



## **MG 545 – Allan Cushon collection**

**Dates:** ca.1790 – 2006 (inclusive) ; 1880-1960 (predominant)

**Extent:** 260 cm graphic and textual materials; 4 black and white photographs

**Biography:** For many years, Allan Cushon was the owner of Saskatoon’s most recognizable locksmithing shop, Burnett’s Key’s. Allan was a University of Saskatchewan Alumnus, and an avid collector of books, magazines, and other things with particular focus on mysteries, Sherlockian works, and anything to do with locks and keys. Allan passed away in 2014.

**Scope and Content:** This collection contains books, magazines, and a variety of ephemera associated with themes of Canadiana, advertising, keys, locks, and locksmithing, mysteries, socialism, sex and gender, science fiction, western living, adventure.

**Arrangement:** This collection contains books, magazines, and a variety of ephemera. Much of the material consists of advertising (dating from the Victorian era to the present), and Canadiana. Other themes include socialism, sex and gender, science fiction, western living, and adventure. In line with Cushon's interests as a locksmith, there are also a variety of materials relating to locks, keys, and locked room mysteries.

- Series I: Saskatchewania/ Canadiana Collecting**
- Series II: Advertising and Souvenirs Collection**
- Series III: Keys, Locks and Locksmithing collection**
- Series IV: Magazines Collection**
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- Series VI: Miscellaneous Collections**
- Series VII: Personal**

**Restrictions:** There are no restrictions on access.

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**Series I: Saskatchewania/ Canadiana Collecting**

1. Bladon Family Scrapbook – ca. 1884-1889, 1999

Includes 1999 article “In A Prairie Attic: Bladon Family Toys” describing the acquisition by the WDM of 1700 artifacts from a local family who settled in the area around 1920. The rest of the album features clippings from around 1884-1889 on topics of: romance, flirting with gloves, recipes, obituaries, birthdays, marriages, descriptions of parties, anecdotes, sayings, cartoons (some blackface), humor, a game of Sudoku. Clippings related to life on the farm, domestic life, Christmas. Clipped signatures and drawings by hand. Clippings on the Czar of Russia, the Knights of Labor, Queen Victoria, President Cleveland, American generals, the Kaiser. Clippings from baking soda, baking powder and corn starch advertisements (color, many of cattle), Scott’s Emulsion proverbs. Book concludes with a clipping from the family farm auction poster.

All overlaid on a former record of attendance and punctuality.

2. Four Journals – 1925-1927, 1932

Talk of agricultural pursuits and the weather.

3. Minute Book – 1928

Two minute books used as journals, detailing life on the prairies, family life, community life, and the weather.

4. CPR record book – ca. 1913

Incomplete record book detailing rough financial estimates for CPR stations around Saskatchewan.

5. Fisher’s Scientific Course for Trapping Wolves, Coyotes, Fox, Mink, and Weasel

6. David Geary cartoons – 1973-1974

7. Penitentiary Regulations – 1933

Once belonged to Malcolm Daisy, contains his notes.

8. Arts Canada – 1967-1968

9. Canadian Art – 1943-1966

9. Canadian Art – 1943-1966 (cont’d)

10. CBC Times – 1963-1964

11. Saskatchewan history – 1948-1963

12. Agricultural Pamphlets – 1925

Plum Culture and District Lists of Plums Suitable for Canada; Cultivation of the Apple in Canada with Descriptions and Lists of Varieties.

13. Saskatchewan Farmers Union Materials – 1950-1961  
Convention booklets, constitution and bylaws, booklet “The Rise and Fall of Canadian Farm Organizations” by J. Schulz
14. 11-7. M.J. Coldwell C.C.F. Posters – ca. 1940-1950 – see OS on shelf
15. Canadian Astrology – 1938
16. Saskatchewan Arts Board 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Report – 1953
17. A Tribute to Tommy Douglas – See OS on shelf  
Double sided record of Tommy Douglas’ speeches.

**Series II: Advertising and Souvenirs Collection**

1. Collectible cigarette cards – ca. 1940-1945  
Images of sea planes, crocodiles, boxers, stamps, war planes, saving the wounded.
2. Advertising – ca. 1920-1960  
The Irwin Specialty company (selling party supplies, costumes, games, novelty cards, etc.) ; Phonograph booklets; Tableware booklets; T & T Seed digest; The Epicures Club; glasses; Dominion Seed House; Radiant heating; Frigidaire;
3. 1934 World Fair – 1934
4. Souvenir Brochures – 1941-1978  
Yellowstone, the Louvre, Woburn, Beaulieu, Blenheim Palace, SBAC Flying Display and Exhibition, Jules Olitski, the Edison Institute,
5. The Queen’s Silver Jubilee – 1977
6. Collecting magazines  
Yamaha Saxophones, pens.
7. Hunting, Fishing and Sportsman Catalogues – 1912- ca.1945  
Including a liar’s licence for fishermen.
8. *These colorful chromolithographic trade cards were frequently packaged in with products, or handed out as a form of adverting, particularly from the 1870’s to the early 1900’s. Their target audience was frequently children, who would collect the cards.*
  - 8-a. Trade Cards: Chicoree Extra Marque A La Belle Jardiniere, C. Beriot A Lille – 17 cards  
Chromo print cards featuring images of children, primarily, in Asia or Europe, many with gold backgrounds. Some Christmas, spring, and hunting scenes also included. Sold with Chickoree (Chicory) flavoring for drinks, from Lille France.

8.b. Trade Cards: Star Soaps – ca. 1885-1894 – 10 cards

Larger chromolithograph cards from soap company based out of Zanesville, Ohio. Mostly children pictured.

8.c. Trade Cards: Soaps and Cleaners, Various brands

Lautz Bros & co – Buffalo N.Y. – 1880-1890 – 4 cards

Hargraves MFG. Co. – Fall River, Mass. – ca. 1885 – 3 cards

Swift & co. – U.S.A. – 1907 – 2 cards

James Kirk & co.- Chicago, Ill. – ca. 1880's – 3 cards

Soapine – Providence, R. I. – ca. 1890's – 3 cards

James Pyle's Pearline – New York – 1870-1907 – 2 cards

Also: I. L. Cragin (Philadelphia); French Vanilla Soap (Springfield, Mass.);

Mission Soap and Candle works (San Francisco) Sapolio cleaner (New

York); Lavine Soap; James Davis and Son (Boston); Lustro (silver cleaner) – 7 cards

Images of Chinese laundry, children, outdoor scenes.

8.d. Trade Cards: Musical Instruments

Ivers & Pond Piano co. – Boston, Mass. – ca. 1890's – 2 cards

Also: Chickering & Sons and J. & C. Fischer Pianos (Boston) ; Estey Organ

Company (Brattleboro V.T., 1890) ; The Jacob Doll Grand and Upright

Pianos (Albany) ; Heintzman & co. Pianos (Toronto) ; The Dominon Organ

and Piano co. (Bowmanville Ont.); Sterling Pianos (Mass.)- 5 cards

Images of floral scenes. Some images of children.

8.e. Trade Cards: Pharmacy

Burdock Blood Bitters – Buffalo N.Y. – 1870-1890 – 3 cards

Hoyt's German Cologne – Lowell, Mass. – 1895 – 2 cards

Parker's Ginger Tonic – New York – 1879-1890 – 2 cards

Vegetine: The Great Blood Purifier – Boston Mass. And Toronto Ont. – 1880-1890 – 4 cards

Dr. Morse's Compound Syrup of Yellow Dockroot – ca. 1901 – 2 cards

Lynn, Massachusetts: Mrs. Dinsmore and Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham remedies – ca. 1877 – 2 cards

Colognes: Novelties in Perfumery, (Wilkes-Barre, PA); Austen's Forest Flower Cologne (Norwich, Conn.) – 2 cards

Pharmacies: Levingers Pharmacy (1893); E. H. Boscher Pharmacist (San Diego); Berks St. Pharmacy; T. J. McLaughlin & co. (Lee, Mass.) ; Pharmacie Normale (Paris); W. H. Buffington,

Registered Pharmacist (Bristol, Rhode Island) – 6 cards  
Remedies: German Corn Remover; Davis Pain Medication; Sapanule;  
Seidlitine; Dean's Insect Powder (Rhode Island); Gates  
vegetable plaster (Middleton, N.S.); Horsford's Acid Posphate  
for Mental and Physical Exhaustion, dyspepsia & co.  
(Providence, Rhode Island); Hunt's Remedy company  
(Providence Rhode Is., 1888); Hood's Sasparilla (Lowell, Mass.)  
; Ayers Sasparilla; Castoria (New York); Laxta Cura laxative  
syrup (Tyngsboro Mass); Merchant's Gargling Oil liniment  
(Skowhecan, ME)– 13 cards

Images of angels, cherubim, invalids, children, outdoor scenes, winter  
scenes, croquet, dogs, horses.

8.f. Trade Cards: Coal

7 Waybosset St. – 3 cards  
Frank Binder, Dealer in Coal and Wood, Trenton N. J.  
M. Hunt & co's Coal

Images of children, elves, chickens.

8.g. Trade Cards: Niagara Corn Starch – ca. 1880's - 1900's - 6 cards

Images of children in lace, pastoral scenes.

8.h. Trade Cards: Drinks

Cocoa: Bendsdorp's Royal Dutch (New York); Chicoree a la Menagere  
(French); Van Houten's Cocoa (Holland); Cacao und Chocoladen  
(German) – 4 cards  
Tea: Geo. B. Whittredge (Boston); The Great American Tea company  
(New York); Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (New York);  
Ty-phoo Tea– 6 cards  
Coffee: Lion Coffee (Toledo, Oh.); Pure Jersey Coffee – 3 cards  
Supplements: Mellin's Food (Boston); Summit Mineral Spring Water  
(New York) – 3 cards

Images of children, winter scenes, medieval scenes; cutout of a man and  
a woman sharing tea and coffee across a window; an overweight man  
and his tailor; ballet, clowns; chickens, Christmas, winter,  
biblical/mythical scenes.

8.i. Trade Cards: Candy and Preserves

Preserves: Ritter's Preserved Fruit, Jellies, Fruit Butters & c. (St. Louis,  
Mo); W. M. M. Vogelsson Manufacturing Confectioner; The Alden

Fruit Vinegar – 3 cards

Candies: Pursell Company (New York); Chocolat Poulain; Cole's Pure Candies (Lowell, Mass.); Dr. Davis' Pawtucket Candies (Providence R. I.); Vienna Confectionery (Worcester, Mass) – 6 cards

Images of children with oversized candy; easter eggs; floral motifs.

8.j. Trade Cards: Meat, Vegetable; Bread, Spices

Spices: Mme. A. Favier's Prepared Seasoning (Boston); Thurbers' S. I. Spices; "Le Gout (French) – 3 cards

Meat: Liebig Company's Extract of Meat; Magnolia Ham (1878); Boucherie ch. Poulain (Paris); Deux Maitres D'Hotel a Tour de Bras (Paris); A.&J. W. Flagg (Chicago). – 5 cards

Parker & Wood Vegetable and Flower Seeds (Boston)

Starlight: Choice St. Louis Family Flour – St. Louis

Also: King Arthur Flour (Minnesota); Burt & Sneider flour; Butter Nut Bread; Conneticut Pop Corn Co.;A&P Baking Powder; Magic Yeast Cakes – 5 cards

Exotic scenes; clowns; cartoons; floral motifs; blackface

8.k. Trade Cards: Books and Printing, etc.

Life insurance: Western and Southern Life Insurance Company (Cincinnati); Industrial Insurance: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (New York) – 2 cards

Printing: Henry P. Porter: Dealer in Fancy Advertising Cards (Providence, Rhode Island); Crown Printing Co. (Northford Conneticut) – 6 cards

Books: Steele & Avery School Books at one price; Moden-Almanach (German); Ayer's almanac (Lowell, Mass.) – 4 cards

Entertainment: Bennett & Moulton's Comic Opera (1870-1890); Corinne and her Merrie Makers in the latest musical sensations Olivette! Mascot! And the Magic Slipper, Revisited (1881); W. C. Coup's Ten Shows Combined (1880's - 1890's); Theatre de la Poupee Modele: La Baba Enchante (French paper doll show); Permanent Exhibition of Manufactures (Toronto).

Images of children, drunken chefs, historical figures, one puzzle card

8.l. Trade Cards : Thread

Clark's O.N.T. Spool Cotton – ca.1875-1890's – 6 cards

J&P Coats – New York – ca. 1890's – 5 cards

Brainerd Armstrong & co. Spool Silks (Norwich Conneticut)

M. T. Co's American Standard Six Cord  
Merick Thread company: The Spider and the Tiger: ca. 1890 – *this card was given to Allan by well-known arachnologist Don Buckle.*

Images of children; landscapes; kittens; fishing; Egyptian and mythological motifs

8.m. Trade Cards: Clothing

Universal Fashion Company: London, Paris and New York - 3 cards

Misfit Parlours – Boston – 1880-1890 – 3 cards

Donnell Clothing Company – 2 cards

Also: E.B. Crofut & Co (Syracuse, NY); Mme Demorest's Reliable Patterns (Portland, ME); R. Ballerstein & co.: Importers of Millinery and Gloves (Hartford, Conn.); Besse, Mills & co. (Holyoke); Putnam Clothing House (Chicago, Il.); The Plymouth Clothing House (Minneapolis); Schilling Corset Co (Detroit Michigan) – 8 cards

Images of fashionable women, children, owls. Many with gold embellishment, some comedic.

8.n. Trade Cards: Shoes

Unmarked images of children having adventures at sea in shoes. – 4 cards  
Baldwin & Miller, Edwin C. Burt Fine Shoes (Bridgeport, Conn) – 1870's-1890's – 4 cards

Also: Massachusetts Boot & shoe co. (Boston); Boston Shoe Store; Conrad Frick, Boots & Shoes (Denver Colorado); French shoemaker; J. Strong Jr: Dealer in Fine Shoes (Springfield); S. Rosenbloom & Sons (Syracuse NY); S. R. Mitchell (Brighton, Mass); G.W. Ingall's & co. (Syracuse, N.Y.); Alex Allingham (Watertown, N. Y.); Charles S. Goodwin's (Hartford, Conn.); Star Braid; Poor Man's Dyes (Easton, Pa); Spanish Bluing– 15 cards

8.o. Trade Card: Sewing Machines

Domestic Sewing Machine – 2 cards

Household Sewing Machine – Providence R. I. – 2 cards

The White Sewing Machine – 3 cards

New Home Sewing Machine co. – 2 cards

8.p. Trade Card: Appliances

Prescott's Universal Stove Polish (N. Berwick, M. E.)

Rising Sun Stove Polish

Eclipse Wringer

Magee Furnace – Danbury Conn.

Glenwood Ranges (Battleboro, Vt.) – 2 cards

Images of puppies, children, cartoons, kittens

8.q. Trade Card: Luxury Items

Shoe Polish: French, Gilt Edge (Boston) – 2 cards

Tobacco: WM Foster (Syracuse); Hurly Burly Segars; Frank Lentine (Boston) -3 cards

Novelties, Toys, Gifts: H. N. Fletcher, Wig Maker (Central Falls, Rhode Island); Jones McDuffee & Stratton co. (Boston); Basket Floral; Grands Magasins de Nouveautes (French); Murray, Spink & co. Jobbers of Fancy Goods (Providence, R. I.); Parker Brothers (Boston); Fred'k A. O. Schwarz' Toy Bazaar; Elston's (Woodland, Cal); C. M. Woody (Greenfield Mass.)

Silver Plated: Egg-Eyed Sharps, the Wm Rogers Mf'g Co (Hartford, Conn.)- 2 cards

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry: Hatch, Davidson & co. (Denver); Geo. H. England (Holyoke Mass.); Waterbury's – 5 cards

Kazine – 2 cards

Overland model touring car

Images of monkeys, Japanese women in kimono, exotic scenes, floral motifs, cartoons, elephants.

8.r. Trade Cards: Dry Goods Stores

Au Bon Marche (Paris) – 3 cards – ca. 1850

Wm. B. Smith 99 Cent Store (New London, Ct.) – 4 cards

Also: Louis F. Abbott (Boston); Geo. Kelly Credit House; La Bonne Fileuse (Orleans); W. K. Potters combs; Chas. P. Rogers Fine Bedding (New York); Le Volant; Sharpless & Sons (Philadelphea); E. R. Smith (Westfield, Mass.) ; Besse, Mills & Company (Holyoke, Mass.) ; The New York Store: C. E. Remick; Te-Nex-Ine glue (Boston, Mass.) – 10 cards

Images of dogs in suits, little girls, families, Easter eggs, windmills; snakes; blackface cartoons, floral motifs.

8.s Mr. Pickwick on Wheels – ca. 1890 – 4 cards

Caricatures of a "Mr. Pickwick" and his adventures in learning the sport of rollerskating.

9. The Chromos Liebig meat-extract collector cards – ca. 1870-1930 – 3 albums – **see OS**

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*These cards were produced by the Chromos Liebig meat-extract company in a number of languages for markets around the world. Over 11,000 chromolithographic cards were produced between 1872 and 1936. The sets collected by Allan include:*

*Album 1:*

Montagnards – French – 1911 – 6 cards  
Gardens – French – 1906 – 6 cards  
Dutch hairstyles – French -1906 – 5 cards  
Children from around the world – French – 1901-6 cards  
The Carnival in different eras – French – 1907 – 6 cards  
Persia – French – 1907 – 6 cards  
Mexico – French – 1908 – 6 cards  
Turkey – French – 1907- 6 cards  
Celebration of Negotiations – French – 1907 – 6 cards  
Palace of Justice – French – 1909 – 6 cards  
Colonies of European Power – French – 1910- 6 cards  
Aerial Navigation – French – 1911- 6 cards  
Evolution of Commerce and Industry – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
The Nine Muses – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Winter in the sun country (Egypt) – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
La Traviata opera – French – 1909 – 6 cards  
La Damnation de Faust opera – French – 1911 – 6 cards  
Le Cid opera– French – 1911- 6 cards  
Le Maitres Charteurs de Nuremberg opera– French -1910 – 6 cards  
Oberon opera – French – 1905 – 6 cards  
Children at work – French – French - 1907 -6 cards  
Bulgaria – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Episodes from the Thirty Year's war – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Armies of the Balkan States of Greece – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Life in Siam – French – 1909 – 6 cards  
Turkey – French – 1910 -6 cards  
Rulers among the people- French – 1909 – 6 cards  
Coast of France – French – 1909 – 5 cards  
Wedding celebrations around the world – French – 1910 -6 cards  
Argentina – French – 1909 – 5 cards  
Portugal – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Curious characters writing – French – 1909- 6 cards  
Making rubber – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
History of porcelain – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Islands – French – 1911- 6 cards  
The culinary arts of diverse peoples – French – 1912 – 6 cards  
Summer pleasures – French- 1910 – 5 cards  
[Monkey carnival] – French – 1910 - 6 cards

The time of Pericles – French – 1911- 6 cards  
Dances around the world – French – 1911 – 6 cards  
The good old times – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Scented flowers – French – 1911- 5 cards  
Tours – French – 1912- 6 cards  
History of glass– French – 1911- 6 cards  
Sacred plants – French – 1911- 6 cards  
The role of bells- French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Famous Italians – French – 1911- 6 cards  
Les dardanelles – French – 1911- 6 cards  
Truffels – French – 1911- 6 cards

### *Album 2*

History of Russia – French – 1909 – 6 cards  
Masks – French – 1912- 6 cards  
Luxury items- French – 6 cards  
Early carriages – French – 1909 – 6 cards  
Travel over time – French – 1904 – 6 cards  
Vanished Kingdoms – French – 1913- 6 cards  
Natural bridges – French – 1912 – 6 cards  
Paris – French – 1912- 6 cards  
Sledges – French – 1912- 6 cards  
History of Lace –French – 1912 – 6 cards  
Louis XIV – French – 6 cards  
Changing time – French – 1904 – 6 cards  
Garibaldi and the expedition of a thousand - French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Africa – French – 1922- 6 cards  
Monuments of the Renaissance – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
French colonies – French – 1909 – 6 cards  
Libraries – French-1912 – 6 cards  
Famous churches – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Malta – French – 1907 – 6 cards  
Animal worship – French – 6 cards  
Japanese parties – French – 1907 – 6 cards  
Hobbyists – French – 1909 – 6 cards  
Exotic dolls and toys – French – 1914- 6 cards  
Jerusalem delivered – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Combat with a dragon – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
The Gods of India – French – 1912 – 6 cards  
Macbeth – French – 1912 – 6 cards  
The childhood of famous Italians – French – 1913- 6 cards  
The tales of the Round Table – French – 1910 -6 cards  
Hungary – French- 1911- 6 cards  
Indochina – French – 1907 – 6 cards

The Kingdom of Flowers – French – 1911- 6 cards  
Australia – French – 1910-6 cards  
Egypt – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Historic hotels of France – French – 6 cards  
Algeria – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
Places of devotion – French – 1905- 6 cards  
Gothic architecture – French – 1912- 6 cards  
Plants and their uses – French – 1910 – 6 cards  
The tricks of cinema (film) – French – 1913- 6 cards  
Italian valour and discipline- French – 1913 – 6 cards  
Cats – French – 1913 – 6 cards  
Places of Roman languages – French – 1903- 6 cards  
Supplying troops in the field – French – 1914 – 6 cards  
Chivalry- French – 1914 – 6 cards  
Bon appetite – French – 6 cards

*Album 3:*

White Coal – Dutch – 6 cards  
Hindu monumental architecture – French – 1930 – 6 cards  
[Flax industry in Belgium] - Dutch – 6 cards  
Aesop's fables – French – 1932 – 2 cards  
Historic scenes of Venice – French – 1931 – 6 cards  
The great riders – Dutch – 6 cards  
Monuments of ancient Egypt – French – 1931 –5 cards  
Loading and unloading ships – French – 1932 – 6 cards  
Orphee opera – French – 1931 – 6 cards  
The life of plants – French – 1925 – 6 cards  
Ancient Swiss History – French – 1931 – 6 cards  
Fishing in the Mediterranean – Dutch – 6 cards  
The Greek tragedies – French - 1931 – 6 cards  
Prehistoric monuments – French – 1931- 6 cards  
Old houses recreated as museums – Dutch – 6 cards  
Architectural gems of Sicily – French – 1930 – 6 cards  
Churches in Belgium – Dutch – 6 cards  
The life of Rubens – Dutch – 6 cards  
Italian Gardens – French – 1930 – 6 cards  
The Rhine Castles – Dutch – 1933 – 6 cards  
The Papal arms body – French – 1925  
The manufacture of a magazine – Dutch – 6 cards  
In unknown Arabia – Dutch – 6 cards  
Water flora – Dutch – 6 cards  
Lhasa, holy city of Lamaism Tibet – Dutch – 1930's- 6 cards  
King Albert – Dutch – 1936- 12 cards  
William Tell Opera – Dutch – 6 cards

Mountaineering –French – 1936 – 6 cards  
Epic poem by Ludovico Ariosto – Dutch -1936 – 6 cards  
Zoroaster – Dutch – 5 cards  
Chinese Art – Dutch – 1937 – 12 cards  
Moroccan Art – Dutch – 6 cards  
Glassmaking- Dutch – 6 cards (one on different page)  
Wonders of Belgian Caves – Dutch – 6 cards  
The cultivation of the silk worm – Dutch – 1938 – 6 cards  
The life of Glaciers – Dutch – 1938 – 6 cards  
Rivers in the Ardennes – Dutch – 1938 – 6 cards  
History of the U.S.A. – Dutch – 6 cards  
Skiing – Dutch – 6 cards

### **Series III: Keys, Locks and Locksmithing collection**

1. Nicholson File Company – 1954
2. The Key to Culture -1927-1928  
On topics of biology, antiquities, sociology, India, China, Medieval Europe, and modern writers.
3. Lock Museum of America Newsletters – 1974-1989  
It was one of Allan's dreams to see a similar lock museum established in Canada. These newsletters feature historical research on lock, lock picking and locksmiths.

#### **Box 4**

4. Lock engravings – ca. 1750's  
Appears to be a series of engravings of various types of locks taken from the Diderot encyclopedia.
5. Locksmithing Manuals and Hardware Catalogues – [ca 1920– 1980's]

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5. Locksmithing Manuals and Hardware Catalogues – [ca 1920– 1980's] cont'd
6. Prison Locks
7. *In the Cave of Aladdin: A Little Narrative of the Safe deposit Vault* – 1911
8. *Practical Course in Modern Locksmithing* – 1971
9. Concealments: Hiding the Tools of the Escape Artist's Trade - 2003  
Inscribed to Alan by author.

#### **Box 6**

10. *Keys: Their History & Collection* - 1974

11. *Contemporary Observations on security from the Chubb Collectanea*
12. *Unlocking Adventure*- 1942
13. *The Chancery Lane Safe Deposit: Its History and Usefulness* – 1880
14. Padlock key codes – ca. 1945
15. *Keys to the City: Tales of a New York City Locksmith* – 1997
16. [Hand chiselled Key] – date unknown

#### **Series IV: Magazines Collection**

*Most of these have experienced some damage of the covers.*

1. Ranch Romances – 1955-1957  
Featuring unconventional strong female characters on the covers.
2. Strange Adventures On Other Worlds: Planet Stories – 1949-1956  
Featuring works by such authors as Ray Bradbury, Henry Kuttner, Max Sheridan, Poul Anderson, Ted Sturgeon, Leigh Brackett.
3. Amazing Stories - 1947-1952
4. Thrilling Wonder Stories – 1949-1951

#### **Box 7**

5. Startling Stories – 1946-1953  
One featuring an image of a witch.
6. Fantastic Adventures – 1939-1952
7. Space Stories – 1952-1953
8. Science Fiction Magazine – 1941-1943  
Story by Helen Weinbaum
9. Imagination: Stories of Science and Fantasy – 1954
10. The Wide World – 1933-1960
11. Adventure – 1941, 1959
12. Manhunt - 1953-1954
13. Detective Magazines (Digest Size) – 1931 – 1945
14. Detective Magazines (Journal Size) – 1945-1991

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15. Men's Magazines – 1943-1957  
War, adventure, sex
16. Science Fiction Digests – 1952-1969  
Featuring Asimov, Bloch, Brackett, Wyndham, De Camp, Kuttner, Philip K. Dick, Chad Oliver, Kornbluth, Howard.
17. Western Digests – 1956, 1957
18. The Sexton Blake Library  
Mystery stories

19. Mini Libraries  
     Klondike Bound (Boys' Friend Library); Underseas Treasure Hunters (Champion Library); Pebble in the Sky – Isaac Asimov (Galaxy Science Fiction); Another Man's Girl (Woman's World Library)
20. (pseudo) Science and Nature – 1949-1996  
     Canadian Geographic issue on Tornadoes, Popular Science on the Studebaker's new Aero Nose, and Strange Medical Facts
21. Art News – 1946-1956
22. Photoplay – 1962-1965
23. Movie Magazines – 1947-1970  
     Mostly about Jackie Kennedy
24. Misc. Magazines – 1939-2003  
     Five Novels Monthly; Fate: Angkor; Confidential Confessions; Sleazy Scandals of the Silver Screen; B.B. King

## Box 9

### **Series V: Mysteries/Sherlockian**

*As a locksmith and a lover of mysteries, Allan made the collecting of "locked room mysteries" or mystery novels featuring locks, keys, and safes on the cover a priority.*

1. *Jack Laughs at Locksmiths* – 1951  
     Formerly at the provincial correctional centre in Regina.
2. *Locked Room Murders* – 1991
3. *The Silver Key* – 1931
4. *Murder in a Locked Box* – 1989
5. *The Second Latchkey*
6. *The Little Locksmith* – 1943
7. *The Deadly Miss Ashley* - 1950 (pulp)
8. *Safe Number Sixty-Nine* – 1926
9. *The Locked Room: The Story of a Crime* – 1973
10. *See You at the Morgue* – 1941
11. *Dead Bolt* - 1985
12. *Dead Bolt* - 1982
13. *Locked Room Puzzles* – 1991
14. *The Power of the Keys* - 1918
15. *Where the Snow was Red: A New Mystery Story by Hugh Pentecost*
16. *Duplicate Keys* - 1984
17. *Crime and Personality* – 1971
18. *A Key to Death* – 1954
19. *The House Without a Key* – 1925
20. *Who Opened the Safe* - 1931

21. *The Keys of my Prison* – 1956
22. *The Lock and the Key* – 1948
23. *Locked Doors*
24. *The House Without a Key* – 1969
25. *Dick Tracy and the Mad Killer*

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26. *A Canadian Farm Mystery* – 1917
27. *The Locked Desk*
28. *Rex Stout Mystery Quarterly: Complete Black Orchids*  
Also: John Steinbeck, Dashiell Hammett, Agatha Christie, H. Felix Valcoe, W.W. Jacobs. H.F. Heard. Dorothy L. Sayers, Bruno Fischer.
29. Sherlock Holmes ephemera – 1983-2004  
Article reprinted from *Canadian Holmes* by Bill Sergeant regarding the establishment of the Saskatoon's Sherlockian society (The Casebook) in 1974 by Alan Bradley. Allan Cushon was one of the original members of this group, and for many years provided engraved prison keys to members. A copy of *Canadian Holmes* from 2004 bookmarked on a memoriam for Trudy Schuurman.
30. *Canadian Holmes* – vol.14 no. 4 (spring 1992) – vol. 30 no.2 (Winter 2006)
31. *The Clue of the New Pin* – 1962  
With notes on uses of locks and keys by Allan.
32. *A Key to the Morgue / Odds Against Linda* - 1959
33. *The Hand in the Cobbler's Safe* - 1944
34. *The Green Casket* – 1890
35. *Seven Keys to Baldpate* – 1913

## Series VI: Miscellaneous Collections

1. Antique Children's Books – Early 1900's  
*Pretty Picture ABC book* (1900) and *Little Bo Peep* and other Jingles (a Clark's O.N.T. advertisement (early 1900's)
2. Valentines and other cards (often lock-themed) - 1890's- 2000's (1900-1920 predominant)  
Subjects: locks, keys, drunkenness, mothers-in-law, misogyny, safes, locksmiths, Lansing, keyholes, robbery, New Years, Christmas, wagon trains, birthdays, pigs, cherubim, banks, horseshoes, cops, wedding rings, . Some leather, some with real keys, some French.
3. Misc. Cards 1893-1919 – 7 cards  
Fancy Christmas card of little girl and kitten in snow, with picture book in skirt  
Hand drawn Christmas card – 1893  
“The Days of Joy are to my memory dear” – fancy cut card in shape of fan

Christmas and New Years cards, various  
Large Valentines day card.

4. *A History of Valentines* – 1952
5. *Books Alive: In Which Vincent Starrett relates intimate anecdotes of books and authors* – 1940  
Signed by author
6. Sport - ca. 1950  
Two booklets published by Sports College (a joint project of the CBC and the National Council of YMCA's of Canada on ten ways to become a better boxer and ten ways to swim a better crawl. Also a fold out guide to football jerseys of British public schools.
7. Questions and Answers – 1939-1943  
Series of books by E. Haldeman-Julius on a range of subjects, sometimes humorous. Haldeman-Julius was the father of the little blue book company.

### **Box 11**

8. Socialist/Leftist pamphlets and magazines – 1939- 1975  
Communist International ; Collective Security in Europe; “Lenin’s Ideas and Cause are Immortal” ; “The Great Conspiracy Against Russia”; The Truth About Soviet Russia; So That Man May Prosper; New Advance (Canadian Youth); The Cry for Justice; Fundamentals of Legislation of the USSR and the Union Republics on the Health Service; Rising World
9. Northern Neighbors – 1966-1967  
Magazine focusing on the successes of the Soviet Union.
10. Sex and Sexuality materials  
Sin and Science; Hypersexuality: Is Anyone Oversexed? ; The Sexual Life of Man, Woman, and Child; Confessions of a Young Man; Sexual Fear Fixation: What to Do About It; Sexual Problems and Their Psychology
11. Politics – 1927, 1940's-1950's  
The American Review of Reviews, New War Maps and Slavic Americans in the Fight For Victory and Peace; American Review of Reviews
12. Misc. Publications – ca. 1918-1955  
The Psychology of Genius; Memorial of George Douglas, Esq (Captain of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment); The Story of the Bluenose; Confessions of a Young Man; 17. Souvenir Gaming Guide – Pioneer Club: Featuring the atomic bomb test site as a tourist attraction; Medical Electricity At Home
13. Medical Diary and Visiting List – 1909
14. The Education of the New-Canadian – 1918
15. Saskatchewan Co-operative Producers Ltd. Annual Reports 1924-1951  
Property of M. C. Lambie
16. Little Blue Books
  - a. America



- b. Art and Architecture  
How-to paint, music, history of architecture

**Box 12**

- c. Biography  
Eccentric Americans, John Brown, Caesar, Mary Stuart, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Marat, Haeckel, Frederick the Great, Samuel Johnson, Abraham Lincoln, Shakespeare, French Mistress, DuBerry, St. Augustine, De Quincey
- d. Chemistry
- e. Drama  
Shakespeare's Henry VI, Julius Caesar, Midsummer Nights Dream.  
Embers: a play in one act by Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman-Julius
- f. Essays  
Love, Emerson
- g. Fiction  
The Brothers; The Wages of Sin and Six Dollars; The Marquise; The Courtship of Miles Standish; Don Juan; A Mad Love; Strange Flowers of Passion; The Human Tragedy; A Dog of Flanders; The Jungle; Her Burning Secret
- h. Goethe
- i. History  
Prehistory, Ice Ages, Greeks and Romans, Judea, Witchcraft, Dark Ages, Borgias, American Civil War, United States and World War, Tammany Hall.
- j. Humor and Games  
Best Wit of the English People; 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century humorous verse; "Hobo Jokes"; "Stories of Tramp Life"; Little dictionary of unorthodox opinion; A book of General Information Quizzes
- k. Law  
Prohibition, Censorship, Free Will
- l. Love  
Byron, George Sand, love letters of people of genius, Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton
- m. Mother Goose
- n. Origins of Human Nature
- o. Philosophy  
Spinoza, rhetoric, Aeschylus, meaning, happiness
- p. Physics  
Space-Substance Theory, numerous tracts by Maynard Shipley, mechanical problems, electricity.
- q. Poetry  
Shelley, Swinburne, horror, Emerson, Whittier, Morris, Poe, Bryant

- r. Psychology and Psychiatry  
Psycho-analysis, Mental Disorders, sleep, emotions, autosuggestion
- s. Religion  
Topics of: Sermons, doubt, Scientology, Jesus, Confucianism
- t. Russia and Russians  
Works by Tolstoy, Gorky, Golgol, Dostoevsky; descriptions of life in Russia, samples of Russian proverb, sex life, and humor
- u. Sayings  
“Sayings of a Sourdough”; Popular recitations, puns, Sanskrit Proverbs, Maxims

**Box 13**

- v. Science  
Geometry, gardening, tuberculosis, health, pseudo-science debunked
- w. Self-Help  
How to's on: Journalism, anger management, public speaking, working and getting jobs, intellectual improvement, “forgetting the unpleasant”, getting ahead, physical improvement, swimming, golf, palmistry, ventriloquism, raising and training cats and dogs, “Hindu magic”, urine test, small business, typewriting, astronomy, studying
- x. Sex, gender, and sexuality  
Women, children, courtship, prostitution, masturbation, marriage, venereal diseases, birth control, infidelity, manhood, transvestites, queer persons.
- y. Showbiz
- z. Socialism
- aa. Story Anthologies  
Horror stories, Westerns, romances, mysteries, Chicago, French and Italian stories,
- bb. Oscar Wilde  
Epigrams, Reading Gaol, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Truth of Masks, Recollections of Wilde.
- cc. Writing / Language Help  
On the arts of reading, vocabulary, punctuation, letter writing, short stories, literary essays, how to write Little Blue Books and how to think creatively
- dd. Little Blue Books Etc.  
Catalogue of offerings, loose pages.
- ee. New Era Library  
Detective Stories (Poe, etc.); Child Psychology; Geography; Memory

## **Series VII: Personal**

1. Family Ephemera – ca. 1988  
Father's day card, clipping by Janice Dittmer (later Cushon), family reunion list.
2. Burnett's Keys Stationery
3. Oxbow Saskatchewan Postcards – 75 cards – 1907-2004
4. War Letters of George and Allan Cushon, Binder 1 – 1938-1941  
Including letters from pilot George Cushon, telegram informing of his passing, and letters of condolence.
5. War Letters of George and Allan Cushon, Binder 2 – 1941- 1945 – 4 photographs  
Regarding service of Allan Cushon (namesake of donor and brother of donor's father, Frank). Also cards accompanying George's medals, and clippings about pilots. A letter offering condolence from Buckingham palace, with King George's signature.
6. Envelopes from war letters- 1938-1945