e-list No. 35

ECLECTIBLES

Miscellany: Lydia Pinkham, Uncle Tom, The Wrong Overcoat &
Of course, the Children

It’s all about the Children...
1. [Journalism][ Women's History][ Gender Roles] **School Project - Journalism for Women Scrapbook 1948.** A large format album with captions on each page with typewritten, newspaper or printed sheets affixed. The headings include Terminology, Instructions (lacking), Features Calendar, Headline Count, Telephone Interviews, History of Woman's Clubs (lacking), and What's in a name? This is followed by a series of columns including Beauty & Health, Personal Problems, Fashion, Menus, Etiquette, Teen, Child Training, and other Misc. columns. This is followed by Where to get Source Material for: Marriage, Child Care, Home Management, Food, Health and Safety. The next section is Ways of Presenting Food Stories, Personality Sketches, Interior Decoration Pieces, and more. Next are examples of NEA Syndicate, NAC and Consumer information. And finally, Qualities for Edit. Ass't., My readership Survey (lacking) Brandenburg's Report on Survey, Lists of Useful Reference Books and a Preliminary Report of the Kansas Juvenile Code Commission. Sketched illustrations throughout. Measures 15 1/4" x 11"  (#27007532) $200.00

3 tip-in pages lacking. Poor selection of glue--glue show throughout.
Mill Book for day by day Accounting of Wood and Labor, Trenton, NY, 1834-1835. Trenton, NY. 1834-1835. The Mill Book is a 16 page ledger (not including covers) to keep track of the labor and supplies used. It starts on August 9th 1834 and continues to December 17th, 1835. Notes include the name of the individual ordering the service, and the amount of time it took. He also states the amount of people it took for the job, normally either just himself or only one other person. There are also sometimes little notes as to how the debt was paid. When the owner of the book ran out of pages, he started to pin more in to add an additional 12 pages for a total of 28 pages. The back covers and some margins of the interior pages are covered in mathematical calculations. 9" x 6 1/2" ($150.00)

Covers are soiled and toned, as well as missing some small sections. Two of the interior pages are missing a portion of the lower corner, however these look like the might have been torn out on purpose, perhaps by the original owner.

Made by Hand
3. [Hand penned book][ made by hand] A. Von Winterfeld Hand Penned Translation and Illustrated Book 'The Wrong Overcoat' - Translated by L.M. Fitch, 1885. Barlow Bros. Grand Rapids. 1885. Tucked in the front page of the book is a letter dated Dec. 3, 1926 to Mrs. Farrier a relative of Abbi McC Brown the original owner of the book, explaining that the book was being gifted as it was a special treasure of the previous owner and had been translated transcribed and illustrated by Mrs. Fitch.

Cloth cover with watercolor floral illustration captioned "German Translation by Louie M. Fitch marbled endpapers w exlibris Abbie McC Brown. A well executed manuscript book translated from German to English Embellished with illustrations created by Mrs. Fitch. The illustrations are appropriatedly place relevant articles and include a notebook and cigar case, wheat, a dozen oysters, wine glass and bottle, the Widow's hand, a forcible argument, implements for Turkish bath, 'Like a bomb" revolver, beet, nightcap, waiting for the Parson and many others. A delightful work. Measures 5 1/2” x 7 1/2”. ( #27007213) $700.00

Light cover wear; partial separation base of free end paper; otherwise fine.
4. [advertising][women's health][woman's roles][ motherhood][ gender roles][ medicine][woman's health][ woman in business] A collection of eighty-nine (89) advertisement booklets from the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company spanning almost 40 years, from approximately 1895-1935. The advertisements published by this company not only helped to bring women's health issues out into the open but also helped to shape a women's role in society.

Lydia Estes Pinkham was born on February 9, 1819 in Lynn, Massachusetts. Her father, William Estes, was considered to be a 'gentlemen farmer' and he made most of his money real estate. The Estes were a fierce abolitionist and anti-segregation family and even counted the abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass as a friend and neighbor.

Lydia both went to school and later taught at Lynn Academy until September 1843 when she met and married Isaac Pinkham. Once married she gave birth to five children; four sons and a daughter. While one of her sons died in infancy, all the rest of her children would later work for the Pinkham Family medicine business. The family had several financial struggles over the years, mainly stemming from several failed ventures of Isaac, when Lydiaâ€™s eldest son, Charles, suggested that she sell the herbal "women's tonic" that she had been making and giving away to friends and neighbors for years.

The tonic, or "Vegetable Compound" was meant as a cure all for "womanly issues" and more specifically to relieve menstrual and menopausal pains. It contain a variety of purported natural ingredients such as Unicorn root and Black Cohosh, however what most certainly provided the “kicker” was the 18% of alcohol. As such the tonic proved to be quite popular during the American
Prohibition, eventually inspiring several drinking ballads, such as "The Ballad of Lydia Pinkham" or "Lily the Pink". While there is no official version of the song, F. W. Harvey, a poet and soldier during World War I, remembered it being sung by Canadian soldiers at a German officers' prisoner-of-war camp. He recorded the first verse as:

"Have you heard of Lydia Pinkham,
And her love for the human race?
How she sells (she sells, she sells) her wonderful compound,
And the papers publish her face?"

The song continued to have life long after that, as it was rumored that it was the unofficial regimental song of the British Royal Tank Corps during World War II.

Today Lydia Pinkham is lauded by feminists as one of the first to distribute information on menstruation, and the sexual education. In a time where women's health issues were rarely, and often poorly served, by the medical established of the day, she could be considered a crusader for women's health.

The collection has been arranged by subject, and the quantities in each are listed below:

- Beauty Aids: 6
- Children's Booklets: 5
- Fighting the Blues: 4
- First Aid: 9
- Foreign Language versions of booklets: 15
- Home and Garden: 6
- Miscellaneous: 5
- Physical Culture: 3
- Recipe Cookbooks: 11
- Sewing & Needlework: 4
- Tending to Baby: 3
- Travel: 5
- Women's Health: 13

Titles for the Women’s Health publications include Facts with Proof, Health-Vigor Strength Common Sense Talks with Women, A Bond of Sympathy, The New Woman, Silent Places, Letters to a Young Housewife, Help for Women, Directions for the Use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Other Remedies (16 pages), Directions for the Use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Other Remedies (32 pages), Health Hints, Stretching Your Dollar and Home Talks. Dates range from 1897 to 1932.

To view images click: https://goo.gl/photos/ZJuVB8BgHDFHzgnE9

A database of all titles and years is available upon request. (#27005825) $2500.00
The Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company was started in 1876 when Lydia began making the brew on her own stove, before eventually moving into a factory. As her company grew it took care to promote itself as a company for women and run by a woman. It was the first company to ever use a woman’s likeness in advertising. The picture of Lydia used was grandmotherly and was featured on all of their packing and advertisements. Perhaps most importantly these advertisements spoke directly to women, and eventually Lydia Pinkham was viewed as an expert on women’s health, from female complaints to the expectations of womanhood and motherhood. Lydia was responsible for most of the advertising content her company published and even encourage correspondence between herself and her customers. She wrote letters of advice and often used customer testimonials in future advertisements. This unfortunately caused a bit of a scandal for the company when in 1905 the Ladies’ Home Journal published a photograph of Lydia’s tombstone showing she had actually died several decades earlier in 1883. The company quickly sprung into damage control, stating that it had never meant to imply that Lydia was still answering the letters, but rather Jennie Pinkham, her daughter-in-law, had picked up where she left off.

Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company ran as a family business for nearly 100 years, expanding to have manufacturing centers in both Canada and Mexico while, it exported its products worldwide before it was sold in 1968. During those years the company’s advertisements help to shape the societal expectations for women’s behaviors and their roles, particularly motherhood, from the 1890s to the 1930s. Their ads enforced the idea that motherhood should be a woman’s primary goal and responsibility in life.

5. [Social History][Domestic Engineering][Victorian Living] An archive of approximately 400 billheads relating to the running of the M. Hopper Mott (1815-1864) manse for predominantly for 1874 with various others. Mott married Ruth A. Schuyler who remained in residence until she remarried in the 1890s. The archive has been organized into eight different categories

- Lady Mott’s clothing, jewels and accessories – approximately 80 billheads from fashionable establishments including Tiffany & Co, Madame Ferrero, Madame Fogarty, Madame H. Buhlmeyer, various milliners and dress makers, hat makers, Lord and Taylor, fur storage companies, yardage, wigs and curls, jewelers and more. Among the most notable was a bill from Madame Fogarty of Gramercy Park for a purple velvet costume and a mantle for $465.00
- Household – approximately 80 billheads associated with running of the household including dinnerware, baskets, cook stoves, carpeting, candlesticks, trunks, glassware and cutlery, landscape gardener, masons’ building materials and much more. The only travel of note was a single trip to New Orleans.
• Horse and carriage – approximately 30 billheads relating to horses and carriage including fine riding saddles, harnesses and horse care, coach and light wagon manufacturers, feed, carriage repair and more. A new Elegant Pony Phaeton (carriage) with top was purchased for $360.00–$135 less than that costume and mantle…

• Ice – seven receipts. Ice was delivered in quantities of approximately 400 pounds per month in cooler months and 800-900 pounds in the warmer months.

• Retail – approximately 130 billheads, most from Alex T. Stewart & Co., Broadway, Ninth and tenth Streets. This was the largest retail store in the world at the time. The bills were for hoses to satin ribbon, to clothing, everything purchased from predominantly one retail outlet.

• Books and paper – 20 billheads for stationery and books, subscriptions and periodicals.

• Food – approximately 40 billheads from a variety of food purveyors including the beef butcher; dealers in butter, lard, cheese, pork and smoked provisions, pastries from Delmonicos, fish, oysters and clams, foreign and domestic lager bier,

#24025245 $1,350.00

Hopper S. Mott had the good fortune to inherit the family farm, which in his case extended from near Fifth Avenue to the Hudson River and across the river to the Jersey shore.

Advertising

6. [Advertising Trade Card][ Uncle Tom's Cabin][ African American Vernacular][ Harriet Beecher Stowe] Uncle Tom and Eva Promote Uncle Tom's Cabin Smoking Tobacco. Donaldson Brothers. Five Points NY. A 5" x 3 1/4" advertising trade card promoting Uncle Tom's Cabin Smokin Tobacco, manufactured by Wellman & Dwire, Quincy, Ill. Depicts characters from Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Eva is holding a plug of tobacco while seated on Uncle Tom's shoulder. It is captioned 'O Uncle Tom! T'was Eva spoke, Why do you alwys this kind smoke? 'O Missy, I hab understood Dat you must Lub Whebber's Good. And sartain sure Ob all de rest, Dis yer tobacco am de best'. Reverse promotes Hasbrouck & Mix, in Syracuse and other Wellman & Dwire Tobacco Company products. (#27005653) $150.00

Light toning on reverse.
7. [Aesop's Fables][Fairbank Canning Co.][advertising] A collection of 14 different 'Aesop's Fables revised and Improved by the Fairbank Canning Co. aka 'fractured fables'. c1885.

A grouping of 14 different advertising trade cards with the captioned "Aesop's Fables - revised and improved by the Fairbank (meat) Canning Co. Chicago. Each an adaptation on a real fable e.g. THE BOY AND HIS UNCLE - A good Boy went to visit his Uncle who was a very nice man. Finally the Boy began to steal, and his Uncle beat him for it, until at last the Boy confessed that he was so fond of our meats, and thereafter had no trouble with the boy. Moral: If you don't want your boys to steal, give them plenty of our meats... Each with the same sort of twisted logic. The reverse of the cards is primarily blank; a few with promotions for grocers. (#) $275.00

*moderate wear; few with trimmed edges.*
8. [Butchery catalogue][price list][circular][ Relating to Food] **Price List and Illustrations of Butchers' Machinery, Tools and Fixtures**, B. Staubach. New York City. c1870s. A 3-fold 7" x 13" when flat circular that begins with an introduction by B. Staubach, followed by information on Miles' "Challenge" Butchers' Meat Cutter, Bell's Improved Ham Pump, the "Challenge" sausage stuffer, the Plunger sausage stuffer, various lard presses and butchers' fixtures. Each with a narrative description and some with pricing information; no illustrations. The reverse includes testimonials, information on steam Engines and the Upright Steam Engine and locations of Miles' Challenge Meat Cutter. Alas no illustrations. (#27008313) $65.00

* Toning with tape repair; minimal detraction.

9. [Anatomy][Anatomical Section Book] Robinson, Victor (1886-1947) **Manikins for Modern Home Physician - Mail and Female Anatomical Sectional Model Overlays**. 1934. Two (2) different 12" x 6" die-cut manikinl booklets with a different pages for various body system
and organs on each page with die-cut movable organs and parts. Dissected leaves using overlays. Comprehensive numbering system identifies approximately 400 anatomical locations in each booklet. An 8 3/4" x 10 3/4" two-sided sheet accompanies the manikins identifying all of the body locations noted in the booklet. One side is the Structure of the Human Body Female: Anatomical sectional model; the reverse The Male. With original envelope. Among the most comprehensive models for size and format. (#26012153) $150.00


Today the Yellow House is a Duty Free Perfume and Cosmetic Retailer.

Social History

11. [Declaration of Independence][Women's History][Patriotism] The Declaration of Independence Portfolio, Compiled and Published by The Ladies' Patriotic Society Co., The Ladies' Patriotic Society Co. Buffalo, NY. 1899. A 17 1/2" x 14 1/2" facsimile of the Declaration of Independence, about one-third in size; also a copy of Charles Carroll's manuscript additions in 1826, etc. Compiled and Published by The Ladies' Patriotic Society Co., Distributors of Patriotic Literature. The Society is desirous that every citizen, especially young person and boys and girls, should study thoroughly or commit to memory the Declaration of Independence. A fee of 10 cents is proposed. Found in original envelope. NO OCLC or other internet reference to the Society. 3/2017. (#27005643) $100.00
Cookery

12. [Gender Role][Body Image][Cookery][Diet] 3 Cookbooks - Streamline Your Figure -- The New Mid-century Hourglass. A group of three (3) cook books emphasizing the importance of a proper weight and improved appearance mid-century style. The first is a 1939 booklet by Golden Crest (Borden’s) products encouraging the Foundation Diet that includes a pint to a quart of milk each day plus vegetables, fruits, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, bread and cereal, fat, sea food and iodized salt, vitamin D and 6-8 glasses of water daily. Also includes 'calory' tables, suggested daily menu, weight tables Borden's product information. Measures 7" x 5'. The second appears to be from the 1940s and promotes a Waring blender Hi-Protein, Hi-Vitamin reducing Diet with meal plans for 300 calorie breakfasts, 350 calorie Lunches and 550 calorie dinners. This section concludes with "at the end of 8 weeks you take on a new vitality with overweight gone. This is followed by promotional information and Basic Recipes. Measures 9" x 4'. The final is a 1960 booklet titled Silhouette Recipes with Knox Gel-Cookery. The tag line is "Eating for Fun while keeping the Waistline Trim". A booklet of recipes made with gelatin with serving size calorie counts from 33 to 160 max. The back cover promotes the New Know Eat-and-Reduce Plan helps you retrain your appetite, get slim to stay slim. Measures 6 1/2" x 4 3/4".  (#27006562)  $90.00
13. [Women's Work][ Cookery][ Mother's Helper] **Preserving Food - 7 Cook Booklets demonstrate improvement in 'Putting Up" or Home Canning and Preserving. . . 1910-1930s.** A collection of 7 booklets and a leaflet relating to innovations in preserving of food for the American housewife. The booklets include Canning Preserving & Jelly Making Made Easy by Using a "Wear-Ever Aluminum Canner and a "Wear-Ever" Preserving Kettle with a 'so easy a child can do it' on the cover. Good Luck in Preserving promoting Good Luck Fruit Jar Rings. Peaches and Cream the Whole Year promoting The Atlantic Col-Pac Canner "gives better results with less labor and less expense: round by Atlantic Stamping Company. How to Can Fruits and Vegetables Promoting Ball Fruit Jars by Ball Brothers Company. A chart or leaflet promoting Ball Perfect Seal Rubbers. Recipes for making better James Jellies & Marmalades with Certo (1928). Cold Pack Canning with images from photographs and instructions on canning all sorts of vegetables, meats, etc presented by Good Luck - The Original Cold Pack Rubbers. Better Home Canning with Presto Canning Supplies, presented as a booklet that opens to Canning Time Tables on one side and narrative on the reverse.

All include information on the process, why their products are superior and how they are safer and save time. Only two reference pressure cooking. Imagery of the women canning is consistently meticulous, well-coifed women with starched aprons canning without fuss. The largest measures 8" x 5". (#27006563) $175.00
14. [Newspaper Supplement][ Cookery][ Community Cookbook] **Tested Cooking Recipes and Household Hints by Cleveland News Housewives.** c.1910. A 32 pp what appears to be a newspaper supplement printed on newsprint. The front cover depicts a woman in a kitchen preparing a recipe. Illustration marked D. C. Rudolph. The forward is titled Recipes by Famous Cleveland Cooks, Published by The Cleveland News for Distribution Among Its Readers. The Foreword by the Women's Editor of the Cleveland News reveals this Cook Book is not the work of one cooking expert, but of many -- the expert home cooks who read The Cleveland News. The recipes have been tried by those who originally prepared them. Many of the contributions are in the first person, just as they were written by the women who sent them to the Household Department of the News. Content is dense with a wide array of recipes covering many types of food from frosting to rabbits. Advertising on covers, otherwise dense recipes. Measures 10 1/2" x 8 1/2". No OCLC. ($26021321) $125.00

*Edge chips on front cover. Age toning on newsprint.*

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**It’s all about the Children**

*Materials in this section will always be about the children…*

15. childhood][ family][ family relations][ hand drawn][ illustrations][ summer][ riding][ horseback ridding][ summer vacation] Simon **Two Letters from a Mother to Her Child, with integrated naive drawings, August 1929.** Boston MA. Aug-29. Two whimsical letters from a mother to one of her two daughters, Elizabeth Simon (nicknamed Betty). The first letter mentions a visit to their cousin Ruth, who has two cats on her roof. The missive continues on asking her how here hay fever is doing and if she has had anytime to play with the kitten next door. Lastly it mentions the mother...
has been so busy that morning that even though it is 11 AM, she still hasn't had time to fix her hair. The letter is embellished with four pen and ink drawings - two cats on a roof of house, little girl playing with cats, four children riding on a horse, and two children playing in the water. The second letter is longer than the first. It starts with the mother telling Betty that she has been feeling better lately, though her hip is hurting her pretty badly so she will most likely stop riding soon. It discusses a visit from their Aunt and a picnic lunch she had at Lake Waldon. There she watched several children on a water slide. She then inquires after what Betty has been doing in her spare time and if she has any stories to share, such as a stubbed toe perhaps or a bee landed on her nose? It ends with the hope that Betty will borrow her sister's, Barbara's, water wings to help her float. In-text drawings of a water slide, a child landing in the water, and presumably Betty with a bee on her nose. Measures 5 1/4" x 3 1/4" (folded card) ($26000140) $95.00

The envelope is toned due to age and the letters themselves some minor soiling, otherwise fine.

16. [Childhood ephemera][pretend play][early childhood education] Robert Bezucha Let's Play House - 3 Rooms with Complete Furnishings. Whitman. Racine WI. 1932. Six (6) heavy card stock punch pages (including covers) with 3 room settings and extensive accessories to create 1930s rooms. They include the Dining Room, Playroom and Bedroom. Well Detailed accessories, each with a caption. Detailed to the point of individual ABC blocks, cups, saucers and flatware. Measures 19 1/4" x 12 1/2" (#25012335) $275.00

Tape reinforcement on the blank reverse of some cut-outs. One piece lacking from back cover.

These book was compiled by Ruth E Adomeit and published by the Angeleno Doll Club which was a women's association in Southern California. All the illustrations in this cookbook are of a specific type of doll known as Happifats. They are bisque dolls (a doll made partially or wholly out of bisque porcelain and they are often characterized by their realistic, skin-like matte finish) that are solely inspired by the illustrations of Kate Jordon which appeared in John Martin's Books from 1913 to 1921. John Martin's Book was a children's magazine aimed at five-to eight-year-olds, and included stories, illustrations, and puzzles. Measures 3" x 2". 

(#26000136) $85.00

Minor edge wear, otherwise fine.


(#27008526) $90.00


(#27008527) $90.00
In the seventh-grade Juniata Schoenhut wrote an 8-page paper on Historic Germantown, focusing on the important historical landmarks of the Battle of Germantown during Revolutionary War and shortly thereafter. Along with a paragraph or two of the history of each building, there is a total of 8 black and white illustrations of the building pasted into the report. The report details the history of the following buildings:

Church of the Brethren (the first Church of the Brethren aka Dunkards in America), the Johnson House (which saw a battle right on its front steps, and is better known today as Philadelphia's only accessible and intact stop on the Underground Railroad), The Benjamin Chew House or also known as Cliveden (was occupied by the British and was the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting in the war), the Concord School House (the first English-language school in Germantown), Wyck House (also called the Haines House and the Hans Millan House; and was used as a hospital during the war), The Morris House (also call the Germantown Whitehouse as not only was it the scene of fighting during the war and it is the oldest surviving presidential residence, having twice sheltered George Washington during his term of office), Germantown Town Hall (was used as a hospital in the War of 1812), The Wagner House (was used as one of the main hospitals after the Battle of Germantown), the Stenton Mansion (also known as the James Logan Home and was the country home of James Logan, colonial Mayor of Philadelphia and Chief Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. During the Revolutionary War, it served as headquarters of both General George Washington and British General Lord William Howe), and lastly, the Germantown Academy (originally call the Union School, and is the oldest nonsectarian day school in the United States and during the Revolutionary War it was a hospital and camp for British soldiers. In fact, a school legend says that the British officers camped there played the first game of cricket in America on the Academy's front lawn. After the war, the school was visited by President George Washington. Washington).
There are some corrections made by the teacher in pencil. The top of each page is numbered using roman numerals. Measures 14'' x 8 1/2''  (#26000150)  $150.00

The pages have some minor tears on the top edge. The first page is missing a small section at the bottom. Pages are slightly toned and soiled due to age. Otherwise fine.

21. linen book][ ABC][ primer book][ early learning][ Alphabet books][English language]

**Uncle Sam's ABC Book, Printed in Linen, 1897.** W.B. Conkey Company. Chicago ; New York. 1897. 12 pp unpaginated book printed on linen. Two color illustrations(red and blue) on wrappers; alphabet and words printed in color, accompanied by black and white illustrations. A delightfully charming ABC book which pairs each letter with three words, as well as using creative illustration to include each object in the drawing. For example A is for Acorn, Axe, and Angler; B is for Bicycle, Boy, and Balloon, etc. Measures 6 1/2'' x 4 1/2''.

OCLC 1 - (3/2017) (#26000138)  $95.00

Book has wear and fraying. Pages are soiled and toned. The color accented ink (mostly red) has started to bleed through the pages. The blue ink has faded oddly in some areas.
Thank you for looking.

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