

Treatment Report

Title: *The Pancake*

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Collection: Perry-Castaneda Library

Binding Dimensions (cm): 21.9 x 16.3 x 1.1 cm

Textblock Dimensions (cm): 21.2 x 15.8 x 0.3 cm

Date Examined: February 12, 2008

Date Treatment Completed: April 27, 2008

Conservator: Helen Kuncicky

Instructor: Chela Metzger

Treatment Objective

The goal of this treatment is to stabilize the circulating collection item so that it may be safely used without causing additional damage.

Description

Binding

The case is made of binder's board covered fully in paper. The title and author are printed on the front cover and spine. There are printed color illustrations on the front and back covers, and additional information printed on the back cover.

Case-to-Text Attachment

The case is adhesively attached to the textblock via an overhanging textile lining.

Textblock

The textblock is Singer-sewn in 3 sections of 4 folios each. There are also two staples along the spine edge of the textblock, between the sewing and the spine.

There are no endpapers, but there are doublures on both covers, of the same paper as the textblock.

Condition

Binding

The front board is partially detached from the spine due to a long tear down the front spine edge of the case. The board corners are abraded, and the covers are lightly soiled.

Case-to-Text Attachment

The case-to-textblock attachment is in very good condition.

Textblock

The textblock is in good condition.

Photodocumentation

Photodocumentation was completed with a Pentax digital camera. Images include overall shots of the book in spectral light. The images document the book's condition before and after treatment.

Treatment Proposal

1. Repair the spine using a cloth spine replacement on the case without disturbing the case-to-text attachment.
2. Reattach the original, decorative spine label on the case.
3. Consolidate the corners of the case.

Treatment Performed

1. Detached the spine of the case from the boards, along with 1 mm of paper covering each board.
2. Cut two 1.5-inch tabs at head and tail on the inside of each board, extending to the edges of the pastedown.
3. Lifted the tabs and 1.5-inches under the top and bottom spine edge of each pastedown.
4. Lifted the paper on the outside of both boards to approximately 1.5-inches in from the spine edge.
5. Prepared a cloth spine replacement of brown, paper-backed book cloth with an 80# Mohawk cover-weight paper spine strip, adhered with PVAc
6. Attached the cloth spine replacement to the boards under the lifted paper cover using PVAc.
7. Attached the cloth spine replacement turn-ins to the boards under the lifted pastedowns using PVAc.
8. Pressed the book between boards with knitting needles in the grooves to add definition.
9. Re-adhered the lifted pastedowns and paper cover using PVAc.
10. Re-adhered the lifted tabs using PVAc.
11. Trimmed the original paper spine label.
12. Adhered the original paper spine label to the spine using PVAc.
13. Consolidated the delaminated corners using wheat starch paste.

Length of Treatment: 1.5 hours