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Belle Kogan, "first American woman
industrial designer", 1929-1998

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Smithsonian Libraries
Title:	Belle Kogan, "first American woman industrial designer"
Date:	1929-1998
Identifier:	SIL-CH.XXXX-0003
Creator:	Kogan, Belle, 1902-2000 Belle Kogan Associates Banet, Bernard A.
Extent:	7 Volumes (ill. (some col.))
Language:	English .
Summary:	A collection of magazine and newspaper articles, academic papers, advertisements, press releases, typed and hand-written correspondence, speeches, drafts, and other materials relating to Belle Kogan and her career as an industrial designer.

Biographical Note

Industrial designer, of Russian birth, who was trained in art and manufacturing in the United States. She opened her own design studio, Belle Kogan Associates (BKA) in New York City in the early 1930s and did free-lance design work in a variety of materials until her retirement in 1972. Miss Kogan's corporate clients included, among others, Reed & Barton, Ebeling & Reuss, Towle Manufacturing Co., Federal Glass Co., Red Wing Potteries, Bausch & Lomb, Boonton Molding Co., U.S. Glass Co., Bakelite Corp., Muench-Kreuzer Candle Co., Libbey Glass, National Brush Co., Prolon Plastics, Dow Chemical, Beacon Plastics, Haviland China Co., Mallory Randall and Maryland Plastics Co.

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(from covers) I. Life and career -- II. Silver, gold, pewter, iron, brass, steel, aluminum -- III. Silver and other metals (continued) -- IV. Small appliances, graphics & packaging, furniture -- V. Glass, plastics, candles, pressed wood -- VI. Pottery -- VII. Articles & speeches on general design topics -- [Supplemental article]. Red Wing art pottery, kitchenware, and dinnerware designed by Belle Kogan / Bernard and Barbara Banet.

General

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Collection compiled by Belle Kogan and Bernard A. Banet.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Decorative arts -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Design -- History -- 20th century -- Sources
Industrial designers -- Biography
Women designers -- Biography

Names:

Belle Kogan Associates -- Archives
Kogan, Belle, 1902-2000 -- Archives