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Summary Information

Repository	University Archives and Special Collections
Creator	Dime Novel Club
Title	Dime Novel Club reprints
Date [inclusive]	1877-1964
Extent	2.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	The collection contains 65 facsimile reprints of original dime novels, published by the Dime Novel Club of Brooklyn, New York. The original publication dates span 1877-1915. The reprints were published in the late 1940s.

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History of the Dime Novel Club

Charles Bragin, an avid collector of dime novels, used his vast personal collection to issue a series of reprints in the late 1940s. This enterprise became known as the Dime Novel Club and was based in Brooklyn, New York. For a small fee, collectors around the country would receive the reprints through the mail. The dime novels featured heroes such as Buffalo Bill, Frank Merriwill, Nick Carter, and Deadwood Dick.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of sixty-five reprints of original dime novels that were republished by the Dime Novel Club of Brooklyn, New York. The collection also contains one of the Dime Novel Club's catalogs and the *Dime Novel Bibliography*, written by Charles Bragin, club secretary. Due to the delicate nature of several of the reprints, photocopies have been made for use by researchers. The original publication dates span 1877-1915. The reprints were published in the late 1940s.

Arrangement

The dime novel reprints, catalog, and bibliography are contained in one box. The dime novels are arranged in the order in which they were reprinted. A second box contains the photocopies of the reprints.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Archives and Special Collections, 2009

Access to Materials

This collection is open and available to the public for research. The materials are non-circulating. The dime novel reprints are in fragile condition. As a preservation measure, researchers must view reference photocopies of the dime novels.

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Search Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- Dime Novel Club

Personal Name(s)

- Alger, Horatio, 1832-1899
- Austin, Howard
- Badger, Jos. E., (Joseph Edward), 1848-1909
- Boxer, Billy
- Bragin, Charles
- Brentford, Burke
- Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917
- Buntline, Ned, 1822 or 3-1886
- Burr, Dangerfield
- Cobb, Weldon J.
- Dana, Dimon
- Ellis, Edward Sylvester, 1840-1916
- Eyster, William R., 1841-1918, William Reynolds

- Fenton, Ralph
- Harbaugh, T. C., (Thomas Chalmers), 1849-1924
- Hoyne, Morris
- Ingraham, Prentiss, 1843-1904
- James, W. I.
- Jenardo, Don
- Jenks, George C.
- Lawson, W. B.
- Montgomery, Richard R.
- Moore, Harry
- Post, A. H.
- Reade, Philip
- St. George, Harry
- Standish, Burt L., 1866-1945
- Stevens, D. W., 1849-1901
- Teaser, Tom
- Travers, J. M, Col.
- Vose, John D.
- Wheeler, Edward L., (Edward Lytton), 1854 or 5-1885
- Winch, Will

Subject(s)

- Adventure stories
- Dime novels
- Penny dreadfuls

General Note

The dates given are the original publishing dates. The dime novels were reprinted throughout the 1940s.

Collection Inventory

Box	Folder	
1	1	Wheeler, Edward L., (Edward Lytton), 1854 or 5-1885. "Deadwood Dick, the Prince of the Road; or, The Black Rider of the Black Hills." <i>Beadle's Half Dime Library</i> , Vol. 1, No. 1. New York: Beadle and Adams, 1877
1	1	"Frank James on the Trail." <i>Morrison's Sensational Series</i> , Vol. 1, No. 46. New York: John W. Morrison, 1 July 1882
1	1	"Nick Carter's Mysterious Case; or, The Road-House Tragedy." <i>Nick Carter Library</i> , No. 248. New York: Street and Smith, 2 May 1896
1	1	Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917. "Gold Bullet Sport; or, The Knights of the Overland." <i>Beadle's Dime Library</i> , Vol. VII, No. 83. New York: Beadle and Adams, 17 December 1879
1	1	"The Haunted Churchyard, or, Old King Brady, the Detective, and the Mystery of the Iron Vault." <i>The New York Detective Library</i> , Vol. 1, No. 371. New York: Frank Tousey, 4 January 1890
1	1	"Frank Reade and his Steam Man of the Plains." <i>The Five Cent Wide Awake Library</i> , Vol. I, No. 541. New York: Frank Tousey, 24 January 1883
1	1	Badger, Jos. E., (Joseph Edward), 1848-1909. "Gentleman Joe the Gilt-Edged Sport." <i>Log Cabin Library</i> , No. 159. New York: Street and Smith, 31 March 1892
1	1	Teaser, Tom. "Muldoon's Boarding House." <i>SNAPS</i> , No. 39. New York: Frank Tousey, 4 July 1900
1	1	Alger, Horatio, 1832-1899. "Adrift in New York, or, Dodger and Florence Braving the World." <i>Brave and Bold</i> , No. 45. New York: Street and Smith, 31 October 1903
1	2	Stevens, D. W., 1849-1901. "The James Boys in No Man's Land: or, The Bandit King's Last Ride." <i>The New York Detective Library</i> , Vol. 1, No. 438. New York: Frank Tousey, 18 April 1891
1	2	"Frank Reade, Jr., and his Queen Clipper of the Clouds, Part I." <i>Frank Reade Library</i> , Vol. II, No. 44. New York: Frank Tousey, 22 July 1893
1	2	"Frank Reade, Jr., and his Queen Clipper of the Clouds, Part II." <i>Frank Reade Library</i> , Vol. II, No. 45. New York: Frank Tousey, 29 July 1893
1	2	Hoyne, Morris. "The Mysterious Major; or, Was He Blue or Gray." <i>The War Library</i> , Vol. 6, No. 269. New York: Novelist Publishing Co., 5 November 1887
1	2	Ingraham, Prentiss, 1843-1904. "Adventures of Buffalo Bill from Boyhood to Manhood." <i>Beadle's Boy's Library of Sport, Story and Adventure</i> , Vol. I, No. 1. New York: Beadle and Adams, 14 December 1881
1	2	Ellis, Edward Sylvester, 1840-1916. "Camps in the Rockies; or, Adventures among the Trappers." <i>The Campfire Library</i> , Vol. III, No. 59. New York: Camp-fire Library Co., 27 October 1888

- 1 2 "Youth Sleuth in Demijohn City; or, Waltzing William's Dancing School." *Young Sleuth Library*, Vol. III, No. 77. New York: Frank Tousey, 17 March 1894
- 1 2 "Jack Wright and his Electric Air Rocket; or, The Boy Exile of Siberia." *The Boys' Star Library*, No. 341. New York: Frank Tousey, 3 August 1894
- 1 2 Ingraham, Prentiss, 1843-1904. "Wild Bill, the Pistol Prince." *Beadle's Pocket Library*, Vol. XXX, No. 383. New York: Beadle and Adams, 13 May 1891
- 1 2 Ellis, Edward Sylvester, 1840-1916. "Seth Jones; or, The Captives of the Frontier." *Beadle's Half Dime Library*, Vol. I, No. 8. New York: Beadle and Adams, 1877
- 1 3 Brentford, Burke. "Rocky Mountain Sam, or, The Wind-Specter of the Black-Foot." *Log Cabin Library*, No. 397. New York: Street and Smith, 22 October 1896
- 1 3 "Young Klondike: or, Off for the Land of Gold." *Young Klondike: Stories of a Gold Seeker*, No. 1. New York: Frank Tousey, 16 March 1898
- 1 3 Moore, Harry. "The Liberty Boys of '76'; or, Fighting for Freedom." *The Liberty Boys of '76'*, No. 1. New York: Frank Tousey, 4 January 1901
- 1 3 Lawson, W. B.. "Dashing Diamond Dick, or, The Tigers of Tombstone." *Diamond Dick, Jr.*, No. 104. New York: Street and Smith, 8 October 1898
- 1 3 Lawson, W. B.. "Diamond Dick Jr.'s Call Down; or, The King of the Silver Box." *Diamond Dick Library*, No. 175. New York: Street and Smith, 7 March 1896
- 1 3 "Old Sleuth, Badger, and Co." *Old Sleuth Library*, Vol. III, No. 59. New York: George Munro, 17 December 1891
- 1 3 "Young Wild West: The Prince of the Saddle." *Wild West Weekly*, No. 1. New York: Frank Tousey, 24 October 1902
- 1 3 Dana, Dimon. "Boston Bill: or, The Mad Mountaineer." *The Champion Library*, Vol. I, No. 11. New York: Champion, 10 December 1881
- 1 3 Cobb, Weldon J.. "The Colconda Gold Mine; or, A Scheme for Millions." *Saturday Library*, Vol. II, No. 152. New York: Saturday Library Co., 17 November 1888
- 1 3 Jenardo, Don. "The True Life of Billy the Kid." *The Five Cent Wide Awake Library*, Vol. I, No. 451. New York: Frank Tousey, 29 August 1881
- 1 4 Winch, Will. "The Lawyer Detective: or, The Mystery at Three Oaks Ranch." *Old Cap. Collier Library*, No. 379. New York: Munro's, 4 August 1890
- 1 4 Boxer, Billy. "Yale Murphy, the Great Short-Stop, or, The Little Midget of the Giant New York Team." *New York Five Cent Library*, No. 87. New York: Street and Smith, 30 June 1894
- 1 4 Harbaugh, T. C., (Thomas Chalmers), 1849-1924. "Little Oskaloo, or, The White Whirlwind." *Nickel Library*, Series One, No. 17. Chicago: Pictorial Printing Co., 1877
- 1 4 Buntline, Ned, 1822 or 3-1886. "Wild Bill's Last Trail." *Diamond Dick Library*, No. 192. New York: Street and Smith, 4 July 1896
- 1 4 "Kit Carson, Jr., the Crack Shot of the West." *Beadle's Dime New York Library*, Vol. I, No. 3. New York: Beadle and Adams, 1878

- 1 4 Montgomery, Richard R.. "Two Boys' Trip to an Unknown Planet." *Pluck and Luck*, No. 174. New York: Frank Tousey, 2 October 1901
- 1 4 "The Counterfeiter's Gold Tooth; or, Nick Carter's Crooked Correspondent." *Nick Carter Library*, No. 179. New York: Street and Smith, 5 January 1895
- 1 4 "The Bradys after the Tong Kings, or, The Red Lady of Chinatown." *Secret Service: Old and Young King Brady Detectives*, No. 565. New York: Frank Tousey, 19 November 1909
- 1 4 "Frank Reade Jr.'s New Electric Submarine Boat 'The Explorer'; or, To the North Pole Under the Ice." *Frank Reade Library*, Vol. I, No. 17. New York: Frank Tousey, 5 October 1892
- 1 5 "Chased Over Three Continents." *The New York Detective Library*, Vol. 1, No. 452. New York: Frank Tousey, 25 July 1891
- 1 5 Travers, J. M, Col.. "Custer's Last Shot; or, The Boy Trailer of the Little Horn." *The Five Cent Wide Awake Library*, Vol. II, No. 1196. New York: Frank Tousey, 31 March 1894
- 1 5 Vose, John D.. "B'hoys of Yale; or, The Scrapes of a Hard Set of Collegians." *Beadle's Dime New York Library*, Vol. III, No. 32. New York: Beadle and Adams, 1878
- 1 5 Ingraham, Prentiss, 1843-1904. "Pawnee Bill, The Prairie Shadower, or, The Gold Queen's Secret." *Beadle's Half Dime Library*, Vol. XXII, No. 560. New York: Beadle and Adams, 17 April 1888
- 1 5 Moore, Harry. "The Liberty Boys and Rochambeau; or, Fighting with French Allies." *The Liberty Boys of "76"*, No. 295. New York: Frank Tousey, 24 August 1906
- 1 5 Wilder, William West, (Wyoming Bill). "Wild Bill's Sable Pard." *Beadle's Popular Library*, Vol. II, No. 48. New York: Beadle and Adams, 24 February 1892
- 1 5 St. George, Harry. "Daring Davy, the Young Bear Killer; or, The Trail of the Border Wolf." *Beadle's Half Dime Library*, Vol. V, No. 108. New York: Beadle and Adams, 19 August 1879
- 1 5 Austin, Howard. "The Red Leather Bag: A Weird Story of Land and Sea." *Pluck and Luck*, No. 170. New York: Frank Tousey, 4 September 1901
- 1 5 "Nick Carter, Detective." *Nick Carter Detective Library*, No. 1. New York: Street and Smith, 8 August 1891
- 1 5 Teaser, Tom. "Muldoons' Base Ball Club in Philadelphia." *The Five Cent Wide Awake Library*, Vol. I, No. 971. New York: Frank Tousey, 7 June 1890
- 1 6 Moore, Harry. "The Liberty Boys and Lafayette; or, Helping the Young French General." *The Liberty Boys of "76"*. New York: Frank Tousey, 20 August 1915
- 1 6 James, W. I.. "Sea-Dog Charlie: or, The Adventures of a Boy Hero." *The Five Cent Wide Awake Library*, Vol. II, No. 1182. New York: Frank Tousey, 16 September 1893
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- 1 6 Burr, Dangerfield. "Buffalo Bill, the Buckskin King; or, The Amazon of the West." *Beadle's Dime New York Library*, Vol. VIII, No. 92. New York: Beadle and Adams, 21 April 1880

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- 1 6 Stevens, D. W., 1849-1901. "The Lives of the Ford Brothers." *The Boys of New York Pocket Library*, No. 87. New York: Frank Tousey, 1880
- 1 7 "Frank Reade and his Steam Horse." *The Five Cent Wide Awake Library*, Vol. I, No. 553. New York: Frank Tousey, 18 April 1883
- 1 7 Reade, Philip. "Tom Edison Jr.'s Electric Sea Spider, or, The Wizard of the Submarine World." *The Nugget Library*, No. 134. New York: Street and Smith, 11 February 1892
- 1 7 Eyster, William R., 1841-1918, William Reynolds. "A Rolling Stone: Incidents in the Career on Sea and Land, as a Boy and Man, of Colonel Prentiss Ingraham, Soldier, Sailor and Wanderer." *Beadle's Boy's Library of Sport, Story and Adventure*, Vol. I, No. 13. New York: Beadle and Adams, 8 March 1882
- 1 7 Ingraham, Prentiss, 1843-1904. "California Joe, the Mysterious Plainsman." *Beadle's Boy's Library of Sport, Story and Adventure*, Vol. III, No. 54. New York: Beadle and Adams, 20 December 1882
- 1 7 Post, A. H.. "Roving Joe: The History of a Young 'Border Ruffian': Brief Scenes from the Life of Joseph E. Badger, Jr." *Beadle's Boy's Library of Sport, Story and Adventure*, 25 January 1882
- 1 7 "Frank Reade, Jr., and his New Steam Man; or, The Young Inventor's Trip to the Far West." *Frank Reade Library*, Vol. I, No. 1. New York: Frank Tousey, 24 September 1892
- 1 7 Stevens, D. W., 1849-1901. "The James Boys in Minnesota." *The Five Cent Wide Awake Library*, Vol. I, No. 479. New York: Frank Tousey, 8 March 1882
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- 1 7 Fenton, Ralph. "Cavalry Jack in the Swamps." *The 5-Cent Weekly Library*, Vol. I, No. 48. New York: Frank Tousey, 5 November 1883
- 1 7 "Train Wreckers Betrayed, or, Bob Brooks in Kansas." *Bob Brooks Library*, No. 27. New York: A. E. Ostendorff, 15 January 1894
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