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Summary Information

Repository
University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts

Title
Album of beautiful seaweeds, souvenir de Torquay

Call number
Ms. Coll. 1150

Date
circa 1860-1870

Extent
1 volume (+ 1 leaf)

Language
English

Abstract
A herbarium by an unknown collector was probably created in the 1860s. The album of twenty-four leaves comprises seaweed specimens collected at Torquay, England, specimens of plant and tree leaves, and color prints.

Cite as:
Album of Beautiful Seaweeds, Souvenir de Toquay, circa 1860-1870, Ms. Coll. 1150, Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts, University of Pennsylvania

Scope and Contents

An album of twenty-four leaves bound in a green cloth cover, decorated with a gold and black design, and embossed with the title Scraps. This herbarium by an unknown collector was probably created in the 1860s. The album comprises thirteen leaves of seaweed specimens collected at Torquay, England. There
are six pages of unidentified leaf specimens from ferns and trees. The last nine leaves have eighteen printed botanical color plates mounted two per leaf measuring 8 3/4 x 5 1/2 inches. Each seaweed specimen in the herbarium has been mounted on white paper, glued in the volume, and the name for each written on the bottom left-hand corner. The seaweed specimens have various leafy shapes and have retained some of their vibrant color with examples in magenta, purple, green, and brown. The botanical leaf specimens have been mounted directly onto the pages in the album. The botanical color prints have illustrations of flowering plants and ferns. There are four postcards mounted in the album with reproductions of water color landscapes by T. L. Rowbotham. Laid in the album is a skeletal specimen of a flyingfish wing (fin) mounted on paper with the notation "captured in Oct. 1861" written in pencil.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**FORM/GENRE(S)**
• Color prints
• Manuscripts, English--19th century
• Natural history specimens
• Picture postcards
• Prints (visual works)
• Scrapbooks
• Specimens

SUBJECT(S)

• Botanical specimens--England
• Flying fishes--Specimens
• Herbaria--19th century
• Marine algae--England--Torquay--Specimens
# Collection Inventory

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