been carved from it earlier! They had the same grain, the same knots: the wood was the same piece of wood.



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I think you can agree that this is very puzzling and should be impossible!

I hope I have helped you with your research.

With best regards,

Yukako

On 27 May 2024, 14:33, Melanie Scott <melanie@dheghom.com> wrote:

Dear colleagues,

This is a bit of an odd question, but have you noticed any inexplicable, weird occurrences at or near your place of work recently, say since the beginning of October last year? Objects appearing from nowhere or changing form, that kind of thing? I'm putting together a paper on chance interactions and need some real-life examples of strange events.

Thanks!

Melanie

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### Notes

Melanie sent her note to the distribution list used by those researchers who specialise in particle collider experiments.

## Matter 4

## Summary

The Hallowe'en Ghost

Account by:	Siri Montblanc, 34. Reporter.
Source:	<i>The Northern Echo</i> .
Location:	Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.
Event:	31 Oct 2023.
Report:	3 Nov 2023.

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## Report

## Was she a ghost? Woman disappears before 20 witnesses in Harrogate's Old Swan Hotel

3rd November 2023

YORK AND HARROGATE



**By Siri Montblanc**

North Yorkshire Reporter

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### **An elderly woman rang the reception bell then seconds later disappeared – on Hallowe'en.**

On 31st October, a group of some 20 tourists were waiting in the reception area of the Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate, for a coach to arrive to take them on a day trip to Rievaulx Abbey.

Among them was Joy Ingram, 58, an administrator for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services.

"I heard someone ding the bell on the front desk, and simply out of curiosity glanced over to see who it was", she said.

"It was an elegant, older lady, tall and slender with very bright, blue eyes that were particularly noticeable."

"She was dressed in tweed, as if she'd stepped out of the 1930s, which I thought was unusual."

"Then, she was, well – gone!"

Mrs Ingram was not the only member of the group to have seen this happen – almost everyone else present had witnessed it too.

"Although she appeared to have a gentle manner about her, it did seem to me that she was in something of a hurry", said Mike Sefton, 71, a retired farm labourer.

"I was standing maybe three foot from her, so when she pressed the bell she gave me quite a start, I can tell you."

"Then, moments later, she disappeared."

"I'll tell you what it reminded me of", he continued. "You know when you paste someone onto a background in Photoshop and you decide you don't like how it looks so you delete what you pasted? It was like that. As if someone had deleted her."

The hotel receptionist, Marcia Lewis, 36, also had a very good view.

"I could see out of the corner of my eye that there was a white-haired older lady waiting to be served, but I was having trouble explaining bus timetables to a young couple from Leipzig and my German isn't the best."

"I heard the bell and looked over to reassure the guest that I wouldn't be much longer then ... well she simply wasn't there! Gone in the blink of an eye!"

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"The German couple saw it too, they thought the place must be haunted – which it isn't. I told them they wanted York for that, not Harrogate."

The mystery deepened when, in response to the many concerns of those in the tour group, the hotel management checked the CCTV recordings.

All of the footage from all of the lobby cameras showed nothing but static for the period in question.

"I don't believe in ghosts", said Mrs Ingram, reflecting on what she had seen. "Besides, it was half past eight in the morning. Ghosts normally wait until midnight."

"Then again", she added, a touch of doubt perhaps entering her voice. "It was Hallowe'en".

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## Notes

This story did not appear in the print version of the newspaper.

[Update 4 Jun 2024]

This page now returns a 404 error.

## Matter 5

## Summary

An Accord

Account by:	Romy Pabst, ~30. Bodyguard.
Source:	Letter.
Location:	Unknown.
Event:	5 Nov 2023.
Report:	5 Nov 2023.

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 Report

My Dear Mr Scott,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Romy Pabst. I am the granddaughter of Mr Rolf Pabst of Bad Oldesloe, Germany, whom you contacted in the late 1990s with a request for an interview that he turned down.

I obtained your address from the letter you wrote to Ms Alice Ellis dated 12<sup>th</sup> September. She sent a WhatsApp photograph of it to her daughter, Ms Love Ellis, with whom I am currently travelling. In this context, as I am certain you are aware, I am

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one of the people you referred to in your letter as her 'friends'.

Your interests and those of the aforesaid international organisation of which I am a member align. I am writing with the authority of this organisation to propose that we enter into an accord.

The nature of this accord is one of information-sharing. We will send you whatever information we consider that you would find of use; you will send us whatever information you consider that we would find of use.

We trust that this proposal is both agreeable and acceptable to you.

Independently of this, it would benefit both our causes if, as a gesture of goodwill, you were to instruct us in methods by which we can protect our records from erasure.

Two other members of the organisation in question will contact you shortly for your answer to our proposal. Their names are Martin Søndergaard and Lillian Bang.

Yours,



Dr Romy Pabst

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## Notes

A week later, Martin Søndergaard and Lillian Bang, who are both Danish, visited my wife and I at home. We explained to them how to protect documents from being deleted by Bhéwonomese algorithms.

The four of us agreed to the accord and established a protocol for the mutual exchange of information.

The Danish couple would furnish no details concerning their organisation itself, including its name. However, to demonstrate that they indeed were members of said organisation, Mr Søndergaard read our identification numbers. I am 99,936,412,833; Melanie is 100,060,533,018.

Mr Søndergaard and Ms Bang were not aware that eight judges in Bhéwonom are making ready to decide whether or not to shut down Dheghōm. This revelation was of great concern to them.