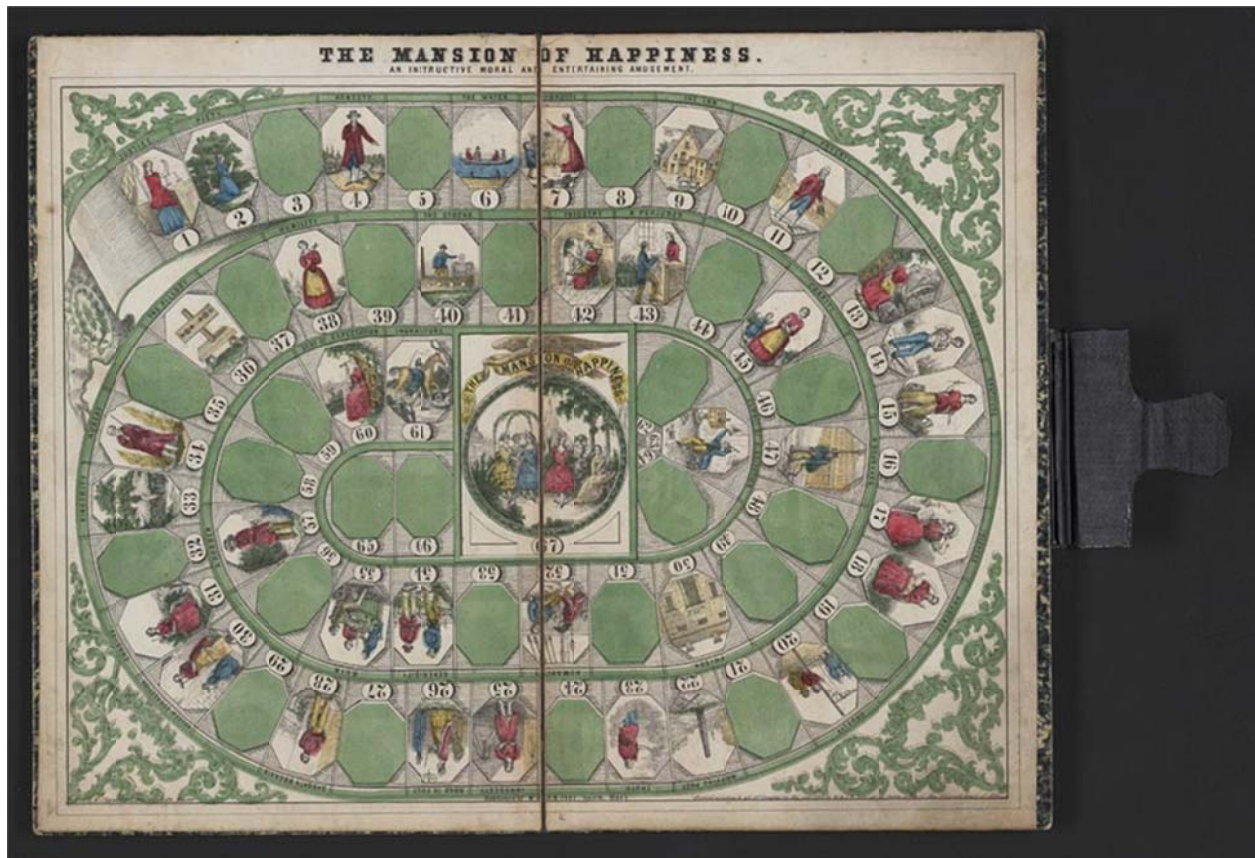


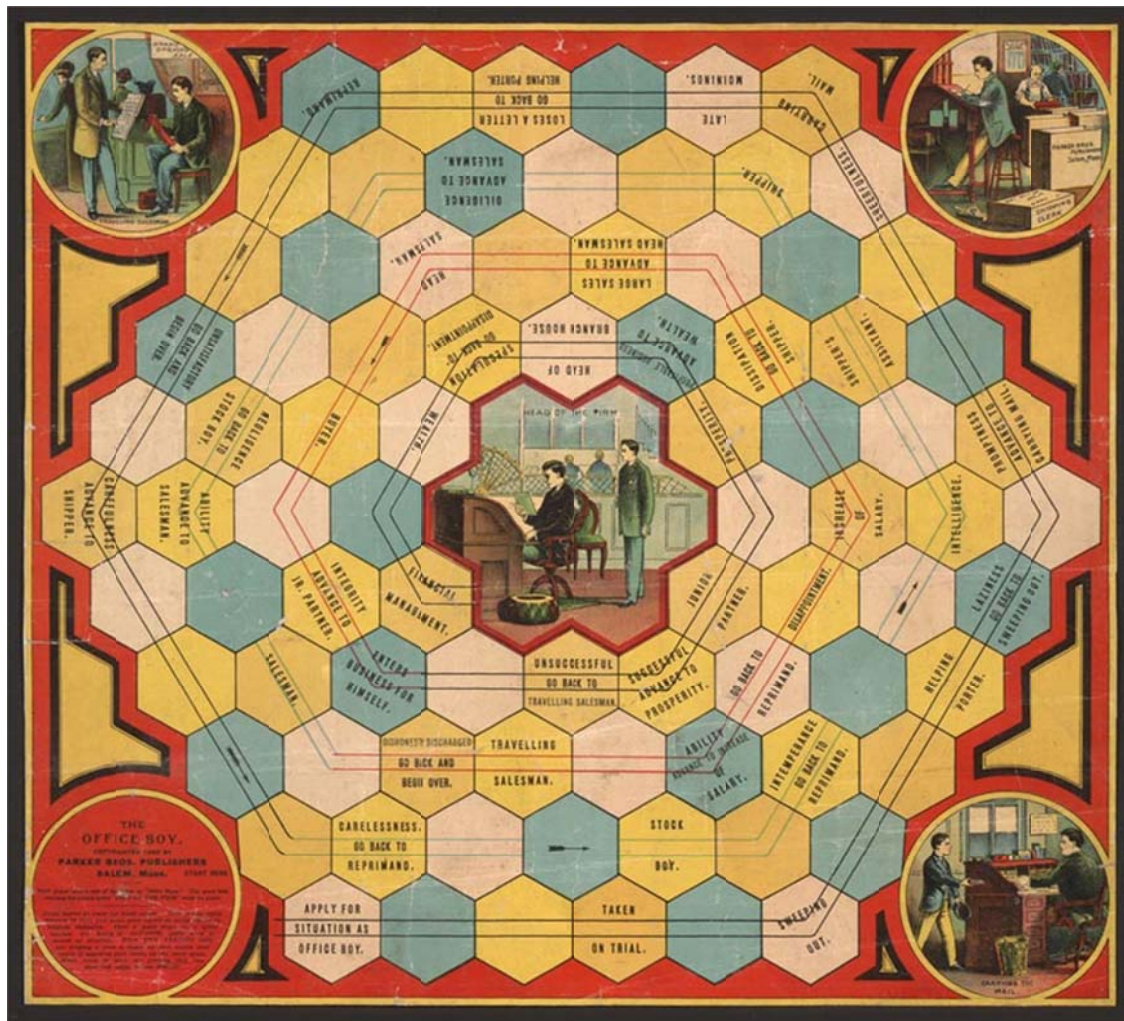


Anne Abbot.

Mansion of Happiness: An Instructive Moral and Entertaining Amusement.

Salem, Massachusetts: W. & S.B. Ives, 1843
Rare Book & Special Collections Division (107D.2)

The *Mansion of Happiness*, designed by Anne Abbot and manufactured in 1843, may be the first board game published in the United States. The players hop along the spiral board, moving forward toward the mansion of happiness if they land on temperance or generosity, backward to the pillory if they land on idleness or immodesty. *Mansion of Happiness* was played with a teetotum, a small top inscribed with numbers, not dice, which would have been associated with gambling.



The Office Boy.
 Salem, Massachusetts, 1889
 Color lithograph game board
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Parker Brothers produced the 1889 board game *Office Boy* during the heyday of Horatio Alger's popular stories of plucky lads reaching success through hard work and determination. The player can advance from stock boy to sweeping out and on to head of sales, trying to avoid carelessness, which will send him back to reprimand. The lucky winner becomes head of the firm. The poster advertises a Philadelphia bookseller carrying children's books.



Children's toys - 1800's - knuckles - Historic Kruger Farm, South Africa

Played like today's game of 'jacks', animal bones were used in this game of knuckles.

1817 Known in some form as far back as ancient Greece, the kaleidoscope is first patented by the Scottish scientist Sir David Brewster and begins to be sold as a children's toy.



In the 1700's, "Sunday" toys, such as this Noah's Ark from the [Museum of American Heritage](https://www.museumofamericanheritage.org/) were quite elaborate, considering the austerity of the time period. This European set was made in 1800. A Noah's Ark toy could carry up to one hundred pairs of animals as well as Noah and his family.





100 Years of Toys

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Homemade Topsy-Turvy doll- 1800's



19thc. Crandall Nesting Blocks Patented 1881



Late 1800s McLoughlin Nesting Blocks

