

Book of recipes for varnishes, lacquers, and dyes

Ms. Coll. 1102

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Book of recipes for varnishes, lacquers, and dyes
Call number	Ms. Coll. 1102
Date [inclusive]	1835-1855
Extent	1 volume
Language	French
Language Note	In French.
Abstract	A parchment bound volume spanning from 1835 to 1855 containing handwritten recipes and instructions for varnishes, lacquers, and dyes.

Cite as:

Book of Recipes for Varnishes, Lacquers, and Dyes, 1835-1855, Ms. Coll. 1102, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, University of Pennsylvania

Scope and Contents

This volume bound in parchment with a fore-edge flap spans the years from 1835 to 1855 is by an

unknown author. The book contains handwritten recipes and instructions for varnishes, lacquers, and dyes. The first leaf of the volume provides names of colors along with patterned squares, possibly indicating background fields. On the verso of this leaf is a list of plant and metallic-based ingredients. Numbered pages one to seventy-seven follow and consist of various recipes for varnishes, lacquers, and dyes with their utilization on objects. Some examples of colors are gold, silver, red, black, and white. There is a table of numerous pastel colors listed with corresponding amounts in ounces and quarts. On the next ten pages are medicinal recipes for dropsy, fevers, and indigestion. An account book at the end of the volume records by year and month amounts received and amounts paid beginning in 1835 and ending in 1855. The last six pages of the volume provides a table of contents. Edges of the paper are speckled with red and green pigment.

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Source of Acquisition

Sold by Van de Wiele Auctions (Bruges, Belgium), 2015, lot 670.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Account books
- Manuscripts, French--19th century
- Prescriptions
- Recipes

SUBJECT(S)

- Business
- Dyes and dyeing--19th century
- Lacquer and lacquering--19th century
- Traditional medicine--19th century--Formulae, receipts, prescriptions
- Varnish and varnishing--19th century

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