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### Lot 120

#### TILLER-CLOWES FAMILY TROUPE THREE ENGLISH MARIONETTES OF SKELETONS, LATE 19TH CENTURY

wood and tin foil, comprising TWO TRICK SKELETONS, the larger 66cm x 16cm x 8cm and one SKELETON with coffin, 45cm x 14cm x 7cm (3).

Note: One of the earliest documented cases of a trick marionette in England is the dissecting or disintegrating skeleton, which dates from at least the 1750s. A very popular marionette music hall act, this would have walked or danced on stage before magically dispersing its bones in the air and re-forming itself.