

Stereographs showing staged story sequences



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Collection Summary

Title: Stereographs showing staged story sequences

Span Dates: 1900-1907

Call No.: Guide Record

Creator: H.C. White Co., publisher

Creator: Whiting View Company, publisher

Extent: 233 stereographs

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: The collection contains stereographs issued by Whiting View Company and H.C. White Co., which tell 66 different short stories. The pictures are mostly meant to be humorous or sentimental and deal with themes involving families, relationships, friendships, and professional and domestic life.

Provenance

- LOT 14152 (S): Copyright deposits; 1900-1903; (PR 06 CN 109)
- LOT 14153 (S): Copyright deposits; 1901-1907; (PR 06 CN 109)

Processing History

The collection was processed by Mary Mundy and inventoried by Fran Featherston. The story themes provided in the container list for the different stereographs were devised by Library staff. The accompanying descriptions contain a mixture of devised and transcribed words from titles on the stereographs. The transcribed portions are in quotations. This finding aid contains data from old container lists transcribed by Maya Reid and verified by Nicholas Pernot in 2020. The EAD finding aid was encoded by Owen Ellis in 2021.

Related Material

Additional stereographic materials are described in the [Stereograph Card Collection Profile](#).

Rights Restrictions

No known restrictions on publication.

Access Restrictions

The collection is open to research.

Requesting Materials

For information about service in the Prints and Photographs Reading Room, including obtaining copies, see "[Information for Researchers](#)."

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, Stereographs showing staged story sequences, and item or reproduction number, if available [e.g., LOT 14152-1, no. 1 or LC-DIG-ppmsca-12345]

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains 233 stereographs published by the Whiting View Company and H.C. White Company, which tell stories in sequence on different themes. There are 66 different short stories told over several stereographs. The pictures are mostly meant to be humorous or sentimental and deal with themes involving families, relationships, friendships, and professional and domestic life.

Arrangement

The collection is organized in two LOTs and further subdivided by broad story topics. Some story sets represented in this collection may not be complete.

- [LOT 14152 \(S\)](#): Stereographs showing staged story sequences issued by the Whiting View Company, 1900-1903
 - [LOT 14152-1 \(S\)](#): Children
 - [LOT 14152-2 \(S\)](#): Christmas
 - [LOT 14152-3 \(S\)](#): Courtship
 - [LOT 14152-4 \(S\)](#): Domestic help
 - [LOT 14152-5 \(S\)](#): Drinking and intoxication
 - [LOT 14152-6 \(S\)](#): Infidelity
 - [LOT 14152-7 \(S\)](#): Marriage
 - [LOT 14152-8 \(S\)](#): War
 - [LOT 14152-9 \(S\)](#): Women
- [LOT 14153 \(S\)](#): Stereographs showing staged story sequences issued by H.C. White Co., 1901-1907
 - [LOT 14153-1 \(S\)](#): Children and babies
 - [LOT 14153-2 \(S\)](#): Christmas
 - [LOT 14153-3 \(S\)](#): City visits and country cousins
 - [LOT 14153-4 \(S\)](#): College life
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 - [LOT 14153-10 \(S\)](#): Marriage
 - [LOT 14153-11 \(S\)](#): Pranks
 - [LOT 14153-12 \(S\)](#): Women
 - [LOT 14153-13 \(S\)](#): Workplace

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

Organizations

H.C. White Co., publisher.

Whiting View Company, publisher.

Subjects

Adultery--1900-1910.

Children--1900-1910.

Christmas--1900-1910.

Courtship--1900-1910.

Domestic life--1900-1910.

Interpersonal relations--1900-1910.

Intoxication--1900-1910.

Marriage--1900-1910.

Women--1900-1910.

Form/Genre

Genre photographs--1900-1910.

Humorous pictures--1900-1910.

Stereographs--1900-1910.

Description of Series

Container

Series

Stereographs showing staged story sequences issued by the Whiting View Company, 1900-1903

Call No.: LOT 14152 (S)

Children, 1903

Christmas, 1902

Courtship, 1900-1902

Domestic help, 1900-1902

Drinking and intoxication, 1900

Infidelity, 1900

Marriage, 1900

War, 1902

Women, 1900

Stereographs showing staged story sequences issued by H.C. White Company, 1901-1907

Call No.: LOT 14153 (S)

Children and babies, 1901-1907

Christmas, 1904

City visits from country cousins, 1902-1903

College life, 1902-1907

Courtship, 1901-1907

Domestic help, 1902-1903

Drinking and intoxication, 1901-1906

Family life, 1903-1907

Infidelity, 1902-1903

Marriage, 1901-1906

Pranks, 1907

Women, 1901-1903

Workplace, 1906

Container List

Container

Contents

Stereographs showing staged story sequences issued by the Whiting View Company, 1900-1903

Call No.: LOT 14152 (S)

Extent: 45 stereograph cards.

Children, 1903

Story theme: Children playing

Children pose to words of Summertime

Call No.: LOT 14152-1, no. 1-3 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Christmas, 1902

Story theme: Holiday scenes

Christmas Comes: Little Nell anticipates Christmas and then

Call No.: LOT 14152-2, no. 1-3 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Courtship, 1900-1902

Story theme: Relative interferes with courting; other comic

Papa Objects: Papa jumps from behind piano to object to courtship

Call No.: LOT 14152-3, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Papa's Bayonet: Papa jumps out from behind curtain to scare couple

Call No.: LOT 14152-3, no. 3-4 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Young man's fright: Father surprises couple and kicks the man out of the house (couplets)

Call No.: LOT 14152-3, no. 5-6 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Papa Interrupts: Couple turns light down; Papa appears and turns it back up

Call No.: LOT 14152-3, no. 7-8 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Sweet Courtship: Couple's courtship ends in marriage despite interfering mother

Call No.: LOT 14152-3, no. 9-14 (S)

Extent: 6 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Someone Might See: Couple meets outdoors, but is discovered as he kisses her

Call No.: LOT 14152-3, no. 15-17 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Domestic help, 1900-1902

Story theme: Maids and cooks

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French maid: husband flirts and kisses maid; wife discovers him

Call No.: LOT 14152-4, no. 1-10 (S)

Extent: 10 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Biddy: Maid bumbles her job in comic ways

Call No.: LOT 14152-4, no. 11-12 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Drinking and intoxication, 1900

Story theme: Comic scenes relating to alcoholic consumption

Eye Opener: Husband tries unsuccessfully to sneak a drink as wife sleeps (couplets)

Call No.: LOT 14152-5, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Infidelity, 1900

Story theme: Husband of wife cheating

Pressing Business: His pressing business at the office is monkey business with his lover

Call No.: LOT 14152-6, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Marriage, 1900

Story theme: Scenes with husband and wife

Don't swear: Husband and wife try to fix stove pipe unsuccessfully

Call No.: LOT 14152-7, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

War, 1902

Story theme: Scenes about war time

To War and Back: Couples meet before and after men go to war

Call No.: LOT 14152-8, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Women, 1900

Story theme: Other scenes with women

Surprising the bachelor: Women surprise bachelor as he sews

Call No.: LOT 14152-9, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

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Call No.: LOT 14153 (S)

Extent: 188 stereograph cards.

Children and babies, 1901-1907

Story theme: Children playing, babies crying, bathing (no adults)

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Writing Papa: Girl starts and finishes letter

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Reading the paper: Toddler holding newspaper larger than she is; second card shows her asleep "just like papa"

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 3-4 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Doll Investigation: Girl "operates" on her doll, weeps, sews it back up

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 5-7 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Molasses: Girl plays in the molasses and makes a mess

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 8-12 (S)

Extent: 5 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Children as couple: Children dressed as adults simulate activities of marriage and family

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 13-16 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Hide and Seek: Children playing a game of hide and seek

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 17-20 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Venus Junior: Baby during and after bath

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 21-22 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Calm precedes storm: Baby at peace; baby crying

Call No.: LOT 14153-1, no. 23-24 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Christmas, 1904

Story theme: Children at Christmas

Christmas morning

Call No.: LOT 14153-2, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Christmas: Girls fall asleep anticipating Christmas, Santa comes, etc.

Call No.: LOT 14153-2, no. 3-8 (S)

Extent: 6 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

City visits from country cousins, 1902-1903

Story theme: Troubles of unsophisticated people visiting the city

"Silas Green" of "Wayback, O." and wife stay at "Hotel Astorf Waldoria": humorous story ends in couple crawling out window of hotel room

Call No.: LOT 14153-3, no. 1-7 (S)

Extent: 7 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Country cousins: Covering the naked statue

Call No.: LOT 14153-3, no. 8-10 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Country cousins: Gold Scam

Call No.: LOT 14153-3, no. 11-13 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

College life, 1902-1907

Story theme: Scenes with college students

Harvard Girls: College women and Miss Grey

Call No.: LOT 14153-4, no. 1-4 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Freshie: Women waking up "freshie" in the dorm to haze her

Call No.: LOT 14153-4, no. 5-10 (S)

Extent: 6 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Freshy and the Goat: Women haze freshman, making her pretend to ride a goat

Call No.: LOT 14153-4, no. 11-14 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Ned daydreams: Ghosts of Ned's future appear in his dorm room

Call No.: LOT 14153-4, no. 15-18 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Courtship, 1901-1907

Story theme: Scenes relating to romance

Togetherness disturbed: Mama and Papa interrupt the romance

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 1-3 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Sis' new fella: Child eavesdrops on sister courting and falls

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 4-8 (S)

Extent: 5 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Don't you dare tell anybody: Brother catches couple hugging

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 9-10 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Asleep at the Switch: Sleeping couple rudely awakened by her father

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 11-13 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Cupid and Papa: "When Papa comes in the door, love goes out the window"

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 14-16 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

"Why doesn't he go": Parents wonder what couple is doing

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 17-20 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

"No you don't, yes I do": Man pushes woman to kiss him

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 21-22 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Stolen Kiss: Woman dreaming is awakened by unwanted kiss

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 23-25 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Pleasing both women: Man tries to romance two women at same time

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 26-28 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

"Harmony or courtship; harmony of married life": Couple in harmony and then not

Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 29-30 (S)

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Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.
"Miss Hevywayt" sits on suitor "Mr. Slight" to hide him from suitor "Mr. Newcome" who arrives expectantly
Call No.: LOT 14153-5, no. 31-34 (S)
Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Domestic help, 1902-1903

Story theme: Maids and cooks

Mrs. Bliss and the French Maid: Classic theme of attractive maid who is hired, flirting ensues, and last card is "The New French Maid."

Call No.: LOT 14153-6, no. 1-12 (S)
Extent: 12 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Bridget serves the turkey

Call No.: LOT 14153-6, no. 13-14 (S)
Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Drinking and intoxication, 1901-1906

Story theme: After-effects of too much drinking

Drunken love: Intoxicated man mistakes a statue for his true love

Call No.: LOT 14153-7, no. 1-3 (S)
Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Dudley and the suit of armor: Wife dons suit of armor to teach intoxicated husband a lesson

Call No.: LOT 14153-7, no. 4-9 (S)
Extent: 6 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Mustn't make noise: Drunk wakes his wife coming into bedroom

Call No.: LOT 14153-7, no. 10-13 (S)
Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Nip in the night: Husband sneaks out of bed to have a drink

Call No.: LOT 14153-7, no. 14-17 (S)
Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Rough Game: Women's drinking game gets rowdy

Call No.: LOT 14153-7, no. 18-21 (S)
Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Family life, 1903-1907

Story theme: Family members interacting with each other

Rough Game: Women's drinking game gets rowdy

Call No.: LOT 14153-8, no. 1-6 (S)
Extent: 6 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Visit from Mother-in-law: Husband annoyed by visit

Call No.: LOT 14153-8, no. 7-14 (S)
Extent: 8 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Infidelity, 1902-1903

Story theme: Husbands cheating

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Handprint evidence: Husband notices another woman's handprint on his jacket

Call No.: LOT 14153-9, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Tom the Faithless: Tom's old love catches him with a new love

Call No.: LOT 14153-9, no. 3-6 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Marriage, 1901-1906

Story theme: Scenes with husband and wife

Romance fades: Staying up late is no longer fun after babies are born

Call No.: LOT 14153-10, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

"Before/After": Romance disturbed after baby comes

Call No.: LOT 14153-10, no. 3-4 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

"Mr. & Mrs. Newlywed" doing housework: Couple cleans, then relaxes

Call No.: LOT 14153-10, no. 5-9 (S)

Extent: 5 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

The Tack: Husband trying to sneak into bedroom surprised by tack

Call No.: LOT 14153-10, no. 10-11 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Mary and the Burglar: John and Mary in bed when Mary hears a burglar

Call No.: LOT 14153-10, no. 12-15 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Pranks, 1907

Story theme: Children playing trick(s)

Ants and Auntie - Boy spills ants on the floor beside his aunt and gets a whipping

Call No.: LOT 14153-11, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Women, 1901-1903

Story theme: Scenes with women not included in other categories

"Kodak fiend": Women on bikes punish the photographer

Call No.: LOT 14153-12, no. 1-5 (S)

Extent: 5 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

"A Daily Vault ending disastrously": Woman climbs over fence rail to see man and falls

Call No.: LOT 14153-12, no. 6-7 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Evening Conquests: Ladies discussing "conquests" of the evening then confront burglar trying to sneak in the window

Call No.: LOT 14153-12, no. 8-11 (S)

Extent: 4 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

"Quick way to spread news-telegraph; Quickest way to spread news--tell a woman!"

Call No.: LOT 14153-12, no. 12-14 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

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Beauty Awakes: Beautiful woman awaking from dream

Call No.: LOT 14153-12, no. 15-17 (S)

Extent: 3 stereograph cards telling 1 story.

Workplace, 1906

Story theme: Scenes at office

"Half Holiday": Mr. Jones enjoys a moment

Call No.: LOT 14153-13, no. 1-2 (S)

Extent: 2 stereograph cards telling 1 story.