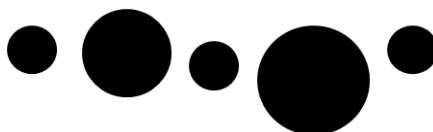


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
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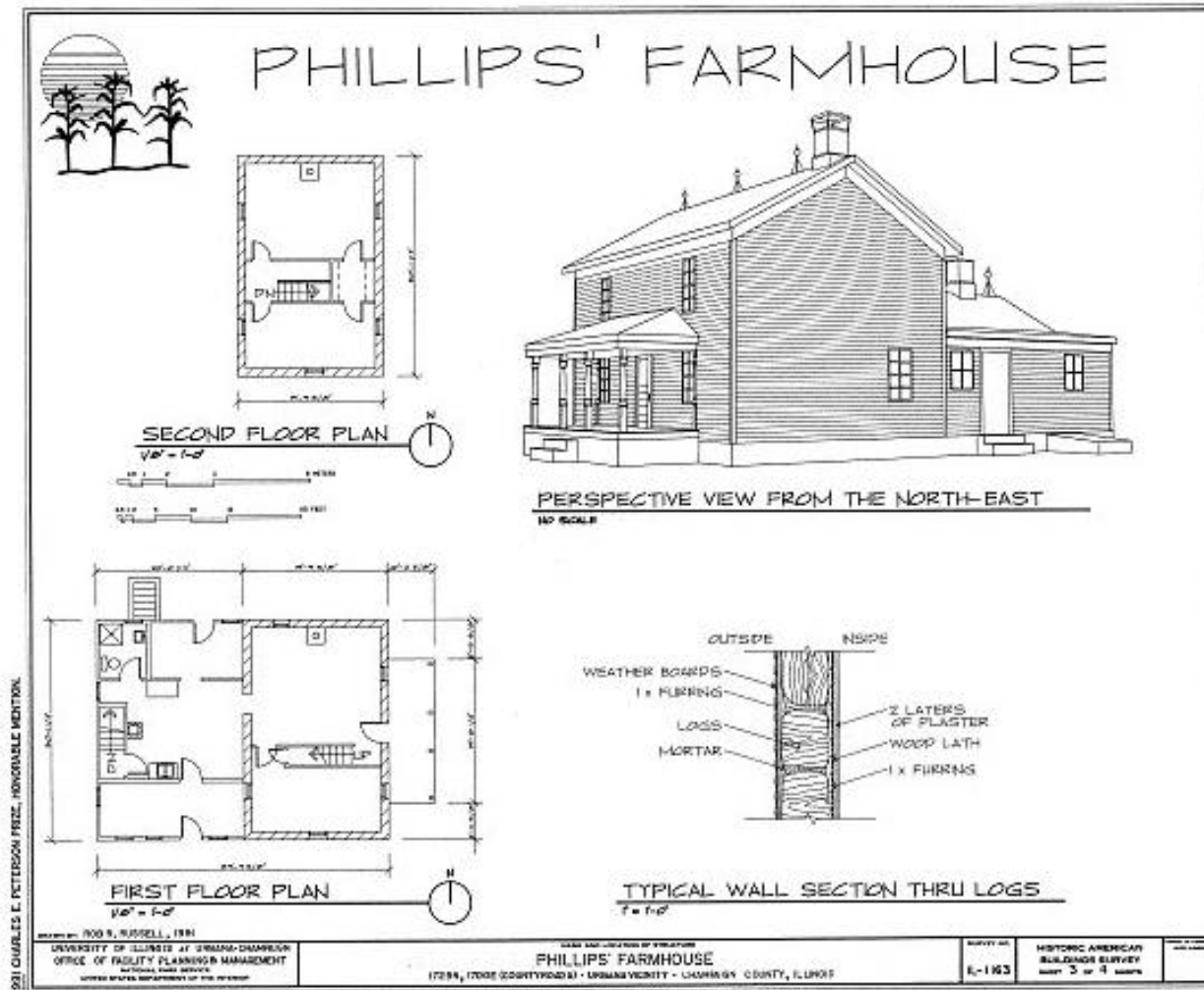
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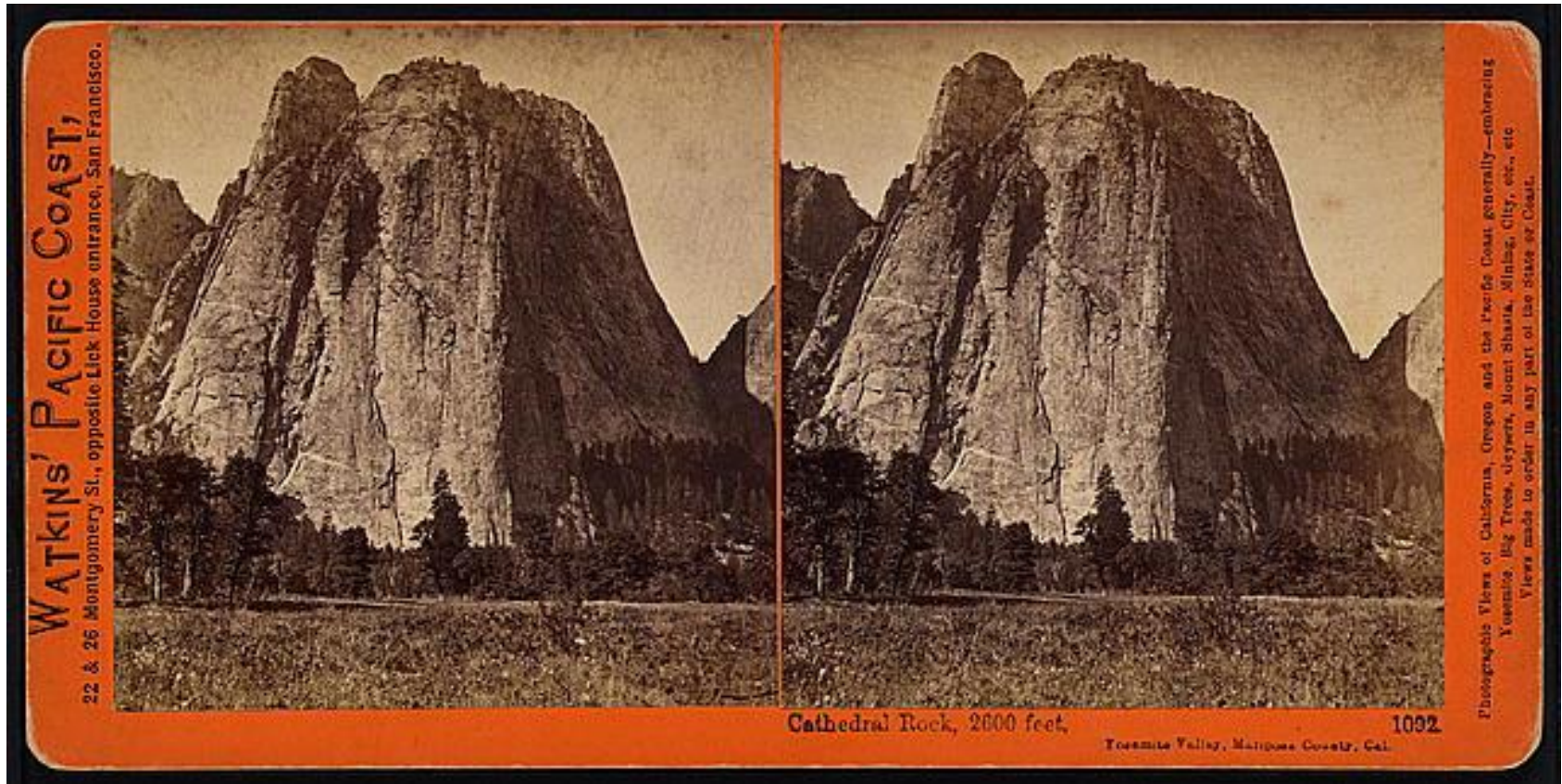
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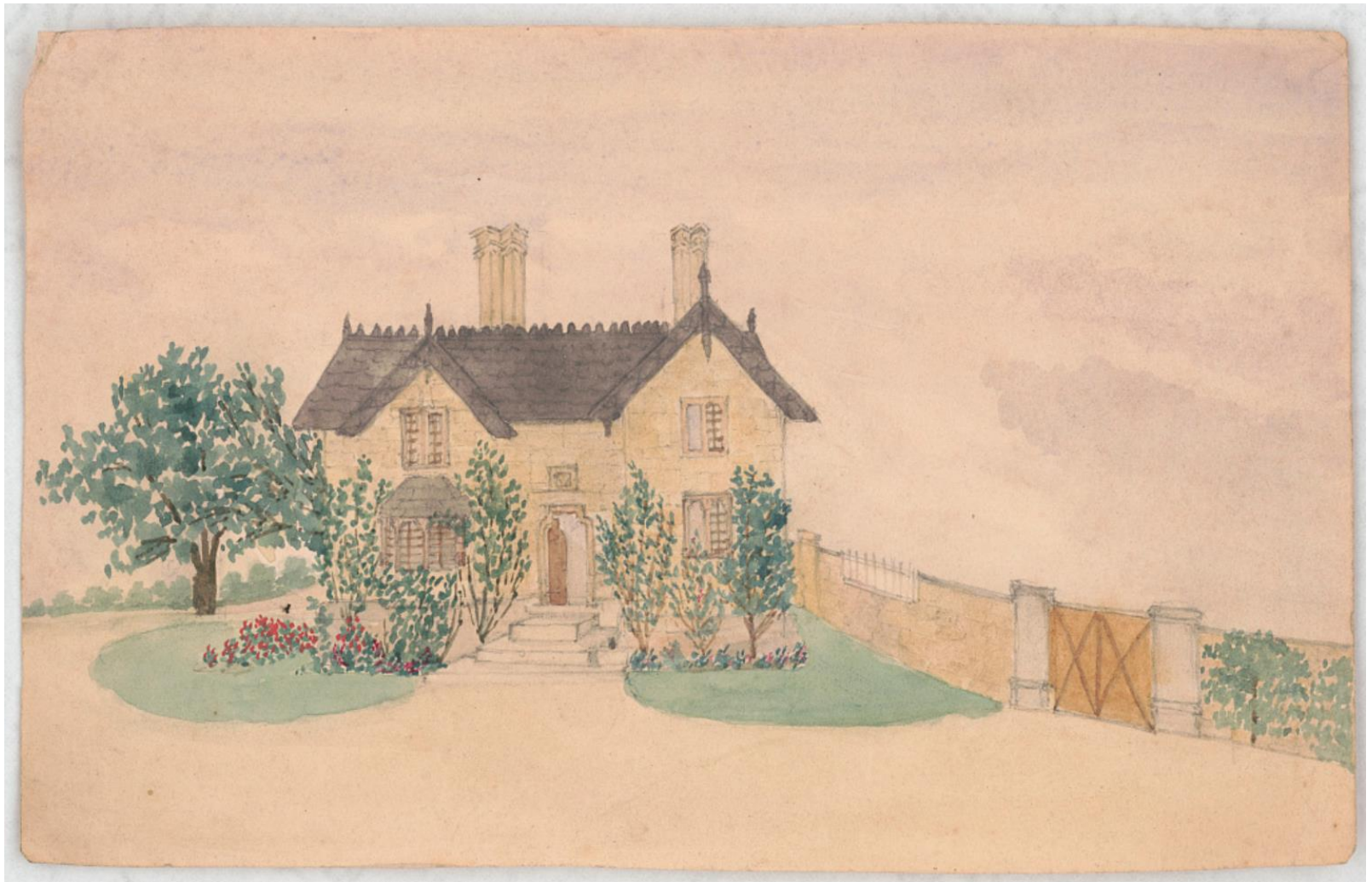
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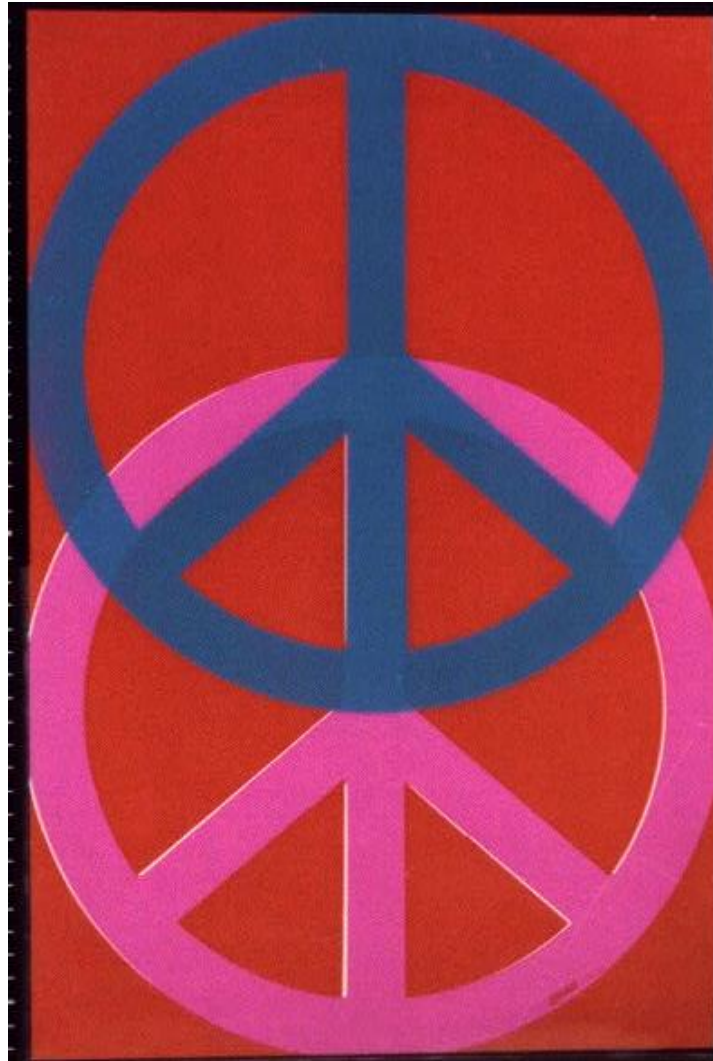


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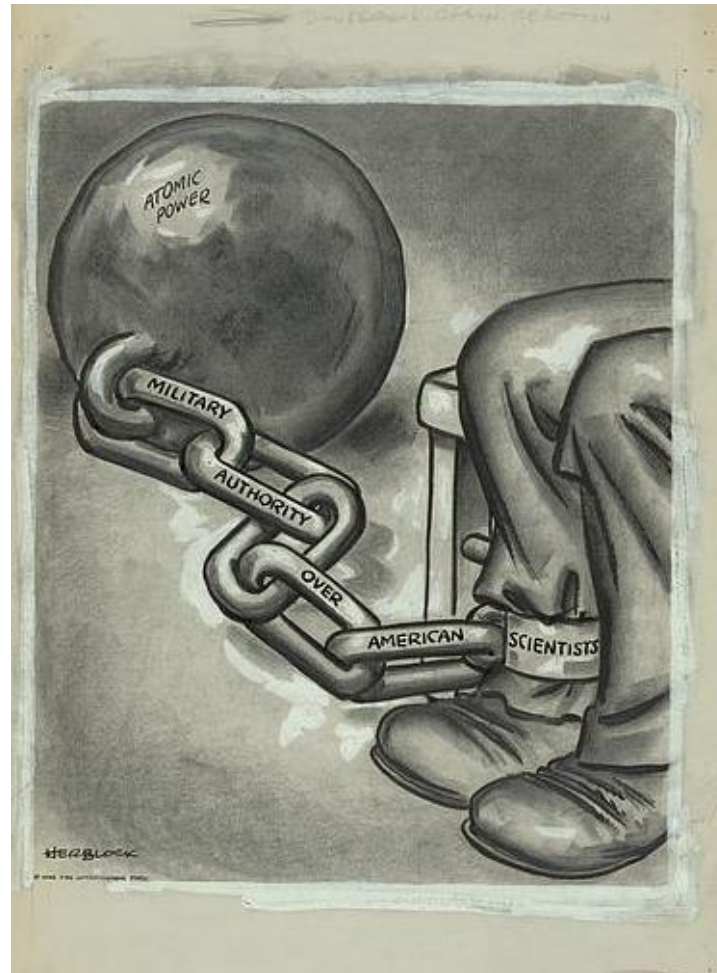
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Peace signs

Visual conventions, for example:

Ball & chain

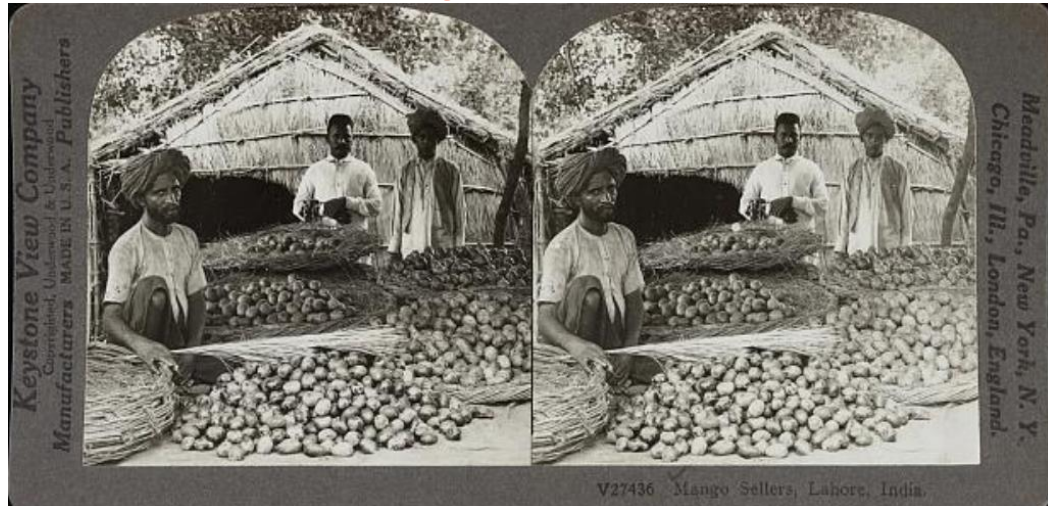


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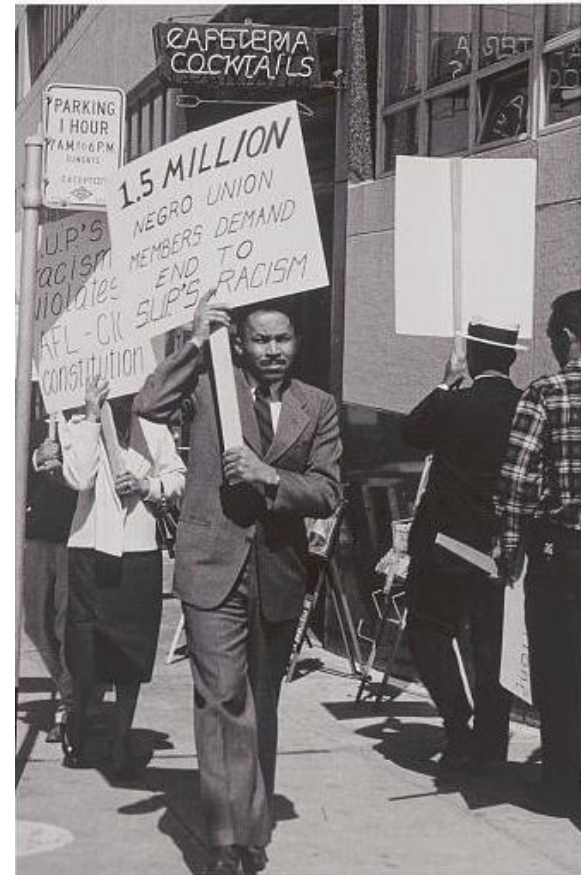


New Terms:

Mangoes




Picket signs






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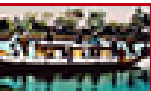
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Gourds, pumpkins (which are a form of gourds), and twig ...



Fall display at Hershberger's Farm and Bakery, a greatly expanded ...



A gift shop prepares for buyers looking for pumpkins and ...



Mexican food



Pumpkin stand in Southington, Connecticut



Pumpkin



Corn and pumpkins, Berkshire Hills, Mass.



Corn and pumpkins, Berkshire Hills, Mass.



Corn and pumpkins, Berkshire Hills, Mass.



A Golden harvest



Giant pumpkin outside the Blue Paddle Bistro in South Hero, ...



Giant pumpkins make a fall appearance at Hackett's orchards, which



Pumpkins by the dozens, harvested from the fields behind this ...



Artist Moe Auger's elaborate creation from a 435-pound pumpkin that



Artists Erica Qualey and Mary Boothby's painted pumpkin at the ...

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[An array of pumpkins, ready for the autumn customer rush ...](#)



[Merritt Parkway, Pumpkin Brook Culvert, Spanning Pumpkin Brook, Stratford, Fairfield ...](#)



[Cabinet Lady directs cutting of pumpkin at Girl Scouts Halloween ...](#)



[Pumpkin Island Light Station, Pumpkin Island, at northern end of ...](#)



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[5. Light tower and keeper's house, view southeast,](#)



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Subject Indexing Principles

- Subject analysis
- Selection of terms from a thesaurus

Subject Analysis

- ✓ Examine image carefully
- ✓ Look for major focus
- ✓ People, structures, activities, objects
- ✓ Use captions and other text for clues to subjects
- ✓ Well-known people, events, and organizations
- ✓ Keep in mind popular research topics

Index for both what the image shows and the context:
“of” and “about”



Choose the most specific term: “Roses,” not “Flowers”



Example #1





Title: [Nuns clamming on Long Island]

Creator(s): Frissell, Toni, 1907-1988,
photographer

Date Created/Published: [1957 Sept.]

Subjects:

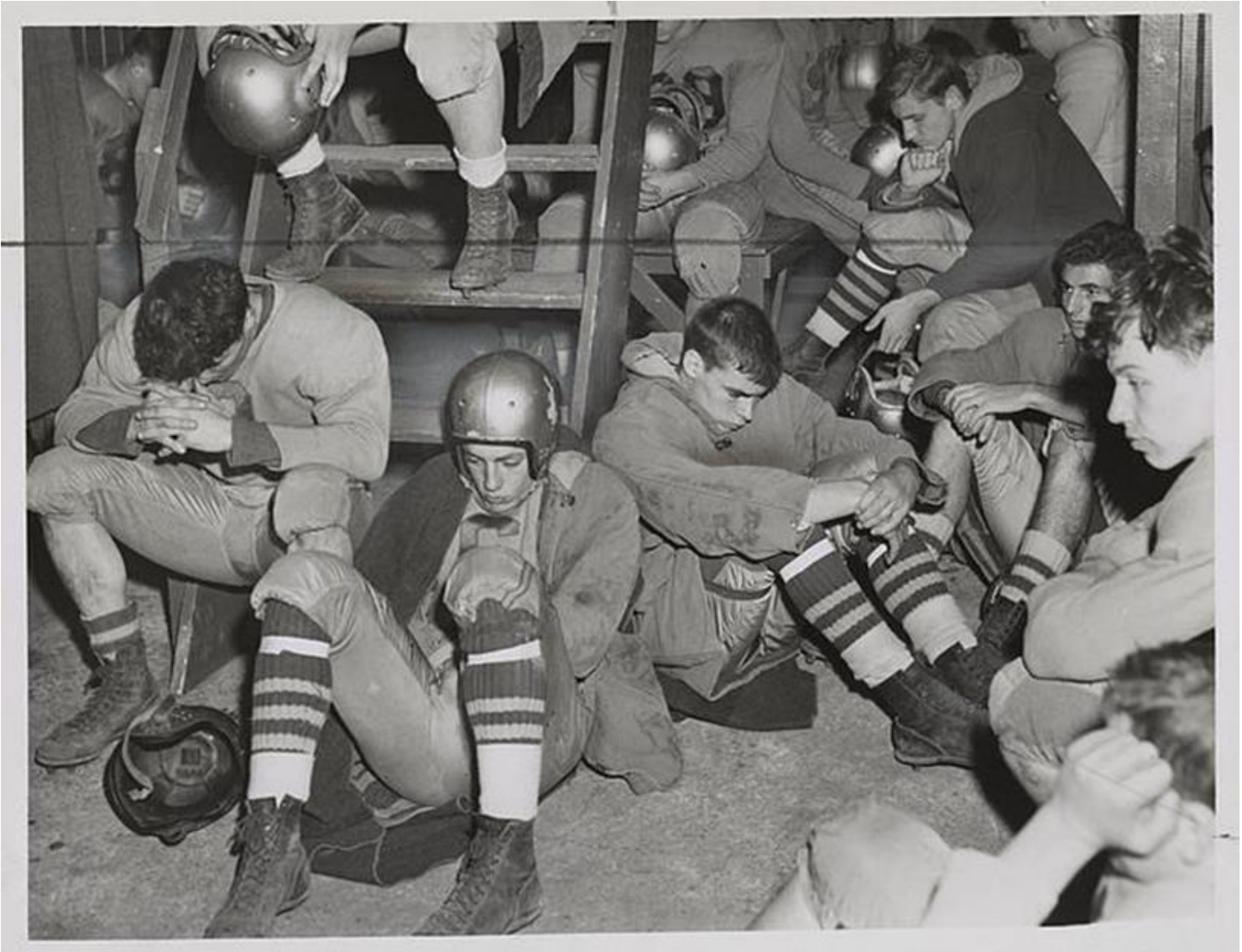
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Island—1950-1960.

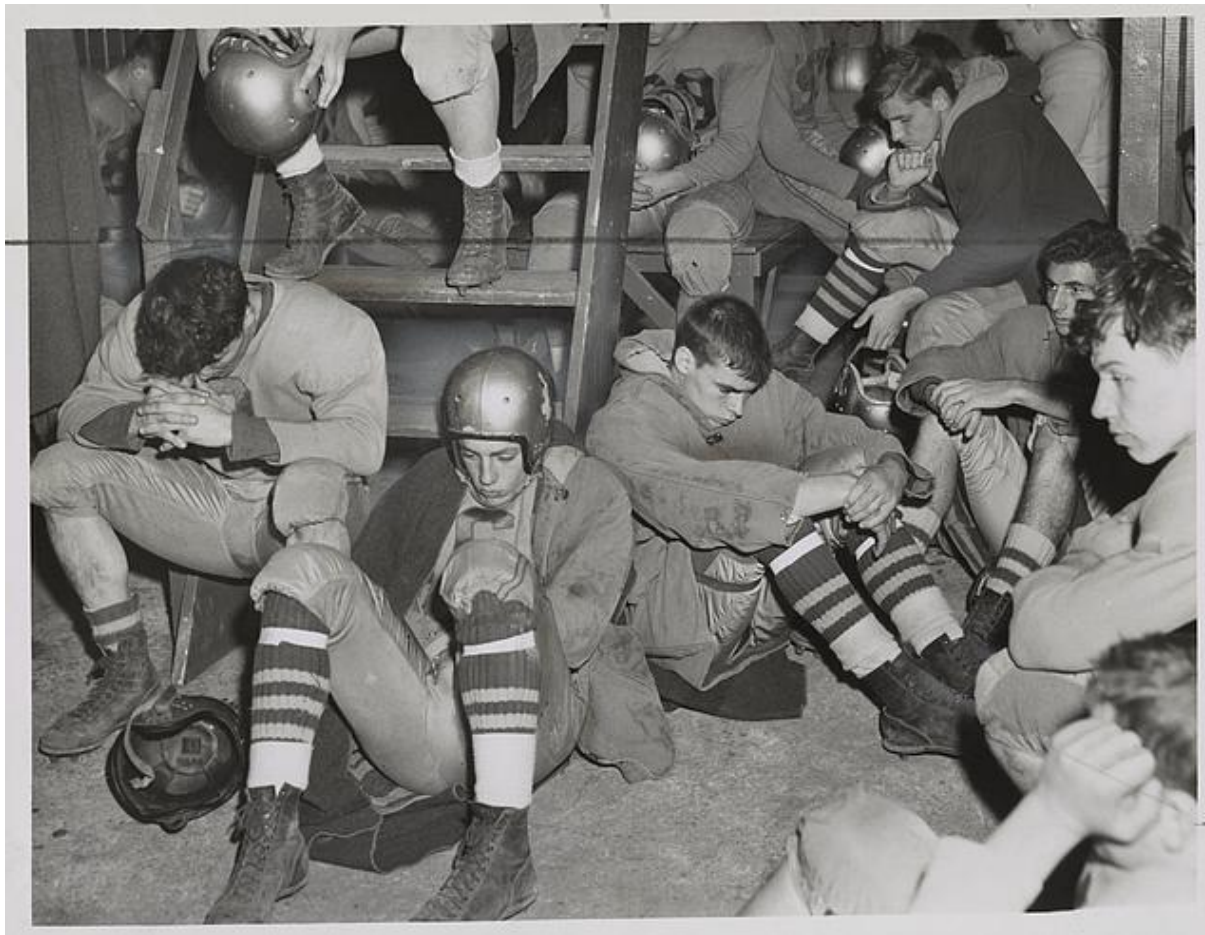
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Island—1950-1960.

Format:

Safety film negatives—1950-1960.

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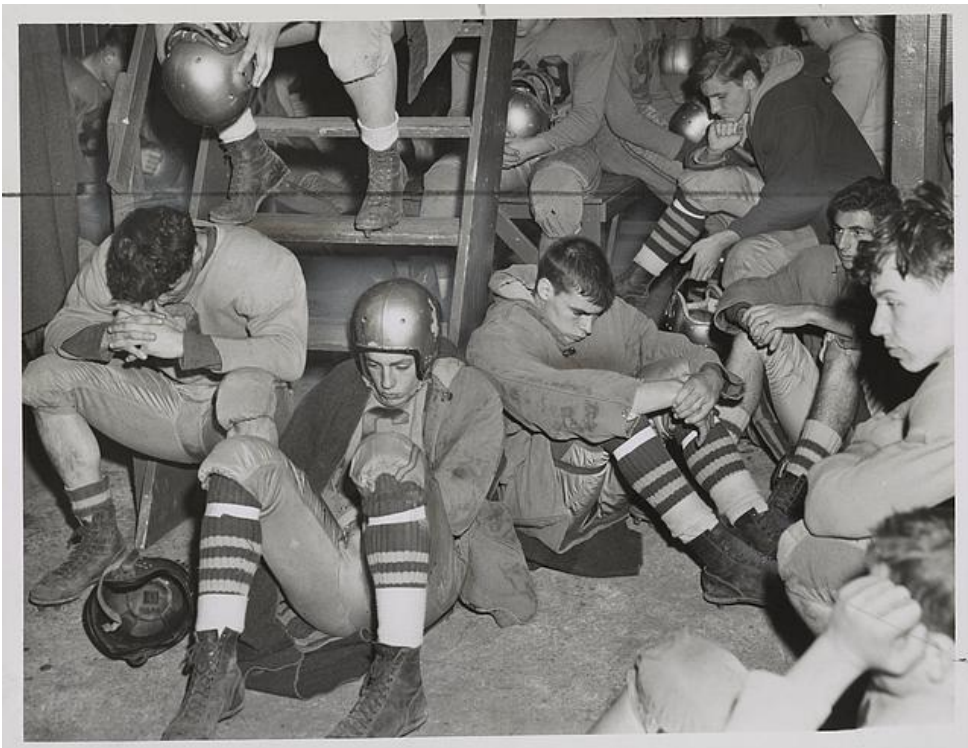




Title: [High school locker room gloom] / World Telegram & Sun photo by Walter Albertin.

Creator(s): [Albertin, Walter](#), photographer

Date Created/Published: 1950 Nov. 25.



Subjects:

Teenagers--1950.

Football--New York (State)--
Freeport--1950.

Football players--New York
(State)--Freeport--1950.

Sadness--1950.

Format:

Photographic prints--1950.

Title: [High school locker room gloom] / World
Telegram & Sun photo by Walter Albertin.

Creator(s): [Albertin, Walter](#), photographer

Date Created/Published: 1950 Nov. 25.

Example #3





Title: Oprah / B. Woosley.

Creator(s): Woosley, Brigitte, artist

Date Created/Published: 1998.

Subjects:

Winfrey, Oprah,--Trials, litigation, etc.--Texas.

Courtrooms--Texas--1990-2000.

Judicial proceedings--Texas--1990-2000.

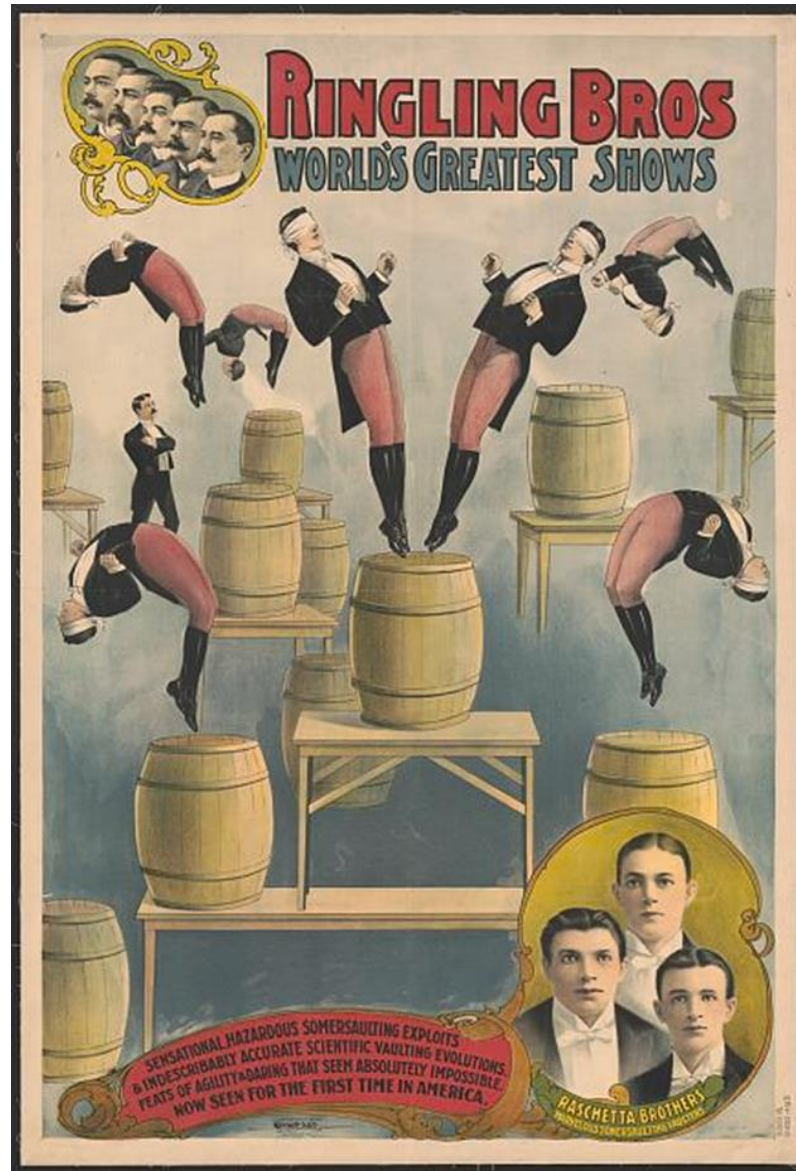
Libel & slander--Texas--1990-2000.

Format:

Courtroom sketches--1990-2000.

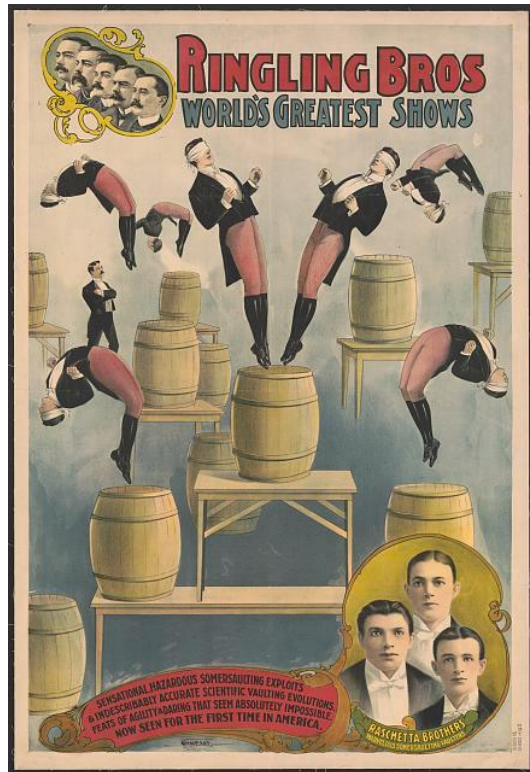
Drawings--Color--1990-2000.

Example #4





Title: Ringling Bros, world's greatest shows Raschetta brothers, marvelous somersaulting vaulters / / Courier Company Lith. Dept., Buffalo, N.Y.
Date Created/Published: Buffalo : Courier Litho Co., c1900.



Title: Ringling Bros, world's greatest shows Raschetta brothers, marvelous somersaulting vaulters / / Courier Company Lith. Dept., Buffalo, N.Y.
Date Created/Published: Buffalo : Courier Litho Co., c1900.

Subjects:

Ringling Brothers--People--1900.

Circuses & shows--1900.

Circus performers--1900.

Acrobats--1900.

Format:

Chromolithographs--Color--1900.

Circus posters--American--1900.

Example #5





Subjects:

Boys.

City & town life.

Gambling.

Format:

Glass negatives.

Photographic prints.

Title: Game of Craps. Cincinnati, Ohio. Aug. 1908. Location: Cincinnati, Ohio / Photo by Lewis W. Hine.

Creator(s): Hine, Lewis Wickes, 1874-1940, photographer

Date Created/Published: 1908 August.

Example #6





Title: [Kittens crawling on Representative Peter Kostmayer in his congressional office]

Date Created/Published: [26 June 1991]



Title: [Kittens crawling on Representative Peter Kostmayer in his congressional office]

Date Created/Published: [26 June 1991]

Subjects:

Kostmayer, Peter H.

Cats--Washington (D.C.)--1990-2000.

Legislators--Washington (D.C.)--1990-2000.

Format:

Film negatives--1990-2000.

Portrait photographs--1990-2000.

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