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Science and Technology

CREATING A NEW SYSTEM OF MINERAL CLASSIFICATION

BERZELIUS, JÖNS JACOB.

Försök, att, ... grundlägga ett rent vetenskapligt System för Mineralogien. (An Attempt to Establish a Purely Scientific System of Mineralogy ...).

1814. The extremely scarce first edition (here present in the original wrappers, uncut and unopened) of Berzelius's "New System of Mineralogy", the first system based on chemical formulae, instead of the crystallographic appearance of the minerals. In 1836 Berzelius was honoured with the Copley Medal in gold by the Royal Society in London for his groundbreaking new system.

USD 4,200

FOUNDATIONAL WORK IN THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF NUMBER THEORY

BILLY, P. IACOBO de.

Diophanti Redividi...

1670. Extremely scarce first edition of Jacques de Billy's mathematical magnum opus, known primarily as "Diophantus Redivivus" (i.e. "Diophantus Restored"), in which he gives some of the most important solutions to Diophantine problems, of which he was an expert. The work is highly important within the field of number theory and counts as one of the greatest testimonies to the early development of this branch of mathematics. The copy has belonged to the famous mathematician Johann Georg von Soldner (of the Soldner coordinate system).

USD 8,200

THE INVENTION OF STEREO

BLUMLEIN, ALAN DOWER.

Improvements in and relating to Sound-transmission, Sound-recording and Sound-reproducing Systems. [British Patent] Number: 394,325.

(1933), Scarce original printed patent for the world's first stereo sound-recording system - an invention that revolutionized the field of music recordings, radio broadcasting and cinematographic recordings. The present patent is considered "a bible for sound engineers [and] it pre-empts all further useful reasoning on the subject". "It is a classic patent in the history of electrical engineering". The invention of the present patent was more than a century ahead of its time, as stereo recordings did not become standard until the 1950'ies. Blumlein furthermore anticipated many of the thoughts and techniques behind Dolby Pro-Logic. Blumlein's patent is not only a milestone in the history of engineering, but, unlike most other patents, it also reads like a text book and is still by most sound engineers considered the best source text on how stereo works.

USD 5,200

THE WORLD'S FIRST POWER-GENERATING WIND-MILL

BLYTH, JAMES.

Improvements in Wind Engines. [British Patent] Number: 19,401. A.D. [Date of Application, 10th Nov., 1891 - Accepted, 12th Dec., 1891].

1891. Scarce original printed patent for the world's first energy-generating wind-mill, the "Blyth Turbine", being the first wind turbine used to convert wind energy into power. Blyth's seminal invention marked the dawn of wind turbine development. Although previously credited with being the first to use a wind powered machine to generate electricity, it is now an accepted fact that the American inventor Charles Brush came second to Blyth and his wind mill.

USD 7,000

BRAHE'S ASTRONOMICAL LETTERS

BRAHE, TYCHO.

Epistolarum Astronomicarum...

1610 [recte: 1596]. First edition, third issue, of the seminal correspondence, which mainly consists in letters between himself and Landgraf Wilh. of Hessen as well as Court-astronomer Christoffer Rothmann. Nearly all of the book is printed on Hven on Brahe's own hand-press; only the title-sheet and title-page were changed by the Frankfurt-printer Tampach. Friends of Brahe, in particular Henrik Rantzau, urged Brahe to publish his correspondence, and the printing of this is known to have begun long before 1590. However, as with all of Brahe's major works from the printing-office on Hven, it took many years before the book was finished. Included is a description of the buildings and instruments found at Hven.

USD 11,900

THE INVENTION OF THE TELEGRAPH - "THE MECHANICAL INTERNET"

CHAPPE, (CLAUDE).

Beschreibung und Abbildung des Telegraphen oder neuerfundenen Fernschreibermaschine in Paris.

1794. The extremely scarce first edition of the present work, which was the first to describe one of the most seminal inventions of the modern world, namely the telegraph, the "mechanical internet". Here we find, described in German and illustrated in four plates, the invention and function of the telegraph, the so-called Chappe-telegraph or Semaphore Telegraphy, which constitutes the first optical telegraph in the world and the first practical telecommunications system of the industrial age. The present work is sometimes also referred to as the "Alphabet Chappe".

USD 3,500

ALL OF EINSTEIN'S PAPERS FROM THE "ANNALEN"

EINSTEIN, ALBERT.

Zur Elektrodynamik bewegter Körper.+ Über einem die Erzeugung und Verwandlung des Lichtes betreffenden heuristischen Gesichtspunkt. + Über die von der molekularkinetischen Theorie der Wärme geforderte Bewegung von in ruhenden Flüssigkeiten suspendierten Teilchen. + (another 46 original papers by Einstein).

1901-22. A complete collection of first printings of all the papers that Einstein published in the "Annalen", including both his special and his general theory of relativity. In all 49 original papers by Einstein published in 28 volumes of the 'Annalen der Physik', extracted and laid loose (ready for binding) in a nice recent custom-made box.

USD 28,300

EDITIO PRINCEPS OF THE ELEMENTS OF EUCLID

EUCLID OF ALEXANDRIA.

STOICHEION... (Elementa geometriae).

1533. The monumental editio princeps of the "Elements" of Euclid, "the greatest mathematical textbook of all times", being the first printing of the original Greek text, including the first printing of Proclus' seminal commentary to the first book (the so-called "Herwagiana"). The present editio princeps constitutes one of the most important publications in the history of scientific (and philosophical) thought, and it profoundly influenced Renaissance, and in turn all modern, thought.

USD 52,000

INVENTION OF THE CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS - THE TIMOSHENKO COPY

EULER, LEONHARD.

Methodus inveniendi Lineas Curvas Maximi Minimive...

1744. Scarce first edition of the creation of the Calculus of Variations, the method for finding the variation when values of some or all expressions are varied. "This book brought him immediate fame and recognition as the greatest living mathematician" (Kline). With the ownership-signature of Stephen Timoshenko, one of the world's leading authorities on theoretical and applied mechanics, the father of modern engineering mechanics.

USD 8,200

THE ATOM BOMB - PMM 422A

[FERMI, ENRICO et al, Assignors to G. M. Gianni & Co.].

Method for Increasing the Efficiency of Nuclear Reactions and Products thereof. [British patent, No.:] 465,045.

(1937/applic. date: 1935). Scarce original printed patent for what is arguably the most important invention in the second half of the twentieth century, namely the production of artificial radio-activity by slow neutron bombardment - that is the Atom bomb. Here, Fermi patented the specification for controlling nuclear fission and for producing radioactive isotopes; the former led directly to the achievement of the chain reaction and the latter to fundamental advances in medicine. Needless to say, the object of the present patent profoundly influenced warfare and geopolitics. Fermi's work, culminating with the present patent, "made him the perhaps the world's leading expert on the subject during the thirties".

USD 5,200

THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE HANDBOOK OF ASTROLOGY

FIRMICUS MATERNUS JUN., JULIUS

Astronomicon...

1533. Scarce and early edition of the famous "Mathesis", "the most comprehensive handbook of astrology to come down to us from antiquity" (Franz Boll). The work draws on many of the earliest Hellenistic sources and writings of the Hermetic tradition and preserves much material not found elsewhere. From a practical astrological perspective, it is the largest single source of delineation text, treating of planets in houses, aspects, applications and separations of the Moon, decennials etc.

USD 7,000

GLEICHEN'S MICROSCOPE

GLEICHEN, WILHELM FRIEDRICH von [RUSSWORM / GLEICHEN-RUSSWORM / RUSSWURM].

Das Neueste aus dem Reiche der Pflanzen, oder Mikroskopische Untersuchungen...

1764 [recte: 1763-66]. The scarce first edition of this splendid work, in which the outstanding microscopist Baron Gleichen-Russworm recorded his observations of plants and insects. The 51 astonishingly beautiful hand-coloured copperplates show the morphology of plants and insects in great detail as well as his magnificent specially constructed microscope and its different parts, making it of the utmost importance to the history of the microscope as well as the fertilization processes in plants.

USD 30,000

THE MATHEMATICAL REVOLUTION

HILBERT, DAVID.

Grundlagen der Geometrie.

1899. Extremely scarce first edition of one of the most influential publications on 20th century mathematics. The "Grundlagen" initiated A paradigm shift that eventually evolved mathematics into a network of axiomatic formal systems. Hilbert here sets out to lay down a simple and complete system of mutually independent axioms. With this foundational work, he established the relative consistency of geometry vis-à-vis arithmetic - i.e. he proved that any contradiction existing in Euclidean geometry must manifest itself in the arithmetic system of real numbers. Hilbert's method changed the way that not only geometry was viewed, but also all other fields of mathematics as well as many other sciences such as physics, chemistry, and biology.

USD 4,600

THE GENERAL DEFINITION OF A FUNCTION

LOBACHEVSKY, N.

Ob izchezanij trigonometrisheskikh strok. [Russian - i.e. On the Convergence of Trigonometrical Series].

1834. Scarce first printing of Lobachevsky's main contribution to his second most important field (after non-Euclidean geometry), namely infinite series. This constitutes one of Lobachevsky's earliest papers and the one in which he presents his new results in the theory of trigonometric series. It is here that he gives his definition of a function as a correspondence between two sets of real numbers, the same definition that Dirichlet some three years later discovers independently of Lobachevsky (and is given the general credit for).

USD 4,600

THE FIRST POPULAR INTRODUCTION TO SYMBOLIC LOGIC IN POLAND - BEGINNING OF THE POLISH LOGICAL SCHOOL

LUKASIEWICZ, JAN.

O Zasadzie Sprzeczności u Arystotelesa. [i.e. On the Principle of Contradiction in Aristotle].

1910. The extremely rare first edition of Lukasiewicz's landmark work, the great logician's seminal first book, which not only constitutes the first thorough critique of Aristotle's principle of contradiction (in the "Metaphysics"), is arguably the most important secondary work on Aristotle's logic, and the first work to use the methods of symbolic logic to analyze the Aristotelean problems, but also the work that "served as a starting point for the Polish logical school", which included Alfred Tarski and is often seen as the major forerunner of universal logic: "The book was very important for the logical-philosophical developments in Poland. It was very popular among Polish philosophers, and the appendix it included, although not the first publication on mathematical logic in Poland, was read as a handbook on this subject."

USD 2,900

FOUNDING THE SCIENCE OF SOLAR ENERGY

MOUCHOT, A.

La Chaleur solaire et ses applications industrielles.

1869. Scarce first edition of the first book explicitly devoted to solar energy, "Solar Energy and its Industrial Applications", which coincided with the unveiling of Mouchot's largest solar steam engine, the so-called "Sun Engine", in 1869, which caused a revolution in the development of solar thermal power. His 1869 work constitutes a milestone of what we now call "green energy", as it laid the foundation for our understanding of the conversion of solar radiation into mechanical power driven by steam.

USD 4,200

FOUNDING "RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS"

OZANAM, (JACQUES).

Recreations Mathematiques et Physiques...

1694. Scarce first edition of the first work of its kind, "Recreational Mathematics". Ozanam's "contributions consisted of popular treatises and reference works on "useful and practical mathematics," and an extremely popular work on mathematical recreations; the latter had by far the more lasting impact. Ozanam's "Récréations" may be regarded as the forerunner of modern books on mathematical recreations." (DSB).

USD 4,200

THE PHONIC WHEEL

PAUL LA COUR.

La Roue Phonique.

1878. Very rare first edition of the first work to describe the seminal invention that is the phonic wheel, invented and patented by Paul la Cour - "the Danish Edison" - in late 1877 and publicized for the first time in 1878 in French (as it is here) and Danish simultaneously. The phonic wheel, a synchronous motor operated by pulsating current, constituted a fundamental improvement upon the telegraph-system, as it enabled the simultaneous sending of up to 100 telegrams at a time (in comparison, Edison, who worked on solving the same problem at the same time, was only able to invent a device allowing for the sending of 4 telegrams at a time). This seminal invention revolutionized the telegraph-system. It was also of great importance to the early development of the television, as it constituted an important feature in proposals for telectroscopes and in some electromechanical television systems. The phonic wheel was the first invention to make use of the principle that we now call "time division multiplexing".

USD 2,600

"THE BIBLE OF ASTROLOGY"

PTOLEMAEUS, CLAUDIUS.

[Tetrabiblos].

1535. The very rare first Greek/Latin edition, i.e. the editio princeps of the Greek text and the first edition of Camerarius' seminal translation into Latin, of Ptolemy's famous textbook of astrology. The work "ranks as the Bible of Astrology", and Ptolemy himself regarded it as the natural complement to his "Almagest": "as the latter enables one to predict the positions of the heavenly bodies, so the former expounds the theory of their influences on terrestrial things." The "Tetrabiblos" is one of the most important surviving ancient texts on astrology, and its impact and influence on this field has been immense. It was by far the most popular astrological work of Antiquity and it also greatly influenced the Islamic world, the Medieval Latin West, and the Renaissance. It was reprinted continuously for centuries; its great popularity is attributed to the fact that it is a textbook on the art of astrology itself and a "scientific" defense of it rather than a mere manual instructing lay people on how to practice the art. The present edition also contains the editio princeps of the Greek text of the "Karpos", or "Centiloquium", erroneously attributed to Ptolemy, as well as Pontano's famous Latin version of it.

USD 27,500

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNET

SMITH, JOHN B. (+) STEPHEN F. WEISS (et al.).

Hypertext.

1988. First edition of one of the most important documents in the history of the development and structure of the internet, the Hypertext-issue of the Communications of the ACM. In 1987 the first large-scale hypertext meeting was held in New York and this special issue presents for the first time in print the papers that were presented at the seminal 1987-meeting. Before the workshop, hypertext had been considered a somewhat esoteric concept of interest only to a closed and very limited circle. The workshop led to broad interest in and enthusiasm about hypertext and new media; "Afternoon, a Story", today known as the first hypertext-fiction, by American author Michael Joyce was published as a direct consequence of the workshop.

USD 2,900

THE INVENTION OF THE METAL DIRIGIBLE

TSIOLKOVSKIJ, K. E.

Aerostat Metallicheskiy Upravljaemoey. [Maneuverable Metal Aerostat].

1892. Extremely rare first edition of Tsiolkovski's first publication on the aerostat (later "dirigible", also known as "zeppelin"), being the exceedingly important first work on the seminal invention that is the metal dirigible. "In the second half of the nineteenth century mankind, in its struggle for mastery of the air, placed its greatest hopes in the dirigible." It was Tsiolkovsky who - beginning with the present publication - met with these hopes for mankind, presenting as the first person ever the metal-zeppelin, being far in advance of the projects made by foreign inventors, e.g. predating Zeppelin's scheme of the rigid dirigible by many years.

USD 14,300

REPLICATING THE MATHEMATICAL "STATES OF MIND"

TURING, A. M.

On Computable Numbers... + On Computable Numbers... A Correction.

1937. The exceedingly rare first printing of this seminal paper (and the correction to it), which is "undoubtedly the most famous theoretical paper in the history of computing. It is a mathematical description of what Turing called a universal machine - an imaginary computing device designed to replicate the mathematical "states of mind" and symbol-manipulating abilities of a human computer." The work initiated mechanical and electronic methods of computing and must be considered one of the most important contributions to the invention of the computer. [The entire issues of Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society, contemporary full blue cloth].

USD 20,000

THE VON NEUMANN AXIOMS OF SET THEORY

VON NEUMANN, JOHANN.

Eine Axiomatisierung der Mengenlehre.

1925. First edition of von Neumann's first significant publication, in which he introduced the concept of classes and gave the first finite axiomatisation of set theory.

USD 2,800

FROM THE PRIVATE LIBRARY OF ORVILLE WRIGHT

WRIGHT, ORVILLE (+) WILBUR WRIGHT.

Orville Wright Dinner of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc. July 17, 1918 - Dayton, Ohio.

1918. Scarce first printing, Orville Wright's own copy, of the printed program for the dinner held to honor Orville Wright at the "Orville Wright Dinner of the Society of Automotive Engineers" in Dayton, Ohio. 1000 members and guests attended the dinner. "The speeches were received with utmost enthusiasm," reported an article printed in the 1918 SAE Transactions. "Those present realized they were taking part in a historic occasion. The guest of honor, Mr. Wright, was introduced and bowed in response to a tumultuous ovation."

USD 2,800

Philosophy

THE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF THOUGHT

ALEXANDER OF APHRODISIAS.

In topica Aristotelis commentarii [Graece].

[Aldus, 1513]. The scarce editio princeps of Alexander of Aphrodisias' extremely influential commentary of Aristotle's "Topics", which is responsible for our understanding and utilization of this most fundamental text for the thought of mankind. Aristotle's "Topics" occupies an absolutely central place in the development of science and philosophy since Antiquity. It is this work that sets the boundaries for what we can meaningfully talk about, and even how to talk about it. Through the "topics" mankind will be able to state the true premises that form the foundation upon which we build science and philosophy. Alexander's commentary on this fundamental work is the most important and influential that we have. It was of the utmost importance to Renaissance philosophy, science, scholarship and learning, and it greatly influenced the path of Aristotelian scholarship as well as almost all original thought and philosophy within this period. Alexander came to influence all reading of Aristotle in the Renaissance and with his commentary on the "Topics", he came to profoundly influence our understanding of the first principles of thought as well as the dialectical and philosophical training that is necessary for our understanding of them.

USD 19,200

"HIS ONE INDISPUTABLE MASTERPIECE"

SPINOZA, BENEDICT de.

Opera Posthuma.

1677. The rare first edition of Spinoza's "Opera Posthuma", which contains the seminal first printing of his magnum opus, the "Ethics", which constitutes the first systematic exposition of "Pantheism". Generally accepted as one of the greatest contributions to Western philosophy, the "Ethics" lays the foundation for 18th century Enlightenment. In it Spinoza presents his groundbreaking opposition to Descartes' mind-body-dualism and thereby changes the entire trajectory of modern philosophy. As Hegel would say in his "History of Philosophy", "You are either a Spinozist or not a philosopher at all." "The "Opera Posthuma", published in the same year [as his death, 1677], have served, then and since, with the "Tractatus Theologico-Politicus", to immortalize his name." (PMM).

USD 22,000

BACON'S VIEWS ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

BACON, FRANCIS.

Cases of Treason.

1641. The scarce first edition of one of Bacon's major legal works, in which he presents his views on constitutional law.

USD 3,000

THE REFORMATION OF KNOWLEDGE

BACON, FRANCIS.

[De Augmentis Scientiarum].

1623. The extremely rare first edition of what is arguably Bacon's main work "De Augmentis Scientiarum" (a greatly expanded and completely re-written version of the "Advancement of Learning", 1605), in which he sets out to lay the foundations of science entirely anew and reform the process of knowledge for the advancement of learning. Bacon believes that the advancement of learning will ultimately relieve mankind from its miseries and needs, and as such he not only reformed the foundations of science, he also laid the philosophical foundations for the dawning of the Industrial age. His proposed change of the collective thought of mankind completely reshaped the entire course of science in history. The aim of the present work - to investigate and re-classify philosophy and the sciences - marks a turning point in the rhetorical and theoretical framework for science, which is still essential for our conceptions of proper methodology today.

USD 45,500

THE PRINCIPLE OF HOPE - PRESENTATIO-COPY

BLOCH, ERNST.

Das Prinzip Hoffnung.

1954-59. The scarce first edition of all three volumes, with signed and dated presentation-inscription (in the year of appearance), of Bloch's magnum opus, his seminal "The Principle of Hope", which constitutes his philosophy of concrete utopia. "Ernst Bloch's Principle of Hope is one of the key books of our century. Part philosophic speculation, part political treatise, part lyric vision, it is exercising a deepening influence on thought and on literature... No political or theological appropriations of Bloch's leviathan can exhaust its visionary breadth."

USD 2,200

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK ON WITCHCRAFT OF THE ERA - GIFT-COPY FROM BODIN

BODIN, JEAN.

De la demonomanie des sorciers.

1580. Scarce first edition, presentation-copy for Claude Legras (with whom Bodin served on the same tribunal), of Bodin's seminal "Demon-Mania", the most important book on witchcraft of the era. The work profoundly influenced the position on witchcraft of the following half century and directly influenced the course of witch trials of this period. The work is furthermore of fundamental importance to the understanding of Bodin's tripartite world picture and constitutes an invaluable supplement to his "Six livres de la république". "Jean Bodin's "On the Demon-Mania of Witches" appeared in 1580 and rapidly became a major publishing success. It underwent at least twenty-three editions and was translated from its original French into German, Italian and Latin. It was surely the most published work of the era on the subject of demons and witches. Because of its wide distribution, it has been considered by generations of historians to have been an extremely influential book, responsible in itself for large-scale prosecutions of witches in the four or five decades following its appearance."

USD 30,200

PRE-COLLECTED EDITION OF THE "VARIORUM BOETHIUS"

BOETHIUS.

2 x De consolazione Philosophiae.

1607. First editions, both published in the same year, of two highly esteemed commented editions of Boethius' seminal "The Consolation of Philosophy", which together make up an important contribution to Boethius-scholarship and the understanding of this most central text of both Antiquity, Christianity, and the Middle Ages. In fact, the collection of the two present editions, collected and bound at the time of their appearance, almost constitute a singular pre-edition of the famous and important so-called "Variorum Boethius", which appeared more than 60 years later, in 1671, and unites the commentaries and notes of Bernartius and Sitzmann.

USD 2,750

INFLUENCING FRENCH ENLIGHTENMENT THOUGHT

[BRUNO, GIORDANO].

Le ciel réformé. ... Spaccio della Bestia Trionfante.

1750. Scarce first translation into French of Giordano Bruno's seminal "Expulsion of the Triumphant Beast", being the first part of any of Bruno's works to be translated into French and presumably the second translation of any of Bruno's works into any language, only preceded by the equally scarce first translation into English of the same work (1713). "The Expulsion of the Triumphant Beast" constitutes one of Bruno's main works and that of his works which proved to be most influential throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, profoundly affecting both science, philosophy and religion, as it "turns to social ethics and religious reform, but in a cosmic setting". (Copenhaver & Schmitt, p. 301).

USD 3,600

A MAIN WORK OF 20TH CENTURY EXISTENTIALISM

CAMUS, ALBERT.

Le Mythe de Sisyphe. Les Essais XII.

(1942). The extremely rare first edition, first impression, of Camus' seminal main philosophical work, being his first philosophical essay, and the work in which he introduces his philosophy of the absurd. Together with Sartre's "Being and Nothingness", "The Myth of Sisyphus" constitutes one of the greatest existentialist works of the 20th century.

USD 4,000

UNITING PLATO AND ARISTOTLE - ATTACKING RAMUS

CHARPENTIER.

Platonis cum Aristotele in universa philosophia comparatio...

1573. First edition of Charpentier's famous comparison of Aristotle and Plato - one of the most thorough and important works of its kind - which came to influence the way that the Renaissance viewed the two great thinkers and their works. The work, which is profoundly anti-Ramist and also as such drew great attention, constitutes a fabulous determination of the joint legacy of Aristotle and Plato and is one of the works that best illustrates the nuanced basis of Renaissance scholarship and philosophy.

USD 3,600

THE MAIN WORK OF DECONSTRUCTION - MAGNIFICENT PRESENTATION-COPY

DERRIDA, JACQUES.

De la grammatologie.

1967. First edition (20 Septembre, 1967, numéro 630) - signed presentation-copy for André Green and wife - of Derrida's seminal main work, the foundational text for deconstructive criticism. 1967 marks a turning point in the history of modern philosophy, constituting the birth of "Deconstruction". In this one year, Derrida publishes all of his three break-through books, "De la grammatologie" being the magnum opus that has come to be associated with this groundbreaking concept. This magnificent presentation-copy unites two of the greatest intellectual thinkers of the 20th century, both having profoundly altered the face of psychoanalysis and intellectual history in general. As Derrida is considered one of the greatest philosophers of the 20th century, so André Green (1927 - 2012) is considered one of the most important psychoanalytic thinkers of our times, creating what is now known as the Greenian theory of psychoanalysis.

USD 4,600

THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

HOBBS, THOMAS.

Leviathan...

1651. First edition, first issue. Quite simply the most important work of philosophy produced in the English language, Hobbes' magnus opus is one of the finest achievements of the modern mind. It has shaped political modernity in a way that only a few other texts have. Even if it had not been so spectacularly successful, the Leviathan would have deserved a place among the most important works of political thought. It is in this treatise that the concept of representation is introduced which has since then been a pivotal element in constitutional order, being the conduit through which the sphere of political life is reflected in the constitution. Some leaves of this copy have marginal repairs, not affecting text.

USD 22,900

EDITIO PRINCEPS OF THE LATIN TRANSLATION OF "LEVIATHAN"

HOBBS, THOMAS.

Leviathan, sive De Materia... + Elementorum Philosophiae sectio tertia de Cive.

(1668). The extremely scarce first editions, in even scarcer variants, of the separately distributed and sold volumes VIII and V of the first collected edition of Hobbes' works, constituting the seminal first Latin edition of "Leviathan" and the only 4to-edition of the "De Cive" to have appeared apart from the extremely scarce first edition (1642). This first collected edition of Hobbes' works is the most desirable, the most sought-after, and by far the most important. It is to this collected edition that one still refers when quoting Hobbes' works academically. Of greatest importance is the fact that it is here that Hobbes' seminal main work, Leviathan - the work from which the "social contract" theory originates - appears for the first time in Latin, providing us for the first time with the text in the form that Hobbes himself had in mind.

USD 3,700

THE FOUNDATION OF PHENOMENOLOGY - ERNST BLOCH'S COPY

HUSSERL, EDMUND.

Logische Untersuchungen.

1900-1901. Ernst Bloch's copy of the rare first edition of Husserl's main work, one of the most important philosophical works of the 20th century. The "Logical Investigations" fundamentally changed philosophy and invoked the new philosophical era of the 20th century, -with this work Husserl founds phenomenology. Together with Heidegger's "Sein und Zeit", this is arguably the most important work of modern philosophy. Ernst Bloch "the greatest of modern utopian thinkers" became a main figure in Neomarxism. He was became hugely influential throughout the 20th century, providing the post-war world with hope, belief in the good of mankind, and our ability to re-establish our belief in the world and our ability to do good. The influence of his philosophy is very widespread, and his theories are used frequently within both politics and economics as well. For instance, much climate debate refers to his thought. Husserl is now famous as the father of phenomenology, and he decisively influenced the likes of Heidegger, Sartre, Carnap, Merleau-Ponty, Levinas, Ricoeur, Derrida etc. etc. Judging from the present copy, we can most likely also count Bloch among this list of eminent people.

USD 7,000

THE FOUNDING OF MODERN ETHICS

KANT, IMMANUEL.

Critik der practischen Vernunft.

1788. First edition of Kant's second main work, the second of his critical works, and his main work on practical philosophy. It is in this groundbreaking work that Kant establishes the "Categorical Imperative", which was to found modern ethics. With this work he establishes the moral philosophy that ties together all of his critical philosophy. The work has dominated Western ethical thought decisively from the time of its appearance.

USD 4,200

THE ABSOLUTELY RAREST KIERKEGAARD-TITLE.

KIERKEGAARD, SØREN.

Sexten opbyggelige Taler [Sixteen Upbuilding Discourses].

1843-45. First edition of this Kierkegaard-title, which is without doubt the most difficult to get hold of. "Sixteen Upbuilding Discourses" consists of the popular Two, Three and Four Upbuilding Discourses. The unsold copies of these "Upbuilding Discourses" were initially collected under the title "Eighteen Upbuilding Discourses" and published with a collected title-page; when "Two Upbuilding Discourses" from 1843 was sold out, "Sixteen Upbuilding Discourses" was published with another title-page, -hence the copies of this are said to be well under 100 (!) and are by far the scarcest of Kierkegaard's books.

USD 3,300

THE PROPHET OF EXISTENTIALISM - PMM 314

KIERKEGAARD, SØREN.

Enten-Eller. [Either-Or].

1843. First edition, with the often lacking half-titles, of the work that founded existentialism, by the greatest Scandinavian philosopher of all times, who "is now generally considered to be, however eccentric, one of the most important Christian philosophers" (PMM). The work seminaly influenced later as well as contemporary philosophy.

USD 4,400

THE MONADOLGY - A NEW PHILOSOPHY

LEIBNIZ, G.G. [+ CHRISTIAN WOLFF].

Principia Philosophiae [i.e. "The Monadology"/"Monadologie"/"Theory of Monads"] + (Chr. Wolff:) Das Herrn Gottfrid Wilhelm von Leibnitz Lehrsätze über die Monadologie &c... [In: Actorum Eruditorum, Supplementa. Tomus VII + Acta Eruditorum anno 1721].

1721. The highly important first Latin translation of Leibnitz' seminal "The Monadology" - his main philosophical work and the work that stands as the epitomization of anti-materialism - which was not published in the original French until 1814, and which only appeared in a German translation (exceedingly scarce) in 1720 and in a Latin translation, by Christian Wolff, in 1721, as it is here. Up until then, Leibnitz' key philosophical text had only circulated in manuscript form (written in 1714). - Here sold together with Wolff's anonymously written review of (the German version of the) "Monadology", which had great impact upon the reception of the seminal philosophical text that is the "Monadology". Leibniz' groundbreaking work came to profoundly influence not only 18th century thought, but also much later philosophy and logic. For this we have to thank Christian Wolff, the translator of the "Monadology" into Latin and the first reviewer of the work. It is through Wolff and his elaboration of the development of Leibniz' speculative and metaphysical views that Leibniz becomes a recognized figure of importance, particularly in Germany from the 1720'ies onwards, where Wolff's writings were standardly studied.

USD 9,200

COLLECTION OF EIGHT OF NIETZSCHE'S EARLIEST PUBLICATIONS

(NIETZSCHE, FRIEDRICH).

8 reviews, collected from "Literarisches Centralblatt".

1869, 1869, 1870. Exceedingly scarce collection of the first printings of eight of Nietzsche's earliest publications, including his second publication, which was only preceded by his "Zur Geschichte der Theognidischen Spruchsammlung" (in Rheinisches Museum, from 1867). The present collection constitutes all that Nietzsche published in "Literarisches Centralblatt", being the entire collection of the Reviews.

USD 4,600

INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT OF "SUPERMAN"

NIETZSCHE, FRIEDRICH.

Also sprach Zarathustra.

(1886) - [text recte 1883-84]. First edition, title-issue, of Nietzsche's main work, in which the concept of the "Superman" (or "Overman") is introduced. This is actually the first printings of these three parts, but the many remainders were sold and issued with a new title-page (with no year, but 1886). Only 45 copies of the exceedingly scarce privately printed fourth part were issued, the first trade edition of which is from 1892. It is difficult to overestimate the impact of Nietzsche's magnum opus. With this work he realizes his ideal of the poet-philosopher. It is, at the same time, a towering literary achievement and the most profound inquiry in the key notions of his philosophy (the Superman, the eternal return of the same).

USD 4,400

THE CULMINATION OF THE FINAL STAGE OF GREEK CULTURE

PROKLOS DIADOXOS.

Eis ten Platonos theologian...

1618. Very rare first edition of Proclus' groundbreaking main work, "Plato's Theology", being the editio princeps of both the original Greek text and the Latin translation, together with the editio princeps of the original Greek text of his seminal "Elements of Theology". "Plato's Theology" constitutes Proclus' main extant work and is one of the most important works of Neoplatonism (second in importance only to Plotinus' Enneads); together with his "Elements of Theology", it is his most systematic philosophical work and it provides us with the ultimate exposition of his own system, which is the epitome of Neoplatonism. It constitutes a concise summa of the Neoplatonic system in its fully developed form and thereby also represents the culmination of the final stage of Greek culture. The present publication, which represents one of the single most important productions in the history of Neoplatonism, is edited by Aemilius Portus. Apart from the first - and up until recent times only - printing of the original Greek text of "Plato's Theology" and the first printing of the first Latin translation of it, as well as the first printing of the original Greek text of the "Elements of Theology", the present edition also contains the second printing of the first Latin translation (by Patricius) of Proclus' "Elements of Theology" (originally printed separately in 1583), Marinus Neapolis' highly important biography of Proclus (presumably second time printed; it was first published with the works of Marcus Aurelius in 1559, and the first separate printing of it was in 1700), which is our main source of information on Proclus' life, and Giovanni Pico della Mirandola's "Conclusiones LV secundum Proclum".

USD 11,900

Politics & Economics

THE FIRST HAND BOOK OF SPIN

BERNAYS, EDWARD L. - "THE MACHIAVELLI OF OUR TIME"

Propaganda.

1928. First edition of this milestone work of modern culture, being the main work by "the father of public relations" and the work that founded the manipulation of public opinion as a necessary part of democracy. The work constitutes the "bible" of mass manipulation and public relations and the work that founded the field. "[h]is influence on the 20th century was nearly as great as his uncle's [i.e. Sigmund Freud], because Bernays was the first person to take Freud's ideas about human beings and use them to manipulate the masses. He showed American corporations for the first time how they could make people want things they didn't need by linking mass produced goods to their unconscious desires. Out of this would come a new political idea of how to control the masses. By satisfying people's inner selfish desires, one made them happy and thus docile. It was the start of the all-consuming self, which has come to dominate our world today."

USD 5,500

THE WORLD'S FIRST BUSINESS SCHOOL

[BETSKOY (BETSKOI), IVAN IVANOVICH].

Plan kommercheskago vospitatelnago uchishcha. [Russian, i.e.: A Plan for a Commercial School].

(1772). Very rare first printing of the first official plan for what seems to be the world's first business school, being the official plan for the establishment of Russia's first commercial school, predating what is otherwise known as the world's first business school (Paris, 1819) by 47 years. The plan for the school was thought out by the Russian school reformer Ivan Betskoy (1704-1795), Catherine II's advisor on education and President of the Imperial Academy of Arts for thirty years (1764-94). He is famous world-wide as the founder of Russia's first unified system of public education and as the institutionalizer of the Enlightenment in Russia.

USD 8,400

FOUNDING WORK OF NEOCLASSICAL MICRO-ECONOMICS - "A LANDMARK TREATISE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMICS"

CLARK, JOHN BATES.

The Distribution of Wealth. A Theory of Wages, Interest and Profits.

(1899). The scarce first edition of Clark's seminal work - a cornerstone of neoclassical micro-economics -, which is considered "by any reasonable test, a landmark treatise in the development of economics". Clark "is regarded in some quarters as the one great American economist of the calibre of Smith and Mill".

USD 3,300

FOUNDING UTOPIAN SOCIALISM

FOURIER, CH.

Traité de l'association domestique-agricole. 2 Vols. (+) Sommaire du traité de l'association domestique-agricole ou attraction industrielle.

1822 & 1823. Scarce first edition - together with the extremely rare supplement (entire issue signed by the author) - of Fourier's milestone work of political theory, which is considered a founding work of Utopian Socialism and a main inspiration for Marx. The work, which contains "the essence of Fourier's doctrine", presents for the first time many of the revolutionary ideas that Marx were to adopt and use in his "Kapital", e.g. the theory of poverty and exploitation and its relation to the means of production. These same ideas are those that made Marx speak of Fourier's "Gargantuan view of man". With the present work Fourier was also one of the first to defend the rights of women and controversial things such as same-sex sexuality.

USD 15,500

LENIN'S FIRST BOOK

ILYIN (ILIN), VLADIMIR [i.e. VLADIMIR LENIN].

Ekonomicheskie etyudy i stati. [i.e. Economic Studies and Essays].

1899 [recte October 1898]. Very rare first edition of Lenin's first published book, the seminal miscellany of his economic papers, which constitute the first outline of his revolutionary ideas. The work consists in five economic essays/studies, four of which are published here for the first time, and one of which had been published the previous year, in installments, in the magazine *Novoye Slovo*, April-July 1897. Before the present publication, only very few of Lenin's papers and articles had been published, and none of them in book form. The present publication brings to light Lenin's elaboration of the tasks of the Russian Marxists (both as to their programme, their tactics, and the organization as such) ("The Heritage We Renounce") and gives us the basis for his take on Marxism. Much of the original material published here was used by Lenin, both directly (e.g. the "Handicraft Census") and indirectly (forming a basis for the work) in his later published book "The Development of Capitalism in Russia" (1899), which established his reputation as a Marxist theorist. Furthermore, the present publication constitutes Lenin's earliest economic writings directed against the Narodniks. As a whole, the present publication gives us the first rounded picture of Leninist thought and provides us with the basis for Leninist economics and politics.

USD 2,900

RARE EARLY CRITIQUE OF THE PHYSIOCRATIC SCHOOL

[LEGROS, CHARLES FRANCOIS].

Analyse et Examen du Systeme des Philosophes Économistes.

1787. The rare first printing of abbé Legros's fierce critique of physiocratic doctrines, one of the earliest works of its kind.

USD 3,300

ANTICIPATING FEMINISM

MARCONVILLE, JEAN DE.

De la bonte et mauvaistie des femmes.

(1566). Exceedingly scarce second edition of Marconville's famous work, in which he praises women and ascribes many of humankind's great inventions to them. The work constitutes an important contribution to the understanding of the Renaissance debate on women and of renaissance man's view on women in general. Due to his nuanced - and at the time controversial - view on women, Marconville's work is considered one of the major forerunners of feminism. Marconville published several treatises on the subject of women and marriage, the present being both the most famous and the rarest. A total of eight editions of the work were published, the first (1562) and second (the present) being of the utmost scarcity.

USD 5,200

THE BLUEPRINT FOR THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

(MARX, KARL & FRIEDRICH ENGELS).

Manifest Kommunisticheskoy Partii [Manifesto of the Communist Party].

(1869). Extremely rare first edition of the first Russian translation of the Communist Manifesto, Marx' and Engels' groundbreaking work of communist propaganda, "undoubtedly the most widespread, the most international production of all Socialist literature, the common platform acknowledged by millions of working men from Siberia to California" (Preface to the 1888-edition), without which the Russian Revolution would not have taken place. This first Russian edition of the Communist Manifesto must be seen as the seed of the birth of communism, as it is this work that leads directly to the Russian Revolution, the epitomizing event of communism. The Communist Manifesto played an enormous role in the creation of the Russian communist government and it wasn't until Marx ideas, through the Communist Manifesto, were implemented in Russia, that real notice was taken of the work on a large scale. OCLC lists merely 1 copy, namely in Geneva, where the book was printed.

USD 119,000

COINING - AND FOUNDING - "POLITICAL ECONOMY"

MAYERNE, LOUIS TURQUET de.

La monarchie aristodémocratique...

1611. The very rare first edition of this milestone work of political science, which contains the first noted occurrence in any modern language of the phrase "political economy", otherwise thought to have been coined by Montchrétien in 1615, four years after the present work. "La Monarchie" marks the beginning of one of the most important political-economical enterprises, which continues to this day, namely the attempt at generalizing Aristotle's "economics" to the level of "state". The work constitutes a precursor to Montchrétien in almost all ways. Not only is it the first attempt at re-creating civil order by activating governmental authority, the first work to re-define the worth of the Old Nobility and establish the Reason State, it also founds the entire "culture of merit" and is furthermore one of the first utopia-programmes for a police-state. "The author of this treatise was a prophet without honor in his own time - indeed, Marie de Médicis's regency banned the essay immediately after its publication in 1611 - but he nonetheless set the essential sociopolitical agenda for the entire ancien régime."

USD 28,400

"THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE"

McLUHAN, MARSHALL.

Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man.

(1964). First edition, first printing, of this pioneering study in media theory, which completely revolutionized our understanding of the process of communication and the development of the mind of mankind, from the invention of movable type through to the electronic age; this work actually predicts the world wide web and today's information-dependent planet, making it "the most important book ever written on communication". It is in this groundbreaking work that McLuhan first coins the phrases "global village" and "the medium is the message", completely rethinking our society. Due to this marvel of a book, written twenty years before the PC revolution and thirty years before the rise of the Internet!, "Marshall McLuhan has become an "ism". McLuhanism is a new approach to the relations of man and his technologies, and a radically fresh concept of our electronic world"...

USD 2,800

FOUNDING CLASSICAL ECONOMICS IN FRANCE

MILL, J.

Éléments d'Économie Politique [i.e. Elements of Political Economy]. Traduits de l'anglois par J.T. Parisot.

1823. The very rare first edition of the first French translation of the seminal main work by the co-founder of classical economics (together with Ricardo) and a main popularizer of utilitarianism, James Mill. The work is considered the first textbook of Ricardian economics as well as the first popular exposition of the principles of classical economics. As such the work, and the important translations of it into the other main languages of Europe - French and German -, came to exercise a profound influence on later economists. The work originally appeared in English in 1821, and apart from the first edition, the present first French translation constitutes the most important edition of the work.

USD 2,800

AGE-RELATED RENT AND LEASING

MORRIS, GAEL.

Tables for Renewing and Purchasing of Leases...

1735. Exceedingly scarce first edition of Morris' book of tables for renewing and purchasing leases in relation to age, being the most accurate and comprehensive list of tables published at the time. The work was considered controversial due to the proposed fall in rent in relation to age, which was seen as a discrimination against young people; a concept which today has been implemented in virtually all aspects of banking and insurance.

USD 3,700

THE BIBLE OF RUSSIAN LIBERAL ECONOMIC THOUGHT

NIKOLAJ - ON [DANIELSON, NIKOLAJ FRANCEVIC].

Otserki naschego poreformennogo obshchestvennogo chozjajstva. [Russian, i.e.: Studies of Our Post-Reform Economy].

1893. The exceedingly scarce first edition of Danielson's groundbreaking work on the Russian economic development, which is widely considered the bible of Russian liberal economic thought. In the present work, written at the suggestion of Marx himself, Danielson proposed a way for the Russian economy to consolidate itself without foreign money by - highly controversially - claiming that capitalist industrialization was possible without any change in the political system and emphasizing and defending the peasant class, which so many socialists of the time readily proclaimed doomed. Danielson completely changed the view on capitalist industrialization; his economic philosophy was not only pioneering in contemporary Russian economics, it also anticipated many solutions to problems that still face some of the Third World countries today.

USD 14,600

DEFENDING LIBERAL DEMOCRACY

POPPER, K.R.

The Open Society and its Enemies.

(1945). The not common first edition, rare in the original dust-jackets, of Popper's hugely influential main work and a classic of political thought. The present copy comes from the library of the seminal economist and banker Alexander Sachs, whose political and economical research has been pivotal to the development of 20th century economy.

USD 4,000

DEFINING 20TH CENTURY ECONOMICS - PRESENTATION-COPY

ROBBINS, LIONEL.

An Essay on the Nature & Significance of Economic Science.

1932. First edition, presentation-copy, of Robbins's landmark publication, in which he sought to define more precisely economics as a science. With the present publication, Robbins became instrumental in shifting Anglo-Saxon economics from its Marshallian direction, which eventually caused the breakthrough of neo-classical (Walrasian) definition of economics. The work is "one of the most cited, if not most read, books on the subject in the period 1932-60, and it influenced greatly economists' views about the nature of their discipline." The definitions of economics presented here "were widely accepted by the world of academic economists and are still propagated".

USD 2,900

"SAY'S LAW" - CREATING ECONOMIC POLITICS

SAY, JEAN-BAPTISTE.

Traité d'Economie politique...

1803. The seminal first edition of Say's main work, his "Treatise on Political Economy", which irrevocably created the study of economic politics as a separate science. With his classically liberal views, which included arguments of free trade and lowering of restraints on business, all in favour of competition, Say, the first academic teacher of economics in France, became one of the leading founders of the classical school within economics. He is now primarily famous for his groundbreaking principle of markets, also known as "Say's Law", which is developed in his "Traité d'économie politique".

USD 9,200

FIRST SWEDISH EDITION OF "THE WEALTH OF NATIONS"

SMITH, ADAM.

En Undersökning av Folkens Välstånd dess Natur och Orsaker.

1909 & 1911. The exceedingly rare first edition of the first Swedish translation of Adam Smith's ground-breaking main work, the "Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations". Smaller parts of the book had previously been translated into Swedish (in 1800, 1804 and 1869), but the present translation is considered the first actual translation of the work (even though some parts have been excluded by translator Emil Sommarin, who based his translation the 5th English edition, the last edition to be supervised by Adam Smith himself). It is to this date the only Swedish translation of the work, which tells us a lot about the history of Swedish economics.

USD 4,500

THE FIRST GREEK CONSTITUTION

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE IONIAN ISLANDS

Costituzione degle Stati Uniti delle Isole Jonie...

1817. Extremely scarce first edition of the first constitution for the Ionian Islands in Greek history since ancient times. This Ionian Islands state was the first Greek state to be founded.

USD 9,200

THE EPITOME OF NARODNIK ECONOMICS AND THE FIRST SERIOUS ATTEMPT AT ANALYZING RUSSIAN CAPITALISM

V.V. [VASILY VORONTSOV].

Sud'by kapitalizma v Rossii. [i.e.: The fate of capitalism in Russia].

(1882). The exceedingly scarce first edition of this landmark work of Russian economics, being Vorontsov's seminal pre-revolutionary book "The Fate of Capitalism in Russia", which constitutes, not only the first serious attempt at analyzing Russian capitalism, but also one of the earliest (and the first Russian) theoretical statements of the assumption of economic development along non-capitalist lines. Vorontsov, together with Danielson - who was greatly inspired by the present work - is considered the major exponent of Narodnik (and pre-revolutionary) economics, of which the present work is essentially the epitome.

USD 7,300

Travels & Natural History

"THE GREATEST BOOK OF BOTANY EVER WRITTEN IN ITALY"

ANGUILLARA, LUIGI -

Semplici Liquali in piu Pareri à diuersi nobili huomini appaiono...

1561. The extremely scarce first edition of this botanical classic, which still remains an important source for historical nomenclature and floristic studies.

USD 8,200

THE BINOMINAL NOMECLATURE OF SPIDERS INTRODUCED

CLERCK, CARL.

Svenska Spindlar...

1757. First edition of this fundamental work, from which the nomenclature of spiders originates. The work, which was highly praised by Linné, is the first to carry through the bi-nominal nomenclature for an entire animal group.

USD 3,400

COMPOSITE ATLAS WITH MAPS FROM THE FRENCH 17TH CENTURY SCHOOL

SANSON, NICOLAS & GUILLAUME, MELCHIOR TAVERNIER, PIERRE DUVAL, PHILIP BRIET & PHILIPPE DE LA RUE.

Comprising World Map, Europe and The Middle East, Classical Greece, Classical Rome, Biblical and Patriarchal History.

1636-78. A very fine composite atlas by the engravers of the French 17th century school. Most of the 67 finely and contemporarily hand-coloured (22 fully coloured and 45 outline coloured) maps are by Nicolas Sanson and his son Guillaume Sanson (40 + 10, as the Tavernier-maps are executed by Sanson).

USD 27,500

THE SPREADING OF DARWINISM

DARWIN, CHARLES.

O Proischozhdenii Vidov... [Russian: On the Origin of Species].

1864. Extremely rare first edition of the first Russian translation of Darwin's "Origin of Species", a main reason for the widespread effect of Darwinism in Russia, where the theory met less resistance in the 1860'ies than it did in Western Europe. In Russia, Darwinism had a profound influence, not only upon the different sciences, but also on philosophy, economic, and political thought, as well as the great literature of the period. For instance, both Tolstoy and Dostoevsky referenced Darwin in their most important works, as did numerous other thinkers of the period.

USD 12,800

FIRST GERMAN EDITION OF THE "ORIGIN"

DARWIN, CHARLES.

Über die Entstehung der Arten...

1860. The very scarce first German edition of Darwin's masterpiece, one of the most important books ever printed. The "Origin of Species" started the greatest of all intellectual revolutions in the history of Mankind. "Darwin was not happy about the first German translation. It was done from the second English edition by H.G. Bronn, who had, at Darwin's suggestion, added an appendix of the difficulties which occurred to him; but he had also excised bits of which he did not approve. This edition also contains the historical sketch in its shorter and earlier form. The text was tactfully revised by J.V. Carus who remained the most faithful and punctual of all Darwin's translators."

USD 4,600

GLEICHEN'S MICROSCOPE

GLEICHEN, WILHELM FRIEDRICH von [RUSSWORM / GLEICHEN-RUSSWORM / RUSSWURM].

Das Neueste aus dem Reiche der Pflanzen, oder Mikroskopische Untersuchungen...

1764 [recte: 1763-66]. The scarce first edition of this splendid work, in which the outstanding microscopist Baron Gleichen-Russworm recorded his observations of plants and insects. The 51 astonishingly beautiful hand-coloured copperplates show the morphology of plants and insects in great detail as well as his magnificent specially constructed microscope and its different parts, making it of the utmost importance to the history of the microscope as well as the fertilization processes in plants.

USD 30,000

FIRST REFERENCE TO AMERICAN FISH

IOVIUS, PAULUS.

De Romanis Piscibus...

1531. Very rare Froben-edition of the first work by the Renaissance-historian Paolo Giovio. All early editions of this work are very rare. This rare work plays a special role in the writings of Giovio, as it is neither historical nor biographical. It deals with the types of fish that Romans eat and tells how to prepare them, it is thus of great importance to anyone interested in the lives and customs of the time, as well as almost being considered a very early cookbook. It also gives names of the fish and tells where they can be found, and where the best of each species is most easily found, and is thus of great importance to the ichthyologist; this work is also said to contain the first reference in history to American fish.

USD 5,500

THE FIRST EXTENSIVE MODERN TAXATION OF AMERICAN PLANTS

JACQUIN, NICOLAUS JOSEPH.

Selectarum Stirpium Americanorum Historia...

1763. Extremely scarce first edition of Jacquin's first major work. Only 3 copies with hand-coloured plates were produced. The work, which constitutes the results of Jacquin's travels to the West Indies and South America during the years 1754-59, is one of the very first detailed accounts of American Botany, describing about 60 new West Indian species. Jacquin was the most important of the younger contemporaries of Linnaeus, and he was the first writer in Germany to utilize to any large extent Linnaeus' system of binary nomenclature; his descriptions are still valid today and count as the first extensive modern taxation of American plants.

USD 26,500

ONE OF THE FINEST BOOKS ON FISH EVER PRODUCED

JARDINE.

British Salmonidae.

(1839-41). The exceedingly scarce first printing of this monumental work on British salmon, one of the finest books on fish ever produced. The work is generally considered the Audubon of salmon; the quality of the plates is considered unsurpassed and the scientific research that lies behind it makes it of the utmost importance to the study of salmon. The work is of the greatest scarcity with no more than 70 copies (at the most) produced, and many fewer that have survived.

USD 55,000

THE WEST-INDIES

JEFFERYS, THOMAS.

Atlas des Indes Occidentales...

1777 (engr. title: 1775). Scarce first French edition - consisting in all the original 39 maps of the 1775 English edition and the engraved double title-page in English, preceded by a French title, etc. - of Jeffery's seminal West-India atlas, one of the most important works on the West Indies and the work that we have to thank for the introduction of "Carribean" as the designation that was to become standard on maps. The work played a pivotal rôle in the geo- and cartographical denomination of places and areas in this part of the world. As one of the earliest documentations of the West Indies, Jefferys' seminal "West-India Atlas" was informed by prevailing attitudes about the legitimacy of Britain's colonial enterprises and contemporary debates surrounding the abolition and emancipation movements, and it played a significant rôle in the spreading of knowledge regarding this part of the world. Jefferys himself, one of the most prominent and prolific map publishers and engravers of his day, was opposed to the slave-trade, which unfortunately hinged upon the sugar trade that the atlas was designed to aid, and also spoke out against it.

USD 41,000

CUVIER'S COPY OF THE FIRST MONOGRAPH ON STARFISH

LINCK, JOHANN HEINRICH.

De Stellis Marinis Liber singularis.

1733. First edition of this scarce monograph on starfish. It is the first work of its kind, wholly devoted to the description and classification of sea stars... the genus Linckiana was named after the author. Linck was a Leipzig pharmacist who amassed a great collection of natural history specimens (described in his catalogue "Index Musei Linckiani).- In his work, "Regne Animal", George Cuvier worked with the classification and organisation of the Stellaridés, and it is obvious that Cuvier in this connection has used this copy of De Stellis....

USD 6,700

A MAIN WORK ON BINOMIAL NOMENCLATURE

LINNAEUS, CARL.

Flora Lapponica...

1737. Scarce first edition of this highly important work, which is one of the first in which Linnaeus worked out his binomial nomenclature. Linnaeus' journey into Lapland in the year 1732 "was the most adventurous that Linnaeus ever made; it has been assessed by his fellow-countrymen as the most fruitful single scientific expedition ever made in Sweden both for its immediate botanical results and its influence on Linnaeus's later career. It led to the publication in 1737 of his *Flora Lapponica* which is of prime importance for the nomenclature of Arctic-Alpine species."

USD 8,300

GREGOR MENDEL - A LEADING METEOROLOGIST

MENDEL, GREGOR.

Meteorologische Beobachtungen...

1867. Extremely scarce first edition of the fifth meteorological publication (from the same periodical in which "Über Pflanzen-Hybriden" was published the year before) by the founder of genetics, Gregor Mendel. The paper represents an important contribution to the emergence of exact weather-forecasting and helped found Mendel's reputation as the leading meteorologist of Moravia.

USD 3,700

INSECTS IN THEIR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS

MERIAN, MARIE SIBILLE (MARIA SIBYLLA).

Histoire des Insectes de l'Europe...

1730. The rare and extraordinarily beautiful first folio-edition in French (same year and place as the first folio-edition in Dutch), being the first French edition, of Merian's great work on insects.

USD 30,000

BEAUTIFUL 18TH CENTURY ATLAS

SEUTTER, GEORG MATTHÄUS.

Atlas Novus indicibus instructus.

1730. Fine, fully complete Seutter-Atlas issued by the engraver Matthaeus Roth in Wien. 6 coloured engravings and 51 double-page engraved maps, all in original hand-colouring.

USD 48,500

ROCK-ROSES

SWEET, ROBERT.

Cistineae the natural Order of Cistus, or Rock-Rose...

1825-1830. First edition of this highly esteemed work on Rock-Roses and their cultivated varieties. The work is praised by gardeners for its showy rose-like flowers.

USD 5,900

THE TWO FIRST PARTS OF "THE TEMPLE OF FLORA"

THORNTON, ROBERT JOHN.

New Illustration of the Sexual System of Carolus Von Linnaeus:...

(1799) - 1807 - (1810). The scarce two first parts of the highly important work that was to be known as the "Temple of Flora". The third part of what was to become the "Temple" is not present here, but it is evident that Thornton did not have a clear plan for the structure of the work and let it gradually take its own form. The bibliographical complexity of the work bears witness to the fact that "[n]o two copies of this book are alike" (Buchanan).

USD 27,500

MUSEUM WORMIANUM

WORM, OLE.

Museum Wormianum.

1655. The scarce first edition of this monumental work in early modern museum literature, constituting the catalogue of the first Danish museum and one of the most important cabinets of curiosities in Europe. The magnificent double-page engraved plate depicting the interior and outlay of the museum is one of the most well known and famous illustrations from any "Wunderkammer"-book, iconographically summarizing what we understand by the genre.

USD 13,700

Medicine

FOUNDING THE SCIENCE OF ENDOCRINOLOGY

BAYLISS, W.M. & E. H. STARLING.

The Mechanism of Pancreatic Secretion.

1902. First edition, in the scarce offprint, of the paper that fully described the discovery of the first hormone, a milestone in the history of physiology and medicine. Up until Baylis' and Starlings' discovery, it was thought that the glands, here specifically the pancreas, were controlled by the nerves (e.g. Pavlov and others), but Bayliss and Starling discovered that the intestine was in fact signaling the pancreas, thereby presenting a completely new mechanism involving a new kind of body or substance functioning as a chemical messenger. "If nerves are the sprinters of biology, Bayliss & Starling had discovered the marathon runners. In doing so, they also founded the science of hormones, called endocrinology".

USD 3,300

UNFOLDING THE UNCONSCIOUS MIND

BREUER, JOS. u. SIGM. FREUD.

Studien über Hysterie.

1895. First edition of the work that marks the starting point of psychoanalysis, a cornerstone in the history of mankind's exploration of the mind. The work contains the first elaboration of the principle of Freud's "free association" as the revelation of the "unconscious mind" as well as Breuer's famous account of his Anna O. (Bertha Pappenheim)-case, which introduced the technique of psychoanalysis as a form of cure. It is arguably the single most important work in the foundation and development of psychoanalysis as therapy and cure. "It will be seen that not only had some of the essentials of what was to become psychoanalysis already emerged by 1895 but that a revolution in mental therapy had been adumbrated." (PMM p. 234).

USD 4,000

THE RAREST AND MOST IMPORTANT EDITION OF THE SYPHILIS-POEM

FRACASTORIUS, HIERONYMUS.

Syphilis, sive morbus gallicus.

1531. The exceedingly scarce second edition (the "Rome text") of "[t]he most famous of all medical poems" (Garrison & Morton), the poem which gave to the disease syphilis its name. This is the most important edition of the work, the first complete edition, the only authoritative version of the text to appear contemporarily, and by far the rarest edition - with ONLY FOUR KNOWN COPIES; - the present copy also with the final blank leaf (H4), "not preserved in any copy examined" (Baumgartner & Fulton).

USD 12,000

PSYCHOANALYSIS IN THE MAKING

FREUD, S.,

Über den Ursprung der hinteren Nervenwurzeln...

[1877]. First edition, in the scarce offprint, of Freud's first publication, which documents the early beginnings of the scientific thought that came to found psychoanalysis. In 1873 Freud began studying medicine, ultimately because he wanted to study the human condition with scientific rigor. His first studies were on the connection of a large nerve cell that had been discovered in the spinal cord of a primitive genus of fish. In the background of this task lay, however, a greater question; a question that arguably became formative for the greatest revolutionizer of the human mind, namely the question about the nervous system of higher animals - including human beings - differing in kind from the lower ones.

USD 9,200

CHANGING OUR VIEW OF HEART AND BLOOD

LOWER, RICHARD.

Tractatus de Corde...

1669. The rare second edition, printed merely a few months after the first (London, 1669), of Lower's groundbreaking main work, which immediately changed that the way we perceive of the role of the heart and the lungs in the human body. The work is considered a milestone of medical history, as it provides one of the earliest accounts of blood transfusion, it established air as a necessity for life, and it was the first to demonstrate the scroll-like structure of the heart.

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FOUNDING GERONTOLOGY - PRESENTATION-COPY

METCHNIKOFF, ÉLIE.

Études su la Nature Humaine. Essai de philosophie optimiste.

1903. First edition, first issue - presentation-copy for the preeminent Russian Byzantinist Uspensky - of the groundbreaking work, in which Metchnikoff coins "gerontology" and establishes the field, which today is considered more important than ever, namely the study of the social, psychological and biological aspects of aging. Metchnikoff's earlier studies in immunology led him on to consider the problems of biological ageing. His first work on the subject is the present, in which he coins the term "gerontology" and advances the idea that senile changes result from the toxins produced by bacteria in the intestine. Apart from advocating the consummation of yoghurt, Metchnikoff warned of eating uncooked foods, claiming that the bacteria present on them could cause cancer. "In his "Nature of Man" Metchnikoff argued that when diseases have been suppressed and life has been hygienically regulated, death would come only with extreme old age. Death would then be natural, accepted gratefully, and robbed of its terrors."

USD 7,700

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND PSYCHIC ILLNESS - PRESENTATION-COPY

PAVLOV, I.P.

Leksii o rabote bolshih polusarov golovnogo mozga. [Russian. i.e.: Lectures on Big Cerebral Hemispheres].

1927. First edition, excellent presentation-copy, of one of Pavlov's most important and influential works, his lectures on the function of the cerebral hemispheres, which sums up all of his work on the higher central nervous system of the dog and thus began the branch of physiology that has to do with higher nervous activity. The work is considered a foundational classic in the history of psychology, linking the central nervous system to the nature of human psychic illness.

USD 10,000

THE DISCOVERY OF ANTIDEPRESSANTS

SALZER, HARRY M. and MAX L. LURIE.

Anxiety and Depressive States... [In: *A.M.A. Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry. Vol. 70, 1953*].

1953. Seminal first printing of the groundbreaking paper that founded the field of antidepressant medicine, being the paper that reported for the first time the first discovery in the antidepressant field, namely the first specific antidepressant drug. It is with the report of the present paper that isoniazide becomes the first antidepressant in clinical history, thus founding a field that the modern world could hardly be imagined without, sparking a kind of treatment that is now presumably the most frequently prescribed in the Western world.

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DUCTUS STENONIANI ETC.

STENO, NICOLAI.

De Musculis et Glandulis... & Observationes Anatomicæ...

1683 & 1683. Two very scarce works by Steensen describing his exceptional discoveries relating to the Ducts, the Glands, and the mechanics of Muscles.

USD 8,000

Art & Literature

THE FIRST OF THE MODERN BALLETS - COINING "SURREALISM" - PICASSO PRESENTING CUBISM ON THE STAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME

APOLLINAIRE, GUILLAUME - PICASSO (ILLUSTR.) - JEAN COCTEAU - LÉON BAKST - SERGE DIAGHILEV.

BALLETS RUSSES. PROGRAMME. PARIS 1917

1917. Scarce original printing of this seminal avantgarde-publication, the May 1917 "Théâtre du Chatelet"-publication that presents Diaghilev's "Ballets Russes" in Paris - here containing the entire separate publication mainly devoted to Jean Cocteau's groundbreaking ballet "Parade" - being one of the most important publications in the history of modern art. It is here, in his presentation-article to "Parade" that Apollinaire coins the term "surrealism" and thus lays the foundation for the seminal cultural movement that Bréton came to lead. It is the 1917 ballet "Parade" - the first of the modern ballets - originally presented for the first time in the present publication, that marks Picasso's entry into the public and bourgeois institutions of ballet and theatre and presents Cubism on the stage for the first time. The drawings for Picasso's magnificent costumes are presented in the present publication for the first time - most famously the front cover for the "Parade"-programme, which depicts the "Costume de Chinois du ballet "PARADE"/ Aquarelle de Picasso", an etching with original, stunning pochoir-colouring. The present publication constitutes an outright revolution in the history of art, theatre, and ballet.

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THE MOST INFLUENTIAL TIME TRAVEL EVER WRITTEN - INTRODUCING THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

BRADBURY, RAY.

A Sound of Thunder.

1952. First appearance of Ray Bradbury's immensely popular science fiction short story, "the most re-published science fiction story up to the present time", containing the very first presentation of the butterfly effect: The idea that one butterfly could eventually have a far-reaching ripple effect on subsequent historic events. The concept was introduced into meteorology in 1961 and is now commonly used in chaos theory where it represents the sensitive dependency on initial conditions in which a small change at one place in a deterministic nonlinear system can result in large differences in a later state. "Ray Bradbury staged the most influential dino-time travel ever written [...]. Although H. G. Wells's influential *The Time Machine* (1895) is casually regarded as the landmark time travel tale, rather, Ray Bradbury's beloved "A Sound of Thunder" became the launching point for most time travel stories involving prehistoric life."

USD 2,200

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION IN THE MAKING

CHERNYSHEVSKY.

Chto Delat? [Russian. i.e. What is to be Done?]. [In the original printing of issues 3-5 of "Sovremennik", March-May, 1863].

[1863]. The extremely scarce first edition of the most influential Russian novel ever written, Chernyshevsky's magnum opus, which is considered the single most important work of modern revolutionary thought. "If one were to ask for the title of the nineteenth-century Russian novel that has had the greatest influence on Russian society, it is likely that a non-Russian would choose among the books of the mighty triumvirate: Turgenev, Tolstoy, or Dostoyevsky. *Fathers and Sons? War and Peace? Crime and Punishment?* These would certainly be among the suggested answers; but ... the novel that can claim this honor with most justice is N. G. Chernyshevsky's *What Is to Be Done?*... no work in modern literature, with the possible exception of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, can compete with *What Is to Be Done?* in its effect on human lives and its power to make history. For Chernyshevsky's novel far more than Marx's *Capital*, supplied the emotional dynamic that eventually went to make the Russian Revolution."

USD 30,200

THE FIRST PURELY "SOCIAL" NOVEL IN RUSSIAN LITERATURE

ISKANDER [pseud. for ALEXANDER IVANOVICH HERZEN].

Kto Vinovat? Roman v dvuch chastyach [Russian. i.e.: Who Is To Blame? Novel in Two Parts].

(1847). First edition of Herzen's major landmark work, which constitutes the first purely social Russian novel. The work was instrumental "in Herzen becoming a leading member of Russia's radical "Westernizing" intelligentsia", in him being regarded as "the father of Russian socialism" and as a "gentry revolutionary". Chernyshevsky's economic and social philosophy expressed in the work (with the title that so obviously alludes to Herzen's) "What is to be Done" - arguably the most influential work ever written in Russia - is to a very large extent based upon the views that Herzen presents 16 years earlier, in the present novel, "Who is to Blame?". Herzen's detestation of capitalism and his hopes concerning the commune were to a large extent adopted by the Russian populists and their revolutionary movement of the 1860ies and 1870ies (the Narodki movement).

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JOYCE, JAMES.

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USD 10,600

THE BARBERINI PALACE IN BOOKFORM - GIFT COPY

TETIUS, HIERONYMUS.

Aedes Barberinae ad Quirinalem.

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TOLSTOÏ, LÉON.

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ZAMYATIN, E.

My [Russian - i.e. We].

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