

# Hordern's Edition Of The Hoffmann Book



## *Hoffmann's Puzzles Old And New*

by Professor Hoffmann and Edited by L. E. Hordern

(Copyright L. E. Hordern, printed in Great Britain 1993,  
8 by 10 inches, 256 pages)

L. E. Hordern has re-set in different type the material from the original 1893 *Puzzles Old And New* by Prof. Hoffmann (pen name for Reverend Angelo John Lewis), and organized it so the solutions come after the puzzle (instead of at the end of the chapter as in the original book) and photographs of corresponding antique puzzles are intermixed with the pages (e.g., two pages of material from the original book on one page and photographs on the facing page). The original figures are included, but with different numbering, and some but not all errors in the original book have been corrected. Here is text the jacket back:

### **About this book . . .**

Hoffmann's original "Puzzles Old & New" came out in 1893. Now, to celebrate its centenary, here is a completely revised edition, to which has been added colour pictures of many of the now rare puzzles.

This book is a fascinating insight into the puzzles of 100 years ago – some of them unrivalled even today for their ingenuity and craftsmanship.

The 1893 book stood head and shoulders above all others for several reasons. It was the first and only book to attempt to list all known "mechanical" (as opposed to "pencil and paper") puzzles, and was profusely illustrated with detailed diagrams. No other book for at least 60 years after even came close to this achievement.

During the course of 100 years both the book and the puzzles themselves have become collectors' items. So what Edward Hordern, the noted puzzle authority, has done is to extensively revise and correct the original, at the same time adding colour pictures of more than 200 puzzles. Most of the puzzles come from his own collection, but he had to travel as far as California to track down missing items.

As the book is now primarily of historical interest, it has been cleverly re-arranged so that each puzzle, its solution and picture all appear on one page or facing page. At the same time all the original illustrations have been retained, although amended where necessary.

An absorbing book. . . for everyone with an interest in puzzles.

# Photos of The Front Matter

