

CABINET 17: TRAVEL

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*Gentleman's Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. XLII. London: Printed at St. John's Gate, for D. Henry, and sold by F. Newbery, 1772. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
*Gentleman's Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. LIV, Part II. London: Printed by John Nichols, for D. Henry, late of St. John's Gate; and sold by E. Newbery, 1784. de Beer Eb 1731 G

CABINET 18 (LARGE): IMITATORS AND COMPETITORS

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VITRINES:

1. *The Gentleman's Magazine*;
2. Magazines in Britain - A General History;
3. Enduring Magazines from 18th and 19th Century;
4. *The Gentleman's Magazine*

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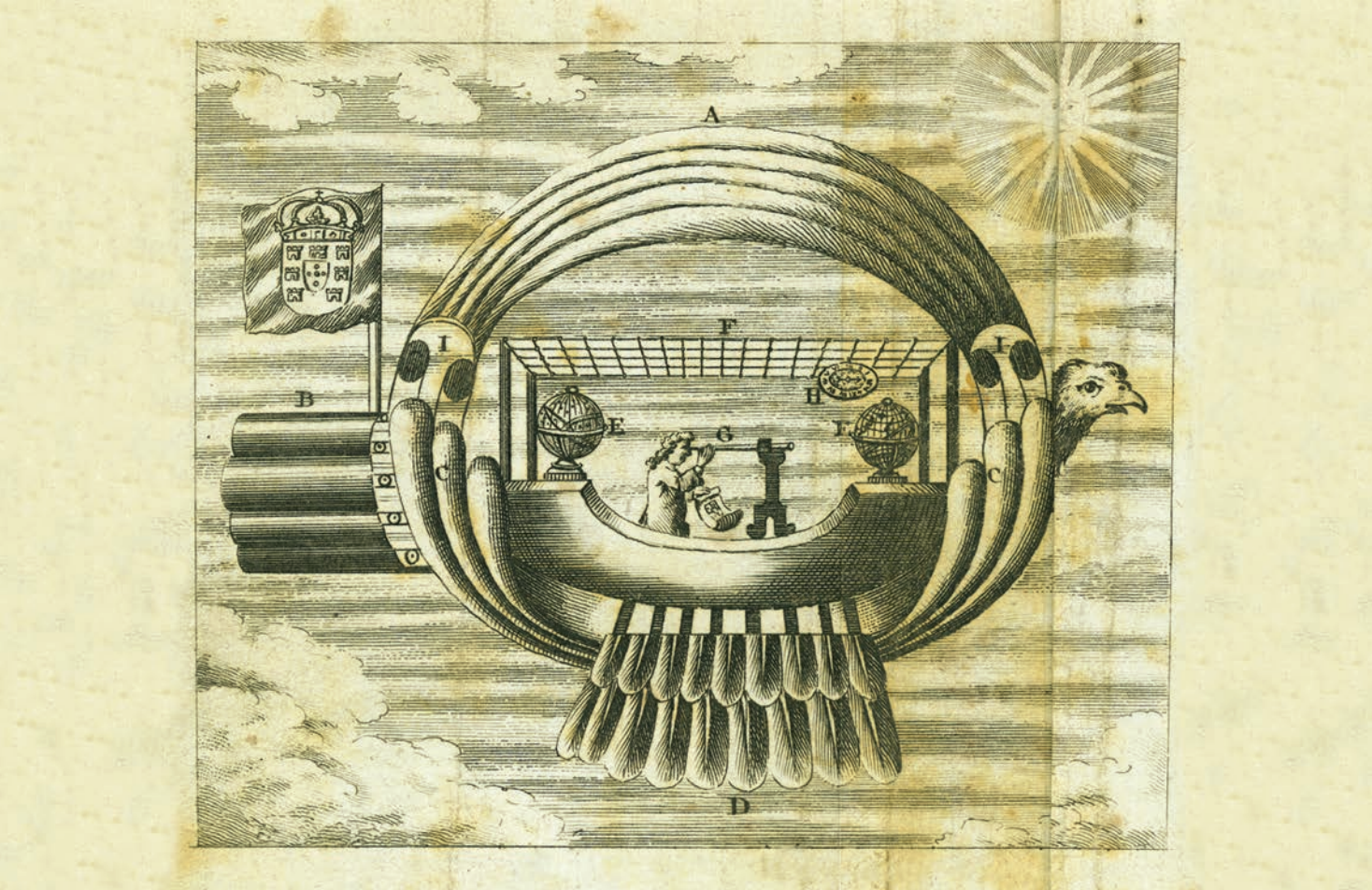
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# The Gentleman's Magazine:

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In 1750, an unknown contributor wrote to Edward Cave, publisher and printer of the *Gentleman’s Magazine*, proclaiming ‘... your magazines are now become oraculous, and discuss questions in divinity, philosophy, morality, mathematicks, and through the whole chain of science, even down to manage and farriery’.

Praise was certainly due to Cave’s *Gentleman’s Magazine*, which he began in January 1731. Printed at St. John’s Gate in London, it was a ‘repository of all things worth mentioning’. It was the first ‘magazine’ in the modern sense. It was also the most important periodical in 18th century England, reflecting in its pages the diversity of Georgian life, politics and culture. It covered current affairs, political opinion, lead articles from other journals, miscellaneous information such as quack cures and social gossip, prices of stocks, science and technological discoveries, notices of births, deaths, and marriages, ecclesiastical preferments, travel, parliamentary debates, and poetry. Writers such as Dr Johnson, John Hawkesworth, Richard Savage, and Anna Seward were just a few of the thousands who contributed to it. At 6d per issue, it was an outstanding bargain.

Dealing with almost every imaginable fact and fantasy, it was the first source to refer to. This fact truly makes the *Gentleman’s Magazine* the 18th century answer to Google. Every page is a surprise in this early searchable hard-copy database.

Special Collections, University of Otago Library, is fortunate to have an entire run of the *Gentleman’s Magazine* from 1731 to 1866. It remains an inexhaustible mine of information for scholars of eighteenth century life, and because of the wealth of genealogical information and records, it has become an important resource for family historians. Please enjoy.

### ITEMS ON DISPLAY

#### CABINET 1 (LARGE) EDWARD CAVE

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*Gentleman’s Magazine, and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. XXIV. London: Printed for D. Henry and R. Cave, 1754. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
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*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. X. London: Printed by Edward Cave, 1740. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
*Gentleman’s Magazine, or, Monthly Intelligencer*. Vol. II. London: Printed, and sold at St John’s Gate, by F. Jefferies, 1732. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. XIII. London: Printed by Edward Cave, 1753. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
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*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. L. London: Printed at St. John’s Gate, for D. Henry; and sold by E. Newbery, 1780. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. LXIV, Part II. London: Printed by John Nichols, Fleet-Street; and sold by E. Newbery, 1794. de Beer Eb 1731 G

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*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. LIX, Part I. London: Printed by John Nichols, for David Henry, late of St. John’s Gate; and sold by Eliz. Newbery, 1789. de Beer Eb 1731 G

#### CABINET 6: DR SAMUEL JOHNSON

*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. VIII. London: Printed by Edw. Cave, jun. at St John’s Gate, 1738. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
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#### CABINET 8: ADVANCES IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & NATURAL HISTORY

*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. XX. London: Printed by Edw. Cave, at St John’s Gate, 1750. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
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#### CABINET 9 (DRAWER): ADVANCES IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & NATURAL HISTORY

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#### CABINET 10 (DRAWER): MEDICAL

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*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. LIV, Part I. London: Printed by John Nichols, for D. Henry, late of St. John’s Gate; and sold by E. Newbery, 1784. de Beer Eb 1731 G

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*Gentleman’s Magazine: and Historical Chronicle*. Vol. XCVI, Part II. London: Printed by John Nichols and Son, 1826. de Beer Eb 1731 G  
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