"SPIRIT OF 76"
SCROLL PLAY, 1876

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USER INFORMATION

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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.

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
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