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Early twentieth-century British children's scrapbook circa 1895-1905

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Descriptive Summary

Identification: MSS 0093, Item 0038
Creator: Creator unknown.
Title: Early twentieth-century British children's scrapbook
Inclusive Dates: circa 1895-1905
Extent: 1 v. (ca. 18 p.) ; 35 cm.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

This scrapbook was created by an unknown individual, possibly a child. The creator of this scrapbook was likely British based on content imagery. An image of an early combustion automobile on the inside cover suggests that this book was compiled circa 1900.

Sources:

Biographical information derived from collection.
Scope and Content Note

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Notable character depictions include "Little Red Riding Hood," "Cinderella," "Dick Whittington," "Robinson Crusoe," and "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." Printed by Raphael Tuck & Sons (London, Paris, New York) are three images of children's games, including "Forfeit," "Blindman's Bluff," and "Oranges and Lemons." Of special note is a coupon for Pears Soap in the form of a change purse with British coins and authorization to pay the bearer 15 shillings for an introduction to the product. One animal scrap depicts a xiphodon emerging from behind a letter X.

The faded blue cloth cover of this thin album is decorated in the Art Nouveau style, with black curvilinear stems flowing from red poinsettia-like flowers to green leaves bordering a small black-lined cottage scene at the base of the cover. The cover also bears the title "Scraps" in gold stylized letters. The green paper pages of this album are brittle.
Selected Search Terms

Corporate Names

Raphael Tuck & Sons.

Form/Genre Terms

Scrapbooks--Great Britain--20th century.
Printed ephemera.
Fairy tales.
Nursery rhymes.
Juvenilia.

Related Materials in this Repository

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

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1 vol.