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Aphrodisiac coat

Unique Original Work

Date: 1936
Technique: Assemblage
Dimensions: Unknown
Location: Unknown

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**Description**

Dalí included this work in his window display for the Bonwit Teller department store in New York, and described it in *The Secret Life of Salvador Dalí* as “my famous "aphrodisiac coat" consisting of a black dinner jacket to which were attached one beside another, so as to completely cover it, eighty-eight liqueur glasses filled to the edge with green crème de menthe, with a dead fly and a cocktail straw in each glass”. The artist showed *Aphrodisiac Jacket* for the first time at the *Exposition surréaliste d’objets* at the Charles Ratton gallery in May 1936, and identified it as a thinking machine, a new category of Surrealist object. There are insufficient elements to determine whether this was a version of the work presented in Paris, and for the present it must be assumed that we are dealing with two works and that these, with the same title, or with slight variants, possess the characteristic features that conceptually define this Surrealist object.

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The Aphrodisiac Jacket

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