

# "SPIRIT OF 76" SCROLL PLAY, 1876

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**Collection #**  
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## **USER INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATE: 1876

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection, filling one manuscript box, consists of a short play written on a scroll made by pasting together lengthwise several sheets of lined writing paper. It was apparently written in 1876, and all the place names used are in or near Boston. It is a satire, a sort of Rip Van Winkle story in which the protagonist, Tom Carberry, comes home from ten years in China to find that men are darning socks and women are acting as tax assessors and judges. Eventually he is proposed to by one of the ladies, Wolverine Griffin. The other characters are Victorine Wigfall and her father, Mrs. Badger, and a lady judge. On the verso is a sort of mock proclamation.

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## **CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: Spirit of 76 : play, 1876

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Satire, American

Women--United States--Social conditions--Humor

Women's rights--United States--Humor

Sex role--United States--Humor

Sexual division of labor--United States--Humor

United States--Social conditions--1865-1918

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