



Artifact Showcase

Fibber McGee and Molly Game

On the air from 1936 to 1959, the Fibber McGee and Molly radio program was one of the most popular shows during its run. Wistful Vista was the fictitious town in which they lived. Jim and Marian Jordan played Fibber and Molly. Fibber was the headstrong but inept husband while Molly was his calm, loving wife.

Often when a radio or TV show became popular,

companies such as Parker Brothers or Milton Bradley would create a game based on it, usually a board game similar to Parcheesi. This game from 1940 differs because it provided a script for a show, but with words left out. One player reads the script, and as a blank space is encountered, the reader pauses, and a different player whose turn it is, draws a face-down card containing a word or phrase and reads what it says. For example, "The doorbell rang. It was _____ who asked for McGee." The card might say "A circus clown in pink tights" or "a big snarling dog." Supposedly this led to hilarity. Some cards had points on them and the player with the most points at the end of the game won.

These games currently sell used for \$15 to \$30 on eBay.

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