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Guide to the Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Baths and Bathing

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Baths and Bathing
Date:	circa 1835-1940
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Baths
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.76 Cubic feet (consisting of 1.5 boxes, 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: Baths and Bathing</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
Digital Content:	Image(s): Warshaw Subject Category: Baths and Bathing

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Baths and Bathing 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)

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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

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: Baths and Bathing, Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

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

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Scope and Contents

Materials relate to both bathhouses located in the United States and bathing related objects produced in the United States. Items originate from the manufacturers of showers, bathtubs, and other early forms of home bathing fixtures. In addition, swim wear and bathhouses are also integrated into this collection. The oversize materials are comprised of printed advertisements and brochures. Much of these materials date from the early days of indoor plumbing and include "amazing" products like self-heating folding bathtubs and thermal bath cabinets. General images of both products and women bathing children are found throughout the collection.

Arrangement

Subseries one is organized by name of company. There are also eight folders arranged by type including; rules for using the bathroom, postcards, general images, miscellaneous advertisements for bathing establishments and import/export documents. Subseries two two mostly consists of pamphlets and books relating to baths and bathing and is arranged by type.

General

Bathing establishments offered various types of baths including Hot-Air, Russian and Turkish as a source of health, enjoyment and relief from stress. The bathing establishments included public treatments and women often were told they could be treated at home by the facility. Bathing establishments treated women for general debility, female

complaints, rheumatism and nervousness. Often the Public baths included hotel, caldarium, tepidarium, baths, barber, chiroprapist and manicure rooms catering mostly to the traveling businessmen.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Bath tubs
- Baths
- Plumbing
- Swimming pools
- Toilets

Types of Materials:

- Business ephemera
- Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors, circa 1860-1940

Scope and Contents: This material consists of price lists, printed advertisements, postcards, lithographs, articles, pamphlets and books from manufacturers of and dealers in bathroom fixtures. Such fixtures included showers, portable wash stands, earth closets and bath tubs. There is also some material from bathing establishments and swim wear manufacturers.

Box 1, Folder 1	Allen, Harry D. Notes: Turkish, Sulphur, Plain or Swimming Baths
Box 1, Folder 1	Allen, James, & Sons, London, England Notes: Manufacturers in Portable Domestic, Turkish or Russian Hot-Air and Vapor Baths
Box 1, Folder 2	Bates, Boston, Massachusetts Notes: Manufacturer of Enema and Douche Baths
Box 1, Folder 3	Benson, G.J., Albany, New York Notes: Proprietor of The Tub, Bachelor Apartments
Box 1, Folder 4	British Portland Cement Association, Limited, Westminster, England Notes: Manufacturer of Open Air Concrete Swimming Baths
Oversize 7, Folder 5	Campbell and Gillette, Minneapolis, Minnesota Notes: Self-Heating Folding Bathtubs
Box 1, Folder 5	Cooper, W.S., Brass Works, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Notes: Dealer in Water Closets
Box 1, Folder 6	Dawes & Myler, New Brighton, Pennsylvania Notes: Manufacturers of Porcelain Lined Baths and Sanitary Specialties
Box 1, Folder 6	Day Manufacturing Company, Detroit, Michigan Notes: Originators of the Portable Folding Bath Tubs with Instantaneous Heaters
Box 1, Folder 7	Earth Closet Company, Hartford, Connecticut Notes: Commode Manufacturers
Box 1, Folder 8	Eljer Company, Cameron, West Virginia Notes: Manufacturers of China Plumbing Fixtures
Box 1, Folder 9	Elkay Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois Notes: Manufacturer of Shower Stalls
Box 1, Folder 10	Fleischman Baths, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 10	Florence, Andrew, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Notes: Sanitary Engineer & Plumber
Box 1, Folder 11	Flush-Metal Partition Corporation, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Flush-Metal Toilet Partitions and Flush-Metal Shower Compartments
Oversize 82, Folder 10	Ganter Notes: Swimsuits and Wickies, Location unknown
Oversize 82, Folder 10	Genesee Automatic Closet Company, Rochester, New York Notes: Automatic Water Closets
Box 1, Folder 12	Griffin, P.H., Albany, New York Notes: Dealer in Bathing Apparatus, Ranges and Water Closets
Box 1, Folder 13	Hankinson, Dr., New York, New York Notes: Electro-Chemical Baths
Oversize 82, Folder 10	Harris Brothers Company, Chicago, Illinois Notes: Sinks and Toilets
Box 1, Folder 14	Hill-Standard Company, Anderson, Indiana Notes: Swimming Pool & Beach Equipment Catalog, 1929
Box 1, Folder 15	Home Vapor Bath and Disinfector Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Igoe Brothers Notes: Manufacturers of Steel Bathroom Cabinets
Box 1, Folder 17	Locke, John, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturer of Portable Chamber Baths
Box 1, Folder 18	Kelly, Thomas, & Brothers, Chicago, Illinois Notes: Manufacturers of Shower Bath Rings
Box 1, Folder 19	Ketcham, G.M., Manufacturing Company, Brooklyn, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Shower Stall Doors, Bathroom Accessories and Medicine Cabinets
Box 1, Folder 20; Oversize 82, Folder 10	Knowlton, E.J., Ann Arbor, Michigan Notes: Manufacturer of Bathing Apparatus
Box 1, Folder 21	McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturer of Sinks and Sink Traps
Box 1, Folder 22	Metropolitan Academy and Gymnasium, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 22	Meyer-Sniffen Company, Limited, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Fine Plumbing Materials and Sanitary Specialties
Box 1, Folder 23	Milbury Atlantic Manufacturing Company, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Bathing Suits & Rainproof Clothing
Box 1, Folder 23	Miller's Baths, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 24	Mollenkopp & McCreery, Toledo, Ohio Notes: Manufacturers of Thermal Vapor Bath Cabinets
Box 1, Folder 25	Mosely Folding Bath Tub Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 1, Folder 26	Mott, J.L., Iron Works, New York, New York Notes: Modern Plumbing Catalogue, 1898
Oversize 7, Folder 5	Mott, J.L., Iron Works, New York, New York
Oversize 82, Folder 10	Mott, J.L., Iron Works, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 27	Mueller Company, Decatur, Illinois Notes: Plumbing, Water and Gas Products
Box 1, Folder 28	New Bath Manufacturing Company, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Folding Bath Tubs
Box 1, Folder 29	New York Portable Wash Stand, New York, New York Notes: Company Price List, 1877
Box 1, Folder 30	Noble, Brown & Company, Leeds, England Notes: Manufacturers of Portable, Military and Bedroom Baths
Box 1, Folder 31	Palmo's Arcade Baths, New York, New York Notes: Philadelphia Thermal Bath Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 32	Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Company, Syracuse, New York Notes: Manufacturers of Porcelain Enameled Lavatories
Box 1, Folder 33	Powers Regulator Company, New York, New York Notes: Mixing Valves Manufacturer
Box 1, Folder 34	Racine Bath Cabinet Company, Racine, Wisconsin
Box 1, Folder 34	Rippold's-Au, Baden, Germany Notes: Mineral and Mud Bath
Box 1, Folder 35	Roberts, R.R., Memphis, Tennessee

Notes: Manufacturers of Hot-Air Baths

Box 1, Folder 35	Robinson Household Manufacturing Company, Toledo, Ohio Notes: Successors to Robinson Cabinet Manufacturing Company
Box 1, Folder 35	Ross' Bathing Establishment, Ocean Grove, New Jersey
Box 1, Folder 36	Shaw, Harry C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Notes: Plumber, Gas & Steam Fitter
Box 1, Folder 36	Shepard, Charles H., M.D., Brooklyn, New York Notes: Turkish Baths
Box 1, Folder 36	Simmons, G.W., & Son, Boston, Massachusetts Notes: Manufacturer of Woven Bathing Suits
Box 1, Folder 36	Simmons, John, Company, New York, New York Notes: Manufacturer of Water Closets
Box 1, Folder 37	Smith, Peter, Albany, New York Notes: Coppersmith, Plumber, Tin & Sheet Iron Worker
Box 1, Folder 37	Snyder's, Dr. O.W.F., Chicago, Illinois Notes: Hot Springs Bath
Box 1, Folder 38-39; Oversize 7, Folder 5	Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Notes: Catalogues, 1912, 1914, 1938
Box 1, Folder 39	Steel Bath Manufacturing Company, Detroit, Michigan Notes: Price List, undated
Box 1, Folder 39	Stoppani, Charles G., New York, New York Notes: Proprietor of Arcade Bath
Box 1, Folder 40	Toledo Bath Cabinet Company, Toledo, Ohio Notes: Manufacturers of Thermal Vapor Bath Cabinets, Medical Batteries and Hygienic Specialties
Box 1, Folder 41	Trenton Potteries Company, Trenton, New Jersey Notes: Manufacturer of Water Closets
Box 1, Folder 42	Tyrrell's, Professor, Hygienic Institute, Incorporated, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 43-44	United Metal Box Company, Incorporated Notes: Manufacturers of Steel Bathroom Cabinets, Brooklyn, New York; Catalog, 1930, 1938
Box 1, Folder 45	Vendome Turkish and Russian Baths, New York, New York

Box 1, Folder 45	Wakefield, Charles, Dr., Pittsfield, Massachusetts Notes: Inventor and Manufacturer of Wakefield Earth Closets and Privy Fixtures
Box 1, Folder 46	Warner, C.A., New York, New York Notes: Sole Agent for the Sanitary Portable Wash Stand
Box 1, Folder 47	Weis, Henry, Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, Elkhart, Indiana Notes: Shower Cabinet Catalog, 1934
Box 1, Folder 48; Oversize 7, Folder 5	World Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio Notes: Manufacturers of Bath Cabinets

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Subseries 2: General Works, circa 1836-1934

Box 1, Folder 49	Rules for Using the Bathroom
Box 1, Folder 50	Postcards
Box 1, Folder 51	Images of Public Baths
Box 1, Folder 52	Miscellaneous Advertisements for Bathing Establishments
Box 1, Folder 53	Miscellaneous Items
Box 1, Folder 54	Copies of Materials moved to other Subject Headings
Box 1, Folder 55-56	General Images
Box 1, Folder 57	Import/Export Documents
Oversize 7, Folder 5	Baths and Bathing: Bathhouses
Oversize 7, Folder 5	Baths and Bathing: General Images

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Subseries 3: Related Publications, circa 1835-1937

Scope and Contents: Most of the publications are from sanitary, health or cleanliness institutions and medical doctors. Publications are on such topics as *Baths for the Working Class* (1843), *Latrines of the East* (1893),

Earth Closets and Earth Sewage (1868-1870), and Rheumatism and its Treatment by Turkish Baths (1892).

Subseries 3.1: Articles and Programs

Box 2, Folder 1	"Bathing and Swimming", 1835 Notes: Published by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge
Box 2, Folder 1	"Baths for the Working Class", 1843 Notes: Reprinted and published by <i>Edinburgh Weekly Chronicle and Scottish Pilot</i> , Edinburgh, Scotland
Box 2, Folder 1	"The First Bath Tub", 1926 Notes: The Straus Investors' Magazine, Published by S.W. Straus & Company, San Francisco, California
Box 2, Folder 1	"The Morals of the Bathtub", 1896 Notes: Reprinted by <i>Ladies' Home Journal</i> , Publication and Location unknown
Box 2, Folder 1	"Art At Home, Bathrooms For Country Homes", undated Notes: Copy from <i>The Home Maker</i> , Publisher and location unknown
Box 2, Folder 2	The Aquacade Review, circa 1937 Notes: Program for Billy Rose's Swimming Review

Subseries 3.2: Pamphlets and Books

Box 2, Folder 3	Latrines of the East by Edward S. Morse, 1893 Notes: Reprinted from <i>American Architect</i> , Publisher and location unknown
Box 2, Folder 4	Earth Closets: How to Make Them and Use Them by George E. Waring, Jr., 1868 Notes: Published by Tribune Association, New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 4	Earth-Closets and Earth Sewage by George E. Waring, Jr., 1870 Notes: Published by Tribune Association, New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 5	Healthy Homes How To Have Them, 1886 Notes: Published by Heap's Patent Earth Closet Company, Muskegon, Michigan
Box 2, Folder 5	Hydrotherapy, 1901 Notes: Extracts from an Editorial in <i>Medical Record</i> , Published by Hydriatric Institute, New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 5	Health, undated Notes: Published by Hot Sea Water Medical Baths, Incorporated, Baden Baden, New York

Box 2, Folder 5	Le Hamman Bains Turco-Romaine, undated Notes: Published by Societe Des Hammams, Paris, France
Box 2, Folder 5	Why Go To Nauheim? by John C. Minor, Jr., 1901 Notes: Published by Triton Company, New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 5	Opinions of Prominent Physicians of Brooklyn of the 34 Clinton Street Turkish and Russian Baths, 1884 Notes: Published by A.L. Wood, Proprietor of Clinton Street Baths, Brooklyn, New York
Box 2, Folder 6	The Turkish Bath With a View To Its Introduction Into The British Dominions, 1856 Notes: Extracted from Pillars of Hercules, Published by David Bryce, London, England
Box 2, Folder 6	The Turkish Bath and How To Take It by Abel Easton, 1881 Notes: Written and published by Abel Easton, New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 6	The Book About Baths, 1930 Notes: Published by Cleanliness, Institute New York, New York
Box 2, Folder 6	The Story of the Bath, 1926 Notes: Published by Domestic Engineering Company, Chicago, Illinois
Box 2, Folder 7	The Book of Bath by John Hatton, 1912 Notes: Official Handbook, Published by Bath Spa Committee of the Bath City, Council, Bath, England
Box 2, Folder 8	The What The Why The Wav of Internal Baths, 1902 Notes: Written and published by Tyrell's Hygenic Institute, New York, New York

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[Young girl being dried after bath : halftone reproduction of a photograph], 1910

1 Item

Language: English.

Notes: CBA 1722

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Original image not located since Jan. 1998, but is probably a catalog reproduction.

Servant woman drying a young girl who has just been bathed in a claw-footed, free-standing bathtub.

Published in: Susan Goldman Rubin (with illustrations by Elsa Warnick, Toilets, Toasters, and Telephones. New York: Browndeer Press, Harcourt Brace & Company, p. 25 and dust jacket.

Topic: Domestics
 Bathrooms
 bathing
 Bathtubs
Genre/Form: Photographs -- 1900-1910 -- Reproductions

Box SUPP 4, Folder 9 Marketing Material, circa 1903
Notes: Marketing material and one trade card with a bath image.