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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Scientist Portrait Collection
Date:	ca. 1870-1900
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0191
Creator:	Wilhelm (Photographer) White, Sydney Victor (Photographer) Lord, R. H. (Photographer) Petit, Pierre, 1832- (Photographer) Pirou, Eug. (Photographer) Hills & Saunders (Photographer) Elliott & Fry (Photographer)
Source:	Harris Auction Galleries (Baltimore, Md.) (Vendor)
Extent:	17 Photographs
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection contains twelve photoprints in the cabinet print format, although only nine are true albumen cabinet prints. The subjects depicted are European scientists. Except as otherwise noted in the listing, biographical information about the subjects was located in standard biographical references, such as Asimov's Biographical Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, Dictionary of Scientific Biography, Chambers' Dictionary of Scientists, and World Who's in Science.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Purchased from the Harris Auction Galleries, Baltimore, Maryland, 1985.

Provenance

These photographs were part of a larger group purchased as a lot by Robert Vogel, Division of Mechanical and Civil Engineering (now Division of Work and Industry), at the Harris Auction Galleries, Baltimore, ca. 1985. Portraits of several engineers were retained for the division's collections, and the remainder were forwarded to the Archives Center.

Processing Information

Collection processed by NMAH Staff, undated

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Scope and Contents

12 photoprints: portraits of various scientists and scholars, including Irish, French, English, and German men. All are on cabinet-size mounts, nine being silver albumen cabinet prints, while three are silver gelatin prints.

Arrangement

One series, unarranged.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Anatomists
- Anthropologists
- Archaeologists
- Astronomers
- Explorers
- Inventors
- Metallurgists
- Naturalists
- Physicians
- Physicists
- Physiologists
- Portraits -- 19th century
- Professors

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs -- 1900-1950
- Cabinet photographs
- Photographs -- 1850-1900

Names:

- Ball, Robert Stawell, Sir, 1840-1913 (astronomer; Irish)
- Becquerel, Alexandre-Edmond (physicist (1820-1891), French)
- Bernard, Claude (physiologist (1813-1878), French)
- Charcot, Jean Martin, 1825-1893 (physician, professor)
- Eyre, Edward John, 1815-1901 (explorer)
- Garner, R. E. (naturalist, professor)

Gilbert, Joseph Henry, Sir, 1817-1901 (professor; English)
Gilchrist, Sidney Thomas (metallurgist, inventor (1850-1885), English)
Harris Auction Galleries (Baltimore, Md.)
Marvin, W. Chas
Schwalbe, Gustav Albert, 1844-1916
Waldstein, Charles, 1856-1927 (archaeologist)

Container Listing

Box 1	Ball, Sir Robert Stawell, Astronomer Royal for Ireland (1840-1913). By Elliott & Fry, London.
Box 1	Becquerel, Alexandre-Edmond, physicist (French, 1820-1891). By Pierre Petit, Paris
Box 1	Bernard, Claude, physiologist (French, 1813-1878). By Pierre Petit, Paris.
Box 1	Charcot, Jean Martin, physician, professor of pathological anatomy (French, 1825-1893). By Eug. Pirou, Paris.
Box 1	Charcot, another portrait by Pirou.
Box 1	Eyre, Edward John, explorer, 1815-1901 (pencil notes on verso). By Elliott and Fry, London.
Box 1	Gilbert, Sir Joseph Henry, professor of rural economy, Oxford (English, 1817-1901). By Hills & Saunders, London.
Box 1	Gilchrist, Sidney Thomas, metallurgist and inventor (English, 1850-1885). By Sydney Victor White, Reading, England.
Box 1	Marvin (?), W. Chas. Notes on verso and dates 1858-1943 apparently incorrect. By Elliott & Fry, London.
Box 1	Garner, Prof. R.E., naturalist (man holding gun, with black boy, standing outside large cage). Silver P.O.P., with photographer unidentified.
Box 1	Schwalbe, Gustav, anatomist, anthropologist (German, 1844-1917). Silver print by Wilhelm, New York.
Box 1	Waldstein, Dr. Chas., archaeologist, 1856-1927 (pencil notes on verso). Silver print by R.H. Lord, Cambridge.
Box 1	Foucault, undated
Box 1	Firean, undated
Box 1	Friez, Julien, undated
Box 1	Farraday, undated
Box 1	Young, Alfred, undated