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Fig 2.5. Untitled, 1965, pen and ink, 191/2 x 251/2", Fourcade, Droll, Inc., New York.





Fig. 11. Iterate, 1966 Acrylic on woodshavings, glue, string and board, 51×51 cat. no.14





Ringaround Arosie, 1965, pencil, acetone varnish, enamel, ink, glued cloth-covered electrical wire on papier-mâché and masonite, 263/8 x 161/2".

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Fig. 6.

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Hang Up, 1966 Acrylic on cloth, wood and steel $183 \times 213.5 \times 198$ cat. no.7







Fig. 15.

Eva Hesse exhibition at the Fischbach Gallery, New York, November 1968 Foreground Accession III (cat. no.29), left Accretion 1968 (cat. no.32) right Repetition Nineteen III



. Repetition Nineteen I, 1967, aluminum screening, papier-mâché, Elmer's Glue, polyester resin, Dutch Boy Diamond Gloss paint, 19 units, each c. 10" x 8" diameter. Fig. 27





Fig. 14.

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Sequel, 1967 Paint on latex 76 · 81.5, 92 units, each 6.3 diameter cat. no.28



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Several, 1965 Acrylic on papier-mâché over rubber hose 213.5 × 28 × 17.5 cat. no.5



Untitled, 1968, test pieces in mixed media in glass and metal case, 145% x 101/4 x 101/4".





Fig. 30 VIntitled, 1967, latex test pieces in glass and metal case, 145% x 10¼ x 10¼". Untitled, 1968, test pieces in mixed media on latex and washers in glass and metal case, 145% x 10¼ x 10¼".

Fig. 31





Contingent, 1968-69, fiberglass and latex on cheesecloth, 8 units, each 91/2-11' x 3-4'.

NOTES TO TEXT

INTRODUCTION:

I. Hesse read alot of other artist's works and recited in her notebooks those writings most appropriate to her. This was written in her I964/65 notebook - a record of which is in the "Whitechapel Art Gallery", London 4th May - I7th June I979 Catalogue.

CHAPTER I:

I. This and all other Hesse quotations cited are from Cindy Nemser's interview with Hesse in May, 1970. All other direct quotations are from <u>Eva Hesse</u> by Lucy Lippard and come ultimately from the notebooks and diaries to which she had access from Hesse and Hesse's family.

II. This is the subjective view of Lippard in her 1976
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Ibid. Ultimately from diaries made in Germany. This was at a time when she was growing more discontented with her life, with Doyle, and saw that her art was being undermined.

IV. Ibid. In January 1969, she wrote this across the bottom of a letter from a feminist. It is obvious that she felt strongly that women in art were dis criminated against. However she died before the women's movement gained a broad impact, hence it is impossible to say if she would have actively tried to change the "Lot", of women artists or not.

V. <u>Eva Hesse</u> by L.Lippard, 1976. Lippard had many conversations with Tom Doyle about Hesse after she had died.

CHAPTER II.

- I. L.Lippard, <u>Eva Hesse</u> 1976. A comment made by C.R.Norman, 1956.
- II. Ibid. Irving Petlin remained a friend of Hesse and through him she met Oldenburg as early as 1959 - a man she admired and whose art she admired.

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L.Lippard, Eva Hesse 1976. As early as 1955 Hesse was relating the idea of her art to her maturity in life. This theme was one that she never abandoned. Ibid. In her notebooks this theme is mentioned re -IV. peatedly and it worried her as she felt that if she could over come it she could produce better art.

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CHAPTER III.

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See Jeff Perrone, Artforum, September 1977, p 55. II. Review of the Hesse Retrospective in 1973 by Jeff Perrone. Reprinted in L.Lippard, Eva Hesse. L.Lippard, Eva Hesse. The wrapping and binding was III.

- considered by Hesse to be a very good example of repetition and was meant to represent obsessive IV.
- R.Pincus Witten, "Post Minimalism into Sublime", Artforum, Nov. 1971. Pincus - Witten also saw Ennead as having a mythological meaning, with Ennead being Enneas, Virgil's hero. The confused lines of cord are meant to record his (Enneas's) wanderings. But of course the primary experience in Ennead is mathematical, based on a grid structure of dark, once nipplelike buttons.

CHAPTER. IV.

- L.Lippard, From the Centre: Feminist Essays on Women's I. art, 1976.
- The opinion of L.Lippard in her book, Eva Hesse, 1976. II.
- III. Ibid. By Pretty, Hesse also meant things that were perfectly symmetrical and ordered to a well defined pattern - she wanted to get away from this to the idea of absurdity; of contrasts between seemingly impossible combinations - of both material and ideas.

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IV.

L.Lippard, <u>Eva Hesse</u>, 1976. This may be one of the reasons why it is difficult to tie Hesse down to any/one set of artistic schools. She wanted to be unconventional and she succeeded for the time she lived. Even among Minimalists, she was always apart - her art owed more to her emotional make - up than to any ideology.

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