

Basic Detail Report

Title Handkerchief

Date 1850-1875

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Printed cotton cambric

Description Child's handkerchief, printed in blue ink on white cotton cambric, with images of children at play and the words, THE CHEERFUL COMPANIONS printed along bottom margin. A larger center medallion set in an oval format with border depicts a parlor scene where several children play "Blind Man's Bluff" as an adult appears in the open doorway to view a boisterous scene with overturned furniture. Smaller scenes around the border show children engaged in various leisure activities such as reading, dancing (girls), swinging, bowling hoops, playing at ball, jumping (boys), and hopping. The handkerchief was never used and was never hand-hemmed.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 11 3/8 x 5 3/8in. (28.9 x 13.7cm)