

The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003

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Quick Facts

- Spans more than 160 years (1842–2003)
- More than 7,000 issues
- Approximately 260,000 full-text searchable pages
- More than 1.5 million high-quality color facsimile images

Related Subjects

- Art & Architecture
- British History
- British Literature
- Cultural Studies
- Journalism
- Political Science
- Theatre
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Detailed Overview

SUMMARY: With its 1842 debut, *The Illustrated London News* became the world's first fully illustrated weekly newspaper, marking a revolution in journalism. The publication presented a vivid picture of British and world events – including eyewitness accounts of war, descriptions of natural disasters, and reviews of arts and science.

SIGNIFICANCE: With its sweeping coverage of historical, social and cultural milestones, *The Illustrated London News Historical Archive* supports disciplines ranging from politics and economics to graphics and science. Use this collection as a foundation for scholars seeking primary sources, one-of-a-kind images and on-the-scene narratives.

SOURCE: The *Illustrated London News* was founded by Herbert Ingram, an entrepreneurial newsagent who noticed that newspapers sold more copies when they carried pictures. The inaugural issue covered a fire in Hamburg, Queen Victoria's costume ball, the war in Afghanistan and the latest fashions in Paris. The publication commissioned a galaxy of great artists and illustrators to cover wars, royal events, scientific invention and exploration. In 1855 it launched the world's first color supplement, further cementing *The Illustrated London News* as a publishing innovator.

STRUCTURE: In *The Illustrated London News Historical Archive, 1842-2003*, Gale grants students, researchers and enthusiasts unprecedented online access to the entire 160-year run of the newspaper.

- Every article, letter, advertisement and illustration is digitally reproduced in full color
- Each article and caption is full-text searchable with hit-term highlights and links to corresponding illustrations
- Article and illustration categories aid users in narrowing searches to the best results
- Special editions cover global events such as Napoleon's visit to England (1855), the revolution in Portugal (1910) and the first photos from Mt. Everest (1933)

DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTORS: The popularity of *The Illustrated London News* drew some of the era's finest writers and artists to its pages. The publication played host to Robert Louis Stevenson, Charles Dickens, Rudyard Kipling and Agatha Christie; contributing artists included Melton Prior, William Heath Robinson and Mabel Lucie Atwell. Scholars can find the complete works of every contributor in *The Illustrated London News Historical Archive*.



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High-quality color facsimile images bring to life more than 160 years of social, political and cultural history

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