





Magic Ocean Cartoon Strip

Max Kohl A. G., Chemnitz, Germany, ca. 1875

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The zoetrope, a device to study and play with the way the mind inferred motion from an interrupted series of slightly different images, was used in the Psychology Laboratory at Harvard to study persistence of vision and to explore emotional reactions to the content of the movie strips. This strip depicts a swimming whale playfully surfacing and diving while a seagull flies overhead. The whale below the waterline is blue and the water is aquamarine.

There are many resources available online on how to create your own zoetrope.

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