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.
- 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
- 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)
- 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.
- Posters, Russian, Ca. 1914 – 1930’s. (257)

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