

Tobacco label collection (Library of Congress)

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Collection Summary

Title: Tobacco label collection

Dates: ca. 1844-1890

Bulk Dates: bulk 1861-1887

Call No.: LOT 10618

Physical Description: ca. 900 prints : engravings, etchings, lithographs, b&w and color, 35 x 43 cm. or smaller

Repository: Prints & Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: These labels and advertisements for tobacco reflect varied aspects of American history, popular culture, and politics of the nineteenth century.

Language: Collection material in English

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog.

Subjects:

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Military personnel.

African-Americans--1840-1890.

Indians of North America--1840-1890.

Animals--1840-1890.

Children--1840-1890.

Courtship--1840-1890.

Emblems--1840-1890.

Entertainers--1840-1890.

Entertainment--1840-1890.

Events--1840-1890.

Fictitious characters--1840-1890.

Flags--1840-1890.

Love--1840-1890.

Sports--1840-1890.

Supernatural beings--1840-1890.

Theatrical productions--1840-1890.

Tobacco industry--1840-1890

Women--1840-1890.

Genres:

Humorous pictures--1840-1890.

Portrait prints--1840-1890.

Genre prints--1840-1890.

Engravings--1840-1890.

Etchings--1840-1890.

Lithographs--1840-1890.

Tobacco package labels--1840-1890.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Copyright deposit; 1840-1890.

Restrictions

No known restrictions on publication.

Additional form available

Digitized images of some items in the collection and their associated identifying information are available through the [Prints & Photographs Online Catalog](#), by searching using the call number "LOT 10618."

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

Images reflect varied aspects of American history, popular culture, and politics of the nineteenth century. Examples of topics depicted include African-Americans, animals, children, Civil War generals, events, flags, gods & goddesses, humorous situations, Indians, literary characters, people, smoking, portraits of American and European political figures, sports, symbols, the theater and theatrical personalities, the tobacco industry, and women.

Organized/Arranged

Sorted into eighty-three subject categories. Subject arrangement covers events (listed chronologically), portraits, and general topics (alphabetical).

Container List for Tobacco label collection

Container

Contents

Discovery & exploration
4 items
LOT 10618-1

War (portraits, Declaration of Ind.), 1775-1881
5 items
LOT 10618-2

War, 1812
1 item
LOT 10618-3

War (Mexican), 1846-1848
4 items
LOT 10618-4

War (Civil), 1861-1865
13 items
LOT 10618-5

War (Union and Confederate generals), 1861-1865
11 items
LOT 10618-6

Views, U.S.
(2 folders) 30 items
LOT 10618-7

New York State (Seals, symbols, etc.)
6 items
LOT 10618-8

Cuba
4 items
LOT 10618-9

Europe
(2 folders) 32 items
LOT 10618-10

Japan & Japanese
6 items
LOT 10618-11

Near East & Turkey
21 items
LOT 10618-12

Views, foreign
3 items
LOT 10618-13

U.S. Presidents
4 items
LOT 10618-14

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Contents

Garibaldi, Giuseppe
4 items
LOT 10618-15

Jackson, Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall)
2 items
LOT 10618-16

Lee, Robert E.
5 items
LOT 10618-17

Acrobats
2 items
LOT 10618-18

African Americans
14 items
LOT 10618-61

Agriculture & farming
4 items
LOT 10618-19

Allegories
9 items
LOT 10618-20

Amazons
3 items
LOT 10618-21

Angelic figures
4 items
LOT 10618-22

Animals
29 items
LOT 10618-23

Animals (comic)
4 items
LOT 10618-24

Atlantic Cable
3 items
LOT 10618-25

Balloons
1 item
LOT 10618-26

Baseball
4 items
LOT 10618-27

Beehives
2 items
LOT 10618-28

Biblical illustrations
2 items
LOT 10618-29

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Contents

Bicycles & bicycling
14 items
LOT 10618-30

Birds & amphibians
7 items
LOT 10618-31

Birds (comic)
2 items
LOT 10618-32

Boxing
4 items
LOT 10618-33

Cavaliers
2 items
LOT 10618-34

Children
14 items
LOT 10618-35

Christmas
1 item
LOT 10618-36

Daily life & activities
27 items
LOT 10618-37

Dancers & dancing
10 items
LOT 10618-38

Fashions
6 items
LOT 10618-39

Flags, patriotic symbols, eagles, U.S.
26 items
LOT 10618-40

Flowers
7 items
LOT 10618-41

Foreign trade
1 item
LOT 10618-42

Fraternal organizations (Concordia Mannerchor)
1 item
LOT 10618-43

Fruit (includes one engraving on wood)
7 items
LOT 10618-44

Horses & horse racing
(2 folders) 18 items
LOT 10618-45

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Contents

Humor
14 items
LOT 10618-46

Hunting & fishing
7 items
LOT 10618-47

Indians & Indian life
(2 folders) 25 items
LOT 10618-48

Industry, business, manufacture
4 items
LOT 10618-49

Justice
3 items
LOT 10618-50

Knickerbocker, Diedrich (fictional character)
3 items
LOT 10618-51

Knights & crusaders
7 items
LOT 10618-52

Literary characters & authors
(2 folders) 20 items
LOT 10618-53

Locks & keys
1 item
LOT 10618-54

Love & courtship
14 items
LOT 10618-55

Portraits, Men
(2 folders) 22 items
LOT 10618-56

Military organizations
7 items
LOT 10618-57

Monks
2 items
LOT 10618-58

Mythology (Gods & goddesses)
(3 folders) 32 items
LOT 10618-59

Navy, U.S.
5 items
LOT 10618-60

Nudes
(2 folders) 23 items
LOT 10618-62

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Organ (Great Organ Tobacco)
1 item
LOT 10618-63

Pioneer west
10 items
LOT 10618-64

Politics
2 items
LOT 10618-65

Portraits
(2 folders) 26 items
LOT 10618-66

Railroads
4 items
LOT 10618-67

Roman life & times
3 items
LOT 10618-68

Seals & emblems
(2 folders) 26 items
LOT 10618-69

Ships (clipper & steam)
2 folders; 21 items
LOT 10618-70

Smoking
(2 folders) 31 items
LOT 10618-71

Sports (General)
7 items
LOT 10618-72

Theater & theatrical personalities
21 items
LOT 10618-73

Tobacco labels (text)
(2 folders) 27 items
LOT 10618-74

Tobacco (leaf, growing, shipping)
10 items
LOT 10618-75

Tobacco (manufacture, retailing)
6 items
LOT 10618-76

Tobacco currency
1 item
LOT 10618-77

Women (sentimental portraits)
(5 folders) 101 items
LOT 10618-78

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Contents

Zouaves

1 item

LOT 10618-79

Tobacco labels (miscellany)

(2 folders) 29 items

LOT 10618-80

Eclipse

1 item

LOT 10618-81

Far East

2 items

LOT 10618-82

Fenian movement

2 items

LOT 10618-83