This story booklet was written by Catherine Sinclair (1800-1864). She was a Scottish writer and the second daughter by his second marriage of Sir John Sinclair (1754-1835). She acted as his secretary and after his death began to write children's books, light romances and travel guides and became known for her charitable works. This booklet is from her Children's Letters of 1862 and is written in a style, popular in the mid nineteenth century, where illustrations replace some of the words. This booklet is telling a Christmas story in particular.

Descriptive line

Physical description
A small booklet consisting of an A4 piece of paper folded in half to create four sides. The spine is held together by some tape and the pages are yellowing. The text is written in a decorative black ink with some words replaced by colourful illustrations.

Dimensions
Length: 22.4 cm, Width: 14 cm

Museum number
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Object history note
The booklet was owned by the children of H.J. Wilson. Their names included Cecil, Alex, Helen, Gertrude and Oliver (DOB circa 1860-1870s) and they grew up in Osgathorpe, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Alex's daughter (1908-2008) was the mother of the donor, Charlotte Lewis, and the booklets had been in her possession for many years presumably passed down to her by her father Alex Wilson.

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