



T.B. Jeffery Collection (R0042)

Collection Number: R0042

Collection Title: T.B. Jeffery Collection

Dates: circa 1880s

Creator: Jeffery, T.B.

Abstract: The T.B. Jeffery Collection contains a photocopy of a brochure, “Descriptive Circular of T.B. Jeffery’s Railroad Velocipede or Speeder.” The brochure is an advertisement for a manually powered railroad handcar patented in August 1883.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The railroad velocipede was a manually powered hand car that allowed railroad workers to move more quickly along the tracks. They were often used by railroad officials to inspect the tracks. The velocipede or speeder invented by T.B. Jeffery allowed the user to stand and 'pedal' the hand car. Jeffery was awarded the first premium silver medal at the National Exposition of Railway Appliances held in Chicago in 1883.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains a photocopy of a brochure, "Descriptive Circular of T.B. Jeffery's Railroad Velocipede or Speeder." The brochure is an advertisement for a manually powered railroad handcar patented in August 1883.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 "Descriptive Circular of T.B. Jeffery's Railroad Velocipede or Speeder," no date

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