

The Cataloger's Dream. 2014. Assemblage. 16½ x 32 in.

In the first two years of my career as a librarian, I worked as a cataloger. One of a cataloger's tasks is to group like things together. This is clearly evident in this assemblage. In our dream state, our mind tries to sort and order the thoughts and memories which it has experienced during consciousness. However, our dreams do not always end up perfect and idyllic. Like the real world, there are obstacles and unforeseen events, not all of which may be pleasant or desirable. Try as the cataloger may, in his dream, to order and structure an assembly of disparate pieces into a perfectly coherent whole, this eludes him. In the cataloger's dream, as in his work and life, there is a measure of success, but also some failures and imperfection.