Hidden Behaviors & Buried Histories: Artifacts of Sex and Politics in South Bend

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Which Indiana University researchers studied “it” better?

(Top: Kinsey and his crew. Bottom: archaeology crew.)
Project area in the 800 block of West Washington Street, South Bend.
Detail showing property at the corner of LaPorte and Washington, 1891 (at left) and 1917.
Excavation units (at left) yielded pieces of glass bottles and ceramic jars.
Rolled plate hatpins from an early 1900s jeweler’s catalog.
Oregon Legislature Has Passed a Law Limiting Hatpins to 10 Inches Long

Illustration of “unsafe” hatpins (San Francisco Call, 15 Jan. 1904).
Illustration of defense maneuver using a hatpin (from *San Francisco Call*, 21 Aug. 1904).
Two views of hatpin found excavating West Washington St.
Suffragist watch, now owned by R. Gibson (at left), and cat poster, because cat.
Images from the Votes for Women exhibit at The History Museum.
Recovered condom tin, embossed with “3 Merry Widows” and “Agnes – Mabel – Beckie.”
Popular commentary on the 1873 Comstock Act, prohibiting distribution of all “obscene” materials.
The Annie Belle Boss Papers, held at the IU South Bend Archives in the Schurz Library, pertain to the Women’s Franchise League of Indiana.
Illustration depicting a tin button advertising the Merry Widow brand condom.
Early 1900s advertisements for condoms.
Pro and anti suffrage materials from the 1910s.
The views expressed in this naughty talk don’t represent those of the IUSB administration...