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Read This: Rebecca Onion Blogs for Slate

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This description of the blog comes our way from Rebecca:

I'm now running a blog on Slate.com, called The Vault. I post one interesting historical document or object every day, most of which will come from archives, special collections, and museums.

The idea is to showcase stuff that jumps out of the historical record. These are the kinds of documents that made me laugh out loud, cringe, or become unexpectedly sad while doing archival research for my dissertation. Examples thus far: a "lab technician" microscope set for girls from 1958; a photograph of a Better Baby contest winner from 1910; a memo from one of Nixon's aides in which he suggests alternative names for the space shuttle program.

It's been great fun to hear back from readers about the posts; I love feeling like I have an audience with which to share my weird enthusiasm for research.

If anyone has interesting documents or objects that deserve inclusion, by all means, get in touch. And follow @SlateVault on Twitter, or like Slate's The Vault Blog on Facebook, to get notifications of posts as they run.

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