

## FUTURE PROJECT

### An Eighteenth-Century Peepshow *a printers' workshop*

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I stumbled over this set of cards in a book fair and couldn't resist it. There are six cards and all but the last one are cutouts. When spaced apart they produce a three-dimensional image of a printer's workshop.

I had a box made for them based on an original one, and that lets the scene come magically to life. This was fun to explore, there are very few examples that have survived. Long before photography and cinema this was three-dimensional home entertainment, and it lets us into a printshop about 1730. I commissioned an extra five boxes so I could display five digitally reproduced sets of cards as a special edition. Finding out about them has been fascinating and a separate book will be the result.

