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A lantern slide is a transparent positive image that is painted or printed on a glass pane. Often approximately 3¼" x 4", these black and white or hand-colored transparencies are viewed by projection from a "magic lantern" device, a projector that can be traced back to the mid 17th century. The magic lantern widely entertained and instructed audiences from the 18th to the mid 20th centuries. With its sandwiched glass, paper masking tape, typed caption, and manufacturer's stamp, this slide is typical of those in VR's collection, which contains thousands like it and illustrates the history of art and architecture as shown in the Princeton classroom.

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