

Exhibit Name

Relapse Ailments of Venus Revisited

Another visit to the dark side of love.

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Awards: Enough pages to fill twelve frames, this exhibit has been around in various forms since 1981. As a Thematic exhibit it has been awarded numerous national gold medals plus Grand at TOPEX 96 and large Vermeil at ITALIA 98. As a Display exhibit it has received two national gold medals so far. The next showing is at SESS06 in Marietta, GA in September, 2006.

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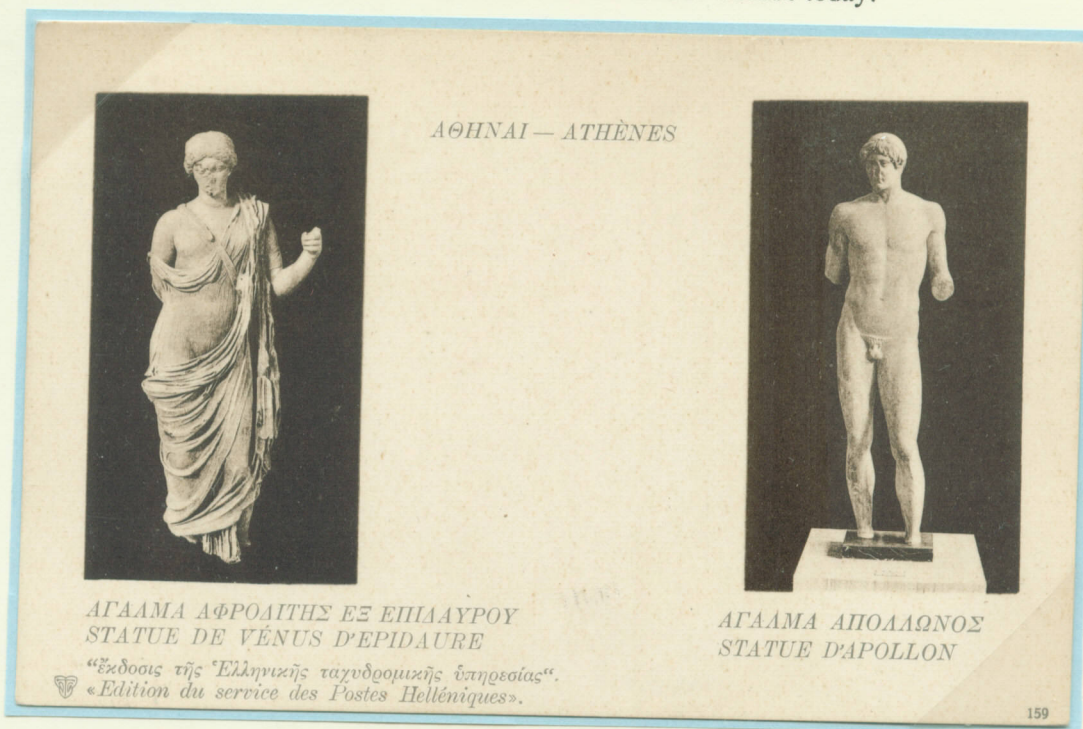
RELAPSE

AILMENTS OF VENUS REVISITED

ANOTHER VISIT TO THE DARK SIDE OF LOVE

A display division exhibit that explores three venereal diseases-

- Gonorrhoea - a common communicable disease worldwide.
- Syphilis - an old killer with a rich medical history.
- AIDS - the most common fatal infectious disease today.



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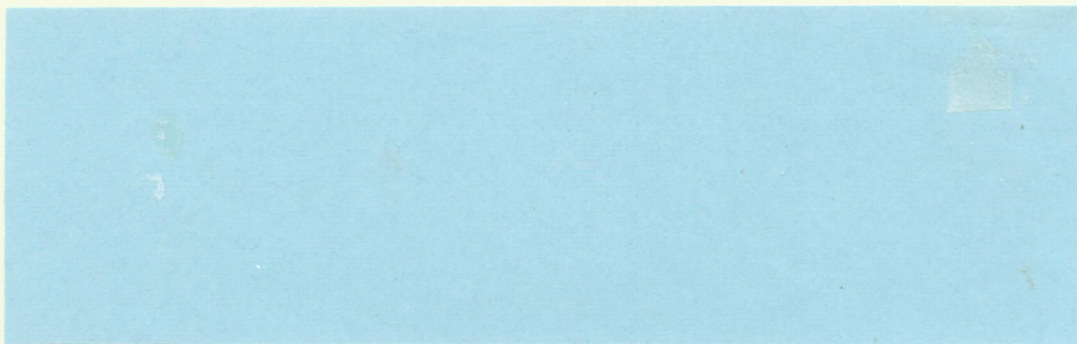
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7.2 Explorers and Scientists	
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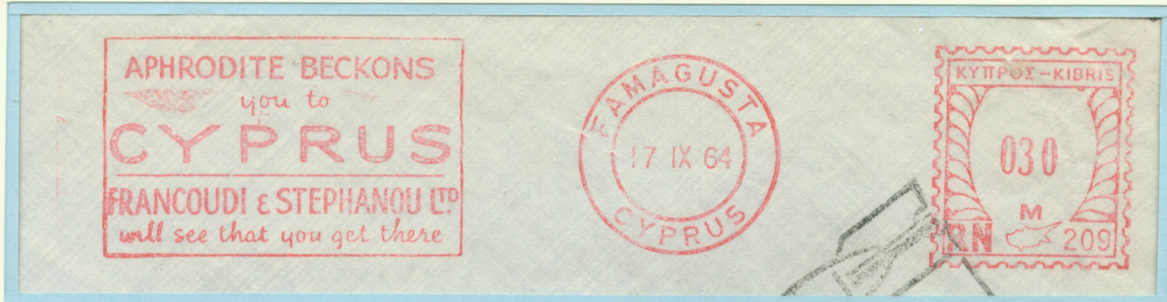
PROLOGUE

I, Venus, goddess of love, hidden behind centuries of myth, clouded by human and natural events, enfolded in the shadows of pre-literate millenia, have had many manifestations.

Early man portrayed me in statuary and in fertility symbols.



I have had many births. Known to the Greeks as Aphrodite (ΑΦΡΟΔΙΤΕ), I was born near Cyprus ...



... when Uranus castrated Cronos whose severed and foaming testicles fell into the sea.



Uranus

Interpane Pair - Only Format for Pairs, 1 Pair in 2 Sheets.



Cronos

My Birth



Sheet Stamp



PROLOGUE

However, the Homeric legends say that I am the daughter of Dione and Zeus.



Normal Misperf
Homer



Aphrodite



Dione & Aphrodite
(from Parthenon marbles)



Zeus

You probably know me best from the so-called Venus de Milo.



Normal



Error of Color



Disappearing Venus

Let me introduce Eros - both the son of primordial Chaos and my son from Ares - an unreliable child, incapable of pity, and with a craving for mischief ...



Engraved



Lithographed
Pair, Imperforate Vetically

...and armed by Zeus with a strong bow with unfailing arrows and known to the Romans as Cupidus and to us as the near harmless Cupid, a sad, pathetic, modern image of his former robust self.



The deception is now complete because those who love and lust may pay a terrible price ...

PROLOGUE

Eros has suffered additional indignities ...
... shortpaid 10 centimes enroute to Paris.



... and the final indignity - sunk at sea when the S.S. EROS was torpedoed by a German submarine.



Most mail was salvaged including this souvenir cover cancelled 6-May 1940 from the Stamp Centenary Exhibition. Airmail service only within Canada. Received in Vancouver, BC on May 22, 1940 - 16 days in transit including the sinking!

Much to your dismay and misfortune, Eros has amazing recuperative and adaptive powers ...

PROLOGUE

... and to help the jury and the public explore and navigate this exhibit, here is a circular V.D. dial - a bit dated since it was distributed in 1971 before the AIDS pandemic.

FEMALE GONORRHEA
gon-o-RE-ah

MALE GONORRHEA
gon-o-RE-ah

LYMPHOGRANULOMA VENERIUM
LIM-to-gan-u-LOR-ma Ve-NE-re-um

EARLY SYPHILIS
SIF-i-lis

MIDDLE SYPHILIS
SIF-i-lis

LATE SYPHILIS
SIF-i-lis

CHANCROID
SHANG-kroid

GRANULOMA INGUINALE
gran-u-LOR-mah ING-gw-nal-eh

SLANG NAME	Clap; Strain; Dose; Gleet; Whites; GC
CAUSE	Bean-shaped bacteria (N. gonococcus)
SYMPTOMS	Early symptoms may be mild or absent; burning with urination; foul uterine discharge; later, infection of uterus and tubes may cause severe abdominal pain and sterility
DELAY BEFORE SYMPTOMS DEVELOP	3-5 days
CONTAGIOUS?	Yes, by sexual contact
METHOD OF DIAGNOSIS	Culture; Microscopic exam of discharge
TREATMENT	Penicillin

N. GONOCOCCUS
(gonorrhea germ)

H. DUCREI
(chancroid germ)

DONOVAN ORGANISM
(granuloma inguinale germ)

T. PALLIDUM
(syphilis germ)

SYPHILIS GERMS IN BRAIN

VD dial
Created by W. R. Spence, M.D.

This device is an educational aid for all persons concerned with prevention of venereal disease.

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