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Knowles Loom Works
Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Lucius J. Knowles began the manufacture of looms in Warren in 1862, moved to Worcester by 1867. Knowles Loom Works and Crompton Loom Works merged in 1897, reincorporated as Crompton & Knowles Loom Works.

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Knowles, Lucius J., 1819-1884.

Knowles Loom Works (Worcester, Mass.) – Catalogs.

Crompton & Knowles Loom Works (Worcester, Mass.)

Looms – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Textile machinery industry – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Industries – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Worcester (Mass.) – Manufactures.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Lucius J. Knowles began the manufacture of satinet in Warren, Mass., in 1855 and developed and patented new textile machinery for the weaving process. Knowles, in partnership with his brother, began the manufacture of looms in Warren in 1862. By 1867 the company had moved to Worcester. In 1897 Knowles Loom Works and competitor Crompton Loom Works consolidated, incorporating under the name Crompton & Knowles Loom Works.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of two catalogs of Knowles Loom Works machinery, ca. 1893-1895, with a parts list, for Knowles Open Shed Fancy Looms.

Series Description

Series 1 : Catalogs, etc., ca. 1893-1895. (3 items)

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Series 1, Catalogs, etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		2000.63.1.1	Illustrated catalog of Knowles Open Shed Fancy Looms, ca. 1893, 16 p. / Knowles Loom Works, Worcester, Mass.
1		2000.63.1.2	Descriptive catalogue of the Knowles Open Shed Fancy Looms, manufactured by the Knowles Loom Works, Worcester, Mass., 1895. 24 p.
1		2000.63.1.3	Circular of parts for Knowles Open Shed Fancy Loom / Knowles Loom Works, Worcester, Mass., ca. 1895. [12] p.