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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Historical Note

In the early history of the American Academy of Arts and Science, committees were used for almost every activity in the early history of the American Academy of Arts and Science. These committees' activities include, but are not limited to, examining membership qualifications, investigating new discoveries and inventions, conducting studies, and developing new committees. Of note is that in 1881 the Academy was asked by the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to conduct the contest for the invention that most benefits human welfare, given as the Grand Gold Medal.

During the twentieth century and continuing to the present, project work represents a major focus of the Academy. Full descriptions of current projects are available on the Academy website: <http://www.amacad.org>.

Recent records, currently unprocessed, include Academy fellowships such as the Hellman Fellowship and the Visiting Scholars Program.

Scope and Content

This collection contains primarily reports with some correspondence of early committees of the Academy dating from 1784 to 1900. Included are a large portion of applications for the Grand Gold Medal. Its committee was established in 1881 by the Academy to consider the award of medal, by the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association for the invention that most benefits human welfare.

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Arrangement

Each committee, event, or project is arranged as a subseries. Subseries are arranged chronologically by founding date for committees and event date for events. Records are arranged alphabetically, within those of the Grand Gold Medal Committee of 1881, records are arranged alphabetically.

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Committee for Examining Machines (1783-1788)

Subjects: Inventions

Item Report of the Committee for Examining Machines on Mr. Bodget's hydrometer. 1787 October 10.

Creator: Dexter, Aaron, 1750-1808

Item Report of the Committee for Examining Machines on Mr. Joseph Pope's Orrery. 1788 April 30.

Description: Includes 2 small sheets of illustrations.

Creator: Cranch, Richard, 1726-1815

Committee respecting books of the Cabinet (1784)

Subjects: Association libraries; Library administration

Item Report of Committee respecting books of (the) Cabinet. 1784 January 28.

Creator: Willard, Joseph, 1738-

Committee to Make Electrical Experiments upon Several Kinds of Wood (1787-1788)

Item [Movements made at the 1787 August 22 meeting of the Academy]

Creator: Gannett, Caleb

Item [Movements made at the 1788 August 20 meeting of the Academy]

Creator: Gannett, Caleb

Item Envelope of letter by Edward Augustus Holyoke. Undated.

Committee for Promoting Agriculture (1785-1790)

Subjects: Agriculture

Item Subscription Requesting Broadsheet from the Committee for Promoting
Agriculture. 1786 March 16.

Item Report of the Committee for Promoting Agriculture. Undated.

Creator: Fisher, Joshua, 1748-1833

**Committee on Dr. Holyoke's method for obtaining an accurate map of the
Commonwealth (1789)**

Subjects: Cartography--Massachusetts

Item Report of Committee on Dr. Holyoke's method for obtaining an
accurate map of the Commonwealth. 1789 May 29.

Creator: Willard, Joseph, 1738-

Committee on Mr. Frobisher's method of making Potash (1789)

Subjects: Potash

Item Report of Committee on Mr. Frobisher's method of making Potash. 26
Oct 1789. 1789 October 26.

Creator: Dexter, Aaron, 1750-1808

Committee on Mr. Isaac's method of extracting fresh water from salt (1790-1791)

Subjects: Saline water conversion

Item Report of Committee on Mr. Isaac's method of extracting fresh water
from salt. 1791 May 31.

Creator: Warren, John, 1753-1827

Committee to receive President's donation (1791)

Item Report of Committee to receive President's donation. 1791 May 18.

Creator: Lathrop, John, 1740-1816

Agriculture Committee (1785-1792)

Subjects: Agriculture

Item Agriculture Committee Report 1792. 1792 February 29.

Committee of the Academy for printing second volume of Memoirs

Subjects: Learned institutions and societies--Publishing

Item Proposals to Committee of the Academy for printing second volume of
Memoirs. 1792 December 20.

Description: Endorsed by the Committee.

Creator: Adams, Thomas

Committee appointed on the Subject of Dyes (1793)

Subjects: Dyes and dyeing

Item Report of Committee on the subject of Dyes. 28 May 1793. [pages
bound with string]. 1793 May 28.

Creator: Tufts, Cotton, 1732-1815

Committee regarding compensation for the Treasurer (1793-1795)

Subjects: Learned institutions and societies--Finance

Item Report of Committee regarding compensation for the Treasurer. Read
12 Nov 1794. 1794 November 12.

Creator: Gannett, Caleb

**Committee to compare the respective Magnetic observations of Messrs. Sewall and
Vinall to examine their Instruments and inquire into the reason of their difference
(1794-1795)**

Subjects: Geomagnetism

Item Report of the committee to compare the respective Magnetic
observations of Messrs. Sewall and Vinall to examine their Instruments
and inquire into the reason of their difference. 1795 January 26.

Creator: Willard, Joseph, 1738-

Committee to examine Rev. Dr. Fobes' Orrery & Pantometer (1795)

Item Report of the committee to examine Rev. Dr. Fobes' Orrery &
Pantometer. 1795 November 11.

Committee respecting the alteration of §2 Chapter I of the Statutes (1797)

Item Report of the Committee to consider the propriety of altering the Statute respecting the time for the choice of officers. 1797 October 31.

Creator: Willard, Joseph, 1738-

Committee to apply to use Society Room in the State House (1800)

Subjects: Massachusetts State House (Boston, Mass.)

Item Report of a committee. 1800 May 7.
Description: “Report accepted and ordered to be recorded”.

Creator: Sullivan, James, 1744-1811

Item Order permitting Acad. Of Arts & Sciences to use Society Room in the State House, Feb. 28. 1800. 1800 February 27.
Description: Copied by John Avery.

Creator: Phillips, Samuel, 1752-1803

Item Resolve of Gen. Courts relation to Room for A. A. Arts & Sciences. 1800 February 27; 1800 February 28th.

Description: Copied by John Avery.

Committee appointed to examine Mr. Dearborn’s scale for weighing gold (1801)

Subjects: Gold; Scales (Weighing instruments)

Item Report of Committee on Mr. Dearborn’s new scale for weighing gold. 19 Aug 1801. 1801 August 19.

Committee appointed to consider a Communication of G. Gridley’s “description of patented improvements in Chimneys”(1809-1810)

Item Report of Committee appointed to consider a Communication of G. Gridley’s “description of patented improvements in Chimneys”. 1810 August 6.

Creator: Prince, John, 1751-1836

Committee for the purpose of collecting specimens, more specifically from our own Country [ca. 1810]

- Item Movement to form the Committee for the purpose of collecting specimens, more specifically from our own Country, and giving committee members free use of the cabinet.

Committee to make application to Legislature at the approaching session for pecuniary aid (1815)

- Item Letter to Thomas Winthrop. 1815 January 3.
Description: Asks John Farrar as Chairman of the Committee to give notice to other members of their appointment to the Committee.

Creator: Farrar, John, 1779-1853

Committee to investigate the nautical instruments by Benjamin Dearborn (1823)

Subjects: Nautical instruments

- Item Report on Benjamin Dearborn's nautical inventions. Aug 1823. 1823 August.

Creator: Bigelow, Jacob, 1786-1862

Committee on the cabinet of natural specimens (1825)

- Item Report of Committee on the cabinet of natural specimens, recommending partial sale of the collection. 1825 24 May.

Committee on the Room at the Athenaeum (1825-1826)

Subjects: Boston Athenaeum

- Item Report of the Committee of Conference on the Subject of the Room. 1825 July.

Creator: Quincy, Josiah, 1772-1866

- Item Report of the Committee on the subject of a room in the new Athenaeum building. 1826 November 4.

Description: Meeting had commenced 1826 October 30.

Creator: Jackson, Charles

Item Agreement for Use of Rooms at Boston Athenaeum Signed by Academy and Athenaeum Committees. 1826 November 14.

Description: Charles Jackson and James Savage represented the Academy, F.C. Gray and George Sicker represented the Boston Athenaeum.

Creator: Jackson, Charles

Committee on an Annual Discourse (1826-1827)

Subjects: Speeches, addresses, etc.

Item Report of Committee on an Annual Discourse. 1827 January 28.

Creator: Jackson, James, 1777-1866

Committee on the proposition for more frequent meetings of the Academy (1831)

Item Report on the proposition for more frequent meetings of the Academy. 1831 November 9.

Creator: Everett, Alexander Hill, 1792-1847

Committee appointed to transfer property to new Treasurer Joseph Tilden (1834)

Subjects: Learned institutions and societies--Finance

Item Treasurer Tilden's Rec't. 1834 June 6.

Item Report of Committee to transfer property to new Treasurer Joseph Tilden. 1834 August 13.

Creator: Tilden, Joseph

Committee on Meteorological Observations (1837-1856)

Subjects: Meteorology

Item Report of Committee on Meteorological Observations 1838. 1838 August.

Creator: Bigelow, Jacob, 1786-1862

Item Enoch Hale's Report on the acquisition of telescopes for the Committee on Meteorological Observations 1838. 1838 November 14.

Creator: Hale, Enoch, 1790-1857

Item Report of Committee on Meteorological Observations 1856. 1856 May 27.

Creator: Committee on Meteorological Observations

Committee to consider the expediency of holding extra meetings (1838)

Item Report of the Committee to consider the expediency of holding extra meetings. 1838 November 14.

Committee to establish a Library Committee (1839-1840)

Item Report of Committee on Report of Librarian, May 26, 1840. 1840 May 26.

Creator: Pickering, John, 1777-1828

Committee on doing honor to the Memory of Dr. Bowditch (1839-1838)

Item Report of Committee on doing honor to the Memory of Dr. Bowditch. 1839 May 28.

Creator: Quincy, Josiah, 1772-1866

Item Minutes of the Committee of officers of the Academy concerning a Eulogy on Dr. Bowditch. 1838 March 22.

Committee to discuss the Communication from the Royal Society on Magnetic Observations (1840)

Subjects: Geomagnetism

Item Letter to Joseph Hale Abbott. 1840 January 31.
Description: Committee invitation from Committee to discuss the Communication from the Royal Society on Magnetic Observations

Creator: Pickering, John, 1777-1828

Item Report of the sub-committee appointed to confer with the President of the University in regard to the scheme of making magnetic observation at Cambridge Observatory. [1840] April 1.

Creator: Pickering, John, 1777-1828

- Item Report of the Committee to discuss the Communication from the Royal Society on Magnetic Observations. 1840 April 22.

Committee to change Statutes (1841-1842)

- Item Movements made at 1841 November 29 meeting of the Academy to establish committee.
Description: Movement to establish committee to arrange semi-monthly meetings of the academy, to consider dividing members into sections, and for assigning subjects for dissertations or for discussion.

Creator: Emerson, George Barrell, 1797-1881

Committee for arrangements of semi-monthly meetings (1841-1842)

- Item Minutes of 1841 November 30 meeting of the committee.

Creator: Emerson, George Barrell, 1797-1881

- Item Report of the committee for arrangements of semi-monthly meetings. 1842 November 16.

Creator: Pickering, John, 1777-1828

Committee on the Solar Index (ca. 1842)

Subjects: Surveying--Instruments

- Item Committee on the Solar Index. Report. undated.

Creator: Borden, Simeon, 1798-1892

Committee to investigate the alleged discoveries of Dr. Buchanan (1843)

Subjects: Neurophysiology

- Item Meetings of the Committee of the American Academy appointed to investigate the alleged discoveries of Dr. Buchanan. 1843 March 15 - 1843 March 22.

Description: Includes minutes from five Academy meetings: March 15th 1843, 1843 March 17, 1843 March 18, 1843 March 20, and 1843 March 22.

Creator: Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1873

- Item Report of the Committee to Investigate the alleged discoveries of Dr. Buchanan. 1843 March 22.

Creator: Warren, John, 1753-1827; Emerson, George B., 1797-1874; Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1873; Bigelow, Jacob, 1786-1862; Jackson, James, 1777-1866

- Item Letter to the committee to investigate the alleged discoveries of Dr. Buchanan. 1843 March 23.

Creator: Buchanan, J. R.

- Item Report of the Committee to Investigate the alleged discoveries of Dr. Buchanan. 1843 April 5.

Creator: Jackson, James, 1777-1866; Emerson, George B., 1797-1874; Hale, Enoch, 1790-1857

Committee on the Application of the Oriental Society (1843)

- Item Report of the Committee on the Application of the Oriental Society to hold stated meetings of that society in the hall of the Academy. 1843 April 5.

Creator: Emerson, George Barrell, 1797-1881

Appropriations Committee for Purchase of a Telescope (1843)

Subjects: Harvard University

- Item Report of the Appropriations Committee recommending the gift of \$600 to Harvard College to purchase a telescope. 1843 April 11.

Creator: Treadwell, Daniel, 1791-1835

- Item Vote Presented by the Appropriations Committee for Purchase of a Telescope. 1843 April 12.

Creator: Appropriations Committee

Committee for Assessment of Academy Statutes (1844)

Subjects: Learned institutions and societies--By-Laws

- Item Report made to the American Academy in 1851 or 1852. 1844 April 20.
Description: Pertains to statutes of the Academy Constitution seeming to deal with financial payment to Fellows and other laws passed at the committee meeting mainly concerning the Committee of the Library.

Creator: Abbot, Jos. Hale, 1802-

Committee appointed to confer with the Legislature on the subject of proposed changes in the Registration Law (1845)

- Item Report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Legislature on the subject of proposed changes in the Registration Law. 1845 March 26.

Creator: Holmes, Oliver Wendell, 1809-1894.

Committee on Monthly Meetings (1845)

Subjects: Learned institutions and societies--Administration

- Item Report of a Committee on Monthly Meetings. 1845 October 8.

Creator: Hayward, George, 1791-1827

Committee appointed to discuss with the American Philosophical Society over encouraging the federal government to support North American meteorological observations (1846-1848)

Subjects: American Philosophical Society; Meteorology

- Item Copy of a letter made and forwarded to the American Philosophical Society. 1846 January 31.

Creator: Swett, Samuel, 1782-1859

- Item Letter to the American Academy. 1848 February 26.
Description: Responds to the Committee appointed to discuss with the American Philosophical Society over encouraging the federal government to support North American meteorological observations.

Creator: Duglison, Robley

Committee to confer with Lieut. Gillis (1848)

- Item Report of the committee to confer with Lieut. Gillis. 1848 September 18.
Description: Approves included proposal for appropriations by Lieut. Gillis for an expedition to the southern hemisphere.

Committee to examine the reports of the Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey (1849)

- Item Report of the Committee to examine the reports of the Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey. 1849 February 6.

Committee to Create a Joint Literary and Scientific Society and a Building (ca. 1850)

- Item Proposal for a joint building for literary & scientific societies. ca. 1850.
Creator: Channing, Walter, 1786-1857

Committee on Dr. Locke's Request (1850)

- Item Report of the Committee on Dr. Locke's Request to withdraw his paper and submit a replacement. 1850 April 17
Description: The Rumford Committee which has the same under consideration approves Dr. Locke's requests to substitute his communication on his electrochonograph with his report submitted to Congress.

Committee to ascertain discrepancies in votes of the academy, Records, and the Statutes (1850-1851)

- Item Report of the Committee appointed to ascertain discrepancies in votes of the academy, Records, and the Statutes. Undated.
Creator: Abbot, Jos. Hale, 1802-

Committee of the Academy on the admission of the proprietors of the Athenaeum to meetings of the Academy (1851-1852)

Subjects: Boston Athenaeum

- Item Committee Report concerning inviting proprietors of Athenaeum to Academy Meeting. 1851 December 3.

Creator: Eliot, Samuel Atkins, 1798-1885

- Item Committee report concerning inviting proprietors of Athenaeum to Academy Meetings. 1852.

Creator: Eliot, Samuel Atkins, 1798-1885

Committee on John Jenkins system of writing (1855)

- Item Committee report on John Jenkins system of writing, 2 Sept. 1855. 1855 September 2.

Creator: Willard, Sidney, 1780-

Committee respecting the election of Dr. C.H.F. Peters (1856-1857)

- Item Letter to Dr. Peters requesting information on residency. 1856 November 13.

Creator: Gray, Asa, 1810-1888

- Item Letter to Asa Gray in response to request for information on residency. 1856 November 16.

Creator: Peters, Christian Heinrich Friedrich, 1813-1890

- Item Letter to Joel Parker requesting an opinion on the election of Dr. Peters. 1856 November 20.

Creator: Gray, Asa, 1810-1888

- Item Letter to Asa Gray in response to request an opinion on the election of Dr. Peters. 1856 December 8.

Creator: *Creator:* Parker, Joel, 1795-1875

- Item Report of the Committee on the case of Prof. Gray and Dr. Peters. [1857]

- Item Prof. Gray's rejoinder to the Report of the Committee on his course in the "Peter's Affair". 1857 March 17.

Creator: Gray, Asa, 1810-1888

Item Judge Parker's rejoinder to the report the Committee on Dr. Gray's cause in regard to the election of Dr. Peters. 1857 April 10.

Creator: Parker, Joel, 1795-1875

Committee to examine the Statutes of the Academy and report such amendments as they may deem it expedient (1857)

Item Report of the Committee to examine the Statutes of the Academy and report such amendments as they may deem it expedient. 1857 August 12.

Creator: Treadwell, Daniel, 1791-1872

Committee on reducing the admission fee and annual dues (1857)

Item Report of the Committee on reducing the admission fee and annual dues. 1857 January 13.

Creator: Felton, Cornelius Conway, 1807-1862

Item Report of the Committee on reducing the admission fee and annual dues. 1857 March 10.

Creator: Felton, Cornelius Conway, 1807-1862

Committee on the mode of conducting meetings (1857)

Item Report of Mr. Treadwell on the mode of conducting meetings, also on a proposed Judicial Committee. 1857 May 24.

Creator: Treadwell, Daniel, 1791-1872

Committee to examine Hedgcock's Patent Quadrant (1857)

Item Report of the Committee to examine Hedgcock's Patent Quadrant. April 14, 1857.

Committee to whom was referred a paper written by Professor B. Peirce relating to the course of navigation over the Atlantic Ocean by steamships [1874]

Item Report of the committee to whom was referred a paper written by Professor B. Peirce relating to the course of navigation over the Atlantic

Ocean by steamships

Creator: Adams, Charles Francis, 1807-1886

Centennial Committee (1879-1880)

Item Report on Centennial Committee organization and budget. 1880
January 14.

Creator: Lyman, Theodore, 1833-

Item History of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and solicitation
for donations to the Academy's Publication Fund. 1879 December 26.
Description: Printed document. Centennial Committee members listed:
Robert C. Winthrop; John Amory Lowell; Asa Gray; Nathaniel Thayer;
William B. Rogers; B. E. Cotting; H.H. Hunnewell; J. Ingersoll
Bowditch; Josiah P. Cooke, Jr.; Alexander Agassiz; Theodore Lyman;
Robert Amory; Edward Atkinson

Item Blank invitation to the Academy's Centennial Celebration. 1880 January
1.

Grand Gold Medal Committee (1881)

Subjects: clippings (information artifacts); Engineering--exhibitions; Inventions

Grand Gold Medal Application: Robert Ashe.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Automatic Child's Cradle. ca. 1881.

Creator: Ashe, Robert

Grand Gold Medal Application: H. G. Blodget.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Elevator Stops. 1881 October 15.

Creator: Blodget, H. G.

Grand Gold Medal Application: James Cunningham Son & Co. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Hearse. ca. 1881.

Creator: Bennett, C. H.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Ditson, Haynes & Co. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Mechanical OrguINETTE, the Musical Wonder. ca. 1881.

Creator: Ditson, Haynes & Co.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Goodwillie, Wyman & Co. Printers and Bookbinders Machinery.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application and Inquiry Letter: Eleven machines of the most modern styles. 1881 October 19.
Description: List of machinery -- Whitlock Cylinder Printing Presses; Half-Medium Universal Job Press; Quarter-Medium Universal Job Press; Quarter-Medium Monitor Job Press; Eighth-Medium Monitor Job Press; Champion Paper Cutter; Centennial Lever Cutter; National Paper Cutter; Dodge Ink Mill

Creator: Goodwillie, Wyman & Co Printers and Bookbinders Machinery

Grand Gold Medal Application: George Kingsbury. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Portable Aromatic Vapor. ca. 1881.

Creator: Kingsbury, George

Grand Gold Medal Application: George K. Snow. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Process and Machine for creating cloth and paper. ca. 1881.

Creator: Snow, George K.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Charles E. Spiller. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Steam-Pump Regulator. ca. 1881.

Creator: Spiller, Charles E.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Standard Fertilizing Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Standard Fertilizing Co's product. ca. 1881.

Creator: Standard Fertilizing Co.

Grand Gold Medal Application: S. C. Swett Automatic Lamp. ca. 1881.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Automatic Lamp. ca. 1881.

Description: Includes application and advertisement

Creator: Swett, S. C.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Charles Toppan.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: petroleum products. ca. 1881.

Creator: Toppan, Charles

Grand Gold Medal Application: R. H. Tucker.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Canal Boat. ca. 1881.

Creator: Tucker, R. H.

Grand Gold Medal Application: L. Wolkins. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Signals. ca. 1881.

Creator: Wolkins, L.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Francis W. Whiting.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Automatic sprinkler. ca. 1881.

Creator: Whiting, Francis W.

Grand Gold Medal Application: C. E. Haynes. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Device for instantly releasing horses and
cattle in case of fire. ca. 1881.

Creator: Haynes, C. E.

Grand Gold Medal Application: E. T. Herrick Elevator Safety. ca. 1881.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Elevator Safety. ca. 1881.

Creator: Herrick, E. T.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Hobe & Courvoisier.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Self-locking window fastener. ca. 1881.

Creator: Hobe & Courvoisier

Grand Gold Medal Application: John Kimball.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Last Gauge. ca. 1881.

Creator: Kimball, John

Grand Gold Medal Application: Knitted Carpet Lining Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Knitted Carpet Lining. ca. 1881.

Creator: Knitted Carpet Lining Co.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Mason & Hanson.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Shield for railway cars. 1881 October 19.

Creator: Mason & Hanson

Grand Gold Medal Application: Theodore Metcalf & Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Mellin's Infants Food. ca. 1881.

Creator: Theodore Metcalf & Co

Grand Gold Medal Application: Robert A. Miller.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Reform Boot. ca. 1881.
Description: Listed in Exhibition as Robert Knott and Robert A. Miller, Boston, Massachusetts. Patent dates 1870 April 26, 1881 August 9.

Creator: Miller, Robert A.

Grand Gold Medal Application: William S. Post & Co. undated.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Art Preservative. ca. 1881.

Creator: William S. Post & Co.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Aetna Grate Bar Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: The Aetna Grate. ca. 1881.

Creator: Aetna Grate Bar Company

Item Letter explaining the Aetna Grates contribution to human welfare.
undated.

Creator: Aetna Grate Bar Company

Item Copy of a testimonial letter about the Aetna Grate. undated.

Creator: Aetna Grate Bar Company

Item Advertisement for the Aetna Grate. undated.

Creator: Aetna Grate Bar Company

Grand Gold Medal Application: W. G. Anderson.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Anderson's Spring Stairs. ca. 1881.

Creator: Anderson, W. G.

Item Clipping for W. G. Anderson's Inventions Grand Gold Medal
Application. undated.

Creator: Anderson, W. G.

Grand Gold Medal Application: J. S. Andrews and Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Horton's Life Saving Mattress. ca. 1881.

Creator: J. S. Andrews and Co

Item Copies of two testimonial letters of Horton's Life Saving Mattress. 1881
November 5.

Creator: Board of Supervising Inspection of Steam Vessels and United States Local Inspectors

Grand Gold Medal Application: Andrew J. Chase.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Most perfect system of refrigeration yet discovered in use in transportation. 1881 October 17.

Creator: Chase, A. J.

Item Letter from Andrew J. Chase to Theodore Lyman explaining his system of refrigeration. 1881 October 17.

Creator: Chase, A. J.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Colton Water Motor Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: The Colton Water Motor. 1881 October 20.

Creator: Colton Water Motor Company

Item Testimonial letter for the Colton Water Motor from H. M. Jernegan to Col. C. M. Ransom. 1881 October 21.

Creator: Jernegan, H. M.

Item Testimonial Letter for the Colton Water Motor from Edward N. Whittier. 1881 October 21.

Creator: Whitter, E.

Item Testimonial Letter for the Colton Water Motor from Henry Bowditch to the Academy. 1881 November 3.

Creator: Bowditch, Henry

Grand Gold Medal Application: George W. Copeland.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Line of Boot and Shoe Machinery. 1881 October 21.

Description: 6 separate inventions are listed in the application: Lasting Machine; Power Pegging Machine; Machine for making Tack Strips for

Lasting; Machine for Treering Boots; Dewing Machines for Attaching the Soles of Boots or Shoes; Machine for Lasting Light Work

Creator: Copeland, George W.

Item Testimonial Letter from Thomas William Clarke, lawyer of George W. Copeland. 1881 October 28.

Creator: Clarke, Thomas William

Grand Gold Medal Application: George Dryden.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: The National Safety Elevator Attachments. ca. 1881.

Creator: Dryden, George

Item Advertisement for National Safety Elevator Attachments. undated.

Creator: Dryden, George

Grand Gold Medal Application: Durham House Drainage Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: House Drainage System. ca. 1881.

Creator: Durham, Caleb Wheeler, 1848-

Item Letter from C. W. Durham to Theodore Lyman on the subject of his invention. 1881 October 19.

Creator: Durham, Caleb Wheeler, 1848-

Item Durham House Drainage Company business card. undated.

Creator: Durham house drainage company, New York.

Item Specialties in Domestic Sanitary Engineering for the Promotion of Health by Pure Air. 1879.

Description: Published by Knight & Leonard Printers.

Creator: Durham, Caleb Wheeler, 1848-

Item Illustrations of the Durham System of House Drainage [1881]. 1881

Creator: Durham, Caleb Wheeler, 1848-

Grand Gold Medal Application: S. D. Hicks and Son.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Corrugated Expanding Water Conductors. 1881 October 19.

Creator: S. D. Hicks and Son

Item Letter from S. D. Hicks and Son to Theodore Lyman on their application. 1881 October 19.

Creator: S. D. Hicks and Son

Item S. D. Hicks and Son business card. undated.

Creator: S. D. Hicks and Son

Grand Gold Medal Application: L. Huntoon.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Blind Operator and Lock. ca. 1881.

Creator: Huntoon, L.

Item Advertisement for Huntoon's patent window blind operator and lock. undated.

Creator: Huntoon, L.

Grand Gold Medal Application: International Signal Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Automatic Fog-Signal. ca. 1881.
Description: Typewritten.

Creator: Stedman, D. B.

Item Letter from International Signal Company explaining the need for their invention, the Automatic Fog-Signal. undated.
Description: Typewritten.

Creator: Foule, George E.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Osmore Jenkins.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Jenkins' Repeating Attachment. ca. 1881.

Creator: Jenkins, Osmore

Item Osmore Jenkins business card and invention description. undated.

Creator: Jenkins, Osmore

Grand Gold Medal Application: R. S. Jennings.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: The Jennings Cold Air Apparatus. ca. 1881.

Creator: Jennings, R. S.

Item First Public Exhibition of Jennings Cold Air Machine. undated.
Description: Pamphlet.

Creator: Jennings, R. S.

Item The Jennings Cold Air Apparatus. 1881 September 20.
Description: Pamphlet.

Creator: Jennings, R. S.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Edwin Leigh.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Improvement in the Department of Educational, Intellectual & Moral Progress. 1881 October.

Creator: Leigh, Edwin

Item Letter on application inquiry from Edwin Leigh to Charles W. Slack. 1881 October 22.

Creator: Leigh, Edwin

Grand Gold Medal Application: Linen Glacé Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Linen Glacé. ca. 1881.

Creator: Linen Glacé Company

Item Supplement to the British Trade Journal Linen Glacé Advertisement. 1881 January.

Creator: Linen Glacé Company

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Grand Gold Medal Application: Marks Adjustable Folding Chair Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Marks Adjustable Folding Chair. ca. 1881.

Creator: Marks Adjustable Folding Chair Company

Item Marks Adjustable Folding Chair Company business card. 1881.

Creator: Marks Adjustable Folding Chair Company

Item Pamphlet on Marks Adjustable Folding Chair. 1876 February 1.

Creator: Marks Adjustable Folding Chair Company

Grand Gold Medal Application: S. P. Marsh & Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Marsh's Instantaneous Disinfectant and Deodorizer. ca. 1881.

Creator: S. P. Marsh & Co

Item Advertisement for Marsh's Instantaneous Disinfectant and Deodorizer. undated.

Creator: S. P. Marsh & Co

Grand Gold Medal Application: Merriam & Smith.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Merriam's Soldering Apparatus. ca. 1881.

Creator: Merriam, C. R.

Item Pamphlet for Merriam's Floating or Soldering Apparatus. undated.

Creator: Merriam & Smith

Grand Gold Medal Application: W. B. Moore & Son.

- Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Moore's Patent Air Closet. undated.
Creator: Moore, George R.
- Item Advertisement for Moore's Patent Air Closet. undated.
Creator: W. B. Moore & Son
- Item Pamphlet for Moore's Perfectly Odorless Sanitary Water Closet. undated.
Creator: W. B. Moore & Son

Grand Gold Medal Application: Murdock Liquid Food Co.

- Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Murdock's Liquid Food. ca. 1881.
Creator: Murdock, A. L.
- Item Letter and Advertisement for Murdock's Liquid Food. 1881 Oct 10.
Creator: Murdock Liquid Food Co

Grand Gold Medal Application: New Era Manufacturing Company.

- Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Improved Bitt and Auger. ca. 1881.
Creator: New Era Manufacturing Company
- Item Advertisement for Gladwin Improved Bitt and Auger. undated.
Creator: New Era Manufacturing Company

Grand Gold Medal Application: Norton Door-Check and Spring Co.

- Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Norton Door-Check. ca. 1881.
Creator: Norton Door-Check and Spring Co
- Item Letter detailing the function and purpose of the Norton Door-Check.
1881 October 19.
Creator: Norton, Lewis C.

Item Advertising Pamphlet for Norton Door-Check. undated.

Creator: Norton Door-Check and Spring Co

Item Newspaper page detailing Norton Door-Check. undated.

Creator: New York Mercantile Review

Grand Gold Medal Application: Plumer Patent Fertilizer Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Plummer Patent Fertilizer. ca. 1881.
Description: Listed in Exhibition as Model of a Drying and Fertilizing Machine.

Creator: Plumer, William

Item Letter from William Plumer to Theodore Lyman providing additional information on Plumer Patent Fertilizer. 1881 October 13.

Creator: Plumer, William

Item Letter to Charles H. Wing from William Plumer detailing Plumer Patent Fertilizer. 1881 December 3.

Creator: Plumer, William

Item Circular of the Plumer Patent Fertilizer Company. 1881.

Creator: Plumer Patent Fertilizer Company

Item Circular of the Pulmer Patent Fertilizer Company. undated.

Creator: Plumer Patent Fertilizer Company

Grand Gold Medal Application: Roberts Horse Shoe Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Horse shoe machine. ca. 1881.

Creator: Roberts, A. J.

Item Seal of the Roberts Horse Shoe Company. 1880 September 3.

Creator: Roberts Horse Shoe Company

Grand Gold Medal Application: William Robinson.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: The Robinson System of Electric Railway Signals. 1881 October 24.

Creator: Robinson, William

Item Advertisement of Robinsons System of Railway Cars. undated.

Creator: Robinson, William

Grand Gold Medal Application: E. Ross & Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Elastic Soapstone Roofing. ca. 1881.

Creator: Priest, D.H.

Item Two Testimonials for E. Ross & Co's Elastic Soapstone Roofing. 1878 February 5.

Creator: Mann, T. W.

Item E. Ross and & Co. business card. undated.

Creator: Priest, D.H.

Grand Gold Medal Application: Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

Grand Gold Medal Application: John Welwood Scott.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Scott's Life Saving Car Couple. ca. 1881.

Creator: Scott, John Welwood, 1777?-1842

Item Letter from John Welwood Scott to Theodore Lyman explaining that if Scott won the Grand Gold Medal, he would donate his winnings. 1881 October 17.

Creator: Scott, John Welwood, 1777?-1842

Item Letter from John Welwood Scott to Theodore Lyman providing further information on his invention. 1881 October 19.

Creator: Scott, John Welwood, 1777?-1842

Item Advertisement for Scotts Life Saving Car Couple. undated.

Creator: Scott, John Welwood, 1777?-1842

Grand Gold Medal Application: John Shinn.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Champion Flax & Hemp Decorticating Machine. ca. 1881.

Creator: Shinn, John

Item Home Industry Flax and Hemp in the United States Champion Flax & Hemp Decorticating Machine. 1881 September 1.

Creator: Shinn, John

Grand Gold Medal Application: Henry N. Stone.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Edson's Elastic Lever Truss. ca. 1881.

Creator: Stone, Henry N.

Item Note from Henry N. Stone. undated.

Creator: Stone, Henry N.

Item Advertisement for Edson's Elastic Lever Truss. undated.

Creator: Stone, Henry N.

Grand Gold Medal Application: The Union Switch and Signal Company.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: System of operating rail road signals automatically. 1881 October 6.

Creator: Union Switch and Signal Company

Item Introductory Letter for Grand Gold Medal application. 1881 October 21.

Creator: Union Switch and Signal Company

Item Union Switch and Signal Company business card. undated.

Creator: Union Switch and Signal Company

Grand Gold Medal Application: War Department Office of the Chief Signal Officer.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: U.S. Signal Service's contributions to the nation. 1881 October 24.

Creator: War Department U.S. Signal Service

Item Letter from Cleveland Able to Charles H. Wing. 1881 October 6.

Creator: Able, Cleveland

Item Annual Report of the Chief Signal Officers of the Army to the Secretary of War for the year 1881. 1881.

Creator: United States. Army. Signal Corps

Item Correspondence and reports in reference to the observation and report of storms by telegraph signal, for the benefit of commerce. 1872.

Creator: War Department U.S. Signal Service

Item Memorandum of the War Department U.S. Signal Service. undated.

Creator: War Department U.S. Signal Service

Item Proposed legislation for Signal Service, U.S. Army. 1876.

Creator: War Department U.S. Signal Service

Item Report of the Exhibit of the U.S. Signal Service. undated.

Creator: War Department U.S. Signal Service

Item The Results and prospects of the cautionary signal system. 1876 October 26.

Creator: Cashell, Joseph

Grand Gold Medal Application: Wheelocks Steam Engine.

- Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Wheelock's Steam Engine. 1881
October 17.
Description: Includes two newspaper clippings.

Creator: Wheelock, Jerome
- Item Letter to Theodore Lyman concerning submissions to Grand Gold
Medal Committee. 1881 October 18.

Creator: Wheelock, Jerome
- Item Page from Universal Exposition at Paris, 1878 concerning Wheelocks
Steam Engine. ca. 1878.

Creator: Universal Exposition at Paris
- Item Print of Grand Gold Medal of the First International Millers Exposition
1880. 1880 (on medal).

Creator: First International Millers Exposition
- Item Wheelocks Improved Variable Cut-off Engine newspaper distribution.
undated.

Creator: Wheelock, Jerome
- Item Newspaper clipping on Wheelocks Steam Engine. undated.

Creator: Wheelock Steam Engine Works

Grand Gold Medal Application: R. T. White.

- Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Adjustable Cot-Bed and Stretcher. ca.
1881.

Creator: White, R. T.
- Item Letter to Theodore Lyman. 1881 October 17.
Description: Mentions the Mechanics Charitable association

Creator: White, R. T.

Item Pamphlet on the Adjustable Cot-Bed and Stretcher. undated.

Creator: White, R. T.

Grand Gold Medal Application: John Whiteley.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Shaker Brooms. ca. 1881.

Creator: Whiteley, John

Item John Whiteley business card. undated.

Grand Gold Medal Application: George Wilson.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Adjustable Folding Chair. ca. 1881.

Creator: Wilson, George

Item Advertisement for Wilsons Adjustable Chair. undated.

Creator: Wilson, George

Grand Gold Medal Application: Woolrich & Co.

Item Grand Gold Medal Application: Ridge's Food for Infants and Invalids.
ca. 1881.

Item Letter from Woolrich & Co. to Theodore Lyman. 1881 October 20.

Item Letter from Woolrich & Co. to Theodore Lyman. 1881 October 28.

Item Advertisement for Ridges Food for Infants and Invalids. undated.

Item Circular and Testimonials for Woolrich & Co. undated.

Creator: Woolrich & Co.

**Committee considering removal of the Hall of the Academy to the Boston Society of
Natural History (1895-1896)**

Subjects: Boston Society of Natural History

Item Report of Committee considering removal of the Hall of the Academy to
the Boston Society of Natural History. 1896 February 12.

Creator: Quincy, Edmund, 1808-1802

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Item Report of the Committee to consider the Circular of the Royal Society in regard to a Catalogue of Scientific Publications. Undated.

Committee appointed to Confer with a similar Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society on accommodations for the Academy at the Massachusetts Historical Society. (1898)

Item Letter to Professor Watson requesting review of Report of the Committee. Includes Report of the Committee. 1898 January 4.

Creator: Trowbridge, John, 1843-1923

Committee on Meetings. 1913

Item Suggestions of the Committee on Meetings. 1913 March 3.