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.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2021636772
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 staff in the Prints and Photographs Division. 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
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  - **LOT 14152-5 (S):** Drinking and intoxication
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  - **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.
Whiting View Company

**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.
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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.

Stereographs showing staged story sequences issued by H.C. White Company, 1901-1907
   Call No.: LOT 14153 (S)
   Extent: 188 stereograph cards.

Children and babies, 1901-1907
   Story theme: Children playing, babies crying, bathing (no adults)
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)
"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
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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