



Clothes Press

Primary Maker

Fenwick Lyell

Medium

Mahogany, mahogany veneer, tulip poplar, and white pine

Description

A clothes press in three parts. The upper section consists of two flat panel doors of bold mahogany flame veneer framed with narrow molding and a narrow applied vertical molding strip along the inner edge of the right door. The interior includes five sliding trays with shaped sides and unmolded front rails. Above the doors runs a narrow band of figured mahogany veneer edged with narrow applied molding strips. A removable cornice that fits atop the upper section features a graceful scroll pediment ornamented with delicate pierced brackets curving to a central plinth surmounted by a large gilded urn with sprays of wheat. The lower section of the press contains

four graduated drawers with scratch beaded edges, small keyholes, and elaborate stamped and gilded bails and backplates that depict pairs of doves perched on a splashing fountain flanked by floral and foliate sprigs. Four straight bracket feet support the press.

Dimensions

95.5 × 49.13 × 19.5 in. (242.6 × 124.8 × 49.5 cm)