

THE MAGIC LANTERN WITHIN

These images, from Lester Smith's collection, mainly depict different types of peepshow. On the right are images from long slides projected at our Summer Meeting (see p.16). The dog with a magic lantern(?) follows a hurdy-gurdy man (top). The monkeys (bottom) with a peepshow are smoking in another image. They both probably date from c.1800-1820.



The two slides above are from the *Catastrophe Series* by York & Son, "a set of humorous slides for rapid changes" produced from 1889 onwards. Here we have a peepshow with a "Niagra [sic] Falls automatic water effect"!

