

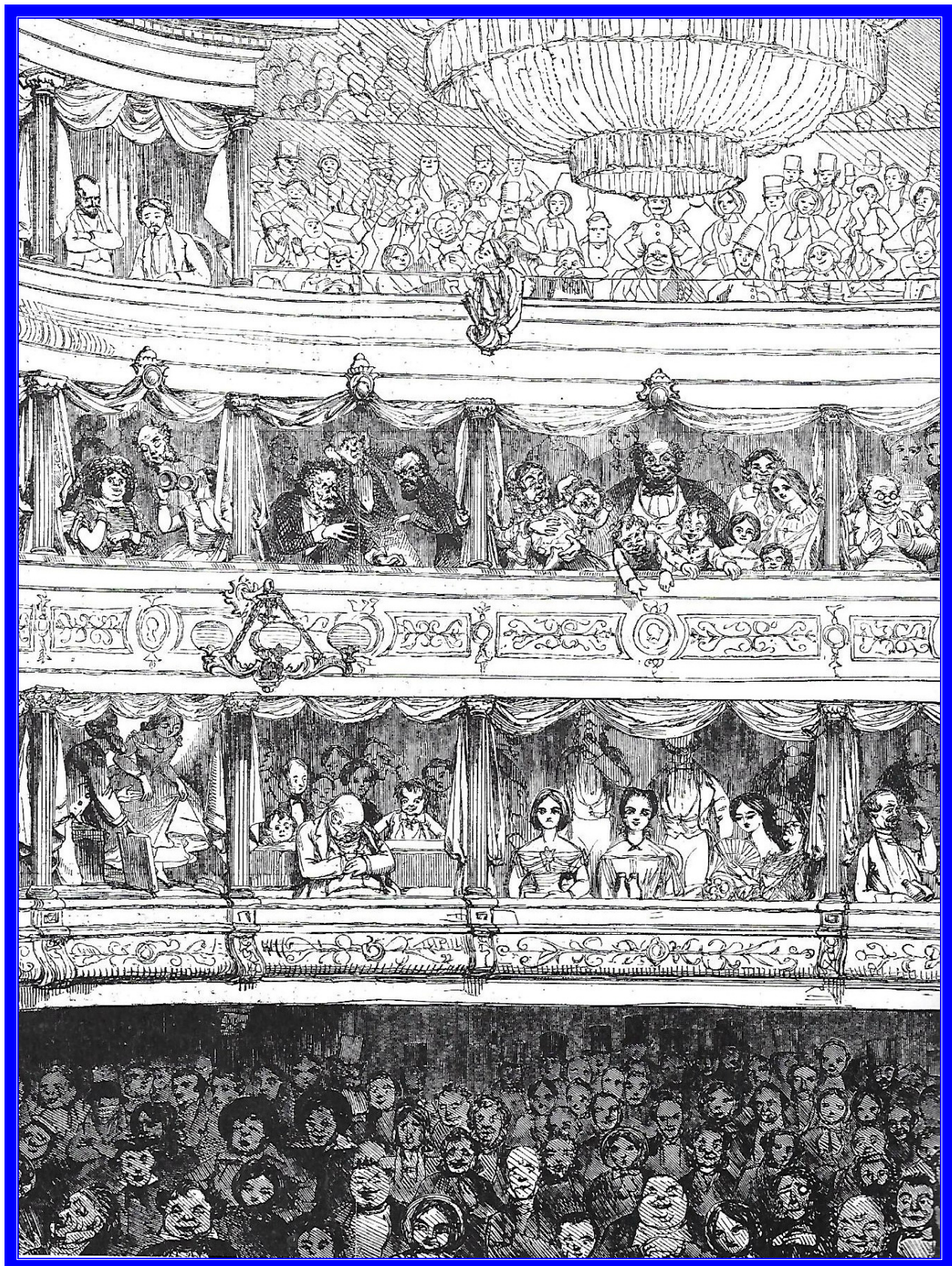


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*The Pantomime from the Clown's Point of View, thought to be Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London
Detail from The Illustrated Times, 8 January 1858 (Victorian & Edwardian Theatres)*

Front cover: Empire Theatre, Leicester Square, London, 1910 (Painting by George Hyde-Pownall)



Audiences in the 1880s, Drury Lane (Victorian and Edwardian Theatres)

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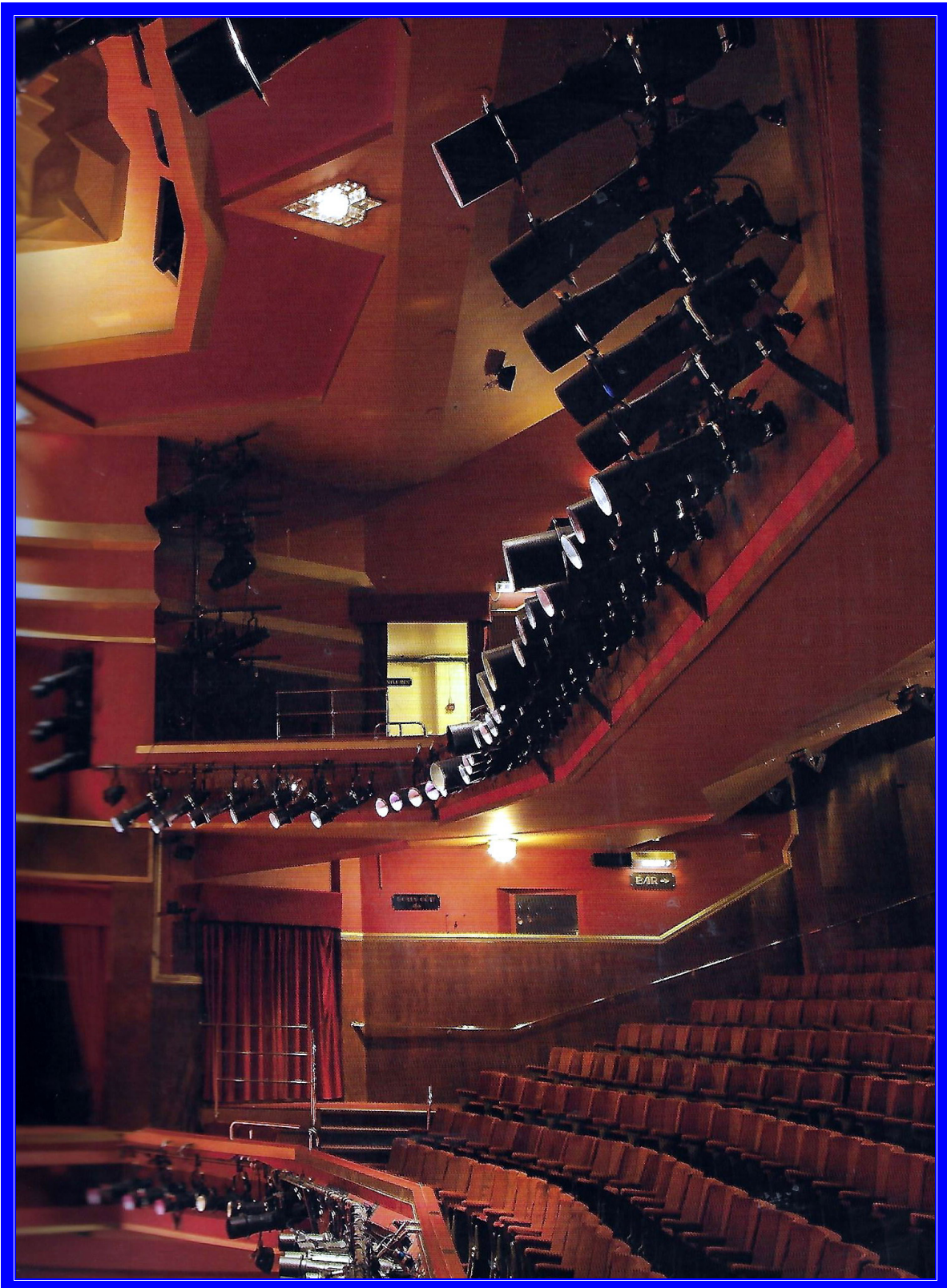
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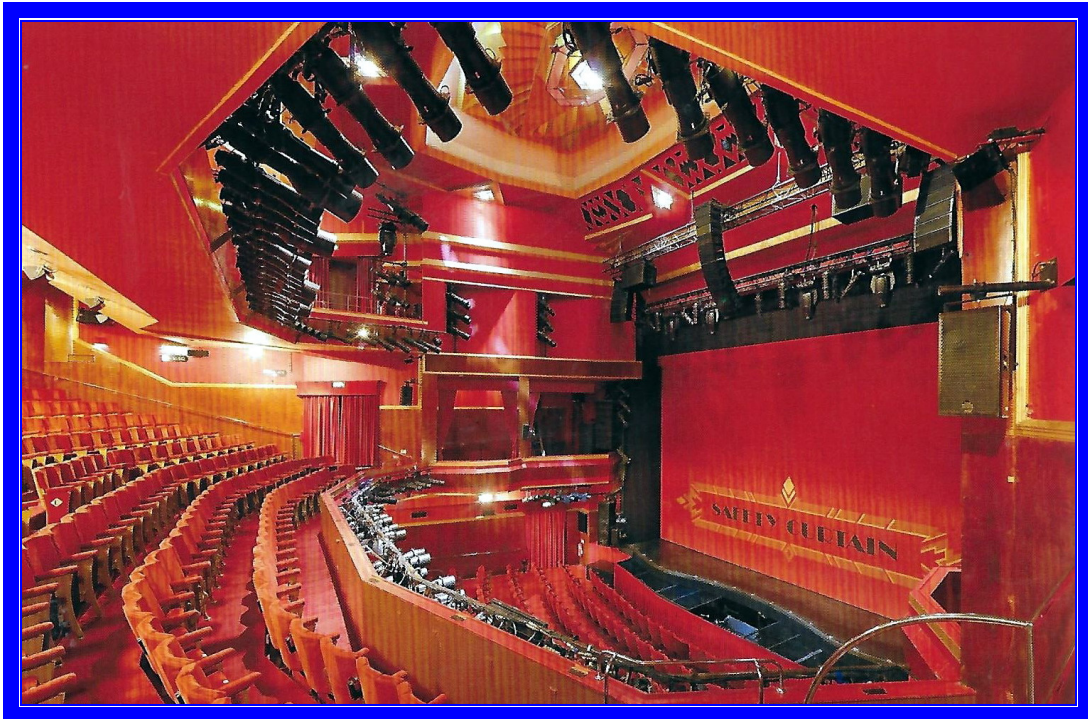
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ADELPHI THEATRE LONDON



Adelphi Theatre, London, present theatre 1930 (London's Great Theatres)

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ALDWYCH THEATRE LONDON



Aldwych Theatre in the Strand, London, built in 1905 (Theatres Trust)



Aldwych Theatre, London (Stage Door)

ALDWYCH THEATRE LONDON



Aldwych Theatre, London



Aldwych Theatre, London

ALEXANDRA PALACE THEATRE LONDON



The Victorian Alexandra Palace Theatre dates from 1875 undergoing restoration (Ham&High)



Concert at the Ally-Pally, London (Theatre London)

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Alexandra Palace Theatre, London (Keith Armstrong)



Alexandra Palace Theatre, London

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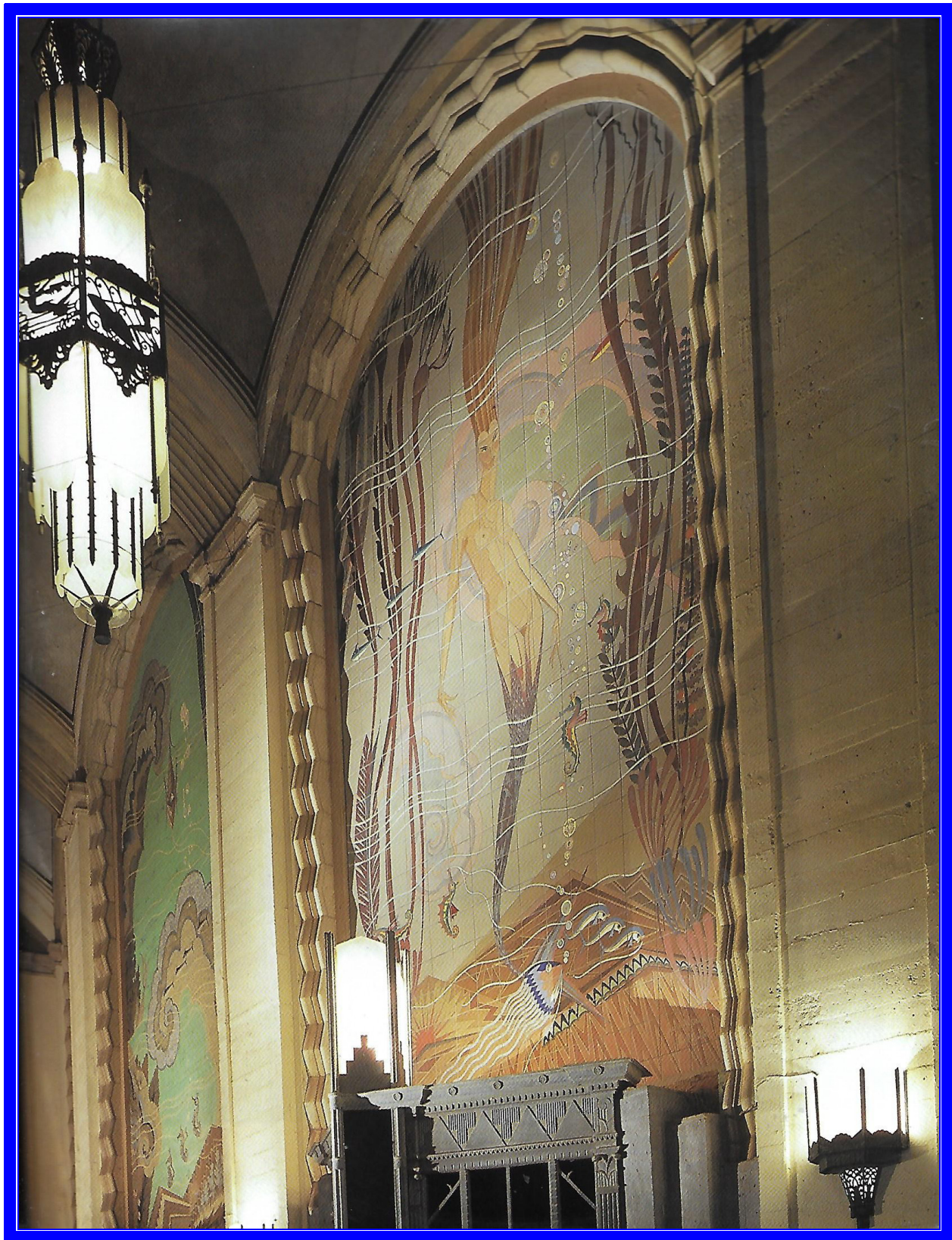
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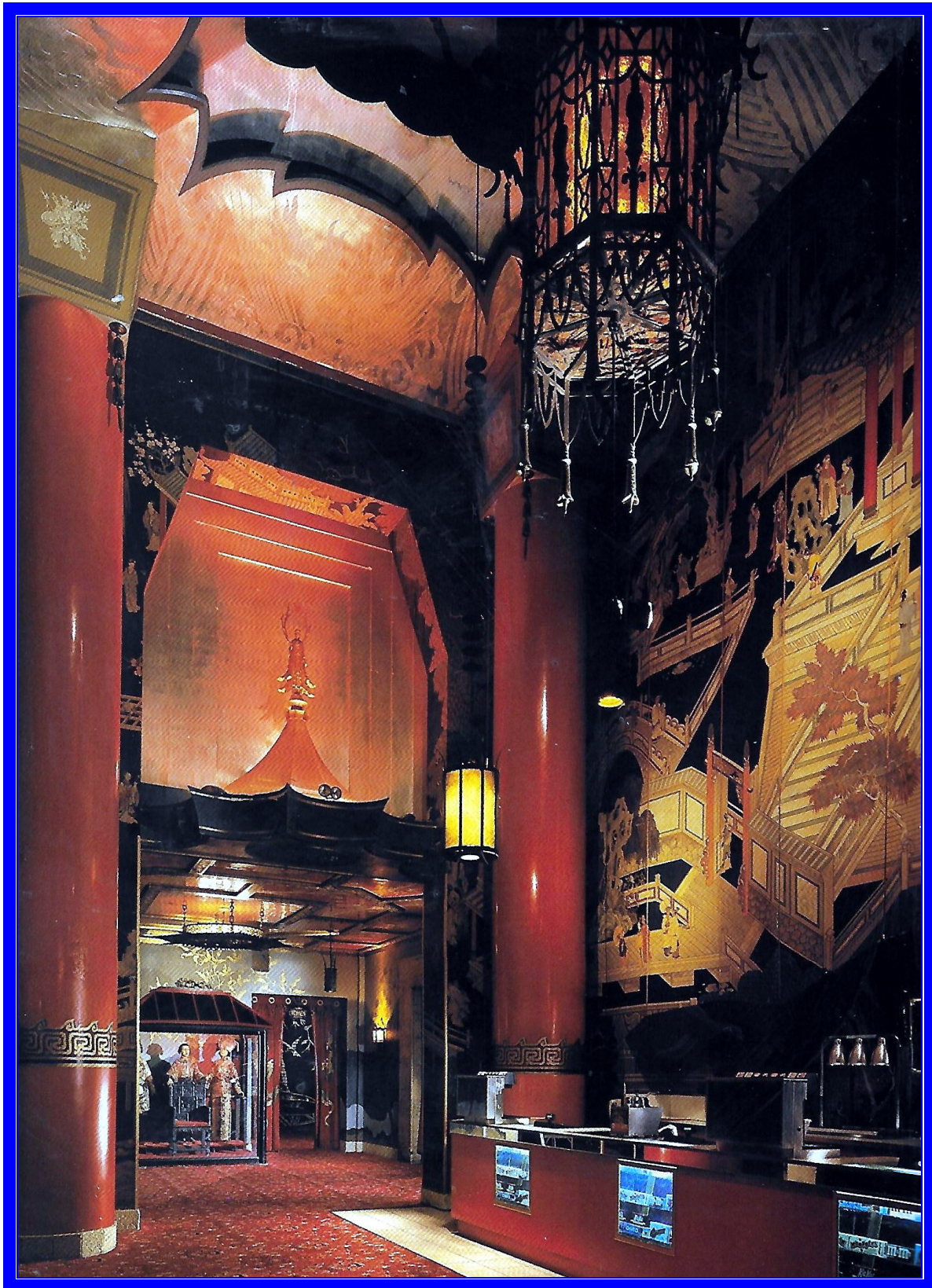
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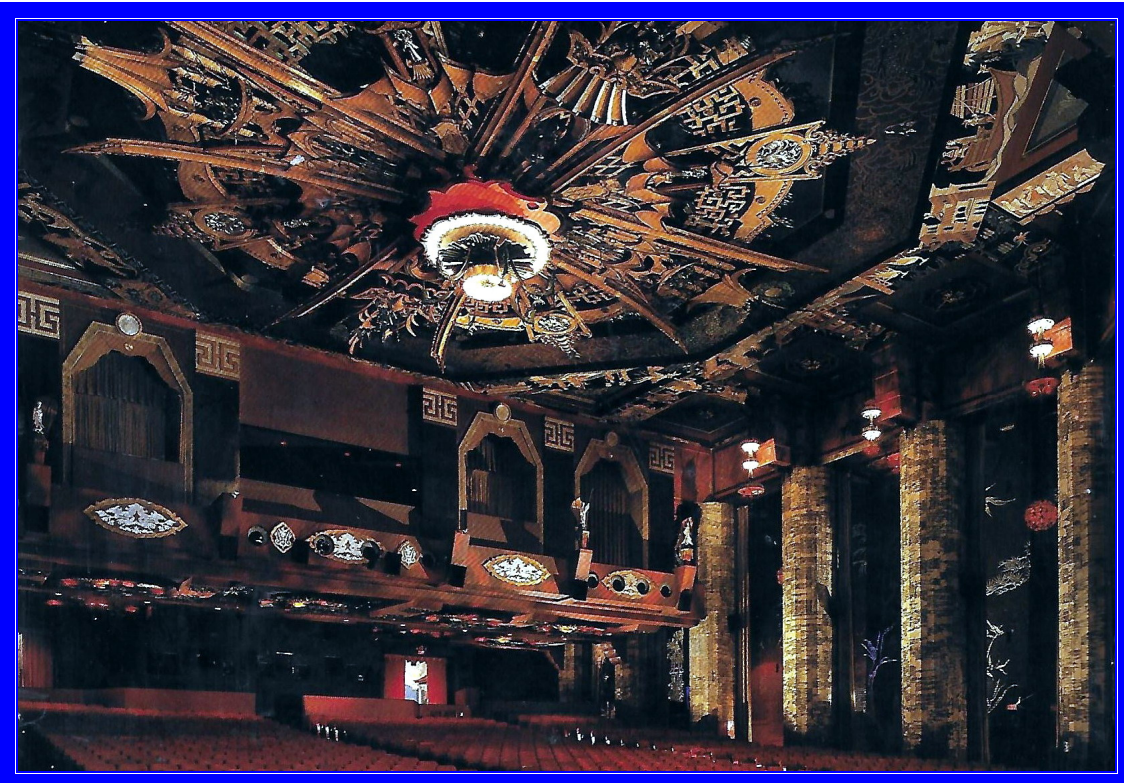
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CHINESE THEATRE LOS ANGELES



Chinese Theatre, Hollywood, Los Angeles, 1922 (The Last Remaining Seats)

COLISEUM THEATRE LONDON



Opened as the London Coliseum 1904, present name from 1931

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Coliseum, London's largest theatre and one of the first to have electric lighting

COVENT GARDEN ROYAL OPERA LONDON



The second theatre lit by candles, 1810



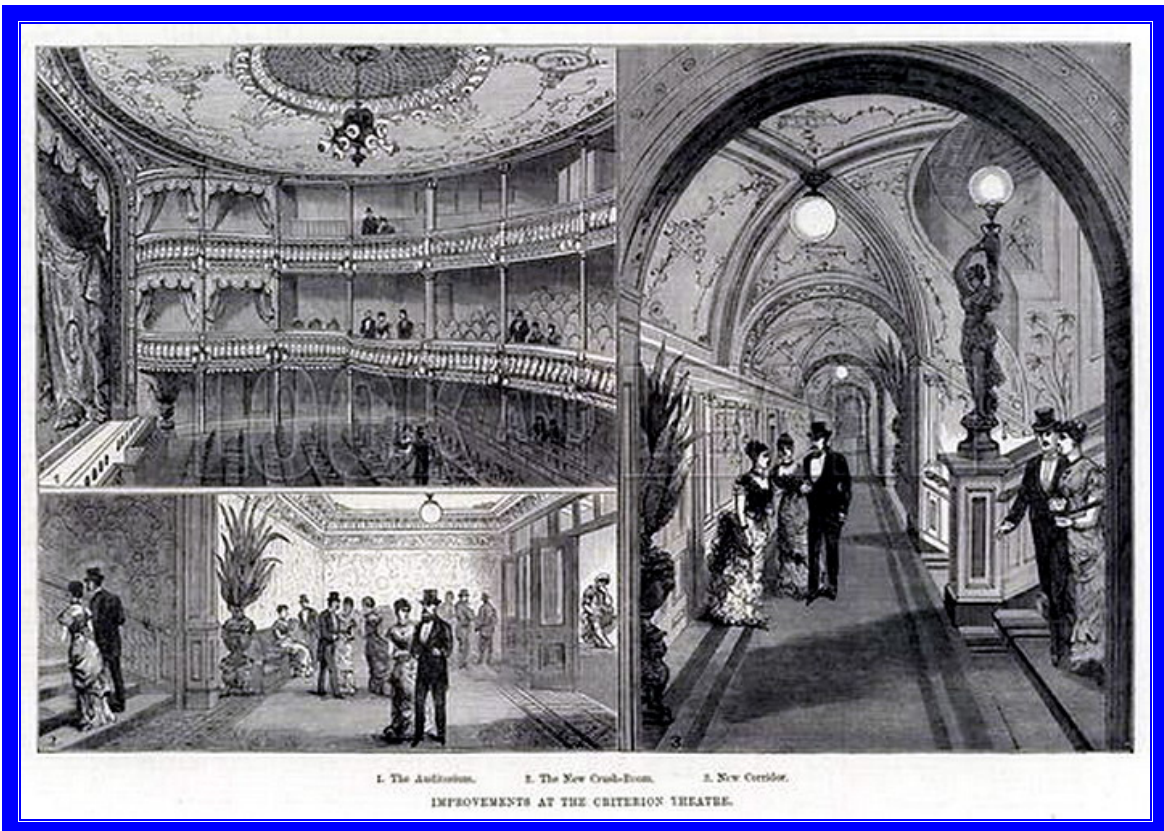
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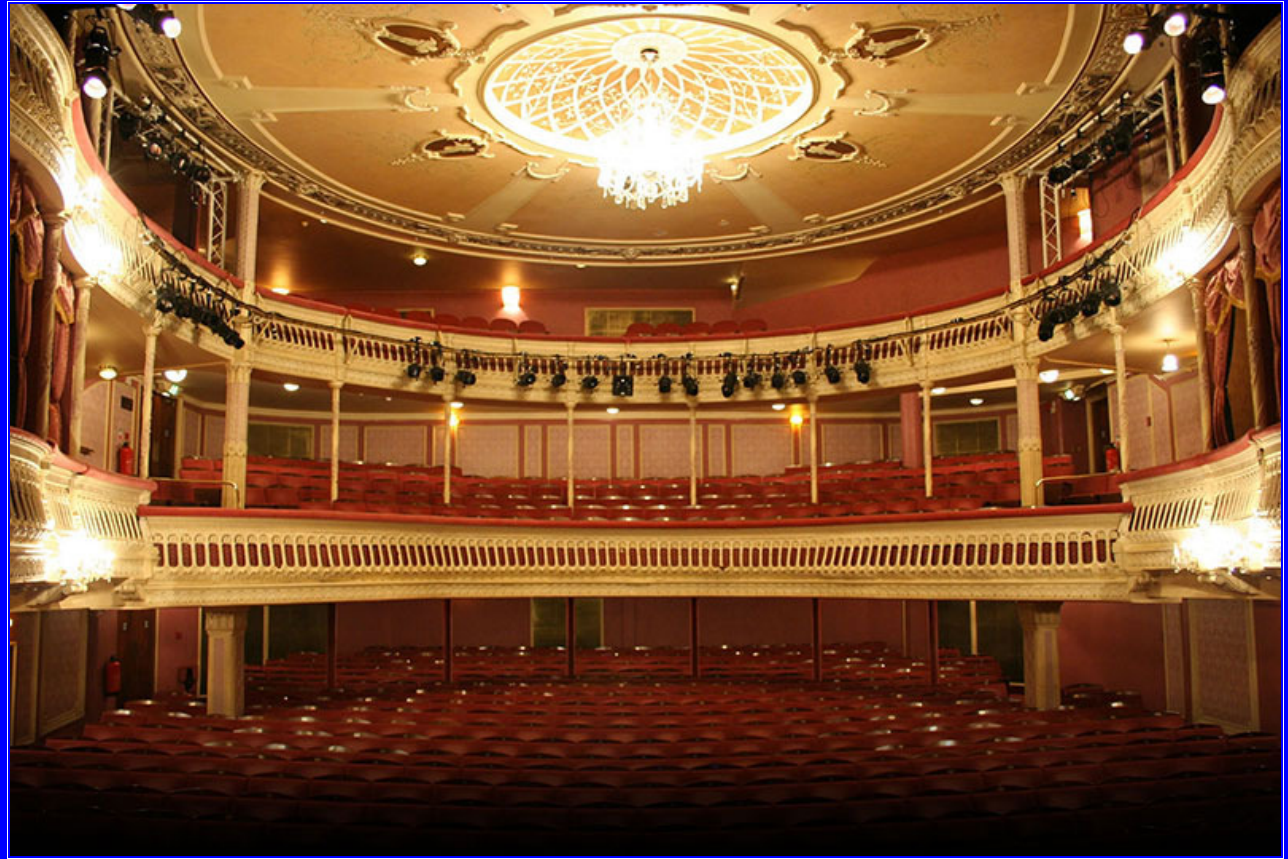
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Criterion Theatre, London, 1872, reconstructed 1883 and 1903

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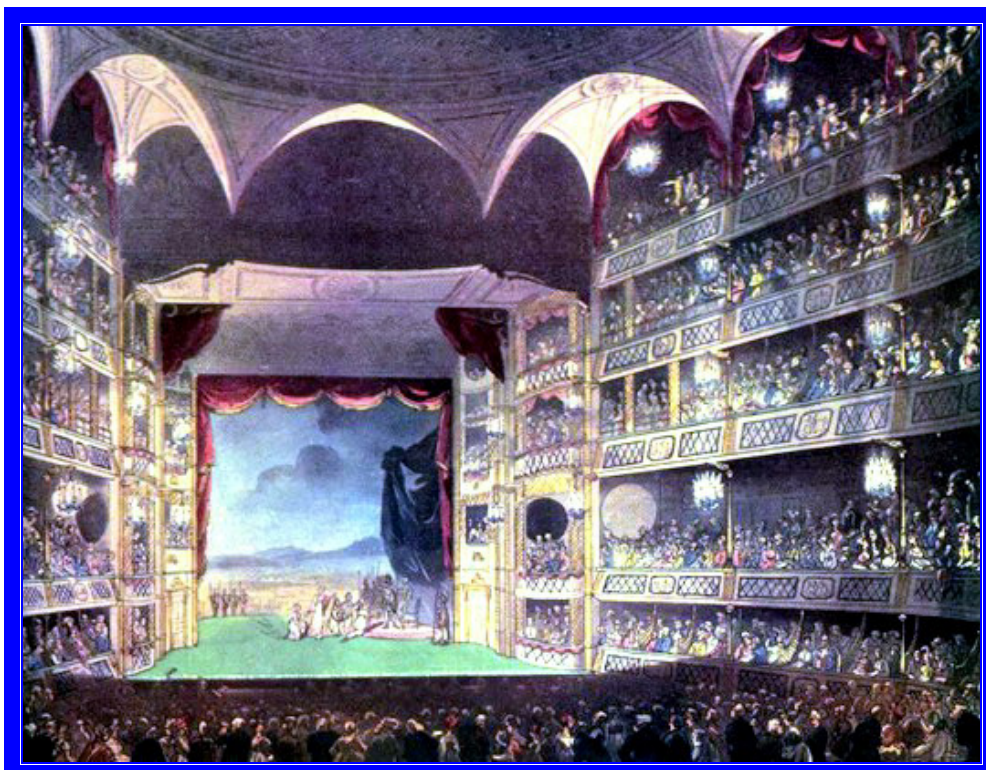


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DRURY LANE THE THEATRE ROYAL LONDON



The first theatre dates from 1672, the third (shown) from 1794-1809



The Theatre Royal, Drury Lane 1809 (Microcosm of London)

DRURY LANE THE THEATRE ROYAL LONDON



The Drury Lane auditorium



Drury Lane

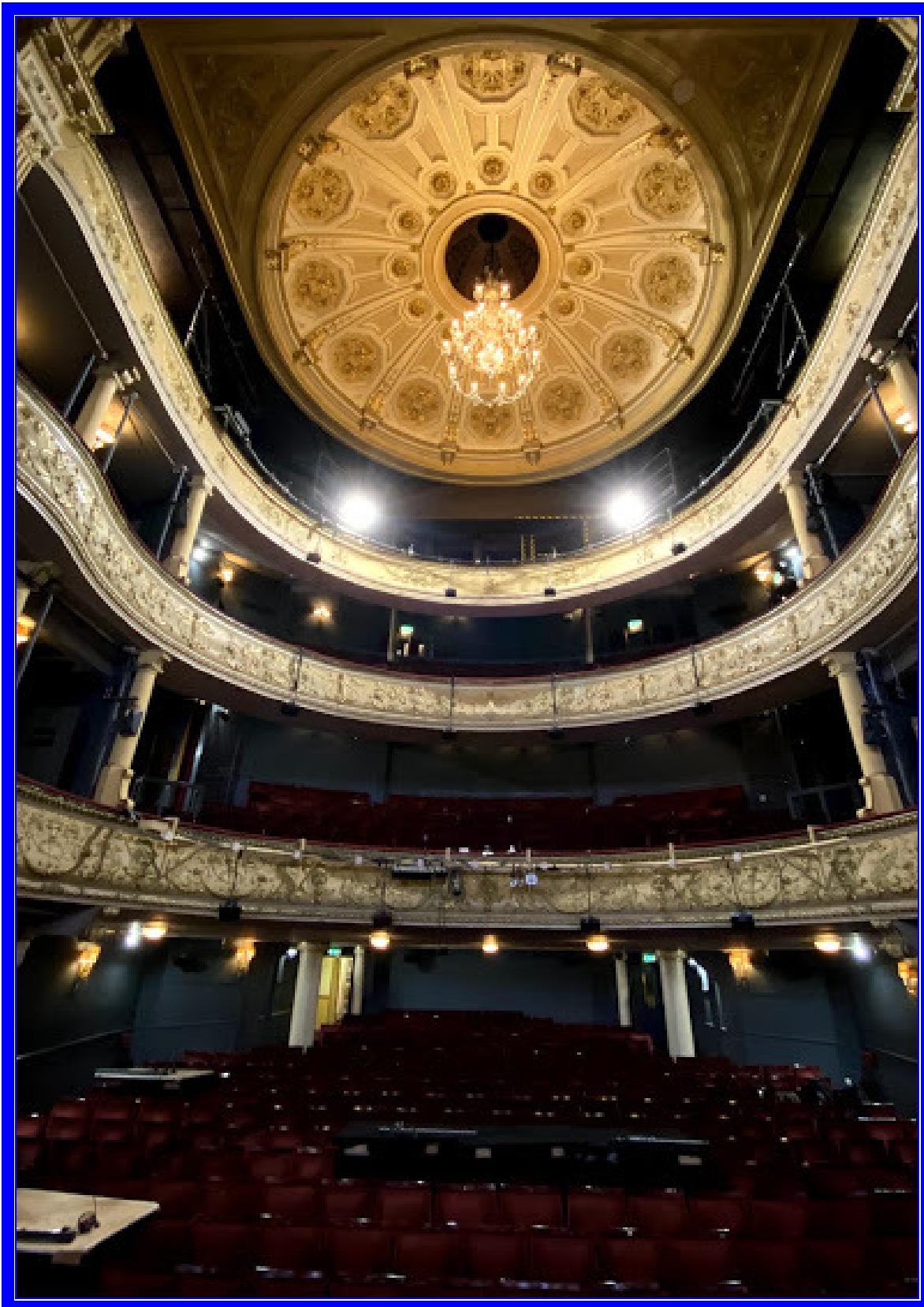
DUKE OF YORKS THEATRE LONDON



The Duke of York's Theatre, London

Opened as The Trafalgar Square in 1892, changed to present name in 1895

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Auditorium of the Duke of York's Theatre (photographs from Theatre's own website)

EGYPTIAN THEATRE LOS ANGELES



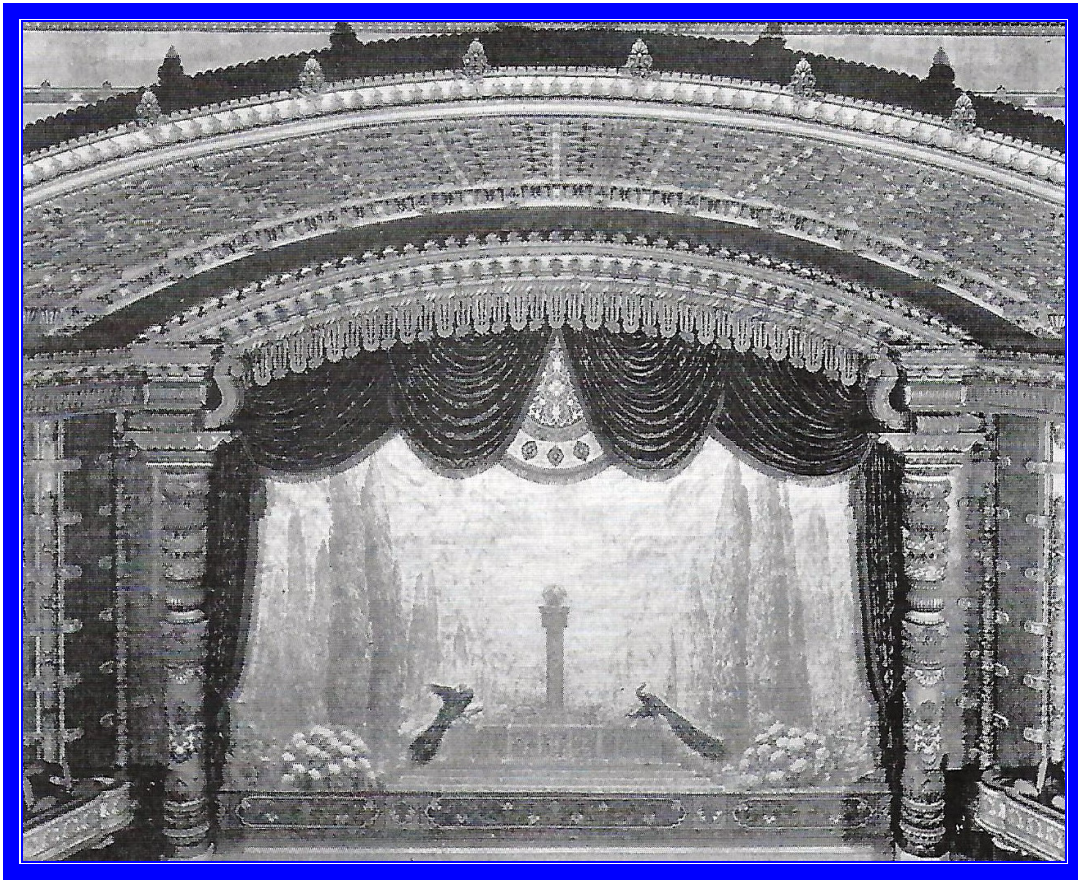
Egyptian Theatre, 1922 (The Best Remaining Seats)

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Hollywood's Egyptian Theatre opened in 1922

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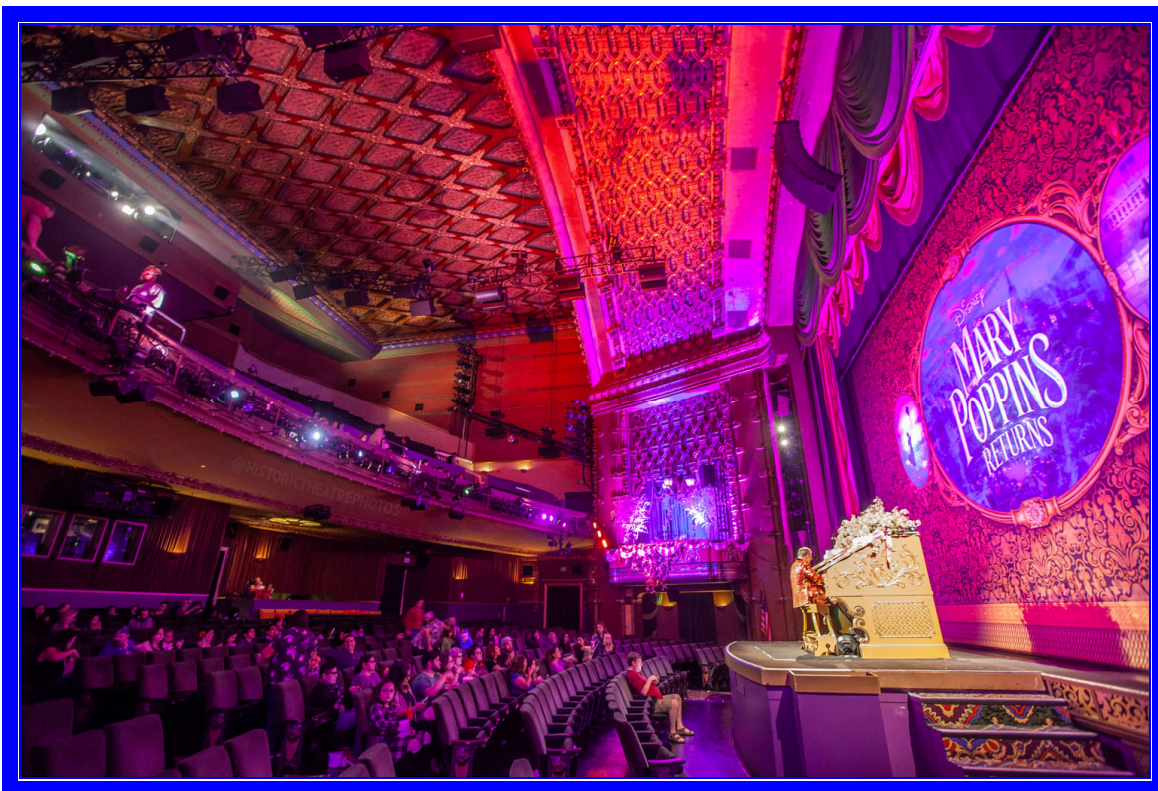


El Capitan auditorium

EL CAPITAN THEATRE LOS ANDELES

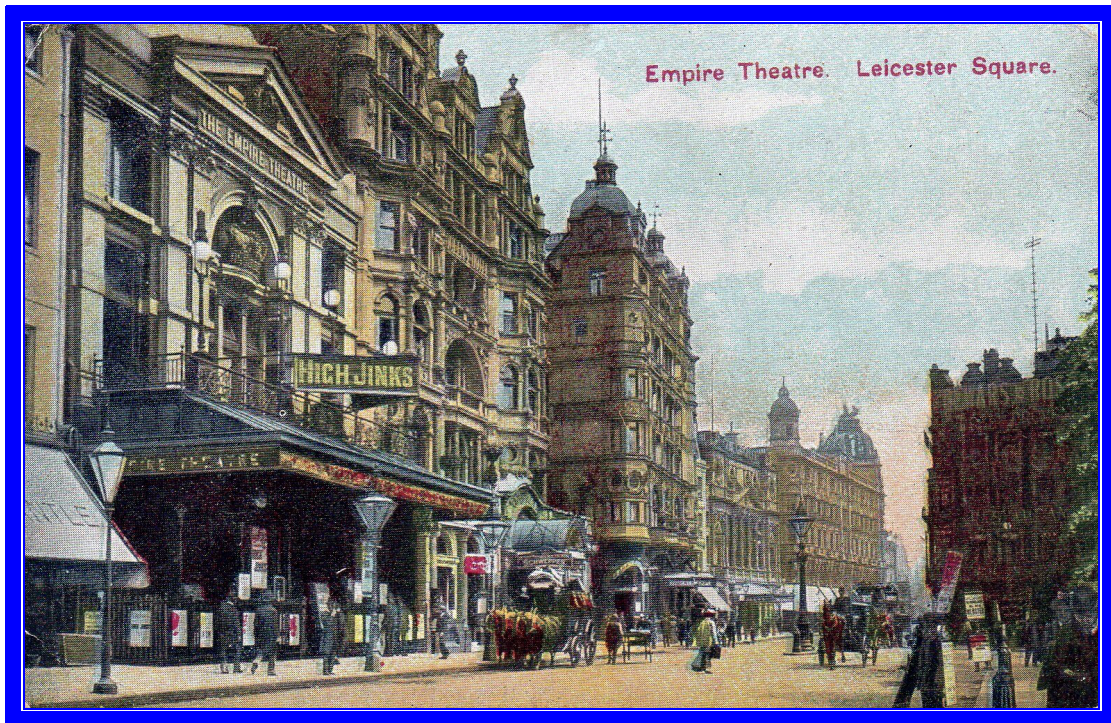


Ceiling at El Capitan

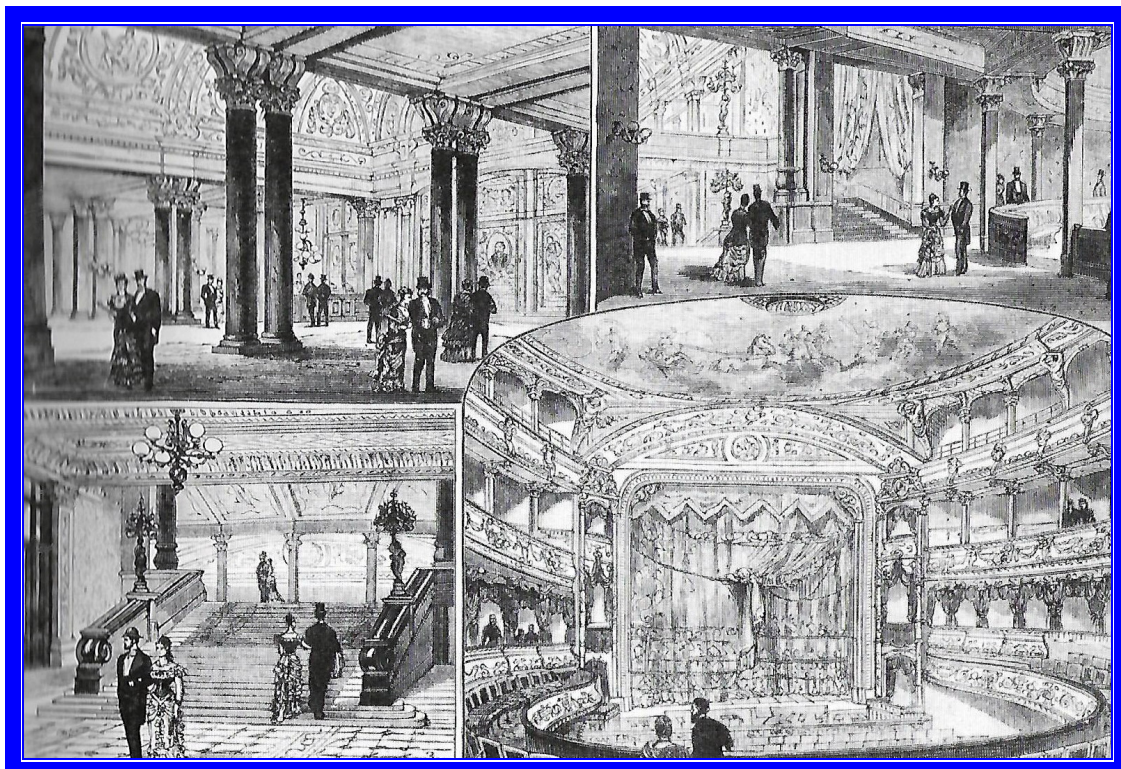


Musical interlude at El Capitan

EMPIRE THEATRE LONDON



Empire Theatre in Leicester Square, London dates from 1884

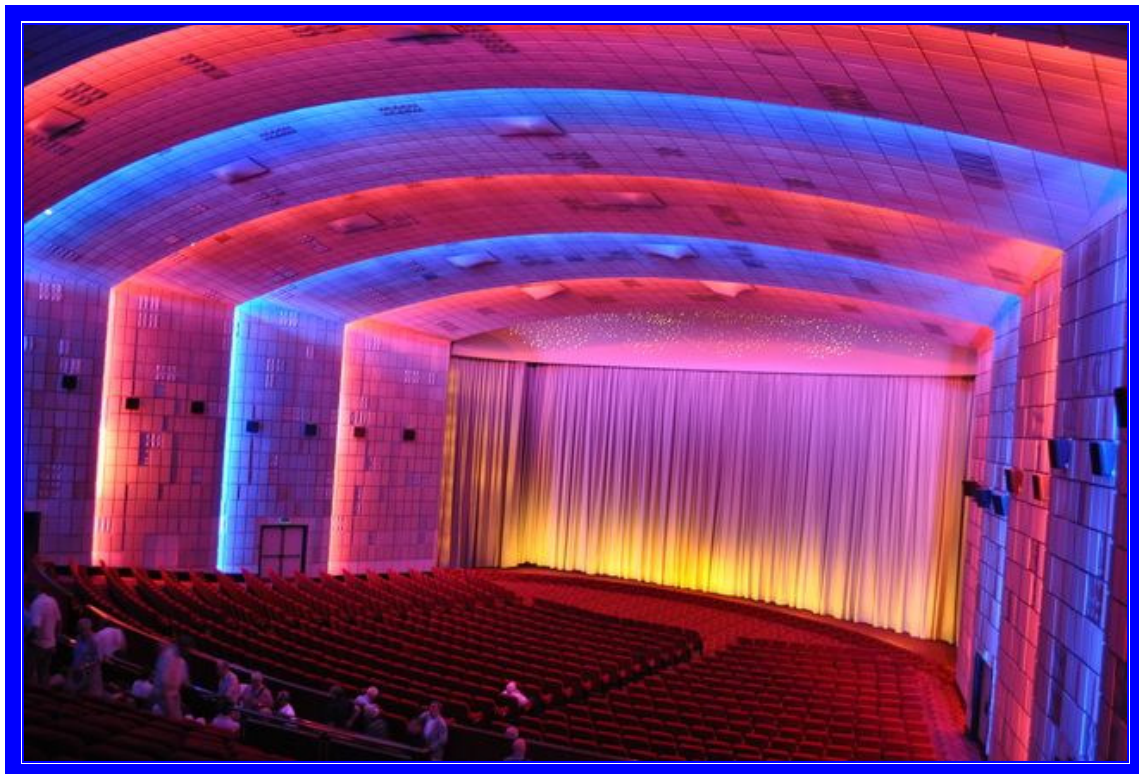


Interior of the Empire 1884 (Victorian and Edwardian Theatres)

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As a famous West End cinema



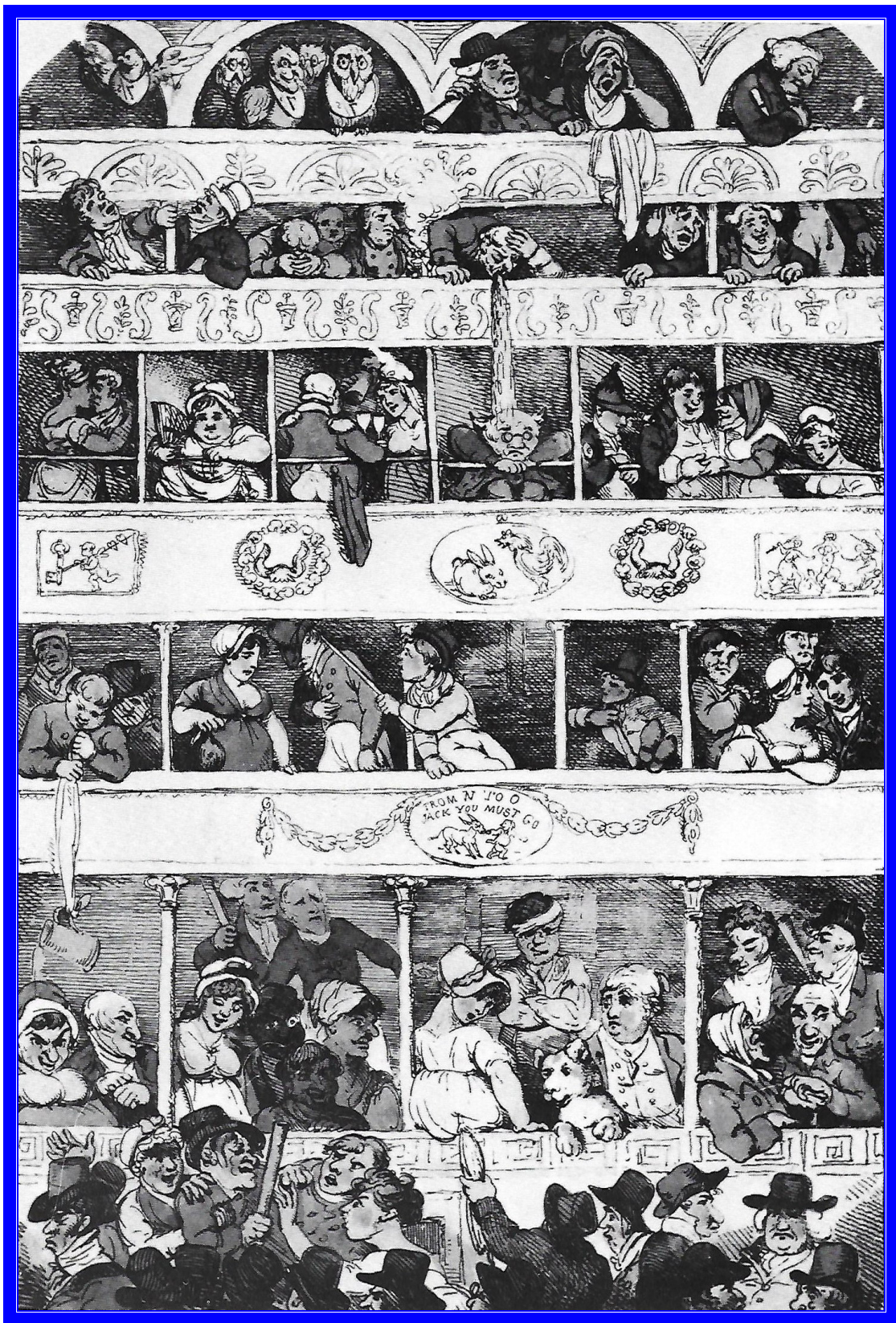
After a modern conversion with a change of lighting

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*Regency theatre-going at Covent Garden, a Rowlandson print of 1809
(Victorian & Edwardian Theatres)*

*Back cover: The Balham Hippodrome, London used as a Music Hall 1899
Photographed c.1910*

