

**Civil War-Era Political Cartoons****PRI4513+**

**QUANTITY:** 107 cartoons (11 folders)  
**ACCESS:** Open to research  
**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:** Several items are missing from the collection as noted in the inventory. Ten items were recovered in 2008 by the Office of New York State Attorney General. These ten items are noted by an asterisk (\*) in the item list.  
**ACQUISITION:** Source unrecorded; accessioned May 1985  
**PROCESSED BY:** Paul Mercer, Senior Librarian, October 2005

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

While most of the editorial cartoons in this collection relate to Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, post-war reconstruction, and national political themes of that era, such as electoral politics, slavery and the Emancipation Proclamation, there is a small group concerning political themes from the 1830s.

Few of the cartoons are signed. Of these, 17 are by Thomas Nast, and appear to have been clipped from issues of *Harper's Weekly* or similar contemporary news magazines. Thirty-seven of the cartoons in the collection were issued as prints by Currier & Ives.

**Item List**

Folder	Item	Title	Date	Artist	Publisher
1	1	The Key-Note of the Campaign	1868(?)	Thomas Nast	
1	2	Satan Don't Get Thee Behind Me!" – Any Thing to Get Possession		Thomas Nast	
1	3	Clasping Hands Over the Bloodless (Sar)c(h)asm		Thomas Nast	
1	4	Apollo Amusing the Gods		Thomas Nast	
1	5	"The Pirates" Under False Colors. – Can They Capture the Ship of State?		Thomas Nast	
1	6	Grand Masquerade Ball Given by Mr. Maretzek at the Academy of Music	1866	Thomas Nast	
1	7	That "Tidal Wave" – "We Are on the Home Stretch"	1868(?)	Thomas Nast	
1	8	Ulysses the Giant Killer			
1	9	*The Old General Ready for a "Movement"			
1	10	The Great American Tanner – MISSING January 2008	1868	Thomas Worth	Currier & Ives

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2	11	*The Precarious Situation			
2	12	The Radical Party On A Heavy Grade – MISSING January 2008	1868	J.M.J.	Currier & Ives
2	13	Re-Construction or A “White Man’s Government – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
2	14	*Republican Platform, or The Political Mountebank			John McDermott
2	15	The Man of Words, The Man of Deeds, Which Do You Think the Country Needs? – MISSING January 2008	1868(?)	Cameron	Currier & Ives
2	16	Little Mac, in His Great Two Horse Act, in the Presidential Canvass of 1864	1864	Howard	T. W. Strong
2	17	The Political “Siamese Twins. The Offspring of Chicago Miscegenation – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
2	18	Little Mac Trying to Dig His Way to the White House But Is Frightened by Spiritual Manifestations			
2	19	A Thrilling Incident During Voting, 18 <sup>th</sup> Ward, Philadelphia, Oct. 11			
2	20	Copperheads Worshiping Their Idol	1868(?)		
3	21	The Democratic Platform			
3	22	Progressive Democracy – Prospect of a Smash Up – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
3	23	Democracy 1832 [versus] 1864	1864		L. Prang
3	24	Heads of the Democracy			
3	25	Democracy in Search of a Candidate – MISSING January 2008	1868	Cameron	Currier & Ives
3	26	Shadows of Forthcoming Events		Thomas Nast	
3	27	Democratic Platform Made Easy		H.R. Woma	
3	28	The Gunboat Candidate at the Battle of Malvern Hill – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
3	29	Stephen Finding “His Mother” – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
3	30	“Taking the Stump” or Stephen in Search of His Mother – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives

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4	31	The Union As It Was, and The Union As It Will Be, When Reconstructed on the Basis of Constitutional Freedom		“Designed by W. J. Demorest”	From Demorest’s <i>New York Illustrated News</i>
4	32	How Free Ballot Is Protected!			
4	33	Desperate Peace Man			
4	34	The “If” Candidate for the Presidency		J. Gibson	
4	35	The Great Match at Baltimore Between the “Illinois” Bantam and the “Old Cock” of the White House – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
4	36	The Great November Contest. Patriotism Versus Bummerism	1868		
4	37	Running the “Machine” – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
4	38	The True Issue or “That’s What’s The Matter” – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
4	39	“Your Plan and Mine” – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
4	40	“I Knew Him Horatio; A Fellow of Infinite Jest ... Where Be Your Gibes Now?”		Howard	
5	41	Platforms Illustrated	1868		
5	42	Abraham’s Dream! – “Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before.” – MISSING January 2008	1864		Currier & Ives
5	43	Abraham’s Dream! – “Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before.” (Copy 2) – MISSING January 2008	1864		Currier & Ives
5	44	Honest Abe Taking Them on the Half Shell – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
5	45	*The Sportsman Upset by the Recoil of His Own Gun		JO. Miller	
5	46	The Great Exhibition of 1860 – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
5	47	The Rail Candidate – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
5	48	The Old Bull Dog on the Right Track – MISSING January 2008	1864		Currier & Ives
5	49	*The “Rail Splitter” at Work Repairing the Union		J.E. BAKER	

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5	50	The Commander-in-Chief Conciliating the Soldier's [sic] Votes on the Battlefield	1864(?)		
6	51	The National Game. Three "Outs" and One "Run" – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
6	52	Abe Linking with His Significantly Named Cabinet	1864	R.D. Goodwin	M.E. Goodwin
6	53	*Columbia Demands Her Children		J.E. Baker	
6	54	The Chicago Platform And Candidate. A War Candidate On A Peace Platform – MISSING January 2008	1864		Currier & Ives
6	55	The Chicago Platform	1864		
6	56	Behind the Scenes			
6	57	Little Mack [sic] & His Party "Going Up" Salt River on a Gun Boat – MISSING January 2008	1864(?)		
6	58	Honest Old Abe on the Stump [1858 vs. 1860]	1860		
6	59	The War Candidate on a Peace Platform	1864		
6	60	A Little Game of Bagatelle, Between Old Abe the Rail Splitter & Little Mac the Gunboat General – MISSING January 2008	1864	J.L. McGee	J.L. McGee
7	61	Political "Blondins" Crossing the Salt River – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
7	62	"The Impending Crisis" – or Caught in the Act	1860		Currier & Ives
7	63	"The Irrepressible Conflict." or the Republican Barge in Danger – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
7	64	An Heir to the Throne, or The Next Republican Candidate – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
7	64	"The Nigger" in the Woodpile – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
7	65	The Political Gymnasium – MISSING January 2008	1860		Currier & Ives
7	67	Headquarters at Harrison's Landing			
7	68	Turning the Tables on the Overseer			R. & T. Hamilton

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7	69	The Tammany Tiger Loose – “What Are You Going To Do About It?”			
7	70	A Union Lady Taking a View of the Modest General ...	1864(?)		
8	71	Comparison of Products, Population, and Resources of the Free and Slave States	1861		John M. Batchelder
8	72	*The Confederacy in Petticoats	1865		
8	73	The Capture of Jeff Davis	1865		
8	74	*The Head of the Confederacy on a New Base	1865		Hilton & Co.
8	75	Jeff’s Last Shift. Capture of Jeff. Davis, May 10 <sup>th</sup> 1865, at Irwinsville, Ga.	1865	J.B.	J. H. Bufford
8	76	The True Peace Commissioners – MISSING January 2008	1865		Currier & Ives
8	77	*The Capture of an Unprotected Female, or The Close of the Rebellion	1865		Currier & Ives
8	78	*THE LAST DITCH OF THE CHIVALRY, OR A PRESIDENT IN PETTICOATS (3 Copies) – 2 copies MISSING January 2008; Copy 3 still MISSING	1865		Currier & Ives
8	79	The Voluntary Manner in Which Some of the Southern Volunteers Enlist		Thos. Worth	
8	80	The Folly of Secession			
9	81	South Carolina’s Ultimatum – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
9	82	The “Secession Movement” – MISSING January 2008	1861		Currier & Ives
9	83	Southern “Volunteers”			
9	84	Rats Quitting the Ship		H.D.	H.R. Robinson
9	85	The Smelling Committee – MISSING January 2008	1868		Currier & Ives
9	86	Andy’s Trip		Thomas Nast	
9	87	Andrew Johnson’s Reconstruction And How It Works	1866(?)	Thomas Nast	
9	88	Amphitheatrum Johnsonianum – Massacre of the Innocents at New Orleans, July 30, 1866	1866	Thomas Nast	

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9	89	Political Caricature No. 1. The Grave of the Union, or Major Jack Downing's Dream Drawn by Zeke	1863(?)		Bromley
9	90	Political Caricature No. 2. Miscegenation or The Millennium of Abolitionism	1864		Bromley
10	91	Political Caricature No. 3. The Abolition Catastrophe, or The November Smash-Up	1864		Bromley
10	92	Uncle Sam Protecting His Property Against the Encroachments of His Cousin John	1861		E. Stauch
10	93	The Ghost. A New Spectral Illusion Lately Discovered in Europe, and Now Causing a Great Commotion in America – MISSING January 2008	1863		Currier & Ives
10	94	A Disloyal British "Subject" – MISSING January 2008			Currier & Ives
10	95	Caucus on the Surplus Bill			H.R. Robinson
10	96	A Bivouack in Safety or Florida Troops Preventing a Surprise		H.D..	H.R. Robinson
10	97	The Mechanic, Robert Smith The People's Favorite Honest, Energetic & Capable			H.R. Robinson
10	98	Sub Treasurers Meeting in England	1838		H.R. Robinson
10	99	Major Joe Bunker's Last Parade, or The Fix of a Senator and His 700 Independents	1837		H.R. Robinson
10	100	The Constitution and Its Nurses	Ca. 1837(?)		Willis & Probst
11	101	Going Through the Form of Universal Suffrage		Thomas Nast	
11	102	The Workingman's Mite		Thomas Nast	
11	103	Impeachment			
11	104	Keep the Ball Rolling		Thomas Nast	
11	105	Matched? [U.S. Grant vs. Horatio N. Seymour]	1868	Thomas Nast	
11	106	Justice on the Rail – Erie Railroad (Ring) Smash Up		Thomas Nast	
11	107	What Are You Laughing At? To the Victor Belong the Spoils	1871	Thomas Nast	

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