Creator unknown.

Scrapbook of twentieth-century American valentines and greeting cards circa 1903-1925

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Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 0093, Item 0037
Creator: Creator unknown.
Title: Scrapbook of twentieth-century American valentines and greeting cards
Inclusive Dates: circa 1903-1925
Extent: 1 v. (ca. 35 p) ; 35 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

This early twentieth-century American scrapbook was created by an unknown individual who collected valentines and other fancy greeting cards.

Sources:
Biographical information derived from collection.
Scope and Content Note

This early twentieth-century American scrapbook primarily contains greeting cards, many of which are valentines. Other card types include Easter, Christmas, and birthday. Only two cards have visible signatures.

Specialty card types include paper lace, doilies, pop-up, and moveable parts. At least three valentines are printed by Raphael Tuck & Sons Co. Ltd., N.Y.; two of these Tuck cards bear the artist's name of "Pechner." The cover of this scrapbook is red cloth, bordered in gold with the words "Scrap Book" printed in gold script.

Three loose items are laid in a folder in the front of this scrapbook. The first of these items is a Christmas card custom printed in 1925 for Dorothy and Rudolph Zinsser with a map of Great Neck, Long Island, New York, showing the location and indicating the name of their home as "Leeward." The second loose item is an African-American caricature of a cook presenting a bowl with the greeting "Dis is fo' mah Valentine" (Bonte 288). The third loose item is a cupid rising from a pink pop-open paper lotus flower.
Selected Search Terms

Corporate Names
Raphael Tuck & Sons.

Form/Genre Terms
Scrapbooks--United States--20th century.
Greeting cards.
Valentines.
Christmas cards.
Easter cards.
Birthday cards.

Related Materials in this Repository

This item forms part of MSS 093 Commonplaces, Albums, and Scrapbooks collection.
Detailed Description of the Collection

Scrapbook of twentieth-century American valentines and greeting cards, circa 1903-1925 [Item 0037]

1 vol.