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## Guide to the Warsaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Knitting

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Warshaw Collection of Business Americana Subject Categories: Knitting
<b>Date:</b>	1854-1942
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0060.S01.01.Knitting
<b>Creator:</b>	Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969
<b>Extent:</b>	0.49 Cubic feet (consisting of 1 box, 2 oversize folders.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>A New York bookseller, Warshaw assembled this collection over nearly fifty years. The <i>Warshaw Collection of Business Americana: Knitting</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: <a href="#">Warshaw Collection of Business Americana</a></p>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Knitting 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](#) .

- [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.

## Preferred Citation

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

## Restrictions

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## Scope and Contents

This material consists primarily of manuals, knitting instructions, bills/receipts, and handbooks from manufacturers and dealers of yarn and knitting machines. Instruction manuals include directions for knitting and crocheting sweaters, hats, slippers, purses, underwear, and afghans. The material dates from 1854-1912 but the bulk is late nineteenth century,

Materials are organized by name of company. There are four folders of material arranged by type: knitting instructions, general images, related articles, and related books.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Knitting

### Types of Materials:

Business ephemera  
Ephemera

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## Container Listing

### Business Records, Marketing Material, and Other, 1854-1942

#### Subseries 1: Companies

Box 1, Folder 1	Allen, Isaac & Company, Boston, Massachusetts Notes: Yarn Dealers
Box 1, Folder 1	Alliance Knitting Machine Company, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 1	American Knitting Machine Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 1	Augstein & Co., New York
Box 1, Folder 2	Bear Brand and Bucilla Manufacturing Company, New York
Box 1, Folder 3	Bickford, Dana Knitting Machine Company, Broadway, New York
Box 1, Folder 4	Boston Dry Goods Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 5	Branson Knitting Machine Company, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 5	Bridgeport Knitting Machine Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 6	Commercial Knitting Mills Company, Troy, New York
Box 1, Folder 6	Corticelli Silk Mills, Florence, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 6	Dalton Knitting Machine Company, Location unknown
Box 1, Folder 7	Eureka Knitting Machine Company, Troy, New York
Box 1, Folder 7	Fleisher, S.B. & B.W., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Notes: Yarn Manufacturer
Box 1, Folder 8	Gearhart Knitting Machine Company, Clearfield, Pennsylvania
Box 1, Folder 8	Gonchar, Emil G. (Agent), New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Hemingway, M. & Sons Silk Manufacturing Company, New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Hinkley Knitting Machine Company, New York
Box 1, Folder 9	Holden & Co. Woolen Manufacturers, Bristol, New Hampshire

Box 1, Folder 10	Lamb Knitting Machine Company, Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 10	L & L Fancy Knit Goods Co., Glendale, New York
Box 1, Folder 11	Minneapolis Knitting Works, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Box 1, Folder 11	Mishawaka Woolen Manufacturing Company, Mishawaka, Indiana
Box 1, Folder 12	Nonantum Worsted Company, Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 13	Nonotuk Silk Company, Florence, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 14	New England Knitting Company, Winsted, Connecticut
Box 1, Folder 15	Pepper Knitting Machine Company, Lake Village, New Hampshire
Box 1, Folder 15	Perry Woolen Mills, Perry, New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Saxony Knitting Mills, New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Schlesinger, Louis, New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Seneca Knitting Mills, Seneca Falls, New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Shoyer, D. W., New York
Box 1, Folder 16	Tally-Ho, East Douglas, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 17	Woolworth, F. W., Boston, Massachusetts
Box 1, Folder 18	Yarn Shop, New York

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### Subseries 2: Related Materials

Box 1, Folder 19	Knitting Instructions
Box 1, Folder 20	General Images
Box 1, Folder 21	Related Articles
Box 1, Folder 22	Related Books

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