

# Preliminary Guide to the Fashion and Costume Plate Collection

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library Special Collections  
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**CALL NUMBER:** DRA 5

**TITLE:** Fashion and costume plate collection

**DATES:** 1700-1900

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** In English, French, and German.

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of plates, scrapbooks, and dress pattern catalogs, depicting European and American fashion, costume, and national dress primarily from the 18th and 19th centuries.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.dra.0005>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/arts.dra.0005>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection consists of plates collected by the Drama Library and the Arts of the Book Collection over many years. Scrapbooks were the gift of Mrs. Bertram W. Martus to the Drama Library, 1960.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

Copyright has not been transferred to Yale University.

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## Preferred Citation

Fashion and Costume Plate Collection, Robert B. Haas Family Arts Library, Yale University.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of fashion plates from British, American, and French publications dating from the 18th through 19th centuries, including *Gallery of Fashion* and *Modes de Paris*; 19th century plates depicting national dress of individuals from various social classes and professions including Italian, Swiss, and Eastern European; plates depicting 18th century French theatrical personalities in popular roles; several 19th century American dress pattern catalogs by Butterick and McCall's; and scrapbooks containing a variety of fashion, national dress, and theatrical plates dating from the 19th century.

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## Arrangement

Preliminarily arranged by type and by nationality.

## Collection Contents

### Individual Plates

#### Fashion – 18th and 19th century

##### American

b.1	<i>Frank Leslie's Monthly Magazine</i>	1861
b.1	<i>Peterson's Magazine</i>	1866–1867 1875
b.1	Miscellaneous	circa 1800-1899

##### British

b.1	<i>Gallery of Fashion</i>	1794-1797
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##### French

b.1	<i>Costumes Parisiens</i>	1828-1830
b.1	<i>Modes de Paris</i>	1828-1830
b.1	<i>Moniteur des Dames et des Demoiselles</i>	[18--]
b.1	<i>Société des Journaux de Modes Réunis</i>	[18--]
b.1	Miscellaneous	circa 1800-1899

##### National Dress

b.2	Denmark, Netherlands, England, Wales	circa 1700-1899
b.2	France	circa 1400–1499 circa 1600–1799
b.2	Italy	circa 1700-1799
b.2	Switzerland	circa 1800-1899
b.6	Northern and Eastern Europe	circa 1700-1899
b.2	Various European countries (predominantly Eastern Europe)	circa 1700-1899
b.6	Military dress of various European countries	circa 1700-1899

##### Theatrical Costume

##### French

b.3	Actors (A-V)	circa 1800-1899
b.3	Actresses (A-V), unidentified	circa 1800-1899

**Dress Pattern Catalogs**

## American

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b. 3	Butterick (originals and photostatic copies)	1886 1887
b. 3	McCall's (originals and photostatic copies)	1886

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## Scrapbooks

Five scrapbooks containing French and German national dress, costume, dance, theatrical, and fashion plates from various published sources.

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b. 4	Scrapbooks	circa 1800-1899
b. 5	Scrapbooks	circa 1800-1899

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Actors -- France  
Clothing and dress  
Costume

### **Genres / Formats**

Fashion plates