Overview of the Collection
Title: Albert Bigelow Paine Letters
Dates (inclusive): 1875-1934
Bulk dates: 1891-1934
Collection Number: mssAP 1-2083
Extent: 2,083 pieces in 28 boxes.
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Abstract: This collection consists almost entirely of letters addressed to American editor and author Albert Bigelow Paine (1861-1937). The correspondence, with the bulk dating from 1891-1934, provides a picture of the literary and newspaper field of Paine's time. In addition to Paine's professional correspondence, there are also family letters in the collection.
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Provenance
Acquired from various sources:
- American Autograph Shop, Purchase, 1938.
- Parke-Bernet sale, Purchase, 3/17/1945.
Biographical Note
Albert Bigelow Paine (1861-1937) was an American editor and author. He established and directed the Combined Press, edited the children's page of the New York Sunday Herald and the League Department of St. Nicholas Magazine, and was reader and solicitor general for the Henry Altemus Company. Designated by Mark Twain as his official biographer, Paine wrote a three volume biography of Twain which was considered the finest work of its kind in his day.
Scope and Content
This collection consists almost entirely of letters addressed to Paine (there are only nine letters by Paine himself). The correspondence provides a picture of the literary and newspaper field of Paine's time. In addition to Paine's professional correspondence, there are also family letters in the collection.
Other persons represented in the collection include: Irving Bacheller, John Kendrick Bangs, Edward William Bok, James Bryce, Andrew Carnegie, Mary Hallock Foote, Helen Keller, Dora Paine, John Russell Pope, Margaret Elizabeth Munson.
Sangster, Upton Sinclair, Charles Warren Stoddard, Mark Twain (copies only - no originals), and Theodore Newton Vail.

**Arrangement**
Arranged alphabetically.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

**Subjects**
Paine, Albert Bigelow, 1861-1937.
Combined Press.
St. Nicholas (New York, N.Y.)
Authors, American -- 19th century -- Correspondence.
Authors, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence.
Periodical editors -- United States -- Correspondence.

**Forms/Genres**
Letters (correspondence) -- United States.

**Alternate Authors**
Paine, Albert Bigelow, 1861-1937, correspondent.
Bacon, Josephine Daskam, 1876-1961.
Baker, George F. (George Fisher), 1840-1931.
Bangs, John Kendrick, 1862-1922.
Beard, Daniel Carter, 1850-1941.
Bennett, John, 1865-1956.
Bok, Edward William, 1863-1930.
Borchgrevink, C. E. (Carsten Egeberg), 1864-1934.
Breck, Edward, 1861-1929.
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922.
Carnegie, Andrew, 1835-1919.
Cheney, David MacGregor.
Clarke, William Fayal.
Davis, Richard Harding, 1864-1916.
Foote, Mary Hallock, 1847-1938.
Freeman, Mary Eleanor Wilkins, 1852-1930.
Genung, Charles Harvey.
Harland, Marion, 1830-1922.
Herbert, Ewing.
House, Edward Mandell, 1858-1938.
Howells, Mildred, 1872-.
Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920.
Keller, Helen, 1880-1968.
Lewis, Alfred Henry, 1857-1914.
Long, John Luther, 1861-1927.
Lowell, Orson, 1871-1956.
Moore, Louise Kirby Paine Benjamin.
Morgan, Tom P.
Nast, Sarah Edwards.
Opper, Frederick Burr, 1857-1937.
Osbon, B. S. (Bradley Sillick), 1827-1912.
Paine, Dora.
Paine, Samuel Esterbrook.
Pope, John Russell, 1874-1937.
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912.
Rosenmeyer, Bernard J.
Sangster, Margaret Elizabeth Munson, 1838-1912.
Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968.
Slocum, Joshua, 1844-1909.
Smith, Pamela Colman.
Street, Julian, 1879-1947.
Stuart, Ruth McEnery, 1856-1917.
Swett, Sophie, 1858-1912.
Twain, Mark, 1835-1910.
Vail, Theodore Newton, 1845-1920.
Ver Beck, Frank, 1858-1933.
Ware, Eugene F., 1841-1911.
White, William Allen, 1868-1944.
Whitney, Caspar, 1862-1929.

Box 1  Abbott-Baker  AP 1-70
Box 2  Bangs-Bok  AP 71-155
Box 3  Borchgrevink-Breck  AP 156-221
Box 4  Brennan-Chase  AP 222-291
Box 5  Cheney-Clarke  AP 292-376
Box 6  Clauson-Duncan  AP 377-450
Box 7  Duneka-French  AP 451-532
Box 8  Frohman-Gilbert  AP 533-599
Box 9  Gilder-Hamilton  AP 600-669
Box 10  Hancock-Hornaday  AP 670-747
Box 11  House-Howell  AP 748-805
Box 12  Howells-Jewett  AP 806-887
Box 13  Johnson-Little  AP 888-966
Box 14  Long-Lovett  AP 967-1040
Box 15  Lowell-Macy  AP 1041-1126
Box 16  Mansfield-Moulin  AP 1127-1224
Box 17  Munkittrick-O'Hagan  AP 1225-1283
Box 18  Oppen  AP 1284-1406
Box 19  Osbon-Palmer  AP 1407-1488
Box 20  Peter-Roberts  AP 1489-1562
Box 21  Robinson-Sherman  AP 1563-1629
Box 22  Shin-Snow  AP 1630-1694
Box 23  Spalding-Strong  AP 1695-1763
Box 24  Stuart-Twachtman  AP 1764-1840
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