

BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

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[Photo Album]: Nurses

Pennsylvania: 1907-1914

\$1500

Oblong quarto measuring 7" x 11". Black pebbled leather over paper boards with "photographs" stamped in gilt on the front board. Contains 138 sepia toned or black and white gelatin silver photographs measuring 2½" x 4½" to 4" x 5" with captions. Album is near fine with some rubbing and near fine photographs.

"If you were feeling kind a' blue,
And peace and sadness seemed to blend,
What would you want to cheer you up?
What would you want from your best friend?
Would it be this?"

"Je vous aime, Je vous adore, Que voulez vous encore? - To "Jane" - With love - June 17th, 1913 (Ch)

A photo album kept by a nurse, Jane (last name not revealed), between 1907 and 1914. The album details her time at a hospitals in Pennsylvania with her nursing friends as well as their leisure time. On the verso of the front board a poem is written which reads, "If you were feeling kind a' blue, and peace and sadness seemed to blend, what would you want to cheer you up? What would you want from your best friend? Would it be this?" The photos seem to have been taken by a head nurse with captions such as "my nurses" and show women in the starched white uniforms, hats, and capes worn by nurses at the time. She documented their "first cases" by taking pictures with other nurses and their patients, and of different shifts with a focus on the night nurses. One photo reads, "a sympathy group, we suffered together all night," which shows a group of night nurses in the early morning hours posing on the Pennsylvania Hospital grounds in front of a statue of William Penn. The nurses are shown throughout the album posing on the hospital grounds with doctors and patients. Along with the hospital photographs there are also photos of the women enjoying their time at the beach, a trip to St. Petersburg, Florida, and posing around the various farms of friends in Pennsylvania.

A wonderful collection of snapshots depicting the lives of nurses in the early 1900s. [BTC#401184]



Miss Pool, and Mr. Porters



3 Pilltown Pals



Berpie's first case



"Bea" Campbell + Helen Fairbank



Leila & Miss Steadell



Bess & Edie Meyer

My first night nurses



1918. Allentown, Pa.



I loved them all.



Misses Rottet, Edwards, Henry,



6 P.M.





Armighty good nurse & c



very sweet girl Ruth Anna French.



We were very charming



Gathering flowers.

Don't think behind our backs
at Parleville, Pa - 1907.



