

Popular Culture Materials in the Watkinson Library

Art –

- ✦ Currier and Ives Prints. (180)
- ✦ Valentines, English and American, 1830 – 1930, arranged and indexed. Ca. 400, plus 3 scrapbooks containing many examples of the period 1875 – 1918.
- ✦ Christmas cards, English and American 1870's – 1930's, arranged and indexed. Ca. 120 plus 8 scrapbooks containing many examples of the latter part of the 19th century.
- ✦ Easter cards, English and American, 1975 – 1910. Some loose, rest in 5 scrapbooks.
- ✦ Post cards, American, French, etc. 1810 – 1890's, loose and in scrapbooks. Indexed. Several thousand.
- ✦ Fashion plates, American and French, 1810 – 1890's. Arranged chronologically. Ca. 370 plus miscellaneous catalogues, magazines, etc.

Music –

- ✦ 26,000 pieces sheet music, American, English, etc. 1790's – 1950's. Contains much popular music.
- ✦ Song sheets, American. 1850 – 1890. Ca. 1000
- ✦ Pictorial note paper songs, American, Ca. 1862 – 1869. Ca. 150.
- ✦ Concert and theater programs, mostly New England and New York areas. 1820's – 1930's loose and in scrapbooks. Indexed by location. Several thousand.
- ✦ Many popular songsters, glee books, MS copybooks, American and British, 18th - early 20th centuries. Collection of books on jazz and other popular music.

Theatre –

- ✦ Theatre play bills, British and American, 1791 – 1840. (400)
- ✦ Theatre programs, New York and New England areas. 1850's – 1950's. Indexed. Loose and in scrapbooks. Several thousand.
- ✦ Many popular plays, British and American, 18th and 19th centuries.

Literature –

- ✦ Broadside ballads, British.
- ✦ Popular tracts (Cheap Repository Tracts, etc)
- ✦ Children's literature, British and American, 18th – 20th century, including the Barnard Collection of textbooks (18th and 19th century) Ca. 10,000
- ✦ Many 19th century popular periodicals, novels, including dime novels, etc.

Manners –

- ✦ Etiquette books for adults and children, English and American, 19th – 20th century. Ca. 1000
- ✦ Letter writing guides. Ca. 100
- ✦ Women's magazines. American and British. 18th and 19th century (Godey's, etc) Ca. 40

Commerce –

- ✦ Trade cards, American, Ca. 1875 – 1910. 13 scrapbooks plus 1 folder of loose ones. Several thousand.

History, Politics –

- ✦ U.S. Civil war. Scrapbooks containing envelopes, cards, etc with political and patriotic illustrations.
- ✦ Political broadsides, songsters, etc. American, 18th – early 20th century.
- ✦ Political caricatures, British. Ca. 1759 – 1848. Ca. 180.
- ✦ Posters. World War I. American. Ca. 200.
- ✦ Posters, Russian, Ca. 1914 – 1930's. (257)

Medicine –

- ✦ American and British books on popular medicine, phrenology, mental health, etc. Early herbals.