Blocks Designed by Lois Lenski in the Milner Special Collections Lenski Doll and Toy Collection


**Detailed description**
Original box lid in green, yellow and white.

Printed on top of lid: Story and Designs by Lois Lenski. EMBOSSED STORY BLOCKS. a tiny tale on every block. safe, rounded edges. bright, harmless colors. "They last ... because they're solid wood" TOYS THAT TEACH are made on the banks of the Hudson in the workshop of THE EMOSSING COMPANY, ALBANY, N.Y., USA.

No box bottom.

Printed on side of lid: The EMOSSING Company's BLOCKS No. 18.

Inner tray contains 14 blocks. Each block has a story and/or pictures continued on four sides, and letters of the alphabet on two sides as follows:

Andy [boy with basket] and Alice [girl] ate apples [boy pulling wagon] [apple tree]  
Story and drawings in blue on natural wood backgrounds. Letters A and L in white surrounded by red.

Baby in the buggy [girl pushing baby in buggy] [house, fence & man with balloons] gets a [man with balloons, girl, baby in buggy] big balloon [girl, baby in buggy with balloon]  
Story and drawings in green on natural wood backgrounds. Letters B and M in white surrounded by yellow.

Clara [girl feeding chickens] and Charles [boy and chicken] carry corn [barn] to the chickens [chickens eating]  
Story and drawings in red on natural wood backgrounds. Letters C and N in white surrounded by blue.

Dottie [girl on chair with doll and trunk] dresses [clothesline with clothes and basket] her dolls [three dolls] daily [girl with doll buggy, dolls and umbrella]  
Story and drawings in brown on natural wood backgrounds. Letters D and O in white surrounded by green.

Easter [rabbit and tree] eggs [girl, sun, Easter basket] for [two girls with Easter basket] everybody [boy and girl with Easter baskets]
Story and drawings in blue on natural wood backgrounds. Letters E and P in white surrounded by red.

Frank's [boy with fishing pole and bucket] fish [boy with fishing pole, bucket and a fish] was fried [woman with pan and fish at a stove] for Fanny [cat on floor next to girl eating at table].

Story and drawings in green on natural wood backgrounds. Letters F and O in white surrounded by yellow.

Gay girls [two girls] are going [two girls] over the [two girls] green grass [two girls].

Story and drawings in red on natural wood backgrounds. Letters G and R in white surrounded by blue.

Harry [man running] hurries home [man running faster] to his house [house on hill] on the hill [hill with trees].

Story and drawings in brown on natural wood backgrounds. Letters H and S in white surrounded by green.

Ida [girl with clothesline, clothes and basket] goes indoors [girl carrying basket to door] and irons [girl ironing clothes, cat on floor nearby] with an iron [iron and window].

Story and drawings in blue on natural wood backgrounds. Letters I and T in white surrounded by red.

A jar [woman carrying jar to table] of jam [three children with eating contents of jar] is joy! [boy and girl with spoons] Oh, boy! [girl, dog and window].

Story and drawings in green on natural wood backgrounds. Letters J and U in white surrounded by yellow.

Kate [woman at stove with kettles] keeps [woman at cupboard and kettles] kettles [kettles, chair, window, broom cat] in the kitchen [sink, kettles, stool, trash can].

Story and drawings in red on natural wood backgrounds. Letters K and V in white surrounded by blue.

Look, Lanny! [boy running by fence] Look at the [girl by fence] lively lion [lion in cage] [boy and girl looking into empty cage].

Story and drawing in brown on natural wood background. Letters L and W in white surrounded by green.

Michael [boy by house] and Mary [girl by house] met a [girl and boy] mouse [girl, boy and mouse].

Story and drawings in blue on natural wood backgrounds. Letters M and X in white surrounded by red.

Ned and [boy at blackboard] Nancy and [girl at blackboard] Nick make [boy at blackboard] nice numbers [teacher by table].

Story and drawings in green on natural wood backgrounds. Letters N and Y in white.
surrounded by yellow.

**LL-SC-92** (also as EL) **Blocks.** Wooden, painted and carved with animal designs, etc. Mixture of alphabet and/or picture blocks. Designed by Lois Lenski. 17 total. Each block 1 5/8” square. Box M, middle tray, cells 4, 5, 6.

**LL-SC-92 Blocks.** Miscellaneous. Detailed description:

Partial set of alphabet and story blocks, which duplicate of EL-SC 291. No box. Partial set consists of:

Andy [boy with basket] and Alice [girl] ate apples [boy pulling wagon] [apple tree]
Story and drawings in blue on natural wood backgrounds. Letters A and L in white surrounded by red.

Baby in the buggy [girl pushing baby in buggy] [house, fence & man with balloons] gets a big balloon [girl, baby in buggy with balloon]
Story and drawings in red on natural wood backgrounds. Letter B in white surrounded by red. Letter T has white paper glued over it.

Clara [girl feeding chickens] and Charles [boy and chicken] carry corn [barn] to the chickens [chickens eating]
Story and drawings in red on natural wood backgrounds. Letters C and N in white surrounded by blue.

Easter [rabbit and tree] eggs [girl, sun, Easter basket] for [two girls with Easter basket] everybody [boy and girl with Easter baskets]
Story and drawings in blue on natural wood backgrounds. Letters E and P in white surrounded by red.

A jar [woman carrying jar to table] of jam [three children with eating contents of jar] is joy! [boy and girl with spoons] Oh, boy! [girl, dog and window].
Story and drawings in green on natural wood backgrounds. Letters J and U in white surrounded by yellow.

Story and drawings in blue on natural wood backgrounds. Letters O in white surrounded by blue. Side where another letter should be has white paper pasted over it.

**Alphabet and picture blocks.** Detailed description of each block as follows:

Drawings and printed words of doll, dog, drum and duck in red on natural wood backgrounds. Letter D in white surrounded by red. Letter V in white surrounded by orange.
Drawings of a train, tree, turkey and telephone in orange on natural wood backgrounds. Letter B in white surrounded by red. Letter T in white surrounded by orange background.

Drawings of window, wagon, windmill and wheelbarrow in red on natural wood backgrounds. Letter N in white surrounded by orange. Letter W in white surrounded by red.

**Alphabet, word and picture blocks. Detailed description of each block as follows:**


Drawings and words of grape, goat, gate and girl in orange on natural wood backgrounds. Letter G in white surrounded by orange. Letter P in white surrounded by red.

**Alphabet and picture block. Detailed description as follows:**

Drawings of house, hobbyhorse, hand and ? (can't tell for sure what it is, possibly a woman's hat on a table) in green on natural wood backgrounds. Letter H in white surrounded by green.

**Picture blocks. Detailed description as follows:**

Drawings of flowers and trees and carvings of monkey and lion in red on natural wood backgrounds.

Drawings of rabbits and trees and carvings rabbit and fish in green on natural wood backgrounds.

Drawings of house, sun, tree and flower, and carvings of baby chick and a goat in red on natural wood backgrounds.

Drawings of hen and chicks, chicken house, rooster and sun, and carvings of rooster and zebra in green on natural wood backgrounds.

Drawings of birdhouse, bird on nest, tree and flying bird, and carvings of duck and turtle in blue on natural wood backgrounds.

**LL-SC-232 Blocks. Nest of eight alphabet blocks.** Mother Goose rhymes and alphabet letters. Five-sided blocks made of wood, covered with paper, hand painted and printed. Designed by Lois Lenski in 1918 while a student in N.Y. city. Later produced commercially. Largest block, 6 1/8” x 7 1/8” x 7 1/8” (15.6cm. x 18.1cm. x 18.1cm.) Smallest block, 5 3/8” x 2 3/4” x 2 3/4” (13.7cm. x 7 cm. x 7cm.) Box P.
Detailed description of the five sides of each block, starting with largest block and continuing in size order down to the smallest.

Letter A. "A cat may look at a King, And sure I may look at an ugly thing!" Painting of king on throne with a man standing beside him and a black cat on the carpet in front of him.
Letter B. "Barber, Barber, shave a Pig, How many hairs will make a wig?" Painting of pig in barber chair with barber behind it.
Letter B. "Bird Bird-house Bench Balloon Baby Ball Buggy". Painting of baby in buggy holding balloons and ball near a bench, birdhouse and birds.
Letter C. "Cross Patch, left the latch, Sit by the fire and spin!" Painting of grumpy woman sitting at a table near a spinning wheel, with three more people entering the room through a doorway.
Letter D. "Doctor Foster went to Gloster In a shower of rain!" Painting of doctor carrying umbrella and doctor's bag while walking through a deep puddle.
Letter D. "Drum Duck Dolls Dog". Painting of a drum, three dolls, a toy duck and a dog.
Letter E. "Elsie Marley is grown so fine She lies in bed till eight or nine!" Painting of girl sitting up in bed and stretching.
Letter E. "Elephant Elves Engine". Painting of two elves, a train engine and an elephant.
Letter F. "Four-and-twenty tailors Went to kill a snail!" Painting of three tailors, one of whom is aiming a gun at a snail.
Letter G. "Goat Girl Gate Green Grass Garden". Painting of a girl feeding a goat next to a gate and a flower garden.
Letter G. "Goosey, goosey gander Where shall I wander?" Painting of goose at top of stairs and man falling down stairs.
Letter H. "Houses Harold Hill Horse Hair Hat Halter". Boy wearing a hat riding a hobbyhorse by a hill with houses.
Letter H. "Hark! Hark! the dogs do bark, The beggars are coming to town!" Painting of beggars in a town.
Letter H. "Hot cross buns! Hot cross buns! One a penny, two a penny, Hot cross buns!" Painting of girl carrying covered tray on her head.
Letter I. "I saw a ship a-sailing, A sailing on the sea!" Painting of a small ship (decorated for Christmas) sailing on the ocean.
Letter I. "I love little Pussy, Her coat is so warm!" Painting of a boy petting a black cat.
Letter J. "Jack & Jill went up the hill To fetch a pail of water." Painting of a boy and girl carrying a bucket at the bottom of a hill.
Letter J. "Jack Sprat could eat no fat, His wife could eat no lean!" Painting of a man and woman sitting at a table eating.
Letter K. "The King of France went up the hill With twenty thousand men." Painting of a king alone) running down a hill.

Letter L. "Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep And don't know where to find them." Painting of a girl who is crying and holding a shepherd's crook.
Letter L. "Lucy Locket lost her pocket; Kitty Fisher found it!" Painting of two girls walking in the snow.
Letter M. "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, How does you garden grow?" Painting of a girl in a garden.
Letter N. "Nine Nose Neck Numbers". Painting of girl writing on the blackboard.
Letter O. "Old Mother Hubbard Went to the cupboard." Painting of woman and dog by cupboard.

Letter P. "Polly, put the kettle on, We'll all have tea." Painting of woman carrying tea kettle to the stove.
Letter P. "Puppy Pan Pussy". Painting of dog, cat and pan.
Letter Q. "Queue". Painting of person with a long pigtail.
Letter R. "Roof Road Rabbit Red Rose". Painting of a rabbit with a cane and a rose by a road near houses.

Letter S. "Simple Simon Met a Pieman." Painting of a man carrying pies on a tray, and a boy.
Letter S. "Scholar School Slate". Painting of a boy carrying a book and a slate on a road near a school.
Letter T. "Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son." Painting of a boy running with a pig.
Letter T. "Turtle Turkey". Painting of a turkey and a turtle.
Letter U. "Umbrella". Girl carrying an umbrella.

Letter V. "Velocipede". Painting of a boy on a bicycle.
Letter W. "Wee Willie Winkie Runs through the town." Painting of a boy in a nightshirt holding a candle.
Letter X. "Xmas-tree". Painting of a Christmas tree.
Letter Y. "Yankee Doodle Came to town." Painting of a boy riding a pony.
Letter Z. (No words or picture, just color.)