Guide to the Alexander Melville Clark Papers

NMAH.AC.1017
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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Alexander Melville Clark Patent
Identifier: NMAH.AC.1017
Date: 1877
Extent: 0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator: Dodge, W.C.
Clark, Alexander Melville
Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI
Language: English
Collection is in English.

Summary: A British patent issued to Alexander Melville Clark for an improved process for preventing the accumulation of carbon in retorts used for the distillation of carbureted hydrogen. There is a wax seal attached to the end of the patent.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Donated by W.C. Dodge in 1891 to the United States National Museum.

Provenance
W. C. Dodge donated the patent in 1891 to the United States National Museum (Smithsonian Institution), predecessor to the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian. Collection transferred to the Archives Center in 2007.

Processing Information
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Biographical / Historical

Alexander Melville Clark was an inventor, patent agent, and author. Throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries he applied for patents for improvements for thimbles, umbrellas and sunshades, typewriting machines, candle cases, machines for trimming and finishing boots and shoes, knitting machines, hot wire voltmeters, combination locks, and door fasteners. In 1884, Clark wrote Analytical Summaries of the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks' Act, 1883, and of the Patent Laws of All Foreign Countries and British Colonies.

Scope and Contents

The collection is the British patent issued to Alexander Melville Clark by the English government in 1877 for inventing an improved process for preventing the accumulation of carbon in retorts used for the distillation of carbureted hydrogen.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Chemistry
- Distillation -- Hydrogen
- Hydrogen
- Inventions -- 1870-1880
- Inventors -- 1870-1880
- Patents

Names:
- Work and Industry, Division of, NMAH, SI
## Container Listing

| Box 1 | Patent, 1877 - 1877 |