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Miniature Notions Shop

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifact105.02.0112

Title:	Miniature Notions Shop
Date:	1870 – 1890
Material:	Wood; Fibre; Paper; Ceramic; Metal
Dimensions:	22.0 x 21.0 x 33.2 cm
Description:	Japanese notions shop, fully furnished, wooden base 3.7 high forms floor of shop. Display area centre of floor 13.0x13.6x18.7, removable wooden wings, 12.0x3.0x0.5, on each side of the display shelf. Left removable wing has a replaced hook. Brass wire attached to top and sides of display shelf modelled after the bamboo poles on which skeins of cotton threads, jute rope, flax thread are hung. Teenage shopkeeper girl sitting on her feet, her hands on her lap with right hand shaped to hold something. Items for sale: 14 bales of cotton battings from Oume region manufactured, or distributed, by Yamato-ya (House of Yamato), all specially high quality. On the right wing: silver Obi-jime (Obijime a decorative and very tightly woven tough and thick silk tie belt), tightly tied around the waist, over Obi, (decorative sash). 3 pairs of silk tying strings for Haoli, windbreaker. On the left wing Haoli tying strings (3) and Obi- jime.
Subject:	households
	miniatures
	figure
	female
	Japanese
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Insect Vendor Shop

https://archives.whyte	.org/en/permalink/artifact105.02.0116
Title:	Insect Vendor Shop
Date:	1870 – 1890
Material:	paper; wood; fibre; ceramic
Description:	Japanese insect vendor, fully furnished. Platform, 23.0x9.8x5.0, is black painted wood covered with black grit paper. Checkerboard patterned paper covers frame shop, 21.5x22.0x7.0. Hinged panels on both sides, 15.3x3.3. Front facing panels have wooden lattice work, same paper pattern. Shopkeeper, teenage girl, is sitting in centre of shop. She has a patterned kimono with red in pattern and lining, wearing blue thongs, hair piled high with a red tie dyed scarf, china face. Open mouth show white teeth, china hands. Many and varied insect boxes displayed, very finely crafted, all secured to framework. The black boxes are for displaying fireflies. The shopkeeper is also secured to the display. (see file for partial list of insects).
Subject:	households
	miniatures
	business
	figure
	female
	insects
	Japanese
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Miniature, Musical Instruments Musical Instrument Shop

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Title:	Miniature, Musical Instruments Musical Instrument Shop
Date:	1870 – 1890
Material:	wood; paper; fibre; ceramic
Description:	Japanese musical instruments shop, fully furnished. Wooden base, 36.2 x 18.7 x 5.3, woven floor mat. Wooden shop walls, 35.2x24.0x17.3, open roof. Shopkeeper, teenage girl, wearing patterned, multi-coloured kimono. She is on her knees on the floor holding a shamisen. Delicate features, dimples and teeth showing. Many and varied musical instruments displayed, secured to frame. On the cloth shop curtain: musical instruments, house of music and rhythm, musical instruments.

Items for sale, from I to r, upper to lower, 1 rawhide extra big thin drum,
played with stick ?, 2 foreign looking washtub violin like instruments and 1
bow , 3 short necked banjos?, 2 cello bows, 1 rawhide extra big thin
drum, 1 short necked banjo ?, 1 biwa lute, 4 hand drums, with a handle,
for religious chanting, ?, 3 shami-sen on the stand, 1 shamiosen lying, 6
plectrums for koto, 3 koto, 3 shami-sen, 2 shami-sen plucks, 1 shami-
sen, 2 Japanese drums of different sizes, played with sticks, 2 Japanese
hand drums, tsuzumi, 2 cellos or bases, 2 African drums, 5 drum sticks in
a vase, 2 shami-sen of different sizes, 3 small Japanese hand drums,
kozutsumi, 1 medium size Japanese drum, played with sticks, 1 free
standing harpsichord like instrument, 1 horse like long harp, 11 bodies of
shami-sen piled up in 3 rows, 1 medium shami-sen, 3 Japanese drums of
different sizes on top of each other, all played with sticks .
households

Subject:	households
	miniatures
	business
	entertainment
	relegious
	pastime
	Japanese
	Edward S. Morse
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	figure
	female
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Miniature Screen

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifact107.01.0141

Title:	Miniature Screen
Date:	1870 – 1890
Material:	paper; wood
Dimensions:	12.0 cm
Description:	Japanese picture screen, folding. Each panel 12.0 x 5.5. Six panels made of thin wood, paper glued front and back to form hinges for folding. Backing is striped red and cream. Front depicting cherry blossom viewing, lady on the left is playing the fishing game ? A man is standing up, a girl in waiting is holding something in her hands, a mistress is sitting. Checkerboard design encompasses entire picture.
Subject:	Whyte home
	households
	decorative
	miniatures
	figure
	female
	male
	Japanese
	Edward S. Morse
	Edith Morse Robb
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Food Storage Jar

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifact104.19.0059

Title:	Food Storage Jar
Date:	1890 – 1930
Material:	ceramic
Dimensions:	10.8 x 9.0 cm
Description:	Spheroid container with small neck and opening topped with loose fitting, domed lid which rests over jar neck. Overall white glaze with landscape including three figures, and lid has single figure on it. Calligraphy painted on bottom which has a trimmed foot. Pink and turquoise scroll decoration on jar near neck possibly created with wax resist technique.
Subject:	households
	figure
	male
	female
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Doll

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifact108.05.0014

Title:	Doll
Date:	1950 – 1953
Material:	fabric; hair; glass; metal
Dimensions:	21.5 x 4.5 x 10.5 cm
Description:	A stuffed doll representing a Navajo woman with bright pink plush bodice, and long purple skirt with blue and green floral print. Face, hands and feet of pink fabric wrapped over wire armature and stuffed, with white binding the length of the leg. Facial features drawn on carefully, and black wool hair bound in a loop at the nape of the neck with white cord. Green, white and turquoise bead necklace, sequin buttons, and sheet metal belt at waist.
Subject:	Indigenous, Navajo
	playthings
	children
	figure
	female
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Doll



https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifact108.05.0019

Title:	Doll
Date:	1960 – 1970
Material:	skin; hair; glass; fibre
Dimensions:	33.0 x 7.0 x 17.0 cm
Description:	An Indigenous doll wearing simple buckskin dress with large floral design of blue leaves with orange glass centres beaded across chest and back. Horsehair stitched to head gathered at each side, with a single buckskin thong looped across back of head, simple notched headband, and beaded features of blue eyes and red mouth, with black bead nostrils. Buckskin moccasins with flap at heel and short buckskin leggings sewn to body. Underbody of firmly stuffed red fabric, hands stitched to side of body.
Subject:	Indigenous
	playthings
	children
	figure
	female
	beadwork
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Figurine Group

https://archives.whyte.org/en/permalink/artifact107.01.0091

Title:	Figurine Group
Date:	1977
Material:	wood; plaster
Dimensions:	3.3 x 2.7 x 18.2 cm
Description:	Long flat wooden base painted with black enamel. Twelve small, brightly painted, plaster figures stand in a row along the base, the figures are from left to right (1) a skull painted brown, (2) white faced person wrapped in red cloak, (3) a brown standing bear wearing coolie hat and carrying white sack, (4) a seated white cat with red feathers, (5) a green frog, (6) a standing man with exposed fat belly wearing an orange robe and carrying a white sack over his shoulder, (7) a standing woman in blue kimono with yellow hood over face, holding a lyre, (8) a man with purple blouse and green trousers holding a club, (9) a man with black overblouse and turquoise skirt, holding staff and round yellow object with turquoise sack over shoulder, (10) a kneeling bald man with pointed head and white beard, carrying fan and wearing green robe, (11) a black cat standing with back arched, (12) a seated man with orange robe.
Subject:	households
	decorative
	miniatures
	religious
	animal
	bear
	cat
	frog
	figure
	male
	female
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Cowboys Figurine Set

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Title:	Cowboys Figurine Set
Date:	1945 – 1955
Material:	wood; paper; metal; fibre
Dimensions:	10.5 x 5.0 x 10.2 cm
Description:	Six cowboy and cowgirl figurines made of pipe cleaners, each on a separate pedestal of card, three on discs and three on rectangles, the rectangle base figurines having corrugated cardboard corral sections as well. (a) a cowgirl in red boots, red cotton skirt, white jacket and hat, tossing a string lariat. (b) a rust coloured cowboy with black hat, carrying a saddle. (c) a brown suited cowboy with yellow boots and hat, sixgun of foil slung on waist, tossing a lariat (a,b,c on round bases). (d) cowgirl sitting on rail, dressed in white and blue, blue sun hat, grey boots. (e) cowboy sitting on rail, green clothes, grey boots, green Stetson, sixgun at waist, taking aim with imaginary rifle. (f) cowboy leaning against fence, dressed in grey, white boots and hat, sixgun of foil, and a lariat looped over the far end of the rail.
Subject:	Whyte home
	households
	decorative
	miniatures
	figure
	male
	female
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Figures Figurine Set

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https://archives.whyte	.org/en/permalink/artifact107.01.0096%20a-c
Title:	Figures Figurine Set
Date:	1950 – 1955
Material:	wood
Dimensions:	13.0 x 5.5 x 6.5 cm
Description:	Three French Canadian carved figures in wood, hand painted. (a) a bespectacled priest in brown cassock and robes, small black skull cap bent wire pince-nez glasses, belt and crucifix painted on, carrying an open Bible which has been glued to his hands. (b) a bent backed, bowlegged older man, wearing brown pants, black jacket over red vest and white shirt with black tie, a black toque on his head, black shoes, a sour expression on his face. (c) a rotund older woman wearing brown dress with full skirt, black hemmed, a calf-length apron of black with blue and red vertical stripes, a white blouse visible at the bodice, and a necklace of roses. She is white haired, hair tied in a bun, and has a smiling expression, arms crossed. All are cut in deft, sure, simple wood carver's strokes, are caricatured slightly, and are strongly painted.
Subject:	Whyte home
	households
	decorative
	miniatures
	craft
	figure
	male
	female
Credit:	Gift of Catharine Robb Whyte, O. C., Banff, 1979
Catalogue Number:	107.01.0096 a-c

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