

Online Auction #180 Report: Toys, Books, Ephemera, Sporting, Stamps, Postcards & Cigarette-Cards Sale; 17-18 June 2020

This sale turned up many highlights and surprises. The toys were extremely popular. These included some very rare 1960s and 70s model kits including early Japanese anime and 'kaiju' monsters, as well as Aurora horror and Disney Haunted Mansion. The Aurora 'Mad Barber', Lot 4, sold for £440 hammer; the Imai Mark 3 Robot, Lot 59, sold for £480, and the Imai 'Golden Bat', Lot 60, went for £380 for example. The toys almost universally exceeded their top estimates. A vintage pedal car, Lot 92, made £650 against a top estimate of £200.

The emphasis of the first day was once again on autographed manuscripts and ephemera. These included many rarities such as early banking interest, signed books, photographs and negatives, as well as many important letters. An early cheque for £694 from Lord Ashley dated 1666 achieved £800 hammer. A Roald Dahl signed Rhyme Stew 1989 made £850. Original letters by Thomas Hardy, Harriet Martineau, and Alfred Lord Tennyson, went for £1000, £480 and £280 to give just some examples.

Most of the sporting material also excelled their estimates, including in the postcard section on the second day. On the first day prices such as £520 and £850 were achieved for collections of football programmes.

The second day saw our traditional Stamps, Postcards, and Cigarette & Trade Card sections, which were strongly supported by online bidders (a reminder – it is possible to view items on premises now, by appointment when viewing is in session). Some remarkable prices for football postcards were seen including £540 for Lot 616 – four cards of Everton's 1906 FA Cup winning members; and £220 for Lot 645 – a single card of the Tonbridge Excelsior FC team c.1906. A remarkable price was seen for a single cigarette card: £210 for Lot 1019 – Cohen Weenen Famous Boxers – Jack Johnson.

The next auction will be Coins, Medals & Militaria on 4-5 July, catalogue now available; followed by Banknotes 11 July; Jewellery, Watches, Silver, Antiques & Collectables on 25th July; Stamps, Postcards, Cigarette-Cards, Sporting, Books & Ephemera on 1-2 August; and Coins, Medals & Militaria again on 12-13 September.

We urge you to make use of the fierce demand for collectables presently, by selling through Lockdales' auctions. Cash offers are also available.



Lot 59: Japanese, Imai Model V, Mark 3 Robot plastic model kit sold for £480 hammer.