Conservator's Note

This is a group of 10 Freeman’s almanac pamphlets from the 19th century. The pamphlets date to 1823-1829. There are 2 copies of 1828 and 3 copies of 1829. All copies are markedly different editions and states. The pamphlets were selected for digitization, but contained heavy dirt accumulation, tears, friable edges, paper loss, and tight side sewing that obscured the printing. Prior to digitization, treatment required surface cleaning with vulcanized rubber sponges and vinyl erasers, localized humidification and flattening, as well as repairing the edge tears with thin tengujo tissue and zen shofu wheat starch paste. In preparation for digitization, some pamphlets that contained tight sewing was loosened by cutting a single thread. Original sewing was left loose, in situ. The pamphlets were stored in envelopes attached to corrugated board supports. Images of the pamphlets for ID were adhered to the envelope. The 10 pamphlets were stored together in a corrugated clamshell enclosure.
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i28069493_1124_A02N, Before Treatment

i28069493_1124_D02N, After Treatment
Before Treatment

After Treatment

i28069493_1124_A03N, Before Treatment

i28069493_1124_D03N, After Treatment

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Detail of the top edge loops - see blog article online at http://blog.thepreservationlab.org/2016/03/loopy/

i28069493_1124_A05N, Before Treatment, pamphlets with loops