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J. Guild

[Large cabinet photograph]: Girls' Chemistry Class 1888

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Albumen photograph mount on thick card. 8½" x 6½". Corners of the card mount a little rubbed, still overall fine. Identified in ink on the verso: "Class of Girls in Laboratory Winter of 1888. English High School. Taken by J. Guild." Excellent portrait of 14 girls wearing protective smocks posed in a chemistry lab with rows of bottles and labeled test tubes behind them. Most, or perhaps all of them hold an assortment of chemical implements: mortar and pestles, chemical bottles, test tubes, beakers, and glass containers. A deep and rich and very unusual image, early images of woman in scientific settings are exceedingly uncommon. [\[BTC#395672\]](#)