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Herbarium Blackwellianum

The major 18th century herbal by a woman

A delight for the eye with 615 coloured plates



Dictamnus albus
Fraxinella.

1-8	Blume.
9-12	Frucht.
13-14	Saamen.
15	Wurzel.

Heisser Diptam.

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Blackwell, Elisabeth, Trew, Jacob (editor) & Eisenberger, Nicolaus (Illustrator).

Herbarium Blackwellianum emendatum et auctum, id est Elisabethae Blackwell collectio stirpium quae in pharmacopoliis ad medicum usum asservantur... cum praefatione Christoph. Jacobi Trew. / Vermehrtes und verbessertes Blackwellisches Kräuter-Buch, das ist Elisabeth Blackwell Sammlung der Gewächse, die zum Arzney-Gebrauch in den Apothecken aufbehalten werden.

Nürnberg, Christian de Launoy / Fleischmann (Centuria VI), 1754-1773. 6 parts in 3 volumes (Text and plates). Folio (350 x 220 mm).

With 6 coloured and gold heightened frontispieces and 615 delicately handcoloured copper engraved plates by **Nicolaus Friederich Eisenberger**.

Light brown calf, spines with 6 raised bands and 2 contrasting title shields. The other compartments richly gilt with good quality gold. End leaves of comb marbled paper. Green and red red silk endbands. Edges coloured red.

€ 24.500

Rare complete set of this magnificent work in very attractive bindings of one of the most extensive herbals of the 18th century. This is the enlarged edition by Christian Trew, for which all the plates are re-engraved and which is enlarged with a 6th part. The text is printed in 2 columns in German and Latin.

In the 1730s, Elizabeth Blackwell (1699–c. 1758) found herself penniless, with her ne'er-do-well husband confined to a London debtor's prison. A talented artist, she came up with a unique and ambitious moneymaking scheme: the publication of a new illustrated guide to medicinal plants, including many New World species not depicted in earlier books. Blackwell's Curious Herbal, published between 1737 and 1739, was hailed for its usefulness to doctors and apothecaries and met with considerable financial success.

"This edition is artistically superior to Blackwell's *Curious Herbal* on which it is only partly based. The first 500 plates by N. F. Eisenberger, were copied from Blackwell's plates but are much more carefully drawn, engraved and colored, and have alterations and additional material" (De Belder).

The plates show plants, grasses, herbs and flowers, but also various fruits like ananas, apricots, tobacco etc. Central on the plates the whole plant is depicted, around this the various details and on some plates butterflies and caterpillars.

"Der Stecher und Verleger Nikolaus Friedrich Eisenberger (1707-71), der bereits 1733 ff. die Zeichnungen für Trew's *Vorzügliche Tafeln des Knochensystems* geliefert hatte, gehört zu den besten naturwissen-schaftlichen Künstlern im damaligen Nürnberg" (Nissen).

-Literature: Nissen 169; Stafleu/Cowan 546; Plesch Coll. 63; De Belder 29; Dunthorne 43; Sitwell/Blunt S. 75; Heilmann S. 355f.

-Condition: Leather on upper joint of vol. 2 and 3 partly broken; Few scratches on the covers; Spine ends vol. 2 & 3 lack some small fragments; A very agreeable bound copy of this magnificent work innerly spotless.





Caprifolium.

{ 1. 2. 3. 4. Blüme.
 5. 6. Frucht.
 7. Samen.

Jericher Rosen.



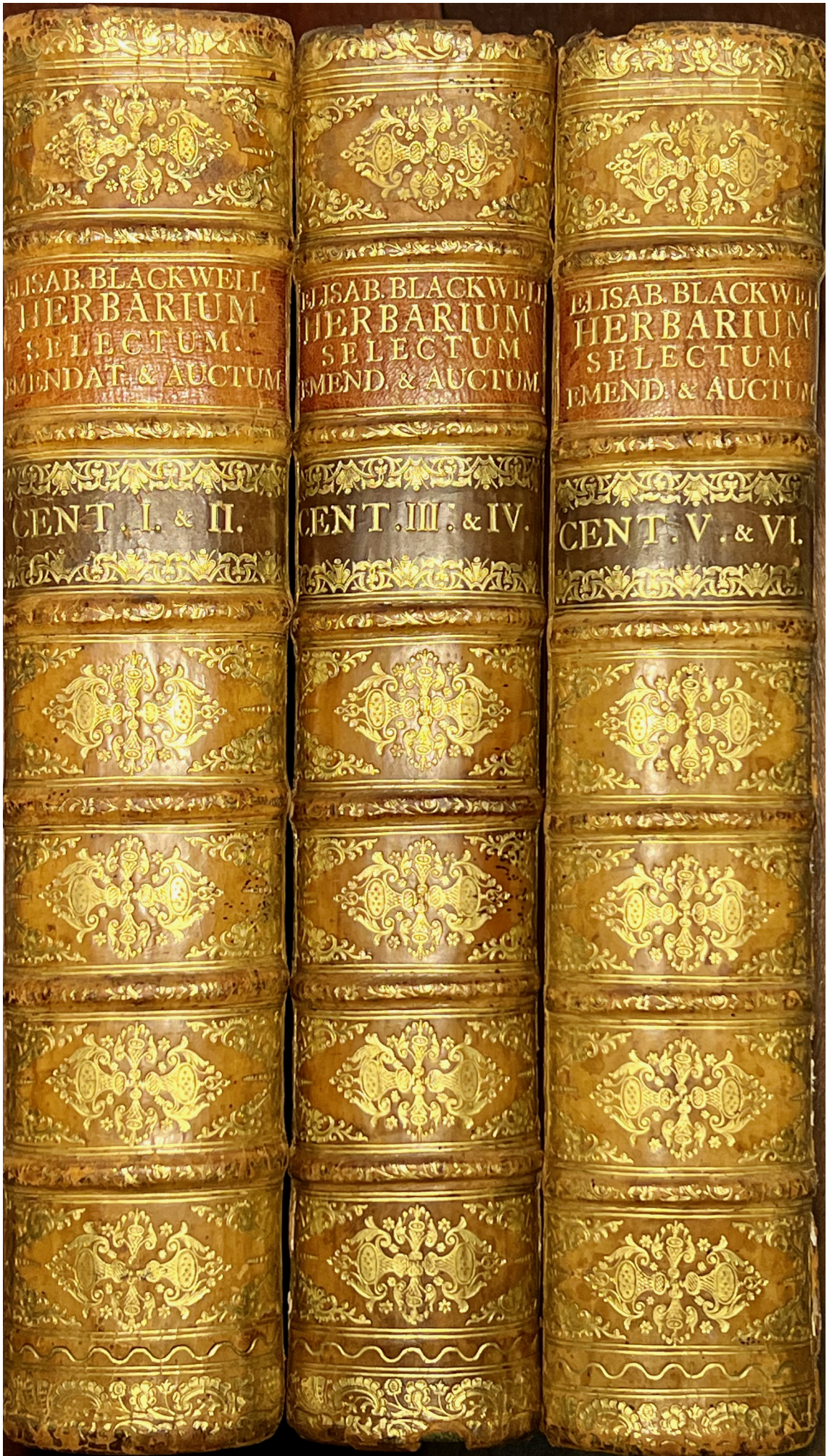
Raphanus hortensis. { 1-6. Blume.
 7-10. Frucht.
 11, 12. Saame.
 13. Ackerwühl.
 Ganger Garten
 Rettig.



Faba maior.

{ 1. 2. 3. 4. Blüthe.
 5. Frucht.
 6. Saamen.

Große Bohnen.



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