Guide to the Ben Klein Movie Advertising Cuts Collection ca. 1920s-1970s
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Descriptive Summary

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Title Klein, Ben. Movie Advertising Cuts Collection

Date ca. 1920s-1970s

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Abstract During his career in the printing industry, Ben Klein built a collection of thousands of movie advertising cuts representing early- and mid-twentieth century films. These small-format items would typically have been used as stock for movie advertisements. The collection represents an enormous array of 20th-century motion pictures from the 1920s to the 1970s, though the bulk of the collection relates to films produced from the 1940s-1960s.

Information on Use

Access
Open for research. No restrictions.

Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Klein, Ben. Movie Advertising Cuts Collection, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note
During his career in the printing industry, Ben Klein built a collection of thousands of movie advertising cuts. After his retirement, he used the collection to assist in the production of advertisements.

Scope Note
Ben Klein's collection consists of movie advertising cuts from the early- and mid-twentieth century. These pieces would typically have been used as stock for movie advertisements, such as those that appear in theater listings in newspapers.
Most of the items are very small in format, measuring 2” by 4” or smaller, though some are as large as 4.5” by 6”. All are black and white, with newspaper-quality printing.

The collection represents an enormous array of 20th-century motion pictures from the 1920s to the 1970s, though the bulk of the collection relates to films produced from the 1940s-1960s. The movies represented include major Hollywood features such as Gigi, Bringing Up Baby, and The Ten Commandments; genre classics such as King Kong; Johnny Guitar and Rebecca; and landmark art films such as Blow-Up and The Bicycle Thief. However, most of the cuts represent thousands of lesser-known B-movies and genre films: These include science fiction (Wild Wild Planet, Battle in Outer Space), sexploitation (Man Bait, Gutter Girls), horror (Monster A-Go-Go, Flesh Eaters), juvenile delinquency exploitation (Kitten with a Whip, Wild Youth), beach movies, biker movies, westerns, film noir, and countless other film genres and sub-genres.

Klein's original organization of his collection has been maintained: The first set of cuts is organized by title in a rough alphabetical sequence. A second set of cuts is organized by the names of famous actors appearing in the movies; this set is also arranged alphabetically. A small set of unsorted, larger-format cuts is found in the final box of the collection.

**Related Resources**
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Motion Picture Stills. Collection

University of Chicago. Documentary Film Group. Records

**Subject Headings**
- Klein, Ben
- Advertising -- motion pictures
- Motion picture actors and actresses
- Motion pictures
- Printed ephemera

**INVENTORY**
- **Box 1**
  - Titles, A-B
- **Box 2**
  - Titles, B-C
- **Box 3**
  - Titles, C-E
- **Box 4**
  - Titles, E-G
Box 5
Titles, G-H

Box 6
Titles, H-L

Box 7
Titles, L-M

Box 8
Titles, M-N

Box 9
Titles, N-P

Box 10
Titles, P-S

Box 11
Titles, S

Box 12
Titles, S-T

Box 13
Titles, T-W

Box 14
Titles, W-Z, general

Box 14
Abbott and Costello

Box 14
Fred Astaire

Box 14
Gene Autry

Box 14
Humphrey Bogart

Box 14
Lucille Ball

Box 14
Marlon Brando

Box 14
James Cagney

Box 14
Charlie Chaplin

Box 14
Claudette Colbert

Box 15
Gary Cooper

Box 15
Joan Crawford

Box 15
Bing Crosby

Box 15
Bette Davis
Box 15
  Errol Flynn
Box 15
  Henry Fonda
Box 15
  Clark Gable
Box 15
  Judy Garland
Box 15
  Cary Grant
Box 15
  Bob Hope
Box 15
  Katharine Hepburn
Box 15
  Charlton Heston
Box 15
  William Holden
Box 15
  Rock Hudson
Box 15
  Boris Karloff
Box 15
  Gene Kelly
Box 15
  Laurel and Hardy
Box 15
  Jack Lemmon
Box 15
  Sophia Loren
Box 16
  Bela Lugosi
Box 16
  Dean Martin
Box 16
  Fred MacMurray
Box 16
  Marx Brothers
Box 16
  Robert Mitchum
Box 16
  Marilyn Monroe
Box 16
  Paul Newman
Box 16
  Gregory Peck
Box 16
Elvis Presley
Box 16
Ronald Reagan
Box 16
Roy Rogers
Box 16
Frank Sinatra
Box 16
Red Skelton
Box 16
James Stewart
Box 16
Elizabeth Taylor
Box 16
Shirley Temple
Box 16
John Wayne
Box 17
4.5” x 3.5” format, unsorted
Box 17
4.5” x 6” format, unsorted