

WILLS AMENDMENTS (Correct to 31 Dec 2020)

Item 3-A. Actresses – type set backs. Add the following, making 21 now known:

Miss Saumarez (*B, F/R, Arabic costume*).

Item 3-E-(b). Beauties, scroll back, no inset. Nos. 30 and 61 now known.

Item 5. Double Meaning. *“A Fare Admirer” has also been seen issued by Hemingway’s Dry Soap.*

Item 9. Kings and Queens of England. Add “5(a). Edwig. 955-958”. Amend printing A to read

5. (Edwy front). Back (a) Edwig (b) Edwy, (*note comma*). (c) Edwy – the right hand fork of the “Y” on the back title varies in length and angle. .

5a (Edwig front) always has the back caption “Edwy”.

Edwy and Edwig (more properly Eadwig) are both valid versions of the same name. On the cards the text invariably uses “Edwy”.

Item 14. Sports of all Nations. Note that in printing B Nos. 1/12 have the Traveller back and 13/24 Westward Ho!

Item 15. Wild Animals of the World. In printing F (grey backs) No. 30 has now been seen, making 17 different known.

Item 22. Football Series.

Note that Nos. 1-41 are Association Football, and 42-66 Rugby Union.

A detailed comparison of the Wills’s and Clarke’s sets shows the following differences:

Wills’s subjects have the team on the front of the card, after the name. Clarke’s only have the name on the front, with the team and descriptive text on the back.

The perspective differs in some instances between the issuers. Notably nos. 11, 13, 17, 18 and 20 are about waist length in the Clarke’s set, but about head and shoulders in Wills’s (No. 18 can be found in both perspectives in Wills’s). On no. 23 the player’s head and body is a much smaller perspective on the Clarke’s card compared to the Wills’s.

On No. 2 the Clarke’s card shows a badge on the player’s shirt that does not appear on the Wills’s equivalent. On No. 5 the Clarke’s version has a hand visible that does not appear on the Wills’s card. No. 25 has a plain shirt in Clarke’s and striped in Wills’s.

No. 48 shows J. Daniell as playing for Richmond (Wills’s) or Cambridge (Clarke’s). Both are correct!

John Daniell was a most distinguished sportsman. He played Rugby for England from 1899 to 1904, and was captain for much of that time; he also became President of the Rugby Football Union 1945-47. On the cricket field he played for Somerset from 1898 to 1927, and was captain from 1908 to 1926 (apart from the Great War hiatus); although not an outstanding performer he did also become an England selector. The following story appeared in a Guardian obituary of Mitchell-Innes, who was sitting alongside Daniell at Taunton. Frank Lee, the batsman, was hit in the box. 'The box, you say,' thundered Daniell. 'What namby-pamby nonsense is that?' A few minutes later it happened again and Daniell exploded: 'What does he need a so-called box for? In my day, we hit fours with our private parts'

Finally, the Clarke card of No. 11, Fred. Wheldon, does not show a team, but mentions in the text "playing in the Villa ranks". However, the Wills's card shows his club as West Bromwich Albion. In fact he was transferred from Aston Villa to Albion in August 1900 for the sum of £100!

This difference indicates that the Clarke set was issued first.

Wheldon moved to Aston Villa from Small Heath (later Birmingham City) in June 1896 (for £350), where he scored 75 goals in 139 matches, as well as 6 for England. He thus had the distinction of playing for all three leading Birmingham clubs, as well as playing first class cricket for Worcestershire from 1899 to 1906.

Item 24. Locomotives and Rolling Stock. No. 32-2 should be described as "0-10-0".

Item 33. Actresses "ALWICS". This series was also issued by the Bengal Cigarette Mfg. Co. (without captions). 3 subjects have been seen and by Dominion T. C. (Canada).

Item 40. Arms of the British Empire. *A plain backed proof has been seen of Victoria, first granted on 6th June, 1910.*

Item 53. British Birds. Alter No. 42 to 32.

Item 59. Australian Cricketers Series.

Set 6. Second subjects have been seen at No. 8. A. Stoddart, No. 19 H Trumble and No. 21 C. Hill.

Set 7. Board has now been seen as No. 44.

Item 60. Famous Inventions. An authorized reprint was issued in 1994 with the Wills's name on the front, and the back headed "Marston's Victorian Moments".

Item 62. Fish & Bait. The identical set was reissued by Bryant & May in 1991, with their trade mark (a swan) superimposed in the middle of the back and an acknowledgement at the base.

Item 64. Flag Girls of all Nations. The issue with "Bouquet Cigarettes" by I. T. C. (Canada) has now been seen. There is also a showcard issue by Ogden, numbered as Item 414, advertising Polo Cigarettes

Item 101. Sports of the World. A card has been seen with the caption "Fishing" (normally No.24) but numbered 25. No. 25 usually occurs as "Yachting".

Item 237. Houses of Parliament. The Pirate edition can be found overprinted on the back horizontally in black "Lovell's – Toffee 'Rex' – The King of Toffees."

Item 240. Indian Series.

An Anonymous plain backed card is known of subject 1, with the caption "Gauhar Be Baha". Gauhar Jan (born Angelina Yeoward) was a singer at the turn of the Twentieth Century, and made one of the first gramophone records in that country.

Item 261. Miniatures. Amend Mary Croker to Miss Croker and correct sequence.

Item 281. OLD INNS – “Second Series”. Large size. Fronts without border. Backs in grey. (40). Issued Sep., 1939. The set as issued has an album clause on the top two lines of the back. A proof set is known without this clause, as in the first series, and with completely different numbering.



Fig. 315-1

Item 315 Rotary Photographic Series.

Set 1. 9 subjects now known. See Fig. 315-1.

Set 2. Add: 1958 L. Miss Carrie Moore, February. Vice-Regal.

1977Q Miss Madge Lessing. May 1910. Vice-Regal.

4038B Miss Gabrielle Ray. May 1910. Vice-Regal.

4085C Miss Zena Dare. May 1910. Vice-Regal.

4091G. Miss Nellie Stewart. Vice-Regal.

Item 321. Safety First. A. Adhesive backs headed "This surface...". U.K. issue. On card 36, line 19 there appears the word (a) will (b) has.

Items 355-6. Birds of the East. In back 4 No. 47 has been seen with border in green.

Item 370-1. Chinese Transport. The total observed is 34, not 33.

1. Item 398. **DO YOU KNOW? (A). Unissued.** Plain backed proofs only known. I Pre 1940. Unnd. (50). Listed in alphabetical sequence.

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| 1. An alarm clock | 26. Onions |
| 2. Ancient effigies | 27. Palm trees on coral islands |
| 3. Arc lamp/Gas filled lamp | 28. Pear shaped weight in scales |
| 4. Asbestos | 29. Piccadilly |
| 5. The Bogie | 30. A pigeon drinking |
| 6. The breaches buoy | 31. Pulleys |
| 7. Buoys | 32. Reflections |
| 8. Buttons on sleeves | 33. Ripples in water |
| 9. The Christmas box | 34. The salute |
| 10. The clock face | 35. Sandwiches |
| 11. The compass card | 36. Shells |
| 12. Cones on mooring ropes | 37. A shot tower |
| 13. A diesel engine | 38. The site of the Marble Arch |
| 14. Direction finding | 39. Sleep-walking |
| 15. The doldrums | 40. A sleeping horse |
| 16. Egg testing | 41. The speed of a ship |
| 17. A fish facing the current | 42. The stalling point |
| 18. Garden roller | 43. Stockings at Christmas-time |
| 19. High heels | 44. The supports of a wall |
| 20. Horse-power | 45. Trinity house |
| 21. The King's orb and sceptre | 46. When a plant needs water |
| 22. The lens in a camera | 47. Why we shiver |
| 23. The lion's head | 48. Will 'o the wisp |
| 24. A Logan stone | 49. The yard measure |
| 25. Noah's Ark animals | 50. The Year in churchyards |

(The set already listed is now Item 395-II).

Item 398. In printing B Picture No. 3 has now been seen with The "Three Castles" advertisement.

Item 400. Three Castles Postcards. "Sweethearts" is also known without the lilac wording. Add the following, making 21 now known:

The Fudge Party School Days Thinking of You The Twins Yesterday

Item 414. Pirate Advertisement Cards.

Group 1 No. 855 known. Group 2 No. 1555 known with packets on left or right.

Item 446-2. Add two further subjects, probably completing a group of 6:-
Raga Gunakeli, Ragini Gujari.

Item 448. Add: "**DIVING**" **SERIES**. Unissued series of 50, in the style of Mining (circa 1914), and possibly withdrawn because of the Great War. Plain backed proof sheets only studied. A reprint of this set has been produced, titled "Deep Sea Diving", adding numerals and texts; the texts update the series to the modern era.

Item 449. Add **EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES**. A brown picture, size 150 x 92, plain back Inscribed at the base "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales – with the compliments of "Capstan" Cigarettes".

Item 511.

2. SOUVENIR ALBUM . 243 x 158. 10 prints 162 x 107, each within a gilt frameline with a caption printed below. Back with "Pirate Cigarettes" packet.

1. London
2. New York

Item 514. Add:

8. Slip in album, 182 x 150, to hold 72 standard size cards, 6 per page in the style of the Ogden's Guinea Gold albums. Each page inscribed "W. D. & H. O. Wills Golden Cross Cigarettes, Extra Quality". Issued in Australia.

Item 520 – Blotters. Add:

2. EASTER HOLIDAY BLOTTER. 138 x 90. Back with illustrations of Star and Woodbine 15s packet with closing Friday April 7th to Monday April 11th (?1932).

Item 530 - Books. Add:

4 C. 140 x 87. 100 pages. Titled "Rambler's Note Book". Advertising for "Capstan" and Gold Flake". ITC 8532.

8. TOBACCO, ITS HISTORY CULTURE AND MANUFACTURE. Hard backed book, issued around 1964. 56pp.

Item 650. Add:

13. WILLS'S WOODBINE FARM. Booklet, 500 x 380. Designed to be cut out and then assembled as a three dimensional display.

Item 670 – Postcards. Add:

9. 139 x 88. Picture of King George V in Field Marshall uniform. Gold Flake at base.

10. 149 x 99. Picture of P. & O. Sea Princess. Issued Easter 1986 in conjunction with the Caribbean Treasure Cruise, Item 419.

11. 150 x 90. Brown picture with "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales With the compliments of "Capstan Cigarettes" in blue. Overprinted "Souvenir of the Prince's visit to Montevideo".