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Curt Teich Postcard Archives. The Collection is widely regarded as the largest public collection of postcards and related materials in the United States. When received at the Newberry Library it was estimated at 2.5 million total items and over 500,000 unique postcard images. The core of the collection is the Records of the Curt Teich Company, which includes over 360,000 images produced by the company from 1898 and 1978, over 110,000 production files documenting the creation of the company's postcards, and additional company records.

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Detroit Publishing Co.: Detroit Publishing Co. Postcard Collection, approximately 1890s-1930s.

Detroit Publishing Company was a prolific publisher of postcards and photographic prints from the late 1890s to the early 1920s. A gift from John I. Monroe, this collection of approximately 16,000 postcards is a rich resource for views of North American cities and towns, landscapes, and national parks. The collection also includes views of many foreign countries.

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Lauder, Leonard A.: Leonard A. Lauder Collection of Raphael Tuck & Sons Postcards, approximately 1903-1959.

This collection, a gift of Leonard A. Lauder, consists of more than 35,500 Raphael Tuck & Sons postcards, mainly the Oilette series. The Tuck Company began operating in England in 1866, and started printing picture postcards in 1894. Oilette postcards, introduced in 1903, were the work of many different artists employed by the company and encompassed a great variety of subject matter, including country and farm scenes, landscapes, and churches. Tuck described Oilettes as "veritable miniature oil paintings." Postcards are undated; however, the Tuck Company went out of business in 1959, so the dates for the collection are approximate.

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