

The Tumbler of 1910

Two Uncut Proof Sheets of 32 Vintage Post Cards, circa 1910

[No place: circa 1910]

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Two uncut printer's proof sheets (14" x 22½") each with 16 Post Cards (3½" x 5½"). The two sheets contain a total of 32 different post cards, illustrated with black & white photographic half-tone images of men and women printed inside an embossed frame. Each post card has a standard Post Card mailing format printed on the back. One horizontal edge of each sheet is trimmed part way within the embossed borders (and part way within the printed top edge on the back of one sheet only), modest toning and a few scattered tiny tears, very good.

A charming and sassy series of images, featuring young men and women photographed in three series of suggestive situations involving a swing, hammock, or bench (A corresponding series number is printed on the back). Each Post Card is captioned in the image: "Swinging has its Charms," "I'm longing for someone else," "Boys Wanted," etc. We were able to identify examples of only three Post Cards, one of which had a 1911 postmark from New Berlin, Ohio, thus our attribution of the date circa 1910.

It is not clear why these sheets were left uncut and not distributed. The first sheet contains 8 images from the 'swinging' series (numbered 801 on the back of each card); and 8 images from a 'hammock series' (no. 802), with captions like: "I am certainly in clover here," "I will if no one is looking," etc. The second sheet contains 4 additional images from the swinging series: "Let me swing you!" "I love to swing like this," etc., and 12 images of a series centering on a swing and bench: "Three is not a crowd," "We need some company out here," "I'm longing for you Honey," etc.

All three series of images present a charming window into the sexual mores of the day. A scarce survival.
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Boy Wanted



I'm longing for
someone else



Boy Wanted



This is very Tempting



I'm longing for you Honey



A swing is very Convenient



You're mighty fetching



I simply had to do this



Three is not a crowd



Let me swing you!



Let us join in the game



We are holding our own here



In fine company here



I love to swing like this



Waiting for a reply



A sweet day dream



We need some company out here



This is better than swinging



Wont you be my little pearl



I'm longing for someone else



I will if no one is looking



I am certainly in clover here

"Swinging has its Charms"



Two's company even in a swing



I'll whisper that I love you



Longing for Someone

Boys Wanted



Those were the Happy Days



No room for more here



We are having a glorious time here

Wont someone come to someone



Did it ever happen to you



I would sooner be here than there



Two is company

Two's company even
in a swing

