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Carl Van Vechten Papers, 1833-1965

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### **Summary**

**Title:** Carl Van Vechten Papers (1833-1965; bulk dates 1920-1940)

Size: (156.3 linear ft.) 208 archival boxes, 339 volumes.

Source: Gift of Carl Van Vechten and the Van Vechten estate 1941-1988; additional gifts from

Bruce Kellner (1980-1982), Saul Mauriber (1967) and Paul Padgette; purchase

Edward Jablonski (1965).

Restrictions: Some of the original typescripts of Van Vechten have been restricted due to their

fragile condition. Photocopies must be used.

Researchers must verify with the General Research Division (Room 315) that there are no duplicate monographs in the general stacks. **Absolutely no photocopies scrapbooks or bound volumes**. Reproduction is available through microfilm, scanning or photograph.

**Biographical Statement**: Carl Van Vechten (1880-1964), writer, promoter of African-American artists during the Harlem Renaissance, patron of the arts and photographer.

**Description:** The papers reflect Van Vechten's social life and professional career as a writer, photographer and patron of the arts. The papers also document Van Vechten's literary and artistic circle of friends and colleagues. As an avid collector, Van Vechten retained the letters of prominent individuals who corresponded with him including Ralph Barton, James Branch Cabell, Scott Cunningham, Muriel Draper, Donald Gallup, Langston Hughes, Klaus Jonas, Bruce Kellner, Edward Jablonski, Mabel Dodge Luhan, H.L. Mencken, Gertrude Stein, Florine Stettheimer and Ettie Stettheimer. The papers are also rich in photographs taken by Carl Van Vechten of prominent individuals and in 19th century photographs of his family in Iowa. The multiple editions of Van Vechten's monographs and the monographs of others add to the diversity of the papers. Many of the monographs are autographed by the authors.

**Special formats:** Posters, photographs, slides, phonograph discs and artifacts.

#### Related Collections in the Humanities and Social Sciences Libraries:

Manuscripts and Archives Division, Charles Barber Papers on Carl Van Vechten; Berg Collection (Room 320).

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture: Picture Collection, 515 Malcolm X Boulevard.

Performing Arts Library, Billy Rose Theatre Collection; \*8MWEZ 15-062 through 15-065, *Stage Door Canteen*. This material is currently available at PARC, Annex. Please be advised that the Photography Division (Central Research Library) contain some duplicates of the *Stage Door Canteen* that is available at PARC, Annex. Advance notice is required for PARC and Photography Division materials.

**Related Collections in other institutions:** Columbia University -Oral History Program; Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University; Museum of Costume Art in New York City;

National Academy of Arts and Letters [NYC]; Princeton University, and Yale University - James Weldon Johnson Collection; Millersville University; Fisk University; Philadelphia Museum.

# Note on Provenance

The Carl Van Vechten Papers were received as a gift from Carl Van Vechten and the Van Vechten estate over a period of years between 1941 to 1988. Gifts of other additions were received other donors between the years of 1965-1982 from Bruce Kellner, Saul Mauribner and Paul Padgette.

### Biographical Sketch

Carl Van Vechten (1880-1964) writer, promoter of African-American artists during the Harlem Renaissance, patron of the arts and photographer, was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Charles Duane Van Vechten and Amanda Fitch Van Vechten. Van Vechten was the youngest of three siblings. A brother Ralph and a sister Emma were his elders by eighteen and sixteen years respectively. Both of Van Vechten's parents were college educated; his father graduated from Columbia Law school and his mother attended Kalamazoo College where she knew the women's suffrage activist Lucy Stone. As a result of Stone's influence, Amanda Fitch became a leading activist for women's rights in Iowa.

Van Vechten was educated at public schools in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; his education culminated with a PbB from the University of Chicago (1903). According to Van Vechten's oral history recorded by Columbia University (1960), it was during this time period (1901-1903) that he began to attend night clubs where he could listen to the performances of black singers and musicians. This early exposure would result in Van Vechten's becoming known as one of the foremost patrons of rising black artists during the Harlem Renaissance. His friendships and acquaintances with blacks also gave him the opportunity to photograph many of the leading black artists and public figures through the mid 20th century including, Alvin Ailey, Diahann Carroll, Ruby Dee, Billie Holiday, Langston Hughes, Joseph B. [Joe] Louis, Leontyne Price, Bojangles Robinson, Bessie Smith, William Warfield, Ethel Waters and Walter White.

After graduating from the University of Chicago, Van Vechten embarked upon a career as a newspaper journalist. One of his first positions was as a reporter for the *American* (Chicago). In 1906, Van Vechten moved on as a correspondent for *The New York Times* in Paris. Van Vechten subsequently became an assistant to the music critic Richard Aldrich. As an avid opera fan, Van Vechten frequently reviewed opera performances out of the Manhattan Opera House and the Metropolitan Opera House and interviewed opera singers. In 1910, after he returned to New York City, he began to review dance and ballet because Aldrich did not wish to. In this capacity, Van Vechten reviewed the performances of many artists including Isadora Duncan and Anna Pavlova.

In 1907, Van Vechten married his first wife Anna Elizabeth Snyder. They were divorced in 1912. Two years later, Van Vechten married his second wife Fania Marinoff (1914). When Van Vechten was introduced to Marinoff through a mutual acquaintance, she already had a successful stage career. Having been introduced to the stage at eight years of age, Marinoff was a stage veteran by adulthood. The contrast between their early lives was considerable. Van Vechten grew up in a comfortable middle-class life in the mid-west. Marinoff was born in Odessa, Russia, of Russian-Jewish parents Morris Marinoff and Leah Tuerkenitch Marinoff (stepmother). She emigrated as a child to the United States and grew up in poverty in Boston. Her career included roles in many plays, including Ariel in the tercentenary revival of "The Tempest" at the Century Theatre in New York (1916), Wendla in "The Awakening of Spring (1917), Nettie Dark in "Tarnish" (1923) and Mrs. Frail in "Love for Love". Marinoff also appeared in early movies (1910-1919), and on radio broadcasts.

Approximately a year before Van Vechten married Marinoff he changed employers. In 1913 he left *The New York Times* to join *The New York Press* as drama critic. Van Vechten met Gertrude Stein

in Paris and their acquaintance developed into a life long friendship. Van Vechten held the position of drama critic for about a year when he was dismissed in 1914. Also, his first wife Anna Snyder demanded back payment for alimony. When Van Vechten was unable to pay, Snyder had an order of commitment placed against him. As a result Van Vechten went to Ludlow Street Jail in Manhattan. He remained in prison for about a month. Van Vechten was finally able to come to an arrangement with his first wife but the story did not end happily for Snyder. In 1933, afflicted with cancer she committed suicide by leaping from a third-story window of a Paris sanitorium.

In 1915, Van Vechten seriously began to consider a career as an author. *Music after the Great War* was the title of his first book. For nearly twenty years, Van Vechten continued to published monographs that were in part autobiographical or represented some aspect of his life experiences. His books included *Interpreters and Interpretations*, *Nigger Heaven*, *Peter Whiffle*, and *Tiger in the House*. Two of the monographs that generated a great deal of attention and comment were *Tiger in the House* (1920) and *Nigger Heaven* (1926). The former was devoted to cat lovers like himself. *Tiger in the House* was received with great public and critical enthusiasm.

The latter novel received publicity but not the type that Van Vechten had hoped for. *Nigger Heaven* was an exposé of Van Vechten's version of Harlem of the 1920's; its release generated controversy immediately because of the use of the word "nigger" in the title. Van Vechten's use of the title *Nigger Heaven* offended many African-Americans and he was roundly criticized by the black press. His own father did not like the use of the word "nigger" and complained to his son in a letter. Van Vechten was a patron and friend of a large circle of black artists and other prominent individuals including the young rising poet Langston Hughes. Under Van Vechten's urging Knopf published Hughes' poems under the title *The Weary Blues*. Van Vechten wrote the introduction. Regardless, Van Vechten under estimated the controversy that the title *Nigger Heaven* would generate. Although Van Vechten's motives were to bring a greater understanding between blacks and whites, he was accused of parodying blacks and many people did not read the novel beyond the title. One result of the controversy was that the book became a best-seller. Knopf continued to reprint the novel and Langston Hughes wrote some original lyrics for the seventh printing of the text. This occurred because an excerpt from the song "Shake That Thing" used in earlier editions of *Nigger Heaven* was removed due to copyright issues with ASCAP.

By the early 1930's, Van Vechten was a well known author having written numerous articles for newspapers and magazines and published seven novels. It was during this time period that Van Vechten began to develop a second career as a photographer. Van Vechten over the course of his lifetime proved to be as successful a photographer as he was an author. He photographed many well known African-American artists including Langston Hughes and Ethel Waters and he was equally well known for his portraits of European and white American artists and celebrities. The men and women he captured on film included Truman Capote, George Gershwin, H.L. Mencken, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Georgia O'Keeffe, Gertrude Stein and many more individuals over the decades.

Philanthropist to many cultural and educational institutions [i.e. Yale University and Fisk University. Van Vechten's legacy to the arts continues to live on after his death in December of 1964.

### Scope and Content Note

The Carl Van Vechten Papers (1833-1965) span his life from early childhood to his career as an author and photographer, patron of African-American artists during the Harlem Renaissance, and philanthropist. The collection is representative of Van Vechten's career as a prolific writer of both letters and monographs. This point is particularly evident in two sections of the papers: the letters between Van Vechten and his wife the actress Fania Marinoff (1912-1961), and also in the section of the papers pertaining to letters he received pertaining to his writings. Van Vechten was also a well known cultural figure with numerous social, literary and scholarly colleagues and friends, and he had wide ranging interests in fine arts, literature, music, photography and theatre.

As is evident from the General Correspondence and the Correspondence Pertaining To Publications By Van Vechten, Van Vechten was a popular and well-known individual. The General Correspondence highlights his generosity for establishing endowments for educational and cultural centers e.g. Yale University - James Weldon Johnson Collection and also for his contributions to cultural institutions e.g Institute of Arts and Letters' The Academy of Arts and Letters. The Correspondence Pertaining to Publications by Carl Van Vechten focuses on the public response to his publications. For example, the novel *Tattooed Countess* was adapted as a silent movie in 1925 titled A Woman of The World (the movie stills are located in **Photographs** boxes 171-172). Van Vechten notes with the photographs indicate that he hated the movie. In 1961, the *Tattooed* Countess was adapted as an off Broadway musical. The critics condemned it. Correspondents within Van Vechten's literary circle included Ralph Barton, James Branch Cabell, Scott Cunningham, Muriel Draper, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Donald Gallup, Langston Hughes (Van Vechten promoted his first book of poetry, The Weary Blues), Jacob Jablonski, Klaus Jonas, Bruce Kellner (author of Carl Van Vechten and the Irreverent Decades), A.A. Knopf (Van Vechten's publisher), Sinclair Lewis, Mabel Dodge Luhan, W.S. Maugham, H.L. Mencken, Georgia O'Keeffe, Alfred Stieglitz, Florine Stettheimer, Henrietta Stettheimer, Gertrude Stein, Hugh Walpole.

The papers also contain many personal letters between Van Vechten and his second wife Fania Marinoff (1912-1961), located in the Family Correspondence. The Family Correspondence also contains extensive documentation of Van Vechten's side of the family; Fania Marinoff's family is represented to a much smaller extent. Family correspondence includes papers of Van Vechten's cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces, correspondence and financial and legal especially his brother Ralph Van Vechten. The papers also contain letters written to Van Vechten when he was imprisoned in Ludlow Street Jail (1915) for non-payment of alimony to his first wife Ann Snyder, and the divorce letters and documents of Van Vechten vs. Van Vechten.

Van Vechten own financial papers consist mainly of correspondence with several banks including the Cedar Rapids Bank (1917-1934) at which his brother Ralph was chairman and nephew Van Vechten Schaffer was vice-president. Other financial documents include cancelled checks, income tax (1918-1956), receipts and royalty reports from published monographs. The legal documents consist mostly of insurance policies and some legal correspondence and other assorted documents.

The literary manuscripts represent almost the full range of Van Vechten's published works with

regard to his published books. The manuscripts are annotated typescripts and many of the manuscripts are supplemented with drafts and page proofs. An oral history conducted by Columbia University (1960) offers insight into the personality and life of Van Vechten. The remainder consist of miscellaneous manuscripts, address books, date books, diaries (1901-02, 1922-30), notebooks and miscellaneous writings of other authors.

The printed material represents a fourth of the collection. It contains an odd assortment of serials, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings (1906-1955, 30 volumes) and monographs. Van Vechten's books were often published in several editions. The collection also contains autographed monographs from other authors with CVV introductions including Langston Hughes *The Weary Blues, The Gershwin Years* by Edward Jablonski and Lawrence D. Stewart, and *Giselle and I* by Alicia Markova.

The visual material consists largely of photographs of Van Vechten from his childhood in Cedar Rapids, Iowa through adulthood. Family photographs include images of Van Vechten's wife Fania Marinoff, his grandparents, immediate family and other relatives. The pictures also illustrate Van Vechten's career and social activities with literary, scholarly and artistic colleagues and friends, including Diahann Carroll, Geoffrey Holder (wedding pictures), Bruce Kellner, James Weldon Johnson, Langston Hughes and Gertrude Stein. Besides portraits of individuals, Van Vechten photographed street scenes in New York City. While Van Vechten is probably best known for the many pictures he took of others, he also made many self portraits from the early 1930's to the 1950's. These photographs are supplemented by portraits of Van Vechten taken by others including Saul Mauriber his photographic assistant. The visual material also includes posters and slides of Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff on their vacation trips.

### Arrangement Note

The Carl Van Vechten papers (1833-1963) are contained in 207 manuscript boxes and 333 volumes (156.3 linear ft.) and are arranged into fifteen series: 1. General Correspondence; 2. Letters Pertaining To Publications By Carl Van Vechten; 3. Correspondence pertaining to Publications by other authors; 4. Family Correspondence: Letters between Carl Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff; 5. Family Correspondence: Letters to Carl Van Vechten from Other Family Members; 6. Other Family Papers Relating To Carl Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff; 7. Financial Papers; 8. Legal Papers; 9. Writings; 10. Printed Material; 11. Scrapbooks 12. Photographs; 13. Slides; 14. Artifacts; 15 Phonograph Discs

### **Series Descriptions**

#### Series I. General Correspondence (Container nos. 1-15)

The General Correspondence (c1912-1965, 6.3 linear ft.), is arranged alphabetically. It contains incoming letters to Carl Van Vechten in his capacity as an author, critic and photographer. There are some replies. Many of the letters are from men and women with whom he maintained both professional and personal relationships. The correspondence is also reflective of Van Vechten's generosity as a donor of his manuscripts and photographs to cultural and academic institutions including the Philadelphia Museum of Art; Princeton University; Museum of Costume Art, New York City (CVV donations included 125 ties!); Museum of the City of New York, Theatre Collection; The Museum of Modern Art (MOMA); The National Institution of Arts and Letters, The Academy of Arts and Letters; Yale University, James Weldon Johnson Collection of Negro Arts and the New York Public Library. Prominent correspondents include James Branch Cabell, Edward Choate, Scott Cunningham, Elsie Langdon Caskey, Coleman Dowell, Georgia O'Keeffe, Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, Klaus W. Jonas, Edward Jablonski, H.L. Mencken, Florine Stettheimer and Ettie Stettheimer. An Index to Selected Correspondents is located at the end of the inventory.

# Series II. Letters Pertaining to Publications by Carl Van Vechten. (Containers 16-25); Subseries: Letters Pertaining to Publications by Others (Container 25)

The Letters Pertaining to Publications by Carl Van Vechten (1915-1962, 4.2 linear ft.) are arranged alphabetically by the title of the work. The correspondence is mainly incoming letters to Van Vechten regarding his works such as *Blind-Bow Boy*, *Lords of The Housetops* and *Nigger Heaven*. This section is reflective of the fact that Van Vechten's works were widely read by the public both in the United States and abroad. Correspondents include Ralph Barton, James Branch Cabell, Mabel Dodge Luhan, Langston Hughes, Sinclair Lewis, H.L. Mencken and Gertrude Stein. **Sub-series:** Letters Pertaining To Publications by Others (1921-1962, .2 linear ft.) is alphabetical by the author's surname. Correspondents whose work was commented upon by Van Vechten and the author

includes: Padriac Colum and Margaret Freeman Cabell (editors) *Between Friends. Letters of James Branch Cabell and Others 1961-1962*; Scott Cunningham *Bibliography of Carl Van Vechten* (1924-1925); Taylor Gordon *Born to Be* (1929); and Langston Hughes *The Weary Blues* (1926). **An index to Selected Correspondents is located at the end of the inventory.** 

# Series III. Family Correspondence: Correspondence between Carl Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff (Containers 26-43)

The Family Correspondence is arranged into two sections (6.6 linear ft.) 1) Incoming Correspondence to Carl Van Vechten from Fania Marinoff, 1912-1961 (Containers 26-32); 2) Outgoing Correspondence From Carl Van Vechten to Fania Marinoff, 1915-1961 (Containers 33-43). Each section is arranged chronologically. The correspondence chronicles the personal lives of both Fania Marinoff and Carl Van Vechten. It was generated during Marinoff's constant travel as an actress and to a lesser extent from Van Vechten's career as a writer. In general, the writers discuss daily activities, work, friends, colleagues and family. Many of Marinoff's letters were written from the various stops of the theatrical company she was travelling with. The letters include reminiscences, remarks about fellow thespians, plays she had seen and reactions to news relayed by Van Vechten. Van Vechten's letters to Marinoff also recount the progress of his career writing, reactions to the reviews of the plays Marinoff appeared in and their mutual colleagues and friends.

# Series IV. Family Correspondence: Letters To Carl Van Vechten And Fania Marinoff From Other Family Members (Containers 44-50)

This series of the Family Correspondence (1880-1955, 2.7 linear ft.), is arranged alphabetically. It contains letters mainly to Van Vechten from his extended family and to a lesser extent letters from Fania Marinoff's family. The subjects are mostly family related, with relatives recounting their daily lives. Correspondents include Van Vechten's uncle Charles Lewis Fitch who began to write letters to Van Vechten at the latter's birth and his cousin Elizabeth Hull Schaffer. Other correspondents represented include Maya Nafziger, Ada Fitch Neyland, Angevine Schaffer, Emma Van Vechten Shaffer and Charles Duane Van Vechten (CVV's father). There is some overlap of financial correspondence between Series IV and Series VI (Financial Papers) with regard to Charles Duane Van Vechten, who was a general agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin); Van Vechten Shaffer, who was vice-president of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); and Van Vechten's brother Ralph who was president at the Cedar Rapids National Bank and the Continental & Commercial National Bank (Cedar Rapids, Iowa).

# Series V. Family Correspondence: Other Related Family Papers of Carl Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff (Containers 50-59)

This series of Family Correspondence (1833-1962, 3.2 linear ft.), is arranged by topic. This section contains Van Vechten's anniversary greetings (1922-1959), Marinoff's birthday greetings 1931-1940, and Van Vechten's birthday greetings (1941-1962). The letters received by Van Vechten when he was imprisoned at Ludlow Prison (1915) are letters of support from family and friends.

Van Vechten's brother Ralph offered advice with regard to Van Vechten's dispute with his wife Anna Snyder but he made it clear that he did not want his name dragged into the affair. Related to the prison letters are the divorce letters and documents of Van Vechten vs. Van Vechten (1912). The remaining papers in this section are correspondence between other family members (not including Van Vechten and Marinoff), miscellaneous correspondence (1907-1945) and unidentified correspondents.

#### Series VI. Financial Papers (Containers 60-75)

The Financial Papers (1904-1960, 5.2 linear ft.) are arranged by topic. The series consists of papers and documents relating to the various financial institutions Van Vechten had interest in (Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. and the Continental & Commercial National Bank), income tax statements (1918-1957), receipts (1904-1956), invoices and royalty statements, account books, bank books, check books and copyrights.

See also: Consult Series IV Van Vechten Shaffer and Charles Duane Van Vechten.

#### Series VII. Legal Papers (Containers 76-82)

The Legal Papers (1916-1961, 2.8 linear ft.) are arranged into two sections. The first Van Vechten Legal Papers consists of consists of insurance policies, legal correspondence and contracts regarding the "Tattooed Countess" (1924-1961), leases (1915-1947), power of attorney (1924-1927), proof of citizenship, stocks and wills (1929-1954). The second, Relatives and Others legal papers, consists of legal papers of Van Vechten's relatives including Emma Van Vechten Shaffer and Ralph Van Vechten's estate papers.

#### Series VIII. Writings (Containers 83-118)

The bulk of the writings (16.3 linear ft.) consist of literary manuscripts by Carl Van Vechten. Many of these manuscripts are typescripts and they are annotated; some of the manuscripts are accompanied by page proofs. The literary manuscripts include among others *Blind-Bow Boy, In The Garrett, Interpreters and Interpretations, Nigger Heaven, Parties, Spider Boy, Peter Whiffle, The Tattooed Countess* and *Tiger In The House*. There are also some early miscellaneous writings of CVV including prefaces to monographs, plays and poems. A typescript of Carl Van Vechten's oral history conducted by Columbia University (1960), address books, date books, notebooks and music sheets complete Van Vechten's writings. The remainder is manuscripts by other authors, including Coleman Dowell adaptation of the *Tattooed Countess* (1951), Charles Lewis Fitch's writings and miscellaneous papers relating to Van Vechten family genealogy.

#### Series IX. Printed Material (Containers 122-132)

The printed material (68.3 linear ft) consists of musical compositions, assorted serials, newspaper clippings, dust covers, monographs by Van Vechten and monographs by other authors. There are

usually a number of additions for each of Van Vechten's monographs; some are annotated drafts with corrections, others are special editions. The monographs also reflect some of the various European languages into which Van Vechten's works were translated. Books by other authors are equally well represented. Many of these monographs were presented to Van Vechten as tokens of friendship and are signed by the authors. Consult the separate index for monographs by Carl Van Vechten and other authors.

#### Series X. Scrapbooks (30 volumes)

The scrapbooks (1906-1955, 16 linear ft.), are arranged chronologically. They contain newspaper clippings reflecting events of interest Van Vechten. Prepared and arranged by Van Vechten, the scrapbooks hold reviews, published photographs of Van Vechten and Marinoff, publicity and advertisements for books, quotes and references to Van Vechten and reviews of his photography. Van Vechten mounted and annotated the clippings. The articles are identified as to their source and date of publication.

#### Series XI. Photographs (Containers 133-185)

The photographs (c1890-1960, 28 linear ft.), reflect a wide variety of subjects. The bulk of the photographs are pictures of Carl Van Vechten from childhood to adulthood. The family photographs are pictures of Van Vechten's grandparents, parents, brother, sister and other relatives. Photographs of Fania Marinoff include pictures of her at various social settings, on stage in costume and with Carl Van Vechten. There are also studio portraits of Carl Van Vechten with noted literary and artistic individuals. Van Vechten was photographed by many individuals most notably by Saul Mauriber. Other individuals who photographed Van Vechten include: James Allen, Bruce Kellner, Alfred Knopf and Mark Lutz.

#### Series XII. Artifacts (Containers 186-188; 195-206); posters (Container 189)

The artifacts (Containers 186-188) 14 linear ft. are a miscellaneous assortments of fabric, buttons and unrelated material; the remainder of the artifacts (Containers 195-206) are empty manuscript containers. The posters (2 linear ft) are advertisements used to promote Van Vechten's books.

#### Series XIII. Slides (Containers 90-194)

The slides (2 linear ft.) are pictures of Fania Marinoff and Carl Van Vechten on vacation trips, and related subjects.

#### Series XIV Phonograph discs (Container 207)

There are three records (.2 linear ft.): (1) 5th Capezio Dance Award Luncheon 7 March 1956 (talk by John Martin and Carl Van Vechten, 2 sides); (2) Poems from James Weldon Johnson's <u>Gods Trombones</u> interpreted by Harold Scott, the Montclair Gospel Chorale, Saffel Huggs, director (2 sides, United Artists Records, Inc. 1958 promotional copy 33 1/3 rpm); (3) <u>Yvette Gilbert</u> 33 1/3 microgroove, Angel Records 1954. **Arrangements must be made in advance in order to listen to the recordings.** 

#### Container list

#### Box Contents

# I. Carl Van Vechten General Correspondence

1 A – B
Cabell
Thomas Y. Crowell Inc. – Cullen
Cunningham, Scott 1923-1925

Cushley, Elsie L. 1912

D –E
Farrar, Strauss & Cudahy – Ficke
Fisk University 1955
Fisk University: Georgia O'Keeffe Collection 1947
Franklin High School, Cedar Rapids, IA 1946-1948
Franklin – Friends

- 2-5 Gallup, Donald 1940-1963
- 5 Gamut Press Gyldenal Harcourt, Brace & Co. 1959-1961 Harper – Hut Iowa, State University of 1946-1949
- Jablonski, Jacob 1951-1962
  Janvier Joseph
  Jonas, Klaus 1953-1963
  Ka
  Kellner, Bruce 1960-1963
  Krawitz n.d.
- 7 A.A. Knopf, Inc. 1918-1963
- 8 L Li
   Lueders, Edward 1954-1965
   Luhans Lynes
   Mac McC
   McGraw Hill Publishing Co. 1961
   McIver March
   Marchant, Peter David 1956
   Marchant, Philip L. 1957
- 9 Mencken, H.L. 1926; n.d. Museum of Costume Art 1941

Museum of the City of New York 1941-1959 Museum of Modern Art 1941-1948

National Institute of Arts and Letters. Academy of Arts and Letters 1961-1963

New York Public Library (NYPL). Director's Office Correspondence. Edward G. Freehafer 1960.

NYPL. Special Collections. Berg Collection 1954-1960.

NYPL. PARC. Dance Collection 1960-1962.

NYPL. PARC. Billy Rose Theatre Collection 1961

NYPL. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 1955.

NYPL. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1961.

NYPL. General Correspondence 1960.

#### 10 Neyland – Norton

Philadelphia Museum of Art – Pforzheimer

Pi – Pre

Princeton University 1941-1957

Re - Ro

Rupert Hart Davis Ltd. 1954-1955

Rutgers University 1954

Rutledge 1962

Saturday Review

Charles Scribners Sons – Staggs

Stettheimer, Carrie 1935-1943

Stettheimer, Ettie 1971-1941

T-W

#### 11 Yale University Library:

General Correspondence 1940-1962

Anna M. Pollack Memorial Library 1947-1953

Max Ewing Collection 1942-1950

#### 12-13 **Yale University Library:**

James Weldon Johnson Collection of Negro Arts and Letters 1941-1961

#### 14-15 Yale University Library List of gifts

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Miscellaneous Correspondence 1946-1963

Copies of CVV and Stein letters at Yale

	II. Letters Pertaining to Publications by CVV
16	Blind-Bow Boy 1922-1930
	Borzoi 1920-1926
	Excavations 1925-1938 Feathers 1929-1932
	Firecrackers 1925-1926
	1 Weer denoted 1923 1923
17	In the Garret 1919-1925
	Interpreters and Intrepretations 1917-1927
	Kittens 1921-1922
	Lords of the Housetops 1920-1921
18	Merry-Go-Round: Music of Spain 1918-1929
19	Music After the Great War 1915-1929
-,	Music and Bad Manners 1915-1917
19-20	Nigger Heaven 1926-1955; proposed dramatization 1931
21	Parties 1930-1934; proposed dramatization 1931
21-22	Peter Whiffle 1921-1962
	Peter Whiffle Illustrated 1927-1930
	Prancing Nigger 1924
	Red 1924-1925
23	Sacred and Profane Memories 1930-1935
_0	Spider Boy 1928-1935
24	Tattooed Countess 1923-1957
	Tattooed Countess: regards the opening of the play 1961.
24-25	Tiger in the House 1919-1945
25	Tow Headed Blind Boy 1923-1924
_0	Unfinished Biography 1955-1956
	III. Correspondence Pertaining to Publications by Other Authors
25	Colum, Padraic and Cabell, Margaret Freeman, editors.
	Between Friends.

Covarrubias, Miguel. Prince of Wales and other famous Americans. 1925.

Letters of James Branch Cabel and Others. 1961-1962.

Cunningham, Scott. Bibliography of Carl Van Vechten. 1924-1925

D'Alvarez, Marguerite. Forsaken Alters. 1955.

Gordon, Taylor. Born to Be. 1929.

Hughes, Langston. Weary Blues. 1926.

Lueders, Edward. CVV in the Twenties. 1955.

Ouida. In a Winter Night. 1923.

Rimsky-Korsakoff, N.A. My Musical Life. 1921-1923.

Shiels, M.P. The Lord of the Sea. 1924-1926.

#### IV. Family Correspondence: Letters between CVV and Fania Marinoff

Incoming Correspondence to CVV from Fania Marinoff

- 26 1912-1914
- 27 1915-1921
- 28 1922-1927
- 29 1928-1932
- 30 1933-1937
- 31 1938-1959
- 32 1960-1961

#### Outgoing Correspondence from CVV to Fania Marinoff

- 33 1913-1914
- 34 1915-1920
- 35 1921
- 36 1922-1925
- 37 1926 1927 Jan.
- 38 1927 (Feb. Dec.) 1928 (Jan. Apr.)
- 39 1928 (June Dec.) 1930 (Jan.-Feb. 1-10)
- 40 1930 (Feb. 11 Dec.) 1936 (Jan.- June)
- 41 1936 (JY Dec.) 1941
- 42 1942-1957
- 43 1958-1961

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45 Marinoff, Jacob 1928-1955 Marinoff, Leah (Lily) 1915-1918 Marinoff, Oscar J. 1915-1919 Marinoff, Vivian 1946

Nafziger, Maya 1933-1948
Neyland, Ada Fitch 1922-1956
Shaffer, Angevine 1926-1939
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Van Vechten Shaffer, George 1930-1955 Shaffer, Mary (Mrs. Edwin Crane) 1944-1947 Shaffer, Susan 1946-1955

- 47 Shaffer, Van Vechten 1922-1962
- Shawber, Lloyd 1955
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- Van Vechten, Charles Duane 1892-1925
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   Van Vechten, James Brown 1939-1940
- Van Vechten, Ralph 1912-1927 Van, Vechten, Ralph. Lettes pertaining to his death 1927

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- 50 Eighteenth to Thirty Second Wedding Anniversaries 1922-1946
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Birthday Greetings to Fania Marinoff 1952-1957

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- 51-55 CVV's Birthday Greetings 1931-1962
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56	Fitch, Amanda Roberts. Letters from Morgan Lewis Fitch 1861 see also: Box 57 for Morgan Lewis Fitch general correspondence
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57	Fitch, Morgan Lewis. General Correspondence 1833-1838
58	Miscellaneous Correspondence 1907-1963
59	Unidentified Correspondents. Miscellaneous notes relating to Christmas.
60	VII. Financial Papers Cedar Rapids National Bank 1917-1934 Continental & Commercial National Bank (Chicago) 1916-1926
61	Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. 1934-1950 Hays, St. John, Abraham & Schulman 1930-1936
61-62	Merchants National Bank 1932-1934 Northern Trust Co. Chicago 1936-1953 Weiss Berger & Frosch 1958-1960
63-65 66	Income Taxes 1918-1957 Receipts 1904-1956
67-69	A.A. Knopf Inc. invoices 1921-1930; Royalty reports 1917-1957 Rinehart Royalty reports 1950
70	Schirmer Inc. royalty reports 1919-1937 Simon & Schuster royalty reports 1938 Account book, debts due 1934
71	Account books and bank books 1937-1957
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88	Juvenilia. (photocopy of lst draft 1924)
89	Juvenilia. Original manuscript . Fragile. Consult box 88
90-91	Merry-Go-Round. Typescript and proofs
92	Alastair & Ernest Newman. 1925
93-94	Nigger Heaven. Proofs
95	Parties. Proofs
96	Peter Whiffle. Typescript and proofs.
97	Peter Whiffle. Proofs from Modern Library edition.
98	Red. Typescripts; proofs.
99	Sacred and Profane Memories. Typescripts; proofs.
100	Spider Boy. Typescripts 3 volumes; proofs.
101	The Tattooed Countess. First draft 1923; 2nd draft undated; proofs. Manuscript volume located next to box 101.
102- 104	Tiger In The House. Typescripts; page proofs.
105	Miscellaneous Writings and Related Material of CVV After DeathWhat? Astronomy. 1940 Enter Iberia. 1917 A Few Words Relating to My Photographs. 1961 Gardenias for Alice. 1960 Music After the War. 1915 Pastiche et Pistaches. 1921 Introduction to Between Friends. Letters of James Branch Cabell and Others. Tribute to Ethel Waters. 1950. Preface for monograph by Margaret Cabell. 1960 Preface to Cooking With Chinese Flavor. 1955
	Preface to Gertrude Stein's work. 1955

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Introductory address Terpichorean Souvenirs. 1956 Miscellaneous college themes 1900-1902 Miscellaneous manuscripts regarding music. n.d.

106 Early plays (1924).

Miscellaneous poems.

Miscellaneous manuscripts.

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- Music Sheets. (Music Sheets are two volumes located adjacent to Box 107)
- 108-10 Address and date books.
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114 Arlen, Margaret. <u>WABC</u>. 1945

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Burbanking A Man. N.D.

My Idol: The Idyll of An Idle Street Car. N.D.

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Fitch, Charles Lewis. A Christmas manuscript rejected by St. Nicholas magazine. 1907 Miscellaneous manuscripts

Jonas, Klaus. A Bibliography of Carl Van Vechten. Typescripts; proofs. 1955

- 115-16 Lueders, Edward. Carl Van Vechten
- Lueders, Edward. More on Wine Than Oil.

Luhan, Mabel Dodge. Chiaroscuro: Portrait of Carl Dodge.

McFadden, David E. Informal Appreciation of Carl Van Vechten.

- Notes from Lueders. Biography of CVV.
- Marchant, Peter D. Carl Van Vechten the Novelist. Marinoff, Fania. Memoirs.

San Francisco Public Library. Memorial Exhibit of Carl Van Vechten from the Paul Pagdette Collection.

Shaffer, Theresa. Fantasy in B Flat.

- Genealogical materials pertaining to the Van Vechten family.
- RESTRICTED MATERIAL. This material is too fragile for extensive handling. Photocopies have been placed in the appropriate locations throughout the collection.
- 121 Assorted advertisements, certificates, exhibits, menus, playbills and music sheets.
  - X. Printed Material: Serials and Newspaper Clippings
- 122 Serials: A-D
- 123 E-I
- 124 J-Opportunity
- 125 Owl Saturday Review
- 126 Shenandoah Vogue
- 127 *Yale*
- 128-30 Miscellaneous Printed Material A-R; R-W
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- 1 1906, Oct. 1908, Sept.
- 2 1908, Sept. 1909, Sept.

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3 1909 Sept. 1 – 1910
4 1910 July 3 – 1911, Feb. 25
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- 5 1911 Feb. 27 1911 Nov. 10
- 6 1911 Nov. 10 1912, May 28
- 7 1912, May 28 1913, Feb. 17 8 1913 Feb. 17 – May 15 1917
- 9 1913, Aug. 28 1914, May 21, May 31
- 10 1915 Nov. 1918
- 11 1917, Aug. 28 1921, Apr. 24
- 12 1921, Apr. 24 1923
- 13 1923
- 14 1923, Oct. 24 1924 Aug.
- 15 1923, 1925
- 16 1924 Aug.
- 17 1925, Mar. 29 1926, Jan.
- 18 1925, Dec. 21 1926, Sept. 1
- 19 1926, Sept. 7 1927, Feb.
- 20 1926
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- 22 1927 [Nov.] 1928 Sept.
- 23 1928 Sept. –1930 Feb.
- 24 1930 Feb. 1931 Nov.
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	Aaron Copland (1932) Eleanora de Ciscneros (1907)

Agnes DeMille

Alice de la Mar

Roland Dickney (1956)

Edward Donahoe (1939)

Thomas Eakins

Lucia Eames (Mrs. H.F. Blount)

Max Ewing

Lena Horne (1941)

George Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Hartl

Elizabeth and James Hull

Robert Hunt

George Kennedy Irwin

Jeremy Johnson (baby pictures)

Bruce Kellner (1953)

George Kennedy and others

Edwin Knopf; Pat Knopf

**Edward Lueders** 

Tony Luhan

Paul McDonald [Padgette]

Claudia McNeil from "Simply Heavenly"

Sean Muray photographed by Thomas Eakins

Violet Murray

Miranda Masacco photographed by Mauriber (1950)

Lewis Fitch Neyland; Robert R. Neyland Jr.

Aileen Pringle

Bill Raney (1939)

John Marshall Richman

Rita Romilly

Pitt Sanborn & M. d'Alvarez

Jack Stephens (1928)

Virgil Thomson (1947)

Emma Gray Trigg

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Edna Thomas & Edward Wasserman (1936).

Anna May Wong & Mei Lan Fong (1935).

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Color pencil caricature of CVV by Hipelito Hidalgode Caviedes, 1929.

Photograph of an oil painting of CVV by Robert W. Charles, 1928.

Arthur Spingarn made this place card for me at a dinner given March 19 – 1926 at the --- club by Miguel Covarrubias. place card, lithograph (?) and reproduction)

CVV in Hollywood by Miguel Covarrubias, 1928 (postcard, photograph and original black and white that mounted,1909).

Caricature of CVV by Miguel Covarrubias, 1926. (side profile of CVV with bowtie).

Caricature of CVV in ink by Miguel Covarrubias. CVV's hand is in a fishbowl (reproductions?).

CVV – photos of oil painting by John Covert, 1915. (two)

Caricature of CVV by Ruth Hammond. Reproduction on a postcard.

Caricature of CVV with and without a hat by McKnight Kauffer, 1930. Charcoal drawing on reproduction postcard.

Caricature: CVV discovers a little book called *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. News print reproduction by Gene Markey, n.d.

Photograph of caricature of CVV by Tonio Salazar, May1931.

Pencil drawing of CVV by Mary Searls, 1903. (originals)

CVV – photograph of an oil painting by Harrison Thomson, 1948. Original is located at Yale University Library.

Photograph of the oil painting of "The Birthday Party" by Florine Stettheimer.

#### Other individuals:

The whole damn bunch caricature by Briggs (reproduction). This caricature shows the staff of the *Chicago American*, c 1905.

A photo of Paul Padgett's library.

C.D. Van Vechten, portrait by Martha Baker, 1906.

Postcards of paintings of Fania Marinoff:

- -F.M. as Ariel by Christina Morton?, 1915.
- -F.M. by Adolfo B. Maugard, 1925
- -F.M. by Mary McKinnon, 1927.
- -F.M. by Paul Therinay, 1919.

Caricature of Fania Marinoff by Shaw (original).

Photograph reproduction of a poster for Rue Cocotte at the Cignale.

Caricature of two men signed by Kein Dullea (reproduction).

CVV apartment: the Victorian room, Library and dining room (photographs).

Duplicate photographs of CVV 1932-1955.

180	Fania Marinoff dressed in costumes from stage productions and also dressed in Ada Amanda Fitch's wedding dress.
181	Two small photograph albums $c.1890-1900$ 's of CVV family and friends in Cedar Rapids. Iowa (cyanotypes) .
182	Photograph album c1890-1900.
183-84	Album. American Theatre Wing. Tea Dance for Service Women, comic relief pictures of the staff; album cover.
185	Photographs of CVV's apartments; floor plans.
186	Assorted materials: Address books (2 small loose leaf vols.); pins: Service Women's Tea Dances (2); pin: Stage Door Canteen (2); CVV's notebook regarding payments; assorted index cards; envelope: Mary VVB containing small embroidered piece; Directory of the officers faculty and assistants of Yale University 1952-1953; In memoriam. Charles Duane Van Vechten; lettter: 4 Oct. 1942. Norma. To Carl (letter on wood).
187	Assorted materials: Inventory of CVV's art and artifacts (blue leather book tooled with gold); assorted papers and cards
188	CVV, Doctor of letters from Fisk University;
189	Posters (located in long blue slipcase).
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#### List of Books by CVV

- CVV Alfred A. Knopf is the publisher, except where noted.
- 1 *Blind-Bow Boy*. New York: 1923. lst. ed. Copies are lettered A to O; this is C. Note: pages are uncut.
- 2 *Blind-Bow Boy*. 1st & 2nd printing before publication; annotated; cloth covers; no illustrations.
- 3 *Blind-Bow Boy.* Variation of lst ed. with no green line on title page. Autographed. Dust cover mutilated.
- 4 *Blind-Bow Boy*. One of nine prepublication copies, issued for salesmen's use lacks frontispiece, which was not ready when they were bound.
- 5 Blind-Bow Boy. 1923. No illustration; dust covers.
- 6 1923. Illustrated; dust covers.
- 7 1923. 2nd printing.
- 8 1923. 3rd printing.
- 9 1923. 4th printing.
- 9a 1923. 5th printing.
- 9b 1923. 6th printing.
- 10 1925. Pocket book.
- 11- 1925. Pocket book.
- 11A
- 12 1925.
- 13 1925. London edition.
- 13B 1929. London edition.
- 14 Excavations. 1st ed. 1926
- 15 lst ed. 1926
- 16-17 2nd edition. 1926
- 18 Firecrackers. 1st ed. 1925. No. 13 of 135 copies, signed by the author.

19	Firecrackers. New York: Grosset & Dunlap Publishers by arrangement with Knopf, 1925.
20 21 22 23 24 25 26-27 28	Firecrackers. 1925. 1925. 1925. 2nd printing. 1925. 3rd printing. 1925. 4th printing. 1925. 5th printing 1927. London edition. N.D. pages 1-6 only.
29	Fragments Of An Unwritten Autobiography. Vol. I-II. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1955. Reprinted in honor of CVV's seventy-fifth birthday June 17, 1955.
30 31 32	In The Garrett. 1st ed. 1920. Autographed by CVV. 1925. "2nd binding". Preface only. pages 1-22.
33 34 35 36 37	Interpreters and Interpretations 1915. Note: pages are uncut.  Interpreters and Interpretations pp.1-22  Interpreters and Interpretations pp. 1-22  Interpreters and Interpretations 1917. Annotated  Interpreters and Interpretations 1920.
38 39 40	Lords of the Housetops. 1921. 1921. Note: vol. 38 and vol. 39 are slightly different version. 1930
41 42	Merry-Go-Round, 1918. 1918. [slightly different version]
43	Music After The Great War And Other Studies. 2nd, edition. New York: Schirmer, 1915.
44 45	Music And Bad Manners. 1916 [bound in black] Autographed.  Music And Bad Manners. 1916 [bound in green] Autographed.
46	<i>Music And Bad Manners</i> . 1916. Annotations suggestions in the hand of Garrett Underhill.
47	Music And Bad Manners. 1916. pages 1-12 only
48	The Music of Spain. 1918
49	<i>The Music of Spain.</i> London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co. Ltd., 1920. Preface and note by Pedro G. Morales.

- Nigger Heaven. 1st ed. No. 2 of 205 copies. Uncut Pages. [bound in cloth]
- 51 Nigger Heaven. 1926. Pages 1-14 only. [bound in brown buckram]
- 52 *Nigger Heaven*. 1926. "Single copy is a sample which has not been used"; corrections in lst edition; see page 285. [brown buckram]
- 53 Nigger Heaven. 1926. [brown buckram; black dust cover with white lettering]
- 54 Nigger Heaven. lst. edition. 1926. [brown buckram]
- 55 2nd printing. 1926.
- 56 3rd printing. 1926.
- 57 4th printing. 1926.
- 58 5th printing. 1926.
- 59 6th printing. 1926.
- 60 7th printing. 1926.
- August 1927 "cheap edition". Printed in Great Britain by The Edinburg Press.
- 62 London: 1928. Borzoi Pocket Books, XXI.
- 9th printing. January 1927
- 64 10th printing. February 1927.
- 65 11th printing. February 1927.
- 66 12th printing. May 1927.
- 67 *Nigger Heaven*. 13th printing. Sept. 1927.
- 68 14th printing. January 1928.
- 69 *Nigger Heaven*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap. Publishers by arrangement with Alfred. A. Knopf, January 1928.
- Nigger Heaven. New York: Avon Publishers by arrangement with Alfred A. Knopf, 1926. Notes by CVV: A Critical Commentary by George S. Schuyler.
- 71 [Nigger Heaven] Cernosske Nebe. Praze, 1930.
- 72 [Nigger Heaven] Cernosske Nebe. Praze, 1930. Uncut pages. Slipcase.
- 73 [Nigger Heaven] Neegrite Taevas. K.U Loodus, Tartus, 1931. Slipcase.
- 74 [*Nigger Heaven*] *Neger Mennyorszag*. Forditta Paloczi Horvath Gyorgy. Athenaeum Irodalmi es Nyomdai R.T. Kiadasa. Budapest, 1934.
- 75 [Nigger Heaven] Negrernas Himmelrike. Bemyndigad Oversattning av Bertel Gripenberg, 1927.

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76
          [Nigger Heaven] Niggerhimlen. Oslo: Forlag + Av H. Aschehoug & Co. (W. Nygaard)
          1933. Original slipcase; uncut pages; paperback.
77
          [Nigger Heaven] Niggerhimlen. Paa Dansk Ved Kelvin Lindemann. Wilhelm Hansen -
          K 0 Benhavn, 1933 (p.b.).
          see: General Correspondence Kelvin Lindemann. Box 8 F. 1.
78
          [Nigger Heaven] Niggerhimlen. Newspaper clippings only.
79
         [Nigger Heaven] Le Paradis des Negres. Traduction de J. Sabourand. Preface de
         Paul Morand. Les Documentaires, Simon Kra, 6, Rue Blanche, Paris. Slipcase.
         [Nigger Heaven] Le Paradis des Negres. Large paper edition. Uncut pages. Slipcase.
80
          [Nigger Heaven] Il Paradiso dei Negri. Prefazione e Traduzione dall'ing lese di Glan
81
         Davli. Soc. An. Modernissima, Milano, 1930.
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         [Nigger Heaven] Autoryzowansky Przekl Ad Stefanji Heymanowej.
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         [Nigger Heaven] Raj Murzynow. Warszawa, 1931.
          Parties. 1st. edition. No. 4 of 250
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                    blank pages
                    pages 1-12 only
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                    3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 1930
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                    4<sup>th</sup> ed. 1930
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107	1925
108	1925
109	1925. Shortened version
110	Sacred and Profane Memories. London: Cassell & Co. Ltd., 1931 No. 1869 of 2000 copies.
111	Sacred And Profane Memories. New York: 1932. No. 48 of 2000 copies.
112	Sacred And Profane Memories. 1932
113	Spider Boy. 1928. Special edition no. 3 of 75 copies. Printed on Inomachi Japan. vellum; bound in red vellum
114	Spider Boy. 1928. No. 2 of 210 copies printed on borzoi rag paper. Uncut pages. See: Box 132 for dust covers.
115	Spider Boy. 1st ed. 1928. (bound in red buckram)
116 117	Spider Boy. 1st ed. 1928. (bound in salmon color cloth) 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 1928. (bound in salmon color cloth)
118	3 <sup>rd</sup> ed. 1928.
119	4 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1928.
120	lst ed. Printed in Great Britain.
121	4 <sup>th</sup> ed. Printed in Great Britain.
122	4 <sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1928.
123	Nigger Heaven and Spider Boy. Tauchnitz ed. Leipzig: Bernard Tauchnitz. Paris: Librairie Henri Gaulon, 39 Rue Madame, 1928. Two separate volumes published in a soft cover edition.
124	[Spider Boy] Il Romanzo D' Hollywood. Unica traduzion e Autorizzata di Giovanni. Marcellini. Giuseppe Carabba Editore Lanciano, 1932
125	[ <i>Spider Boy</i> ] En Fangei Hollywood. Bemyndigad Oversattning Av Ingerd Von Tell. Stockholm: Holger Schildts Forlag, 1929.
126	[Spider Boy] Film. Et Filmsmanuskript I 17 Billender Paa Dansk Ved Mogens Dam. Steen Hasselbalchs Forlag [1930] Uncut Pages.
127	Tattooed Countess. 1924, lst. edition. No. 2 of 150 copies. 1924 Uncut Pages.
128	lst. ed. 1924.
129	2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 1924
130	1924. Printed on paper provided by W.F. Etherington & Co.
131	New York: A.L. Burt Co., 1924.
132	ed. and date of publication not printed; bound with cover page; early

133	draft? 4 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1924.
134	6 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1924.
135	7 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1924.
136	London, 1924.
137	The Tattoed [sic] Countess. La Comtesse tatouee. Roman de l'anglais par Maurice Remon. Editions de la Madeleine 11, rue Tronchet, 111 Paris. Uncut Pages, 1932.
138A- B	The Tiger In The House. draft copy, N.D, Annotated; proofs
139	The Tiger In The House. dummy copy.
140	1921. No. 13 of 2000 copies.
141	1921 ed.
142	2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 1924.
143	3 <sup>rd</sup> ed. 1936.
144	London: Jonathan Cape, 1938.
145	8 <sup>th</sup> ed. 1936.
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146	Alastair. Fifty Drawings By Others. 1925
147	Anderson, Sherwood et al. Breaking Into Print. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1937.
148	Baldwin, Charles C. <i>The Men Who Make Our Novels</i> . 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co., 1924.
149	Beach, Joseph Warren. <i>The Outlook for American Prose</i> . Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1926.
150	Beecroft, John, ed. Plain and Fancy Cats. New York: Rinehart & Co., 1958.
151	All Cats Go to Heaven. An Anthology of stories selected by Beth Brown; illus. by Peggy Bacon. New York: Groset & Dunlap, 1960.
152	Cargill, Oscar. Intellectual America. 1st ed. New York: MacMillan, 1941.
153	Carroll, Lewis. <i>The Hunting of the Snark</i> .  Done in types at Philosopher Press and published in Wausau Wisconsin by Van Vechten & Ellis, 1904. No. 256 of 300 copies.
154	Chadourne, Mare. Chine. Paris: Librairie Plon, 1931.
155	Clark, Emily. Innocence Abroad. New York: Knopf, 1931.

- 156 Clarke, Frances E. Cats and Cats. New York: MacMillan, 1937
- 157 Clarke, Frances E. *Of Cats And Men*. New York: MacMillan, 1957.
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