

# Collection of Jessie Willcox Smith periodical illustrations

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## **Summary Information**

<b>Repository</b>	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Fred S. Hudson Jr.
<b>Title</b>	Collection of Jessie Willcox Smith periodical illustrations
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1897-1920s
<b>Extent</b>	1 document box, 6 oversized folders
<b>Location note</b>	A11/B4/S5, red flat file 32
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The collection consists of illustrations from 1897-1920s commissioned by various magazine companies.

### **Preferred Citation note**

[identification of item], Title of Collection, Collection ID#, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Archives, Philadelphia, PA.

## **Historical note**

Jessie Willcox Smith, a native of Philadelphia, was a well known illustrator. Her depictions of children appeared frequently in juvenile books and on the covers of *Good Housekeeping* and similar publications. She also painted children's portraits. Always fond of children, Smith was a kindergarten teacher before beginning her art studies.

She attended the Philadelphia School of Design for Women very briefly, before enrolling at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where she studied from 1885 to 1888. When Howard Pyle started teaching illustration at the Drexel Institute in 1894, Jessie Willcox Smith was among his first pupils. It was in Pyle's class that she met Violet Oakley and Elizabeth Shippen Green. Both women became lifelong friends with whom Smith shared a home and studios for many years.

From 1888 until her death in 1935, Smith exhibited frequently in the Academy's annual exhibitions. For entries in these shows she was awarded the Mary Smith Prize in 1903, and the Beck Watercolor Prize in 1911. A memorial exhibition of her work, organized by the Fellowship, was held at the Pennsylvania Academy in 1936.

## **Scope and Contents note**

The collection consists of illustrations from 1897-1920s commissioned by various magazine companies.

## **Arrangement note**

Collection arranged in alphabetical order by periodical company name.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Conditions Governing Access note**

Collection is open for research.

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to materials of sensitive nature. Please contact the department for further information.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

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#### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

#### **Related collections**

PAFA's manuscripts collection includes MS.026, Jessie Willcox Smith papers.

#### **Provenance note**

The collection was donated to the Archives in October 2018 by Margaret F. Hudson, daughter of the creator of the collection, Fred S. Hudson Jr.

#### **Processing Information note**

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### **Controlled Access Headings**

**Person(s)**

**Corporate Name(s)**

**Genre(s)**

**Geographic Name(s)**

**Subject(s)**

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

### **Collection Inventory**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Box #</b>	<b>Folder #</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1902	American Monthly Review of Reviews	1	7	paper	
1921	Century	1	10	paper	
1902-1903	Century Volume LXV Volume XLIII			paper	
1905-1907	Charles Beck Jr.	1	11	paper	
1900s	Collier's	Oversized folder	5	paper	
1915	Everybody's Magazine	1	8	paper	
1903 February	Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly	1	5	paper	

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1918	Good House Keeping	1	15	paper	
1919	Good House Keeping	1	16	paper	
1921	Good House Keeping	1	17	paper	
1922	Good House Keeping	1	18	paper	
1923	Good House Keeping	1	19	paper	
1924	Good House Keeping	1	20	paper	
1925	Good House Keeping	1	21	paper	
1926	Good House Keeping	1	22	paper	
1927	Good House Keeping	1	23	paper	
1928	Good House Keeping	1	24	paper	
1929	Good House Keeping	1	25	paper	
1930	Good House Keeping	1	26	paper	
1931	Good House Keeping	1	27	paper	
1932	Good House Keeping	1	28	paper	
1933	Good House Keeping	1	29	paper	
1934	Good House Keeping	1	30	paper	
1924	Harper's Bazaar	1	9	paper	
1899, 1910, 1912	Harper's Bazaar	Oversized folder	4	paper	3 items
1900s	Ladies' Home Journal	Oversized folder	1	paper	
1903 August	McClure's Magazine	1	2	paper	
1904 January	McClure's Magazine	1	3	paper	
1904 August	McClure's Magazine	1	4	paper	
1909 November - 1910 April	McClure's Magazine Volume XXXIV	1	1	paper	
1902	Scribner's Sons	1	12	paper	
1912 August	Scribner's Sons	1	13	paper	
1926	Scribner's Sons	1	14	paper	
1920	The American Magazine	1	6	paper	
circa 1904- 1931	Various periodicals	Oversized folder	2	paper	10 items
1897-1898, 1917	Woman's Home Companion	Oversized folder	3	paper	4 items
1897-1900s	Woman's Home Companion	Oversized folder	6	paper	