



Accident on the Camden and Amboy Rail Road

Primary Maker

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Medium

Lithograph on paper

Description

A dynamic scene of a train wreck. Five cars are depicted, four of which have derailed. Only one car marked "U. S. MAIL" remains upright and on the track. One car in the foreground has fallen down an embankment. Three others in the right middle distance have collided with each other, creating a tangled mass of wreckage. The remains of the locomotive appear down the embankment in front of them. A large number of people are shown standing, laying on the ground, or assisting others, with luggage interspersed among them. A disemboweled horse lies on the embankment to the left, with a carriage on its side just behind it. Observers watch the scene from a hill beyond the tracks, and a house appears in the right distance.

Dimensions

10 × 14 in. (25.4 × 35.6 cm)