Abstract: Created by an unknown individual, this scrapbook contains newsclippings from an unidentified source that document the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago, Illinois, from May 1 to October 30, 1893.
Descriptive Summary

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Historical Note

The World's Columbian Exposition, also known as the Chicago World Fair, was held in Chicago, Illinois, from May 1 to October 30, 1893, to commemorate the four-hundredth anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in North America in 1492. Several leading architects were responsible for the design of the main buildings, including George B. Post, Sophia Hayden, Charles McKim, and Richard Morris Hunt. The Columbian Exposition was the first World's Fair to include a separate amusement area, called the Midway Plaisance, which featured the world's first Ferris wheel, which had been an attempt to out-do the Eiffel Tower, the centerpiece of the Paris World's Fair of 1889. The Exposition also showcased Chicago's progress since its devastation by the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

Sources:

Scope and Content Note

Created by an unknown individual, this scrapbook contains newsclippings from an unidentified source that document the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago, Illinois, from May 1 to October 30, 1893.

The clippings cover a variety of topics, including exhibits, ceremonies, addresses, and attractions, especially art at the Exposition and international participation. The volume features numbered pages and a handwritten index on the rear endpapers. Loose material laid into the scrapbook has been removed to a separate folder housed with the item.

Further material related to the World's Columbian Exposition and other World's Fairs are cataloged with imprints in Special Collections and can be found by searching DELCAT.
Selected Search Terms

Corporate Names

World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

Topical Terms

Exhibitions--United States--History--19th century.

Geographic Names

Chicago (Ill.)--History--19th century.

Form/Genre Terms

Clippings (information artifacts)

Scrapbooks.

Related Materials in this Repository

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Detailed Description of the Collection

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