BATHS AND BATHING, ca. 1835-1940
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Scope and Content Note

This material consists of price lists, printed advertisements, postcards, lithographs, articles, pamphlets and books from manufacturers of and dealers in bathroom fixtures. Such fixtures included showers, portable wash stands, earth closets and bath tubs. There is also some material from bathing establishments and swim wear manufacturers. Most of the publications are from sanitary, health or cleanliness institutions and medical doctors. Publications are on such topics as Baths for the Working Class (1843), Latrines of the East (1893), Earth Closets and Earth Sewage (1868-1870), and Rheumatism and its Treatment by Turkish Baths (1892). Bathing establishments offered various types of baths including Hot-Air, Russian and Turkish as a source of health, enjoyment and relief from stress. The bathing establishments included public treatments and women often were told they could be treated at home by the facility. Bathing establishments treated women for general debility, female complaints, rheumatism and nervousness. Often the Public baths included hotel, calidarium, tepidarium, baths, barber, chiropodist and manicure rooms catering mostly to the traveling businessmen. The material dates from 1835 - 1940.

The materials in box one are organized by name of company. There are also eight folders arranged by type including; rules for using the bathroom, postcards, general images, miscellaneous advertisements for bathing establishments and import/export documents. Box two mostly consists of pamphlets and books relating to baths and bathing and are arranged by type.

Subject Terms:

- Baths
- Portable Wash Stands
- Bath Tubs
- Hydrotherapy
- Showers
- Swimming Pools
- Earth Closets
- Latrines
- Plumbing

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MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS, ca. 1860-1940

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|   | 10 | Florence, Andrew  
|   |    | Sanitary Engineer & Plumber  
|   |    | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
| 11 | Flush-Metal Partition Corporation  
|    | Manufacturers of Flush-Metal Toilet Partitions and  
|    | Flush-Metal Shower Compartments  
|    | New York, New York  
| 12 | Griffin, P.H.  
|    | Dealer in Bathing Apparatus, Ranges and Water Closets  
|    | Albany, New York  
| 13 | Hankinson, Dr.  
|    | Electro-Chemical Baths  
|    | New York, New York  
| 14 | Hill-Standard Company  
|    | Swimming Pool & Beach Equipment Catalog, 1929  
|    | Anderson, Indiana  
| 15 | Home Vapor Bath and Disinfector Company  
|    | New York, New York  
| 16 | Igoe Brothers  
|    | Manufacturers of Steel Bathroom Cabinets  
|    | Location unknown  
| 17 | Locke, John  
|    | Manufacturer of Portable Chamber Baths  
|    | New York, New York  
| 18 | Kelly, Thomas, & Brothers  
|    | Manufacturers of Shower Bath Rings  
|    | Chicago, Illinois  
| 19 | Ketcham, G.M., Manufacturing Company  
|    | Manufacturers of Shower Stall Doors, Bathroom  
|    | Accessories and Medicine Cabinets  
|    | Brooklyn, New York  
| 20 | Knowlton, E.J.  
|    | Manufacturer of Bathing Apparatus  
|    | Ann Arbor, Michigan  
| 21 | McNab & Harlin Manufacturing Company  
|    | Manufacturer of Sinks and Sink Traps  
|    | New York, New York  

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Metropolitan Academy and Gymnasium  
New York, New York

Meyer-Sniffen Company, Limited  
Manufacturers of Fine Plumbing Materials and Sanitary Specialties  
New York, New York

Milbury Atlantic Manufacturing Company  
Manufacturers of Bathing Suits & Rainproof Clothing  
New York, New York

Miller's Baths  
New York, New York

Mollenkopp & McCreery  
Manufacturers of Thermal Vapor Bath Cabinets  
Toledo, Ohio

Mosely Folding Bath Tub Company  
Chicago, Illinois

Mott, J.L., Iron Works  
Modern Plumbing Catalogue, 1898  
New York, New York

Mueller Company  
Plumbing, Water and Gas Products  
Decatur, Illinois

New Bath Manufacturing Company  
Manufacturers of Folding Bath Tubs  
New York, New York

New York Portable Wash Stand Company Price List, 1877  
New York, New York

Noble, Brown & Company  
Manufacturers of Portable, Military and Bedroom Baths  
Leeds, England

Palmo's Arcade Baths  
New York, New York

Philadelphia Thermal Bath Company  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Box 1  
Folder 32  
Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Company  
Manufacturers of Porcelain Enamel Lavatories  
Syracuse, New York  

Folder 33  
Powers Regulator Company  
Mixing Valves Manufacturer  
New York, New York  

Folder 34  
Racine Bath Cabinet Company  
Racine, Wisconsin  

Rippold's-Au  
Mineral and Mud Bath  
Baden, Germany  

Folder 35  
Roberts, R.R.  
Manufacturers of Hot-Air Baths  
Memphis, Tennessee  

Robinson Household Manufacturing Company  
Successors to Robinson Cabinet Manufacturing Company  
Toledo, Ohio  

Ross’ Bathing Establishment  
Ocean Grove, New Jersey  

Folder 36  
Shaw, Harry C.  
Plumber, Gas & Steam Fitter  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  

Shepard, Charles H., M.D.  
Turkish Baths  
Brooklyn, New York  

Simmons, G.W., & Son  
Manufacturer of Woven Bathing Suits  
Boston, Massachusetts  

Simmons, John, Company  
Manufacturer of Water Closets  
New York, New York  

Folder 37  
Smith, Peter  
Coppersmith, Plumber, Tin & Sheet Iron Worker  
Albany, New York  

Snyder's, Dr. O.W.F., Hot Springs Bath  
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RELATED PUBLICATIONS, ca. 1835-1937

Pamphlets and Books

3  Latrines of the East, 1893
   By Edward S. Morse
   Reprinted from American Architect
   Publisher and location unknown

4  Earth Closets: How to Make Them and Use Them, 1868
   By George E. Waring, Jr.
   Published by Tribune Association
   New York, New York

   Earth-Closets and Earth Sewage, 1870
   By George E. Waring, Jr.
   Published by Tribune Association
   New York, New York

5  Healthy Homes How To Have Then, 1886
   Published by Heap's Patent Earth Closet Company
   Muskegon, Michigan

   Hydrotherapy, 1901
   Extracts from an Editorial in Medical Record
   Published by Hydriatic Institute
   New York, New York

   Health, undated
   Published by Hot Sea Water Medical Baths, Incorporated
   Baden Baden, New York

   Le Hamman Bains Turco-Romaine, undated
   Published by Societe Des Hammams
   Paris, France

   Why Go To Nauheim? 1901
   Written by John C. Minor, Jr.
   Published by Triton Company
   New York, New York

   Opinions of Prominent Physicians of Brooklyn of the 34
   Clinton Street Turkish and Russian Baths, 1884
   Published by A.L. Wood, Proprietor of Clinton Street
   Baths
   Brooklyn, New York

6  The Turkish Bath With a View To Its Introduction Into
   The British Dominions, 1856
   Extracted from Pillars of Hercules
   Published by David Bryce
   London, England
### GENERAL WORKS, ca. 1836-1934

Folder

1  49  Rules for Using the Bathroom
50  Postcards
51  Images of Public Baths
52  Miscellaneous Advertisements for Bathing Establishments
53  Miscellaneous Items
54  Copies of Materials moved to other Subject Headings
55-56  General Images
57  Import/Export Documents

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS, ca. 1835-1937

#### Articles and Programs

2  1  "Bathing and Swimming," 1835
   Reprinted from The Penny Magazine
   Published by the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge
   Location unknown

   "Baths for the Working Class", 1843
   Reprinted and published by Edinburgh Weekly Chronicle and Scottish Pilot
   Edinburgh, Scotland

   "The First Bath Tub," 1926
   The Straus Investors’ Magazine
   Published by S.W. Straus & Company
   San Francisco, California

   "The Morals of the Bathtub," 1896
   Reprinted by Ladies’ Home Journal
   Publisher and Location unknown

   "Art At Home, Bathrooms For Country Homes," undated
   Copy from The Home Maker
   Publisher and location unknown

2  2  The Aquacade Review, ca. 1937
    Program for Billy Rose's Swimming Review
RELATED PUBLICATIONS, ca. 1835-1937

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<td>Cleanliness Institute, New York, New York</td>
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<td>The Story of the Bath</td>
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<td>The What The Why The Way of Internal Baths</td>
<td>1902</td>
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(Oversize)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Materials relate to both bathhouses located in the United States and bathing related objects produced in the United States. Items originate from the manufacturers of showers, bathtubs, and other early forms of home bathing fixtures. In addition, swim wear and bathhouses are also integrated into this collection. The oversize materials are comprised of printed advertisements and brochures. Much of these materials date from the early days of indoor plumbing and include "amazing" products like self-heating folding bathtubs and thermal bath cabinets. General images of both products and women bathing children are found throughout the collection.

Series 1: Manufacturers and Distributors of Bathing Related Products
Materials are arranged alphabetically by company.

Series 2: General Works
The images in this series are of women bathing children and women in swimwear and include advertisements for bathhouses.
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Minneapolis, MN |
| 82  | 10     | Ganter  
Swimsuits and Wickies  
Location unknown |
| 10  |        | Genesee Automatic Closet Company  
Automatic Water Closets  
Rochester, NY |
| 10  |        | Harris Brothers Company  
Sinks and Toilets  
Chicago, IL |
| 10  |        | Knowlton, E. J.  
Universal Bath  
Ann Arbor, MI |
| 7, 82 | 5, 10 | Mott, J.L Works  
Baths and Showers  
New York, NY |
| 7   | 5      | Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company  
Porcelain Enamel Fixtures  
Pittsburgh, PA |
| 5   |        | World Manufacturing Company  
Quaker Thermal Bath Cabinet  
Cincinnati, OH |

### Series 2: General Works

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