

Sample searches for the *Illustrated London News* Historical Archive

These are all simple 'keyword' searches unless otherwise specified. 'Entire doc' searches will produce far more hits on these subjects, but for demonstration purposes keyword searching will retrieve suitably interesting results.

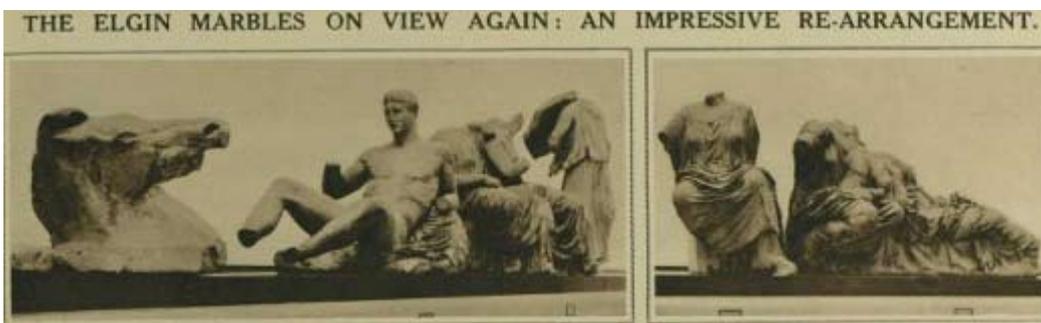
Archaeology

Archaeological discoveries were of constant interest to the ILN's readership, and it scored several reporting coups, such as the first pictures of Tutankhamen's tomb, discovered by Howard Carter in 1922.

Tutankhamen (various spellings – this is the one used most consistently) – 379 results

Sutton Hoo – 9 results

Elgin – 83 results



The Arts

Reports and pictures of prominent art figures of the 19th and 20th centuries including: opera singers, vaudeville stars, painters and stars of stage and screen

Picasso – 37 results

Houdini (entire doc) – 22 results

Wagner – 70 results

Marilyn Monroe (entire doc) – 83 results

Audrey Hepburn (entire doc) – 54 results

Disasters

Floods, earthquakes, fires et al all received prominent coverage in the ILN – the cover of the very first issue featured the great fire in Hamburg.

Titanic – 122 results

Hindenburg (After 1935) – 4 results

Earthquake – 304 results

Famine – 126 results

Discovery and Exploration

ILN readers could follow in illustration the exploits of David Livingstone in the Congo, and at different times Stanley, Franklin and Burton and later, Shackleton and Scott

Livingstone – 88 results

Stanley (use pub date limiter 'After 1st Jan 1872') – 328 results

Shackleton – 42 results

Captain Scott – 24 results



Fashion

The ILN's fashion coverage provides a unique insight into the styles of the day, from corsets through to flapper dresses. The advertising pages provide a sociological view of fashion, with adverts for mourning clothes, undergarments, evening wear, jewellery and cosmetics

Fashion – 478 results
Corset – 89 results
Hair – 3632 results
Burberry – 228 results
Dress – 575 results

Industry and Trade

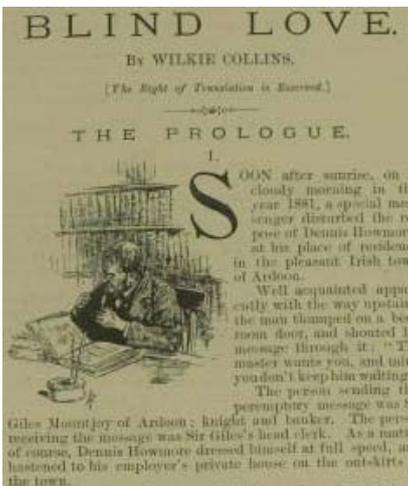
Covers the growth of the industrial North, living conditions experienced by the working man, trade imports from the colonies, strikes, child employment, domestic servants and agriculture

Industry – 410 results
Employment – 61 results
Mining – 85 results
Farming – 61 results

Literature

Great authors not only serialized their works in the ILN, but also wrote pieces for and letters to the publication. The ILN also reported on authors' public appearances, such as Dickens' readings and book tours.

Wilkie Collins – 33 results
Charles Dickens – 32 results
Robert Louis Stevenson – 17 results
Rudyard Kipling – 13 results



Military History

ILN war artists were sent to all corners of the earth to cover the wars of the 19th and 20th centuries including: 1848 revolution in France, the Crimean War, American Civil War, the Boer War, World Wars I and II

Dunkirk – 46 results
Vietnam – 49 results
French Revolution – 99 results
Crimean – 62 results

Politics

Fine illustrations chronicle the great statesmen of the Victorian era – Peel, Wellington, Palmerston, Disraeli and Gladstone and their cabinets. The ILN also documents the major players during the two world wars and the years in between

Disraeli – 76 results
Gladstone – 325 results
Hitler – 202 results
Roosevelt – 74 results
Stalin – 36 results



Science, Medicine and Progress

ILN was keen to enlighten its readers about the latest advances providing engravings of the first letterbox in London, reporting of the laying of the Transatlantic telegraph cable and explanations of the workings of an early light bulb

Telegraph – 397 results
Einstein – 11 results
Nuclear – 104 results
Darwin – 41 results

Social History

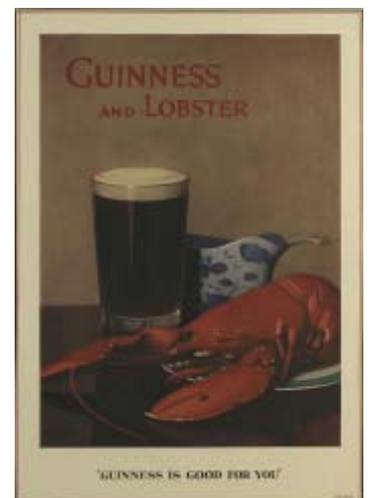
Illustrated coverage of servants, female suffrage, strikes, homes, crime, leisure, emigration, and religion

Suffragettes – 14 results
Emigration – 162 results
Murder – 302 results

Sport

Football, rugby, tennis, cricket to the more unusual cock-fighting, curling and pig-sticking

Football – 123 results
Tennis – 219 results
Fox hunting – 17 results
Pig sticking – 11 results



Transport

The ILN archive offers a comprehensive record of transport through the past 160 years including reports of the first steam omnibus, landmarks in motor car manufacture and the first historic flight by the Wright Brothers in 1903

Motor show – 648 results
Steam – 916 results
British Airways – 63 results

Travel

Global reports on people and places within the Empire and beyond.

Africa – 1440 results
Easter Island – 11 results
India – 2303 results
Japan – 642 results
Brazil – 181 results

Religion

The ILN had a regular religious affairs column in its earlier years

Pope – 294 results
Catholic – 215 results
Archbishop – 270 results
Islam – 24 results
Sikh – 15 results
Hindu – 29 results

