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"FORGOTTEN PHOTOGRAPHERS" FROM THE FILES OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO BE EXHIBITED AT MUSEUM FROM AUGUST 22 TO SEPTEMBER 30

An exhibition of outstanding prints by unknown or unremembered American photographers who, over the past 100 years, have filed prints in the U.S. copyright office, will be shown in the Auditorium Gallery of the Museum starting August 22. These photographs, which were filed purely in the publishers! interests and only by copyright number and date, have accumulated in the Library of Congress to the number of $2\frac{1}{2}$ million prints. Lack of further storage space has brought them to light, and Mr. Paul Vanderbilt, the Library's Consultant in Iconography, has found among them thousands of fascinating portrayals of the American scene of the past century, some taken to sell to tourists, some for advertising purposes, some for historical documentation, and some for pure pleasure. From among these, Mr. Edward Steichen has selected noteworthy prints for this forthcoming exhibition.