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## **Archives of the Corell Publishing Company**

## **Collection Summary**

**Title:** Archives of the Corell Publishing Company

Call Number: MS 89-20

Size: 1.0 linear feet

**Acquisition:** Purchased from Leslie Hindman Auction, 1985

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**Restrictions:** None

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#### **Content Note**

Correspondence, literary works and engraving plates dating from 1896 to 1943 comprise the greater portion of these papers relating to the Corell Publishing Company. Most of the correspondence and literary works are attributed to Booth Tarkington; however, some also concern Corell's magazine, John-a-Dreams. Correspondents include Edward W. Bryant, Robert T. Sloss, Carolyn Wells, Kenneth Brown, St. George Best, and Barton Currie. The collection also contains copies of the little magazine, *John-a-Dreams*, including its prospectus and inaugural issues. Also included in the collection is an original copy of Tarkington's *The Kisses of Marjorie*.

## **Box and Folder Listing**

Box 1 FF 1 Contains correspondence to Edward W. Bryant from various persons

dated May 12 and May 29, 1897.

Box 1 FF 2 Contains correspondence to Robert T. Sloss ("Slims") from Booth

Tarkington. A few dates mentioned are August 24, 1896 and November

6, 1896.

Box 1	FF 3	Contains correspondence to Robert T. Sloss ("Slims") from various persons dated from October 24, 1896 to March 31, 1897.
Box 1	FF 4	Contains correspondence to Corell Press from various persons and companies dated from November 7, 1895 to April 16, 1902.
Box 1	FF 5	Contains correspondence to the magazine, <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , from various persons dated from March 24, 1896 to November 8, 1897.
Box 1	FF 6	Contains correspondence to the editor of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> from Kenneth Brown dated from October 22, 1896 to March 1897.
Box 1	FF 7	Contains correspondence to the editor of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> from Carolyn Wells (an American writer 1869-1942) dated from January 7, 1896 to November 13, 1896.
Box 1	FF 8	Contains correspondence for John-a-Dreams to Carolyn Wells.
Box 1	FF 9	Contains correspondence to the editor of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> from St. George Best dated from March 5, 1897 to August 15, 1897.
Box 1	FF 10	Contains correspondence to the editor of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> from various persons dated from April 14, 1897 to May 29, 1897.
Box 1	FF 11	Contains a letter from E. W. Hofstatter concerning the terms that were used in purchasing the Corell Press, no date.
Box 1	FF 12	Contains copies of poems and plays written by various people. Also contains a copy of the play, <i>The Kisses of Marjorie</i> , by Booth Tarkington.
Box 1	FF 13	Contains financial papers concerning various bills, checks, receipts, etc., dated from August 3, 1896 to February 2, 1898.
Box 1	FF 14	Contains legal documents including copyrights, notes, and contracts between partners of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> dated September 16, 1895 to August 29, 1899. Also contains an indenture between the American University Magazine and the partners of Corell Press dated February 1, 1897.
Box 1	FF 15	Contains clippings from various magazines and newspapers (photocopies have been made of the clippings). The clippings are dated from October 29, 1895 to September 1896.
Box 1	FF 16	Contains the photocopies of the clippings in FF 15.
Box 1	FF 17	Contains several miscellaneous items relating to Corell Press: a blotter printed by the Corell Press for the month of July 1896; a drawing on graph paper of a sign for Corell Press; and a name card with Booth Tarkington's name and the date April 26, 1933.
Box 1	FF 18	Contains a few pages from the magazine, <i>The Bibelot</i> , and two copies of a pamphlet printed by Corell Press to encourage young and unknown writers to send their manuscripts to the magazine, <i>John-a-Dreams</i> .

Box 1	FF 19	Contains correspondence between John Corell and Barton Currie dated from December 9, 1932 to July 20, 1934.
Box 1	FF 20	Contains correspondence between John Corell and Booth Tarkington dated December 23, 1932 and December 24, 1943.
Box 1	FF 21	Contains a yellow paper which shows the number of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> printed with the number of volumes, date and pages, an excerpt from <i>Booth Tarkington</i> by Barton Currie, a photocopy from <i>Booth Tarkington</i> by Barton Currie which has comments about <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , <i>John-a-Dreams</i> and its relation to Newton Booth Tarkington, an outline which lists the volumes of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> that include illustrations or writing by Booth Tarkington, and a typewritten copy from <i>Princeton Verse</i> which lists the issues of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> in which any of Booth Tarkington's materials were printed. (He wrote under the name of Cecil Woodford.)
Box 1	FF 22	Contains biographies in WSU Library.
Box 1	FF 23	Contains two bound copies of Volume 1 of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> . One is hard-bound and the other copy is paperback; however, the hard back copy has advertisements in the back and some writing in pencil on the first page.
Box 1	FF 24	Contains a drawing by Booth Tarkington dated 1901.
Box 1	FF 25	Contains the original wooden frame of the drawing in FF 24. On the back is the date 1901.
Box 2	FF 1	Contains three issues of the Prospectus, October, Volume 1, #0.
Box 2	FF 2	Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 1, #1, July and just a cover for issue #1 and Volume 1, #2, published in August.
		just a cover for issue #1 and volume 1, #2, published in August.
Box 2	FF 3	Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 1, #3, published in September 1896 and Volume 1, #4, published in December 1896.
Box 2	FF 4	Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 1, #3, published
		Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 1, #3, published in September 1896 and Volume 1, #4, published in December 1896.  Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 2, #1, published
Box 2	FF 4	Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 1, #3, published in September 1896 and Volume 1, #4, published in December 1896.  Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 2, #1, published in January 1897 and Volume 2, #2, published in February 1897.  Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 2, #3, published
Box 2	FF 4 FF 5	Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 1, #3, published in September 1896 and Volume 1, #4, published in December 1896.  Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 2, #1, published in January 1897 and Volume 2, #2, published in February 1897.  Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 2, #3, published in March 1897 and Volume 2, #4 published in April 1897.  Contains the original copies of <i>John-a-Dreams</i> , Volume 2, #5, published

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