Finding Aid for the Collection of Material About the Book of Wealth and the Book of the Fair (H.H. Bancroft & Co.), 1890-1900

Collection number: 938

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Collection of Material About the Book of Wealth and the Book of the Fair (H.H. Bancroft & Co.),
Date (inclusive): 1890-1900
Collection number: 938
Extent: 10 boxes (5.0 linear ft.)21 oversize boxes
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575
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Biography
Hubert Howe Bancroft was born on May 5, 1832 in Granville, Ohio; worked in his brother-in-law's bookstore in Buffalo, New York, 1848-52; went to California in 1852 and established a bookselling and publishing business in San Francisco; gathered material on the West, eventually publishing 39 volumes of his works covering the American and Canadian West, Central America, and Mexico; collected 60,000 volumes of history, manuscripts, and personal narratives, which he donated to the University of California in 1905; he died on March 2, 1918 in Walnut Creek, California.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of engraving plates, portfolios with prints, and editions of Hubert Howe Bancroft's Book of the Fair (Chicago and San Francisco, 1893) and Book of Wealth (published under the title: Achievements of Civilization: the Book of Wealth ... in New York, 1898). Includes cygne noir edition, author's editions, and sections of the deluxe edition of the Book of Wealth, and an incomplete 1893 text and an imperfect copy of the Book of the Fair (10 volumes).

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Book of Wealth materials (Boxes 1-25).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Bancroft, Hubert Howe, 1832-1918--Book of the Fair.
Bancroft, Hubert Howe, 1832-1918--Achievements of civilization.
H.H. Bancroft & Co.--Archives.
Historians--California, Northern--Archival resources.
Publishers and publishing--California, Northern--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material
Photographs.
Printing plates.

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**Book of Wealth materials**

- Boxes 1-13
- Box 14
  - Engraving plates.
  - No edition, section 1 (2 copies, covers vary).
- Boxes 15-16
  - Cygne noir edition.
    - Vol.1 section 1. 3 copies, variants
    - Vol.2
- Boxes 17-19
  - Author's editions.
    - Vol.1
    - Physical Description: (2 copies)
  - Vol.2
  - Deluxe edition.
    - Section 1, 10
- Box 20
- Box 21
  - Fin de siecle, section 10.
### Book of Wealth materials

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### Book of the Fair materials

**Book of the Fair (1893)**

- Physical Description: --incomplete text

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