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Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Dishwashing Machines

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Dishwashing Machines
Date:	circa 1891-1950
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Dishwashing
Creator:	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
Extent:	0.23 Cubic feet (consisting of .5 box.)
Language:	English .
Summary:	<p>A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Dishwashing Machines</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</p>

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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

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Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of printed advertisements, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, advertising cards, postcards, pamphlets, price lists and installation instructions from manufacturers and dealers of dish washing machines. Some of these products are hand held appliances. The appliances are operated by electricity, steam and gas. Most of the dishwashers are manufactured for home use. There are a few advertisements for commercial dish washers. Rather for home or commercial use, advertisements stress the labor saving importance of dishwashers, emphasizing the features that sterilize, dry and polish dishes. These features, plus the elimination of soap and dish towels heightens the diminished use of manual labor. The reduction of contact with soap and the lessened hardship on delicate hands was especially aimed at the housewife. Some of the advertisements listed satisfied customers and their addresses. Most of the advertisements include images of the dishwasher.

There are a few publications concerning dishwashing. The Department of Bacteriology and Public Health published a research bulletin in 1949 on studies on dishwashing. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company also produced a pamphlet as part of its series of health books. The pamphlet offers work-saving suggestions to housewives with an emphasis on dishwashing.

The material dates from 1891-1950 but the bulk is early twentieth century.

Arrangement

Arranged in two subseries. Subseries one is organized alphabetically by name of company.

- Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors, circa 1891-1950
- Subseries 2: Related Publications, 1949, undated

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Dishwashing machines
Kitchen appliances

Types of Materials:

Business ephemera

Ephemera

Container Listing

Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, circa 1891-1950

Subseries 1: Manufacturers and Distributors, circa 1891-1950

Box 1, Folder 1	Autocrat Sales & Distributing Corporation, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 2	Darla Dish Washing Machine Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 3	General Motors, "Fridgidaire", Dayton, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 4	Hamilton-Low Dish Washing Machine Company, London, England
Box 1, Folder 5	Home Helps Manufacturing Corporation, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Paragon Dishwasher Syndicate, Incorporated, Buffalo, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Parsons Company, Detroit, Michigan
Box 1, Folder 8	Quaker Novelty Company, Salem, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 9	Stevens Dish Washing Company, Cleveland, Ohio
Box 1, Folder 10	Syracuse Industrial Gas Company, Syracuse, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Mansfield, Ohio

Subseries 2: Related Publications, 1949, undated

Box 1, Folder 12	How I Save Work in the Home, Dishwashing, undated Notes: Published by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, New York, New York
Box 1, Folder 12	Studies on Dishwashing, 1949 Notes: Published by National Sanitation Foundation, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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