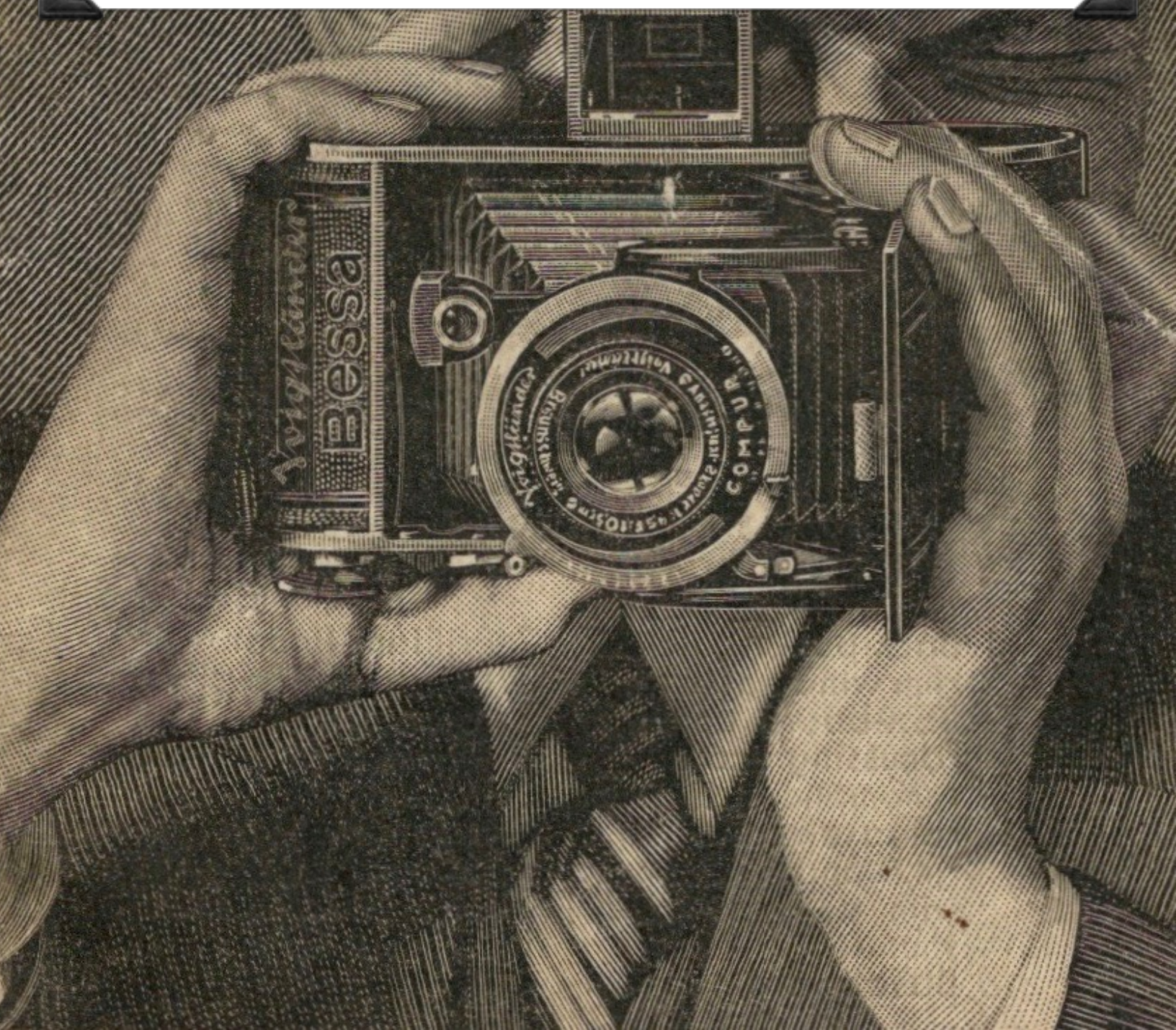


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[1]

This is how camping used to be done- no insta-fold tents for these folks, those tents took hours to erect, and then there was the wooden floor to install- and wooden chairs to unpack. It was a few seconds after this picture was taken that they realized nobody had packed lunch.

5.25"x3". Minor soil, light wear. [44807] \$20



[2]

Fun evidently abounded for this merry foursome and their cat- I have no idea why they are dressed like this, or why the woman in wearing a tie, but the cat seems very calm about it all. Suspiciously calm...

4.2"x3.25". Some creases, other light soil, minor wear.

[43771] \$15



[3]

Grandma Rose hadn't spent 90 years on this earth to not look her best in any and every situation, so as far as she was concerned Aunt Edda could go and stuff her smirk where the sun didn't shine.

3"x4.25". Minor wear, light soil. [43753] \$15



[4]

Sitting on a daisy-covered hillside, wearing a suit and bowtie, holding a fiddle, or a trombone. I mean really- who among us hasn't been there?

3"x4". Minor soil, light wear, corner creases.

[44149] \$20



[5]

Bob wasn't sure why, but Mother's blue heron took  
an instant dislike to him.

4.5"x2.75". Minor soil, light wear. [45161] \$25



[6]

The Miller sisters were never the same after the day their  
parents mistook their birthday cakes for hats.

5"x3". Minor soil, light wear. [44806] \$20





[7]

That was where Granny Oakhurst sat on Friday nights,  
and she didn't give a rat's ass what anybody else  
thought about it.

Dated August, 1913 in pencil on the back.  
Trimmed on the side. [43573] \$20



[8]

Much to the family's disappointment, Uncle Ned's attempt to follow up the success of his entertaining "Soap on a Rope" trick with his new "Cat on a Bat" ended badly, about half a second after the shutter snapped.

4.25"x3.25". Mounting glue discoloration spots.

[44337] \$25



[9]

Because when you got style, you got style.

2.5"x3.5". Corner crease, slight soil. [43999] \$15



[10]

That missed punt was the one and only time Father Damien was ever heard to take the Lord's name in vain.

4.5"x2.25". [44180] \$25



[11]

A rather wonderful snapshot of a home-made protest sign about a long-forgotten dispute. Here is what we were able to dig up- William Meruk & Son were listed as real estate developers in Brooklyn, NY in 1921; a Cornelius Gaasbeek was born in Holland in 1873, immigrated through Elis Island, and was listed in the New York City census by 1910. The family was still there in the 1940s. The chemical sign is cyclohexane, but the sign-writer may have meant to represent benzene- there was a patent medicine named Dr. Roger's screw worm smear which was based on benzene as an active blah blah blah, which is to say, we went down a Google rabbit hole and never really came out. And still know very little about this photo.

2.5"x4.25". Light soil, minor wear. [43786] \$65

member that bloody nose nita!



"With"  
'4'



"Without"

[12]

"Bloody Nose Nita",  
the terror of suburban  
bounders.

Mounted 2"x3" and  
1.25"x2.75" snapshots, on  
paper backing from an album  
(now removed). [44233]

\$40



[13]

Aunt Bertha had the canoe up to ramming speed,  
much to little Dickie's delight.

Dated "July 3, 1921" on the back in pen. 4.25"x2.5". Minor  
soil, light wear, crease, mounting tab. [45035] \$20



[14]

Now THAT'S a playhouse. Unfortunately it belonged to the dolls, not little Gertie. A few decades of therapy mostly fixed that. Ok, not really.

3"x3". Trimmed, minor soil. [44402] \$15





[15]

It was starting to dawn on Robert that his wife might have been right when she advised against changing contractors in the middle of the job.

2.75"x4.5". Minor soil. [44602] \$20



[16]

There was no denying it-  
the Aldrich's gave the best beach parties.

4.5"x3.5". Minor soil. [44769] \$25



[17]

Neither the beach, nor young Freddy, had ever encountered anything quite like the McGill Twins...

2.75"x4.5". Minor soil, light wear. [44813] \$35



[18]

What can I say, this photo just makes me happy.

2.5"x3.5". Minor soil, light wear. [44664] \$20



[19]

The last time Mr. Abernathy took advice about shortcuts  
from that idiot Augustine Krepsmuller.

2.75"x5". Corner crease. [44097] \$20



[20]

Marked in pen on the back- "Verite Juene de 14". The officer's nationality offers a bit of a mystery- that's a Royal Navy officer's hat as best we can tell, not French or Belgian. So why is he writing in French? Perhaps the ladies were French.

3.5"x5.5". Minor soil, light wear. [44645] \$35



[21]

A rare un-retouched photo of Dorothy and her pals on the Yellow Brick Road on their way to Oz. It's amazing what Hollywood could do in post-production.

2.5"x3.75". Minor soil. [44184] \$15



[22]

Anne, on the right, was absent from Spy School the day they covered not getting your photo taken while doing the handoff. The person on the left obviously attended.

3"x2". Some soil, light wear, clipped corners. [44675] \$15





[23]

Uncle Ted seems quite happy to hang in the garden  
after work with his chic new Japanese umbrella.

Uncle Ted is cool. Be like Uncle Ted.

2.5"x3.5". Minor soil, light wear. [44570] \$15



[24]

Just this once, I am speechless.

4"x3". Minor soil. [45191] \$20



[25]

SOMEBODY lost a bet...

2.5"x3.5". Minor soil. [44775] \$35



[26]

Well, yes, if you wanted to get all technical about it, Bert from the filling station HAD papered the outside of the house instead of the inside, but damn, he worked cheap.

3.5"x2.5". Minor wear. [43527] \$25



[27]

It's four to one and Aunt Ellie still appears to be  
winning this one.

3.5"x3.5". Minor soil, light wear. [44649] \$15



[28]

Fred took his garden, his cat,  
and his Saturday afternoons  
very seriously.

5.5"x3.5". Minor soil, light  
wear. [45142] \$15



[29]

When the urge to go camping comes to an understanding with the urge to not actually go anywhere.

2.75"x4.5". Minor soil. [44568] \$15



[30]

Pierre, of course, had not ordered a 6 foot tall chicken.

2.5"x3.5". Minor soil. [44048] \$15





*Howard Payne*

[31]

Having completely lost track of the laundromat, Howard briefly considers asking if they do clothes at the public library.

3.25"x4.5". Some wear, crease, album mounting residue on the back. [45030] \$15



[32]

Just a cool photo. You're welcome.

3.5"x3.5". Crease. [45036] \$20



[33]

Mr. Plotkin eventually took his chair back inside  
when they told him he was scaring the cows.

5"x3". Inscribed "Reey Walton 1950" on the back.  
Minor soil. [44739] \$25



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[34]

Apparently not the inspiration for the song.  
I know, I was disappointed too.

3.5"x3.5". Minor soil. [45163] \$15



*That's All Folks!*