

CONDITION ASSESSMENT & LOAN FORM

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| Call Number: E q#920, Camera Work (issues: 1-4) | Lab Number: #2012/13-008 | |
| Library/Department: Rubenstein Library | Author/Artist: Gertrude Käsebier | |
| Librarian: David Pavelich | Title: <i>The Manger</i> | |
| Date Examined: 11/7/12 | Publication Date: 1903 | Number of photos: 1 |
| Examined by: Erin Hammeke | Size: H 295 cm W 214 cm T 57 cm | |
| Special instructions: For Nasher exhibit, "Light Sensitive: Photographic Works from North Carolina Collections" | | |

****COMPLETE BEFORE LOAN****

Text will be open to display "*The Manger*" (1913, issue 1)

Description:

Text is a heavyweight creme-colored, laid paper that was relief printed with black and red inks. Additionally, there are a variety of other papers tipped and sewn in throughout, including a heavyweight blue paper, a lightweight brown paper, and a thin white clay-coated paper. There are numerous photogravure plates throughout that were printed with black intaglio ink. Various other printing methods and processes were also used to produce images, and some of the plates are small and tipped in.

The four issues of Camera Work were individually sewn and then commercially bound into one volume with recessed cords. The case-style binding is covered in green buckram.

Condition:

The text is in fairly good condition; however it is somewhat brittle and there are some tears, breaking at stress points along the inner margin, and chipping at the edges throughout. Some of the papers, particularly the blue and brown papers are quite brittle and breaking, particularly at points of attachment (see volume 2). Some of the adhesive attachments to the light tissue paper are extremely vulnerable to damage during normal handling. There is a detached page (volume 2, page 20) and loose material (volume 4 pages 29-32), as well as what appears to be some missing sections of the text (beginning of volume 2?).

The plate to be opened to is in good condition; it was printed on a thin Japanese tissue and tipped to the heavier weight text paper. The facing page, however, has a large tear along the inner margin starting at the tail edge and will need to be mended and properly supported for display.

Notes for Display:

The text paper in this item is extremely brittle and the loose and breaking pages pose a security risk. The item should be handled with care. Additionally, the page attachment is weak and the binding opening should be restricted to limit further damage to the text. DUL Conservation staff should build supports and install this item for display.

****COMPLETE UPON ITEM'S RETURN****

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Note changes to the condition of the item (if any) here:

Date Examined:

Examined by: