

Cartoons about the Franco-Prussian War in French, German, and Italian



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Collection Summary

Title: Cartoons about the Franco-Prussian War in French, German, and Italian

Span Dates: 1870-1898

Bulk Dates: 1870-1871

Call No.: LOT 15200 (FM -- AA size, A size, C size)

Extent: 662 prints : lithographs, some hand-colored and wood engravings ; sheets 65 x 50 cm and smaller.

Language: Collection material in French, German, and Italian. The bulk of the items are in French.

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/2010631653>

Summary: Collection of printed caricatures and political cartoons in French, German, and Italian primarily about the Franco-Prussian War and the Siege of Paris in 1870-1871. Most are removed from periodicals such as, *L'Eclipse* and *La Charge*. Some later material satirizes the political situation in France following the conclusion of the war. These include sheet music for a song denouncing Napoleon III and a lithographed board game about the Dreyfus Affair in French politics.

Provenance

Transfer; Library of Congress Reading Room; (DLC/PP - 1905:42673).

Processing History

This collection was processed by Owen Ellis in 2021. Finding aid encoded by Owen Ellis in 2021.

Related Material

Copies of the periodical from which the prints in this collection were removed, can be found in other Library collections. Researchers are advised to also consult the [Rare Book and Special Collections Division](#) and [European Division](#) of the Library of Congress for more complete periodicals containing this work.

Additional materials with similar subjects or types of materials are described in our [Online Catalog](#) and searchable by call number or descriptive words:

- LOT 3566 (G) - French cartoons of the Franco-Prussian War 1870-71
- LOT 3637 (G) - Political cartoons pertaining to the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-1871
- LOT 3676 (H) - Zur Geschichte des gallischen Hahnes, oder, Hochmuth kommt von dem Fall politisch-satyrische Erinnerungsblätter
- PR 06 CN 812 - La Caricature politique en France pendant la guerre, la siege de Paris et la commune [Franco-Prussian War era cartoons]
- PC 5 - The French political cartoon filing series.

Related Materials at Other Repositories

The Cambridge University Digital Library and heidICON, the object and multimedia database of Heidelberg University, both have digitized collections with similar material.

Rights Restrictions

No known restrictions on publication.

Access Restrictions

The collection is open to research. All content stored offsite. Please [contact us](#) at least 5 working days in advance of your visit in order to view the material.

Requesting Materials

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Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

Collection contains satirical cartoons on the Franco-Prussian War and political affairs and leadership in Europe during that time (1870-1871). Many different periodicals and series of cartoons are included such as *Actualités*, *Flugblatt*, *Fleurs*, *Fruits & Legumes du Jour*, *Kriegsbilderbogen*, *La Charge*, *La Commune*, *La Ménagerie Impériale*, *Le Pilon*, *L'Eclipse*, and *Zündnadeln*. Creators include: Faustin Betdeder, Draner, Paul Klenck, Patroity, E. Rosambeau, André Gil, Alfred Le Petit (and works under his pseudonym Zut), and others. Prominent leaders such as Napoleon III, Otto Von Bismarck, and Wilhelm I are depicted in the artwork along with soldiers and common people. Some prints are duplicate or nearly identical with different coloring, sizes, and condition.

Arrangement

The items are organized into folders based on either artist, publisher, publication, or title. Cartoons are also separated by language. Most groups of illustrations represent incomplete sets of published cartoons.

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.

People

Draner, 1833-1926
Dreyfus, Alfred, 1859-1935--Trials, litigation, etc.
Faustin, 1847-
Gill, André, 1840-1885
Le Petit, Alfred, 1841-1909
Patrioty
Rosambeau, E.
Zut

Subjects

Franco-Prussian War, 1870-1871.

Places

Paris (France)--History--Siege, 1870-1871--Caricatures and cartoons.

Form/Genre

Cartoons (Commentary)--1870-1900.

Gameboards--1890-1900.

Lithographs--French--1870-1900.

Lithographs--German--1870-1900.

Lithographs--Italian--1870-1900.

Sheet music covers--1870-1900.

Description of Series

Container

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Container List

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	<p>Cartoons about the Franco-Prussian War in French, German, and Italian, 1870-1898, (bulk 1870-1871)</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200 (FM -- AA size, A size, C size)</p>
BOX 1 FOLDER 1	<p>Cartoons in French, several small sets: <i>Le Pilon</i> by Hippolite Mailly, <i>La Commune</i> from Paul Klenck, <i>Les hommes du Jour</i> by Faustin, <i>La Ménagerie Impériale</i>, and unattributed cartoons depicting leaders with red guillotine by unidentified artist, similar to other artwork by Faustin Betbeder</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 1 to 49 (FM -- AA size)</p> <p>Extent: 49 prints.</p>
BOX 1 FOLDER 2	<p>Cartoons from the <i>Fleurs, Fruits & Legumes du Jour</i> series, created by Alfred Le Petit</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 50 to 100 (FM -- AA size)</p> <p>Extent: 51 prints.</p>
BOX 1 FOLDER 3	<p>Assorted cartoons in French by A. Baylac, E. Courtaux, Holb, and other artists and publishers</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 101 to 120 (FM -- AA size)</p> <p>Extent: 20 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 1	<p>Cartoons in French by Alfred Le Petit (A.L.P.)</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 121 to 145 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 25 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 2	<p>Cartoons in French by Holb and E. Courtaux</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 146 to 152 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 7 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 3	<p>Cartoons in French by Paul Klenck</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 153 to 178 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 26 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 4	<p>Cartoons in French by L. Deniau</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 179 to 182 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 4 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 5	<p>Cartoons in French by Patrioty</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 183 to 190 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 8 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 6	<p>Cartoons in French by Pepin, E.</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 191 to 194 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 4 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 7	<p>Cartoons in French by Pilotell</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 195 to 206 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 12 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 8	<p>Cartoons in French by E. Rosambeau</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 207 to 227 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 21 prints.</p>
BOX 2 FOLDER 9	<p>Cartoons in French by Zut (Alfred Le Petit)</p> <p>Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 228 to 235 (FM -- A size)</p> <p>Extent: 8 prints.</p>

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BOX 3 FOLDER 1	Cartoons in French by Faustin Betbeder Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 236 to 315 (FM -- A size) Extent: 80 prints.
BOX 3 FOLDER 2	Cartoons in French by H. Demare, G. Peacardy & Grandperret, Moloch, Morsabeau, Said (Alphonse Jacques Levy), and other artists and publishers Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 316 to 376 (FM -- A size) Extent: 61 prints.
BOX 4 FOLDER 1	Cartoons in French by A. Baylac, C. Herluison, H. Demare, and other artists and publishers Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 377 to 423 (FM -- A size) Extent: 47 prints.
BOX 4 FOLDER 2	<i>Actualités</i> series, incomplete numbered set, contributions from various artists; published by Grognet Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 424 to 473 (FM -- A size) Extent: 50 prints.
BOX 4 FOLDER 3	<i>Actualités</i> series, incomplete numbered set, Pilotell primary artist; published by Deforet, two additional cartoons titled <i>Enfance de Bismark</i> and <i>Haute Ecole</i> by unidentified artists Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 474 to 512 (FM -- A size) Extent: 39 prints.
BOX 4 FOLDER 4	<i>Actualités</i> series, various artists and publishers Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 513 to 538 (FM -- A size) Extent: 26 prints.
BOX 5 FOLDER 1	<i>Flugblatt</i> incomplete numbered set of German cartoons published by J. Loewenstein & Co. Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 539 to 560 (FM -- A size) Extent: 22 prints.
BOX 5 FOLDER 2	<i>Kriegsbilderbogen</i> incomplete numbered set and <i>Die Spritztour nach dem Rhein</i> German cartoons Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 561 to 574 (FM -- A size) Extent: 14 prints.
BOX 5 FOLDER 3	Cartoons in German by Ferdinand Schlotke, P. Deckers, and other artists and publishers Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 575 to 602 (FM -- A size) Extent: 28 prints.
BOX 5 FOLDER 4	Caricature of Napoleon III on sheet music for <i>Le Sire de Fisch-Ton-Kan</i> , with lyrics by Paul Burani and music by Antonin Louis Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 603 (FM -- A size) Extent: 1 print.
BOX 6 FOLDER 1	Board game titled <i>L'Affaire Dreyfus et de la Vérité</i> Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 604 (FM -- C size) Extent: 1 print.
BOX 6 FOLDER 2	Italian cartoons on the political situation in Europe around the time of the Franco-Prussia War, published in <i>Don Pirloncino</i> and <i>Giornale Critico-Faceto Con Caricature</i> Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 605 to 606 (FM -- C size) Extent: 2 prints.
BOX 6 FOLDER 3	<i>Zündnadeln</i> series of German cartoons published by Darmstadt Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 607 to 622 (FM -- C size) Extent: 16 prints.
BOX 6 FOLDER 4	Various cartoons in French and German, some published in larger format, artists include A. Baylac, Albert Millet, André Gill, Draner, Faustin Betbeder, Paul Klenck, Pilotell, and other artists and publishers. Includes a few unmounted published issues. Call No.: LOT 15200, no. 623 to 662 (FM -- C size)

Extent: 40 prints.