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Title Ammunition Box

Date 1880-1915

Primary Maker Colt Manufacturing Company

Medium Pasteboard, paper

Description Rectangular pasteboard box (a) with removable lid (b), entirely covered with cream paper with blue and maroon plaid. The interior of box has a thin paper liner on the bottom and partially up the sides. Labels printed in black ink are affixed to all six sides. The label on the top of the lid reads, "50 .45 CAL.

AUTOMATIC COLT PISTOL / CENTRAL FIRE CARTRIDGES / TRADE [symbol with U.

M.C. in center] MARK [image of a bullet with ".45 / AUTOMATIC COLT /

METALCASED"] "SMOKELESS POWDER / METAL CASED BULLET /

MANUFACTURED BY / THE UNION METALLIC CARTRIDGE CO. / BRIDGEPORT,

CONN, U.S.A." The label on the front side reads, "Adapted to .45 Calibre [sic]

Automatic Colt / Pistol. / Are sure fire and accurate / The U.M.C.Co. / See our

Guarantee on bottom of this box." Labels on left and right sides read, "U.M.C. [in

oval] / .45 AUTOMATIC COLT PISTOL / SMOKELESS. / METAL CASED BULLET."

The label on the back side reads, "These Smokeless Powder Cartridges are

expressly adapted / to the .45 Calibre [sic] Automatic Colt Pistol. They being

made / by The Union Metallic [Company] [illegible] / special directions, we

strongly recommend them for use / in these Arms. / Colt Patent Fire Arms

Manufg Co [in script]" The label on bottom of box reads, "GUARANTEE. / We

hereby guarantee these cartridges, also Automatic pistols when used with them,

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to the full extent of the makers' / guarantee. The special Smokeless Powder used

is best adapted to required results. Shells should not be reloaded. / [in script:]

Union Metallic Cartridge Co."

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): $1 \frac{3}{8} \times 4 \frac{15}{16} \times 2 \frac{5}{8}$

/in. (3.5 x 12.5 x 6.7cm)