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- **Panoramic photographs**, the first 3-D stereopticons
- **Photographs** from the U.S. Farm Security Administration and Office of War Information; architectural photographs; photos of foreign countries and their means of transportation; and photographs of literary figures, artists and celebrities
- **Four notebooks of Walt Whitman** that illustrate his creative processes, photographs, playbills, and early motion pictures of forms of American vaudeville and popular entertainment from 1870-1920
- **Photographs**, manuscripts, and printed works from the early Conservation movement in our nation
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