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## Guide to the Scrapbook of Comics

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Scrapbook of Comics
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1889-1900
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0234
<b>Creator:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Graphic Arts (Creator)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection depicts cartoon jokes, accidents, and at times violent situations from various publications.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Immediate source of acquisition unknown.

### Provenance

Found in collection, Division of Graphic Arts (now Division of Work and Industry); original provenance undocumented. Transferred to Archives Center, February 1986.

### Processing Information

Processed by Jane Odom, 1986.

### Preferred Citation

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## Scope and Contents

Scrapbook of comics depicting practical jokes, accidents, and a number of amusing and sometimes violent real-life situations. Inscription inside the front cover: "To Darling Effie from Does"(?). These comics probably satirize events of the time. The cartoons were produced in publications such as "Fliegende Blatter," "Puck," "Judge," "Life," "Pictorial Weeklies," and the "Sydney Bulletin." Several of the comics refer to Surrey and the "London Express" and appear to be English in origin. A few others have, perhaps, German and French origins.

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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:

- Satire -- 1880-1900
- Wit and humor -- 1880-1900

### Types of Materials:

- Cartoons (humorous images)
- Comic books -- 1890-1900
- Scrapbooks -- 19th century

### Places:

- England -- 1880-1900

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## Container Listing

Box 1

1.1: Scrapbook of Comics, 1889-1900