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Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Barbering

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Barbering
Date:	1750-1926
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Barbering
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.53 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 1 folder, 2 oversize folders, plus digital images of some collection material.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Barbering</i> forms part of the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, Subseries 1.1: Subject Categories. The Subject Categories subseries is divided into 470 subject categories based on those created by Mr. Warshaw. These subject categories include topical subjects, types or forms of material, people, organizations, historical events, and other categories. An overview to the entire Warshaw collection is available here: Warshaw Collection of Business Americana

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Barbering is a portion of the Business Ephemera Series of the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana, Accession AC0060 purchased from Isadore Warshaw in 1967. Warshaw continued to accumulate similar material until his death, which was donated in 1971 by his widow, Augusta. For a period after acquisition, related materials from other sources (of mixed provenance) were added to the collection so there may be content produced or published after Warshaw's death in 1969. This practice has since ceased.

Materials in the Archives Center

Archives Center Collection of Business Americana (AC0404)

Forms Part Of

Forms part of the [Warshaw Collection of Business Americana](#) .

Missing Title:

- [Series 1: Business Ephemera](#)
- [Series 2: Other Collection Divisions](#)
- [Series 3: Isadore Warshaw Personal Papers](#)
- [Series 4: Photographic Reference Material](#)

Processing Information

Oversize material is unprocessed.

In 2016, with funding provided by the Smithsonian Institution's Collections Care and Preservation Fund, the Archives Center at the National Museum of American History implemented the use of minimal level processing standards to increase information about and facilitate access to more of our collections. A large portion of stored material from the original acquisition received minimal level processing, which resulted in additions to this Subject category. This effort included basic arrangement and replacement of non-archival housing for long-term stability, but staples and other fasteners have not all been removed. Revisions to the encoded finding aid were made to reflect the added content in context to the previously processed material.

Minimal level processing and enhancement of the machine-readable finding aid completed by Nicole Blechynden, September 2017.

Preferred Citation

Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Barbering, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Collection is open for research. Some items may be restricted due to fragile condition.

Conditions Governing Use

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Scope and Contents

This subject category- Barbering consists primarily of printed advertisements, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, catalogues, postcards, business cards, premiums, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, periodicals, order forms, books and a few packages and recipes from manufacturers and distributors of barbering supplies. The barbering supplies include furniture, shaving mugs, shaving cream, razors, strops, hair brushes, combs, hair preparations, clippers, shears, coats, towels, face lotions, talcum powders, barber shop signs, hat and coat racks, mirrors, and occasionally these companies also sold bath tubs and water tanks. Most of the business cards and some of the printed advertisements are from hair grooming saloons and barber shops. Materials from labor unions for barbers are also included. There are a number of images including photographs of individual barbers and some lithographs of hair grooming establishments. The material dates from 1750-1926, but the bulk is late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Arrangement

This series is arranged into two subseries. Subseries 1 is organized by name of manufacturing company or hair grooming establishment. Subseries 2 is arranged by type of material including: patents, import/export documents, business cards, general images, etc.

- Subseries 1: Manufacturing Companies
- Subseries 2: General, 19770-1899, undated

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Barbering

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera
Ephemera

Container Listing

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Box 1, Folder 1	Alexander, Dr., Nashua, New Hampshire Notes: Manufacturer of Shaving Cream
Box 1, Folder 1	American Safety Razor Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 2	American Shearer Manufacturing Company, Nashua, New Hampshire
Box 1, Folder 3	Auto Stop Safety Razor Company, Ltd., New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Badger, Benjamin & Son, Badger Place, Charlestown, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Blasdale, L. M., Ashfield, Massachusetts Notes: Barber, Also Dealer in Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Smokers' Articles
Box 1, Folder 6	Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company, Providence, Rhode Island
Box 1, Folder 7-8	Burma-Vita Company, Manufacturers of Burma-Shave, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Box 1, Folder 9	Chapman, L., Manufacturer of Metallic Razor Strop, New York
Box 1, Folder 10	Coates Clipper Manufactory, Worcester, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 11	Colgate & Company, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Conrad Razor Blade Company, Incorporated, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Curley, J. & Brother, Cutlery, New York
Box 1, Folder 13	Drew, Barry Notes: Stationer and Dealer in Razor Strops

Box 1, Folder 13	Durham Duplex Razor Company, Jersey City, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 14	Enders Razor Company, Incorporated, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 14	Ferschke, Augustus, Barbering Furniture and Supplies
Box 1, Folder 14	Fitchburg Hardware Company, Hardware and Cutlery, Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 15	Gem Cutlery Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Geneva Cutlery Corporation, Geneva, New York
Box 1, Folder 17-21	Gillette Sales Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 22	Harrican Novelty Company, Hartford, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 22	Hevenor & Company, Incorporated, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 28	A.S. Hinds, advertisement for Hind's Honey and Almond Cream, undated
Box 1, Folder 23	Ingersoll, Robert H., Incorporated, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Ingersoll Dollar Stropping Outfits
Box 1, Folder 23	Ingram's Shaving Cream, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 23	<p>The battle of the Tube vs. Jar is going great guns. [Print advertising.], 1930 1 Item (b&w; 28 x 21 cm.)</p> <p>Creator: Ingram's Shaving Cream. Language: English. Notes: 245221</p> <p>Ivorydata4 1078 0300600242 (Scan No.) Reproduction restrictions due to copyright. Caption: "The battle of the Tube vs. Jar is going great guns". Illustration of tube and bottle boxing. Good condition.</p> <p>Topic: Endorsements in advertising Prize contests in advertising Men Shaving</p> <p>Genre/Form: Print advertising</p>
Box 1, Folder 23	Jones Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 24	Kampfe Brothers, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 25	Kerland Specialty Corporation, Buffalo, New York
Box 1, Folder 26	Klingler, S., New York, New York Notes: Manufacturer and Barber Chairs
Box 1, Folder 26	Kochs, Theo. A., Chicago, Illinois Notes: Manufacturer and Importer of Barber Supplies
Box 1, Folder 26	Koken Barbers' Supply Company, St. Louis, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 27-28	Mennen, Gerhard Company, Newark, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 27	<p>Mennen's Borated Talcum Toilet Powder. [Print advertising.], 1905 1 Item (col.; 37.5 x 25 cm.) Creator: Mennen, Gerhard, Company. Language: English. Notes: 245222</p> <p>Ivorydata4 1079 0300600243 (Scan No.) Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Reproduction restrictions due to copyright. Caption: "Mennen's Borated Talcum Toilet Powder". Two children at top. Good condition.</p> <p>Topic: Children Premiums (Retail trade) Skin -- Care and hygiene</p> <p>Genre/Form: Print advertising</p>
Box 1, Folder 27	<p>Mennen's for Man Woman and Child. [Print advertising.] Collier's, 1907 1 Item (col.; 35.5 x 25 cm.) Creator: Mennen, Gerhard, Company. Language: English. Notes: 245223</p> <p>Ivorydata4 1080 0300600244 (Scan No.) Unrestricted research use on site by appointment. Reproduction restrictions due to copyright. Caption: "Mennen's for Man Woman and Child". Woman holding up baby who is sprinkling powder on her face. Black and white with yellow tints. Published July 1907. Good condition.</p> <p>Topic: Mothers Children Family</p>

Baths
Shaving
Skin -- Care and hygiene
Premiums (Retail trade)
Genre/Form: Print advertising

Box 1, Folder 28

[After Shaving Also Skin Diseases. \[Advertising card.\]](#)

1 Item (col.; 9 x 16 cm.)

Creator: Mennen, Gerhard, Company.

Language: English.

Notes: 245224

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Caption: "After Shaving Also Skin Diseases". Man touching face on left. For Mentholatum.

The advertising card is a blotter.

Good condition.

Topic: Skin Diseases
Shaving
Premiums (Retail trade)
Men

Genre/Form: Advertising cards

Box 1, Folder 28

[Why Alexander the Great made his soldiers shave. \[Print advertising.\] Collier's, 1915](#)

1 Item (b&w; 20 x 14.5 cm.)

Creator: Mennen, Gerhard, Company.

Language: English.

Notes: 245225

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Caption: "Why Alexander the Great made his soldiers shave". Illustration of two men fighting. For Mennen Shaving Cream.

Published 17 July 1915. Top 2/3 stained.

Good condition.

Names: Alexander, the Great, 356-323 B.C.
Topic: Shaving
Premiums (Retail trade)

Genre/Form: Print advertising

Box 1, Folder 28

[Mennen's Borated Talcum Powder. \[Print advertising.\] Town & Country, 1907](#)

1 Item (b&w; 32 x 22.5 cm.)

Creator: Mennen, Gerhard, Company.

Language: English.
 Notes: 245226
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 0300600247 (Scan No.)
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 Caption: "Mennen's Borated Talcum Powder". Man standing, woman seated, on dock.
 Published 17 Aug. 1907.
 Good condition.

Topic: Swimming
 Clothing and dress
 Courtship
 Men
 Women
 Premiums (Retail trade)

Genre/Form: Print advertising

Box 1, Folder 28 Mennen's Borated Talcum Toilet Powder. [Print advertising.], 1905
 1 Item (col.; 36.5 x 25 cm.)
 Creator: Mennen, Gerhard, Company.
 Language: English.
 Notes: 245227
 Ivorydata4 1084
 0300600248 (Scan No.)
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 Caption: "Mennen's Borated Talcum Toilet Powder". Little boy in captain's hat on car made of powder container.
 Good condition.

Topic: Children
 Skin -- Care and hygiene
 Automobiles

Genre/Form: Print advertising

Box 1, Folder 28 [Advertisement for Mennen's Toilet Powder., 1901-03-09](#)

Box 1, Folder 28 Mentholatum Company, Buffalo, New York

Box 1, Folder 29 Noonan, T. & Company, Barber Chairs and Fixtures, Boston, Massachusetts

Box 1, Folder 29 North American Philips Company, Incorporated, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 30 Nowill, John & Sons, Sheffield, London, England

Box 1, Folder 31 Olden, Robert, England

	Notes: Manufacturer of Olden's Eukeirogeneion or Shaving Oil
Box 1, Folder 32	Pal Blade Company, New York
Box 1, Folder 33	Phalon's Hair Dressing Establishment, New York
Box 1, Folder 33	Pike Manufacturing Company, Littleton, New Hampshire
Box 1, Folder 34	Proback Corporation, Division of Autostrop Safety Razor Company, Incorporated, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 35	Rhodes Manufact-uirn Company, St. Louis, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 35	Rollins, Joseph, New Orleans Notes: Proprietor of Rollin's Public Baths and Tonsorial Saloon,
Box 1, Folder 36	Ruben, Marcus, Chicago, Illinois Notes: Manufacturers of Barbers' Coats
Box 1, Folder 37	Scott, George A., New York Notes: Manufacturer of Electric Safety Razors
Box 1, Folder 38	Shumate Razor Company, Austin, Texas
Box 1, Folder 39	Simmons Hardware Company, Incorporated, St. Louis, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 39	Stout, J. D., New York Notes: Inventor and Manufacturer of Razor Straps
Box 1, Folder 40	Strutz & Clottu Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 41	Torrey, J. R., Razor Company, Worcester, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 41	Twinplex Sales Company, St. Louis, Missouri
Box 1, Folder 42	Ucan Safety Hair Cutter Corporation, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Double Edge Blades
Box 1, Folder 43	Wade & Butcher Corporation, Jersey City, New Jersey Notes: Blades Manufacturer
Box 1, Folder 44	Williams, J. B., Company, Glastonbury, Connecticut Notes: Manufacturing Chemists
Box 1, Folder 45	Wilson, G. N. W., Company, Incorporated, Portland, Oregon Notes: Manufacturers and Importers of Barbers' Supplies and Furniture
Box 1, Folder 45	Woodbury, John H, Incorporated, Cincinnati, Ohio

Notes: Manufacturers of Woodbury Shaving Cream

Box 1, Folder 46 Young Safety Razor Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Subseries 2: General, 1770-1899, undated

Scope and Contents: This subseries consists of newspaper clippings, import/export documents, recipe books, images, articles and information for publishers.

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Box 1, Folder 49 Union Material

Box 1, Folder 50 Newspaper clippings, 1750

Box 1, Folder 51 [General images](#)

Box 1, Folder 52 Patents

Box 1, Folder 53 Import/Export Documents

Box 1, Folder 54 Materials from publishers

Box 1, Folder 55 "The American Barber", 1899

Box 1, Folder 56 Miscellaneous Items

Box 1, Folder 57 The Barber's Recipe Book, 1884

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Oversize Material

Box SUPP 4, Folder 7 Advertising. Packaging., undated
Notes: Marketing material for barbers, tonsorial artist, Pomade, razors, shaving, Pond's Extract.

Oversize 7, Folder 4 [Barbering](#)

Oversize 82, Folder Barbering
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