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The Pirates of Malabar and an Englishwoman in India
First Edition - London - 1907



1 Biddulph, Colonel John. *THE PIRATES OF MALABAR and an Englishwoman in India Two Hundred Years Ago* (London: Smith, Elder & Co., 1907) First edition. With a frontispiece and a colour map. 8vo, publisher's original navy blue ribbed cloth gilt lettered on the upper cover and spine. xx, 327, (4 ads) pp. An essentially fine copy with only a very light bit of age evidence and especially clean internally.

FIRST EDITION. VERY SCARCE IN THIS CONDITION. A fine and very well researched work on European piracy in the waters of India. It includes material on Captain Kidd, the Conajee Angria and English attempts at suppression of piracy. The author was a British soldier, author and naturalist who served in the government of British India for over 20 years and who wrote several books on India which have always been considered quite authoritative.
\$250.

Frank Bullen - First Edition - 1900 - Author of "The Cachalot"
The Men of the Merchant Service

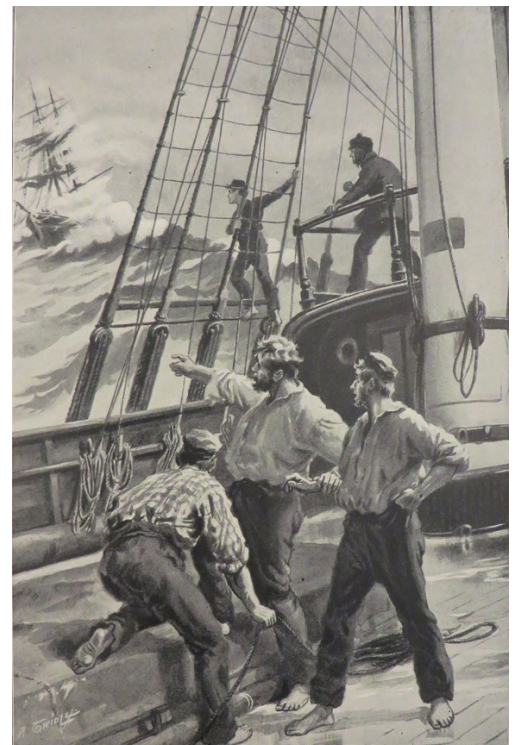
2 Bullen, Frank. *THE MEN OF THE MERCHANT SERVICE, Being the Polity of the Mercantile Marine for 'Longshore Readers.* (London: Macmillan and Co., Limited, 1900) Scare first edition, Colonial issue for circulation in India and British colonies only. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth, lettered in gilt on the spine and gilt lettered within blind embossed decoration on the upper cover. xvi, 331 pp. A handsome and pleasing copy, still tight, clean and bright with only very minimal mellowing.

A BOOK UNCOMMON AT BEST AND ESPECIALLY ELUSIVE IN NICE CONDITION IN ANY OF THE FIRST EDITION ISSUES. This Colonial issue is quite scarce, far less common than the standard American or U.K. issues. Bullen's guide to the life of a sailor in the Merchant Service is an interesting survey of the jobs and demands of those who work on ships at sea. It was intended primarily to inform and educate those interested in a life as a seafarer. Bullen knew well about that which he was writing. He had spent two decades at sea and traveled to all parts of the world in various capacities, including that of second mate of the 'Harbinger' and chief mate of the 'Day Dawn'. He was keenly interested in bettering the condition and raising the moral tone of merchant seamen.
\$165.

The Log of a Sea-Waif - The First Four Years of a Life at Sea
First Edition - 1899 - Frank Bullen - A Handsome Copy

3 Bullen, Frank. *THE LOG OF A SEA-WAIF, Being Recollections of The First Four Years of my Sea Life* (London: Smith, Elder & Co., 1899) First edition. 8 full page illustrations. 8vo, publisher's original navy-blue cloth, lettered in gilt on the spine and decorated in gilt with a pictorial design on the upper cover. xiii, 349, 6 ads. pp. A handsome and clean copy, bright and strong and very well preserved.

THE TRUE FIRST EDITION OF THIS CLASSIC TEXT. "In graphic and picturesque phrases (Bullen) has sketched the events of his voyages to the West Indies, to Bombay and the Coromandel coast, to Melbourne and Rangoon. Nothing could be more absorbing interest than this wonderfully vivid account of foks'l humanity and the adventures and strange sights and experiences attendant upon deep-sea voyages."
\$225.



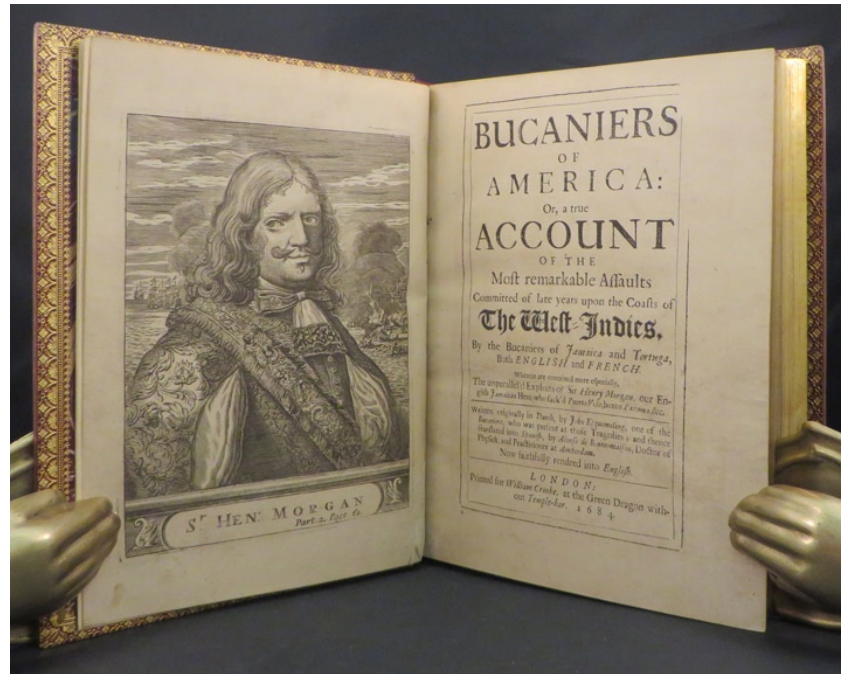
Pirates of the New England Coast
A Beautiful Copy of the Rare Large Paper Issue - 84 Only
First Edition - Bound in Moire Navy Silk

4 Dow, George Francis and Edmonds, John Henry. THE PIRATES OF THE NEW ENGLAND COAST 1630-1730 With an Introduction by Capt. Ernest H. Pentecost, R.N.R. (Salem, MA.: Marine Research Society, 1923) First edition, ONE OF ONLY EIGHT-FOUR NUMBERED LARGE-PAPER COPIES of which only 75 were for sale. Extensively illustrated from contemporary sources on glossy plates, including a beautiful double-page map of Cape Cod. Very large 8vo (12 by 9 inches), in the original binding of moire navy silk on beveled boards, the spine with a black morocco label gilt ruled and lettered. xxii, 394, [1] pp. A very handsome copy, clean and solid with only minor mellowing.

RARE, THE ONLY LARGE-PAPER COPY WE KNOW OF ON THE MARKET of this fascinating history of seventeen pirates including the likes of Kidd, Tew and Roberts. Also includes valuable information on Pirate life, their haunts and cruising grounds. While the Caribbean seems to get so much attention these days the authors note that, "there is scarcely a sandy beach on New England's long and deeply indented coastline that has not connected with it some traditionary tale of the landing of pirates or their buried treasure." Gosse.
 \$895.

The Foundation of Any Piracy Collection
The Buccaneers of America - An Americana Cornerstone
First Edition - Esquemeling's Classic Work- 1684-1685

5 Esquemeling, John. BUCANIERS OF AMERICA: Or, a true Account of the Most remarkable Assaults Committed of late years upon the Coasts of The West-Indies, By the Bucaniers of Jamaica and Tortuga, Both English and French. Wherein are contained more especially, The unparallel'd Exploits of Sir Henry Morgan, our English Jamaican Hero, who sack'd Puerto Velo, burnt Panama, &c. Written originally in Dutch, by John Esquemeling, one of the Bucaniers, who was present at those Tragedies, and thence translated into Spanish, by Alonso de Bonne-maison, Doctor of Physick, and Practitioner at Amsterdam. Now faithfully rendered into English [with] BUCANIERS OF AMERICA. The Second Volume. Containing the Dangerous Voyage and Bold Attempts of Captain Bartholomew Sharp, and others; performed upon the Coasts of the South Sea, for the space of two years, &c. From the Original Journal of the said Voyage. Written by Mr. Basil Ringrose, Gent. Who was all along present at those transactions (London: Printed for William Crooke, at the Green Dragon with-out Temple-bar, 1684, 1685) Two volumes in one. The first edition in English of each volume, with Volume II being the first appearance in any language. With 25 engraved portraits, views, and maps, four of them folding, as well as maps and coastal profiles in the text of volume two. 4to, full crimson crushed morocco, very handsomely designed with elaborate gilt panel designs and central gilt devices in the compartments of the spine, lettered in gilt in two compartments, the covers with a triple fillet borders enclosing a triple gilt fillet frame with floral tools at the corners, elaborate gilt dentelle turn-ins, all edges gilt, by Lloyd. [12] Title and To the reader, 115, 151, 124, [11] Table, [13] To the reader, 212, [17] Table, [7] ads. A very fine, very pleasing and especially well preserved copy.



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RARE FIRST EDITION OF BOTH VOLUMES AND THE CLASSIC ACCOUNT OF THE BUCCANEERS. A COPY IN UNUSUALLY FINE CONDITION. "Perhaps no book in any language was ever the parent of so many imitations, and the source of so many fictions as this" (Sabin). Here are the exploits of Henry Morgan, who sacked Panama and absconded without dividing the booty--a transgression of the pirate's honor that Esquemeling could not applaud; here also the vicious Francis L'Ollonois, who tore out the hearts from his still-living victims and ate them; here are countless tortures and robberies, raids and rampages, as related by a reliable witness. For Esquemeling was himself a pirate: he had been sold into slavery in the West Indian plantations, beaten, tortured, and nearly starved to death, and "so I determined, not knowing how to get any living, to enter into the order of the pirates or robbers of the sea." His career lasted from 1666 until he saw the error of his ways and withdrew from the profession in 1672.

"Esquemeling's book gives a very reliable account of the principal exploits of the buccaneers down to their final disappearance, with the notable exception of their adventures in the South Sea, of which he makes no mention. This defect is, however, amply supplied by the journal of Mr. Basil Ringrose [which comprises the second volume here]. Ringrose in the capacity of pilot personally took part in Sharp's voyage and was killed in a plundering raid; his account is extremely curious and accurate" (from the Introduction to the 1898 reprint).

The BUCANIERS OF AMERICA is the foundation of any pirate collection, an important part of any collection of voyages, and a seminal piece of Americana. Sabin 23479. Nat. Maritime Museum Catalogue IV, 175.
 \$27,500.



The Reign of the Pirates
A Rarely Encountered History of the British Buccaneers

6 Hurd, Archibald. *THE REIGN OF THE PIRATES* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1925) First edition, the English sheets with Knopf imprint for distribution in America. With three black and white plates, including the famous engraving of the female pirates Ann Bonny and Mary Read from Capt. Charles Johnson's "General History". 8vo, publisher's original blue striped paper-covered boards backed in brick cloth with paper label on spine printed in black. 192 pp. A nice copy of this rarely seen book, the text firm, solid and for the most part quite clean, a little staining along the top edge of a few leaves, the binding with minor wear and light mellowing only.

UNCOMMON FIRST EDITION. Hurd's fine introductory history to those Pirates with origins in England, Scotland and Wales. It includes Captains Morgan and Kidd, Blackbeard, the lady pirates and eight others. The author was the Naval Analyst for the Daily Telegraph and wrote many books on a variety of maritime subjects.

\$150.

Basil Lubbock's Maritime Classic
The Colonial Clippers
A Very Fine Copy - Uncommon in Dustjacket

7 Lubbock, Basil. *THE COLONIAL CLIPPERS* (Glasgow: Brown, Son and Ferguson, 1955) Early reissue, formatted as the first. Profusely decorated with 85 illustrations and plans, as well as beautiful cartographic endpapers. Large 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth, handsomely lettered in gilt on the spine and upper cover, in the original pictorially decorated dustjacket. xvi, 384 including the index pp. A very fine copy, uncommon in the dustjacket.

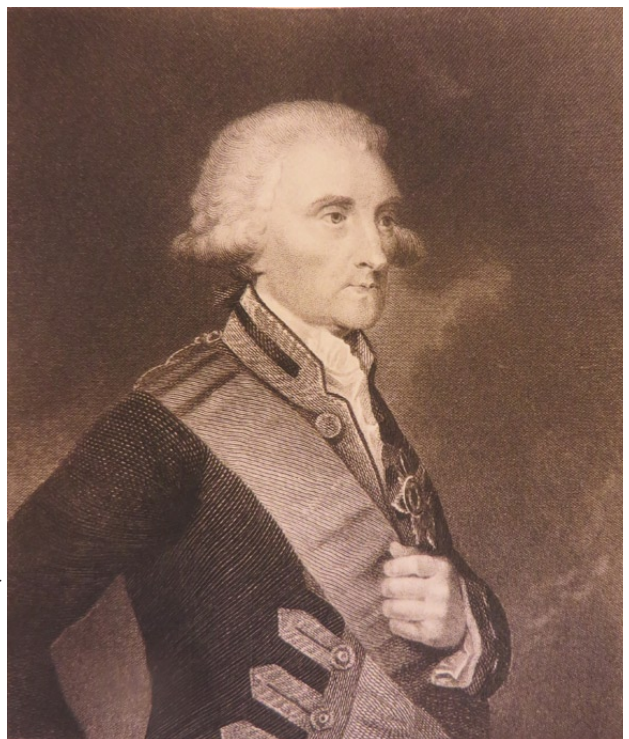
A Scholarly study of these great sailing ships by leading authority Basil Lubbock
 \$175.

Alfred T. Mahan - First Edition - Naval History
Types of Naval Officers - 1902 - Original Blue Cloth

8 Mahan, A.T. *TYPES OF NAVAL OFFICERS* Drawn from the History of the British Navy. With Some Account of the Conditions of Naval Warfare at the beginning of the Eighteenth Century, and of its Subsequent Development during the Sail Period (London: Sampson Low, Marston and Company, 1902) First Edition. With provenance, this being the copy of William Wilton Phipps. Illustrated with a plan and a number of fine photogravure plates. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth, lettered in gilt on the upper cover and spine. xiv, 500 pp. A bright and handsome copy, internally fine, the cloth with some very minimal evidence of age, hinges very firm and tight, a pleasing copy overall.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION. Mahan writes of the 'distinguished seamen whose lives and professional characteristics belonged to a service foreign to that of the United States, though these actors had numerous and varied points of contact with America; most of them very close, and in some instances of marked historical interest. Some were, during much of their careers fellow countrymen during the colonial period and fought side by side with America's own people in the new world. Others acted in distant scenes of the widespread strife that characterized the middle of the eighteenth century, the beginnings of "world politics." All, without exception, were actors in the prolonged conflict that began in 1739 concerning the right of the ships of Great Britain and her colonies to frequent the seas bordering the American dominions of Spain; a conflict which, by gradual expansion, drew in the continent of Europe, from Russia to France, spread thence to the French possessions in India and North America, involved Spanish Havana in the western hemisphere and Manila in the eastern, and finally entailed the expulsion of France from our continent. Thence, by inevitable sequence, issued the independence of the United States. The contest, thus completed, covered forty-three years.'

Subjects include Hawke, the spirit of Naval Warfare during the eighteenth century; Rodney, as representative of the form in which the progress of naval warfare continued during the century; Howe, the general officer and tacti-



cian; Jervice, the general officer as disciplinarian and strategist; Saumarez, the fleet officer and division commander and Pellew, the frigate captain and partisan officer.

William Wilton Phipps was the second son of Charles Paul Phipps (1815-1880, MP for Westbury 1869-1874) and Emma Mary Benson (1811-1882), of Chalcot, Westbury, Wiltshire. Charles Paul Phipps was a younger son of Thomas Henry Hele Phipps (1777-1841) and Mary Michael Joseph Leckonby (1777-1835), of Leighton House, Westbury, Wiltshire. The Phippses have been in or around Westbury since the 16th century. (See Burke's Landed Gentry.) William Wilton was for some time the partner of his elder brother, Charles Nicholas Paul Phipps, in a family firm that shipped coffee from Brazil to Liverpool. The trading house in Rio de Janeiro was named Phipps Brothers & Co.
\$245.

Captain A.T. Mahan - First Edition - 1908 ***Naval Administration and Warfare - In the Original Cloth***

9 Mahan, Captain A. T. NAVAL ADMINISTRATION AND WARFARE, Some General Principles with Other Essays (London: Sampson Low, Marston, & Co., 1908) First edition. With a folding map. 8vo, original blue cloth with gilt lettering on the spine, t.e.g. xiv, 409 pp. A handsome, bright and tight copy, closed tear to one free-fly, without loss.

FIRST EDITION. A rarely encountered title by the author of THE LIFE OF NELSON, THE EMBODIMENT OF THE SEA POWER OF GREAT BRITAIN; THE INFLUENCE OF SEA POWER UPON HISTORY 1660-1783; THE INFLUENCE OF SEA POWER UPON THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND EMPIRE 1793-1812; THE INTEREST OF AMERICA IN SEA POWER, PRESENT AND FUTURE; SEA POWER IN ITS RELATION TO THE WAR OF 1812 and a number of other important works.

\$195.



The Greatest Naval Hero of an Extraordinary Empire **A.T. Mahan's *Life of Nelson* - First Edition - 1897**

10 Mahan, Captain A.T. THE LIFE OF NELSON, THE EMBODIMENT OF THE SEA POWER OF GREAT BRITAIN (London: Sampson Low, Marston and Co, 1897) 2 volumes. First edition. With 19 portraits and illustrations and 21 maps and plans. Thick 8vo, publisher's original navy blue cloth gilt lettered on spine, decorated in gilt on upper cover, t.e.g. xxiii, 454; xvi, 427 pp., 3 ads. A very handsome, very bright set with no sign of fading to the blue cloth and with the gilt still sparkling fresh, the text very bright and clean, some unobtrusive markings on the rear cover of volume two.

IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION AND A FINE SET. Perhaps the finest, most accurate, and detailed biography of Lord Admiral Nelson ever published. Nelson, of course, is known for his illustrious naval career which culminated at the battle of Trafalgar, where under his command the English decimated the Napoleonic fleet and prevented them from reaching the Continent. Mahan, a captain in the United States Navy, was one of the greatest naval historians of the 19th and early 20th centuries and serves the life of Nelson well in this finely crafted narrative.

\$850.

A Classic Work of Captain A.T. Mahan - First Edition ***Sea Power in Its Relation to the War of 1812***

11 Mahan, Captain A.T. SEA POWER IN ITS RELATION TO THE WAR OF 1812 (London: Sampson Low, Marston & Company, Limited, 1905) 2 volumes. First edition. Beautifully decorated with many illustrations, maps and battle diagrams. Large 8vo, publisher's original ribbed navy-blue cloth lettered in gilt on the spines, t.e.g. ix, 423; 437, index pp. A very good and handsome set, bindings and textblocks clean, hinges strong and tight, just some mellowing to the cloth and light evidence of age but in all very well preserved.

FIRST EDITION IN HANDSOME CONDITION. In this work, as well as through its predecessor entitled THE INFLUENCE OF SEA POWER UPON HISTORY, 1660-1783, Mahan demonstrates the considerable ties between naval warfare and the history of the modern world. He was one of the first historians ever to seriously examine this correlation. This treatise had a lasting influence upon American military thought, helping to convince our leaders that a strong navy was a necessity (as it subsequently proved to be, in two world wars).

\$650.

On the Spanish Main - Pirates and Buccaneers **John Masefield - 1925**

12 Masefield, John. ON THE SPANISH MAIN Or, Some English Forays on the Isthmus of Darien. With a Description of the Buccaneers and a Short Account of Old-Time Ships and Sailors (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1925) Second American edition, the sheets printed in England for the second Methuen edition. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth, the upper cover with a handsome vignette of sailing ship within ornate framework printed in orange, the spine gilt lettered with anchor decoration in orange. xv, 273 pp. A very good copy, internally fine. The attractive cloth with some wear along the spine tips and shoulders, the orange on the spine a bit mellowed.

A well written account of the English buccaneers, privateers and pirates who made themselves "redoubtable to the Spaniards" on the the Spanish

shores of the Caribbean. A very early none fiction title from the future Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom. \$125.

**The Royal Navy - First Edition - A Very Handsome Copy
Profusely Illustrated with Colourplates Throughout**



13 [Naval; Sea]; Swinburne, H. L.; Wilkinson, Norman (Illustrator). THE ROYAL NAVY (London: Adam and Charles Black, 1907) First Edition. With a full 61 wonderful plates in full colour from paintings by Norman Wilkinson. 8vo, publisher's original blue cloth richly gilt lettered and decorated in an expressive maritime design with ocean waves, sailing ships and decorations in blue, white, black and gilt on the upper cover and spine, t.e.g. xx, 378, 4 ads. A handsome and very well preserved copy, the cloth bright and in excellent condition, the interior tight and clean.

FIRST EDITION. WITH A FULL SIXTY-ONE PLATES OF MAGNIFICENT NAVAL VESSELS, NAVAL SCENES, SAILORS AND MILITARY PERSONAGES. A complete and comprehensive his-

tory of Britain's development of sea power from the beginning years 871-1485 A.D. up to the First World War. A fine work beautifully illustrated throughout. \$195.

**Owen's Narrative of Voyages to Explore the Shores of Africa
Rare First Edition - Illustrated With Plates and Maps**

14 Owen, Captain W. F. W. NARRATIVE OF VOYAGES TO EXPLORE THE SHORES OF AFRICA, ARABIA, AND MADAGASCAR; Performed in H.M. Ships *Leven* and *Barracouta*, Under the Direction of Captain W.F.W. Owen, R.N. By Command of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty (London: Richard Bentley, 1833) 2 volumes. First Edition, A Rare Complete Set. Illustrated with 4 large folding maps, 5 full-page lithographed plates and 5 wood-engraved illustrations, complete and original as called for. Tall 8vo, handsomely bound in contemporary calf backed marbled boards with calf corner pieces, the spines with wide gilt tooled flat bands between blind stippled compartments, two compartments with gilt lettering. With fine engraved armorial bookplate in each volume of Captain E. N. Norcott, Royal Navy. xxiii, 434; viii, 420 pp. A handsome and very pleasing copy of this scarce and highly sought work, in an excellent state of preservation, the paper clean and still quite fresh with only a touch of occasional foxing, the maps are complete and in surprisingly good order with a few unobtrusive paper repairs at the versos, the spines have been restored with the original back-strips laid down.

FIRST EDITION OF A RARE AND HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER BOOK. COPIES COMPLETE AND IN CONDITION ARE ESPECIALLY ELUSIVE. THIS IS A COMPLETE COPY WHICH RETAINS ITS ORIGINAL BINDING. "Owen joined the Royal Navy in 1788. He discovered the Seaflower Channel off the coast of Sumatra, and explored and surveyed the Canadian Great Lakes. He received in 1822 an appointment by the Admiralty to command a surveying expedition to the coast of Africa, Madagascar and Oman, for which there were, up to the time, no accurate charts of the coastlines. The initial efforts were costly...after 7 months effort, the team returned Cape Town in July 1822 with two-thirds of the officers, and half the crew dead from malaria. It was Owen who identified the mosquito as the culprit spreading the disease. The second sortie, departing Cape Town in September 1822 suffered a similar fate, with Owen himself falling prey, though this time, the survey work continued. Owen's flagship, *Leven*, in company with the brig *Barracouta*, eventually returned to Cape Town and remained in port until June 1823.

In January 1824 Owen once again sailed, continuing with his tasking to survey the coast of Oman. He began at Ras al Hadd, continuing to Masirah Island and along the coast to Ras Mirba. Finally concluding in 1826, the end result "was a continuous series of charts for the entire West African coast far more definitive in detail than anything that had gone before. Owen's charts remained in use for nearly a century and his remarks were still being reproduced in the *Africa Pilot* as late as 1893."

When it was all said and done, Owen had mapped the entire east African coast from the Cape to the Horn of Africa and had established a one-man protectorate of Mombasa with the aim of disrupting the 'hellish trade' in slaves. The British government, honouring its treaty with the Sultan of Oman, did not formally recognize the colony and withdrew the British flag.

Ultimately Owen was forced to shut down under orders from the Crown after only three years. When he returned in 1826, with 300 new charts, covering some 30,000 miles of coastline, over half of his original crew had been killed by tropical diseases. [Howgego]. \$3850.

Piracy and Privateering in Colonial America
An Extensive Collection of Papers Never Before Published

15 [Piracy; Privateering]; Jameson, John Franklin. PRIVATEERING AND PIRACY IN THE COLONIAL PERIOD: ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS Edited under the auspices of The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1923) First edition. Large 8vo, publisher's original red cloth lettered on the spine in black. xxvi, 619 pp. A very good and fresh copy, the cloth just very lightly mellowed and with a little bumping.

AN EXCELLENT STUDY BASED ON CONTEMPORARY DOCUMENTS, MOST OF WHICH ARE PUBLISHED HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. *The objective of the collection "is not to give the whole history of any episode of piracy or the career of any privateer, but rather, by appropriate selection to illustrate as well as possible in a one volume all the different aspects of both employments and to present specimens of all the different sorts of papers to which they gave rise" -The author.*
\$425.

Wrecked Among the Cannibals in the Fijis
William Endicott's Captivating Account - 1923 - First Edition

16 [Shipwrecks]; Endicott, William. WRECKED AMONG THE CANNIBALS IN THE FIJIS With Notes by Walter Jenkins Assistant-Director of the Peabody Museum of Salem (Salem, MA.: Marine Research Society, 1923) First edition. Illustrated with a frontispiece and twelve plates in black and white. Tall 8vo, original blue cloth backed in black, the spine gilt lettered, in the original black paper-covered board slipcase. 77 pp. The text is very fine and is an unopened copy, the black cloth of the spine panel with a short and minor split at the foot and a little bumping, the slipcase with a bit of expected wear but still useful and attractive.

FIRST EDITION. AN EXCELLENT COPY OF THIS RIVETING ACCOUNT, ONLY THE THIRD PUBLICATION OF THE RENOWN MARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SALEM. *Endicott was third-mate of the 'Glide', which struck a reef and wrecked on the Fijian Island Vanua Levu in 1831. There they lived among the native villagers for several months before being rescued by the whaler 'Braganza'. Endicott provides an exciting narrative of the voyage, wreck, and experiences with the natives. There is also a brief account on whaling, a short vocabulary of Fijian words and a list of the full crew of the Glide.*
\$225.



The Loss of the Jeannette and the Search for Survivors
With Exciting Firsthand Accounts and the De Long Journals

17 [Shipwrecks]; Newcomb, Raymond Lee. OUR LOST EXPLORERS: The Narrative of the JEANNETTE ARCTIC EXPEDITION As Related by the Survivors, and in the Records and last Journals of Lieutenant De Long. Revised by Raymond Lee Newcomb, Naturalist of the Expedition.... Also An Account of the Jeannette Search Expeditions, Their Discoveries, the Burning of the Rodgers, &c., &c. With an Introduction by W. L. Gage D.D. (Hartford: American Publishing Company, 1883) First edition, very scarce and published for subscription only. With maps, portraits and numerous engravings both on full-page plates and throughout the text. Tall 8vo, original olive-brown cloth lettered and pictorially decorated on both the upper cover and spine in silver, black and gilt. xv, 479 pp. A very handsome, fresh and well preserved copy, the decorated cloth in excellent state, the olive-brown without fading and the gold and silver still very bright, hinges strong and only a light bit of mellowing, the text very clean and solid with no spotting and only minimal evidence of age.

A VERY HANDSOME AND FINELY PRESERVED COPY OF THIS IMPORTANT ACCOUNT BASED ON MULTIPLE FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS, including the important journals of Lieutenant De Long.

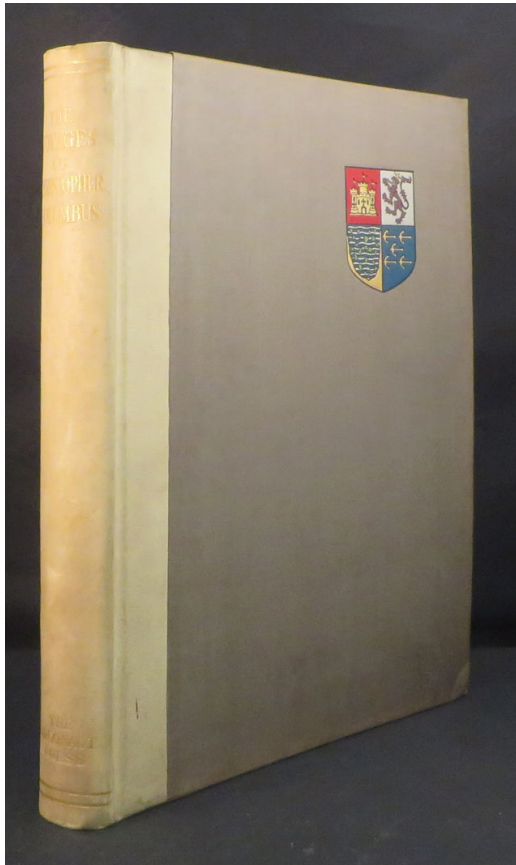
Setting sail out of San Francisco in July 1879 with provisions for three years, this expedition had been lavishly equipped and fitted out by Mr. Gordon Bennett, the proprietor of the New York "Herald", best known for his sponsorship of Stanley's expedition in search of Livingstone. De Long intended to sail through the Bering Strait and to approach the Pole by way of the New Siberian Islands and Wrangel Island. Two years passed, and all that was known of the 'Jeannette' was that she had passed the Strait and had been seen in the vicinity of Wrangel Island.

During those two years she had fought gallantly against the ice, but in spite of every effort the ship was crushed by the floes. Her crew escaped in three boats, but some perished in a storm, and most of those who reached land died from starvation and exposure. One of the greatest and most tragic tales from this period of exploration and one that vividly displays the perils these explorers put themselves through in the name of science.

The fate of the Jeannette also launched a number of rescue voyages, some account of those adventures is given here as well. In all, of the total expedition party of 33 men, 13 returned alive. The three Arctic islands discovered during the expedition bear the name Ostrova De Longa; despite Melville's planting of the American flag, the islands have always been accepted as Russian territory. Although the Open Polar Sea theory ended with Jeannette's voyage, the ship's meteorological and oceanographic records have provided 21st century climatologists with valuable data relating to climate change and the shrinking of the polar ice cap. On June 18, 1884, wreckage from Jeannette was found on an ice floe near Qaqortoq, near the southwestern corner of Greenland. This proved that a continuous ocean current flowed from east to west across the polar sea, and was the basis of Nansen's 'Fram' expedition of 1893-96.

\$450.

The Voyages of Christopher Columbus
First Edition of the Translation
One of the Most Scholarly Histories of Columbus



18 [Voyage of Columbus]; Jane, Cecil. THE VOYAGES OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BEING THE JOURNALS OF HIS FIRST AND THIRD, AND THE LETTERS CONCERNING HIS FIRST AND LAST VOYAGES, TO WHICH IS ADDED THE ACCOUNT OF HIS SECOND VOYAGE WRITTEN BY ANDRES BERNALDEZ. Now newly Translated and Edited, with an Introduction and Notes by Cecil Jane. (London: The Argonaut Press, 1930) Limited edition, one of 1050 numbered copies, printed on fine Japanese Vellum. Illustrated with five maps and an original woodcut by William Monk on title page. 4to, publisher's original grey cloth backed in white vellum gilt lettered, with a pictorial coat-of-arms design on the top right quadrant of the upper cover in 5 colours and gilt, edges uncut. (6), 347 pp., limitation leaf. A very handsome copy, well preserved, only light mellowing or evidence of age to the vellum, a touch of light background foxing to the endleaves.

FIRST OF THE EDITION. A BEAUTIFUL PRINTING OF THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TEXT. Includes Columbus' journals from all four voyages as well as a section on the second voyage from Andrés Bernáldez. An important primary source for any study of Columbus.

Cecil Jane notes that such a mythology has arisen around the figure of Columbus that "the process of distortion has so advanced that the real Columbus is more hidden from view than he was in the period..." Because so little is known about the discoverer, he retains a shroud of mystery and he played a part in this obfuscation through silence regarding his personal life and origins. Jane has done painstaking research to piece together Columbus' words and actions.

Of Columbus he writes, "it must be remembered that with all his faults, with all his errors, with all his shortcomings, he yet gave to Castile the greatest gift that she ever received, and that he laid the foundation of the most remarkable and the most enduring colonial dominion that the world has ever seen. Nor did he give to Castile or to Spain alone; all Europe is his debtor, all Europe and all the world beside. He bore across the Atlantic the language, the faith and the civilisation of the country of his adoption; he thereby rendered possible the creation of a spiritual empire which still endures. Of that spiritual empire, the members are those nations which to-day play so great a part in the world, which in the future must inevitably play a part even greater, and upon which, indeed, to no small extent, the destiny of mankind depends."

\$450.

Frank Bullen - The Cruise of the Cachalot - First Edition
A Bright and Handsome Copy in Original Cloth - 1898

19 [Whaling, Ships, Sea] Bullen, Frank T. THE CRUISE OF THE CACHALOT, Round the World After Sperm Whales (London: Smith, Elder and Co, 1898) Scarce First Edition of the Author's First Book. With frontispiece and 7 additional illustrations on plates and with a folding map. 8vo, publisher's original royal blue cloth gilt lettered on the spine and with a whale in gilt on the upper cover. xx, 379 pp. A very fine, bright, handsome and clean copy, with none of the common spotting or toning at all, the cloth vivid and fresh, a bit of minor refurbishment to the meeting of the rear pastedown and free-fly.

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20 [Whaling] Melville, Herman. OMOO: A Narrative of Adventure In The South Sea (London: John Murray, 1847) First Edition, the English issue, preceding the American issue by about a month. State A of the signature mark on p. 209. Full page cartographic frontispiece and the illustration at p. 78. 8vo., in an antique binding of dark brown-maroon over brown cloth boards, the spine with gilt panel enclosing the title lettered in gilt. [xiv], 321 pp. A handsome and very well preserved copy, with just pleasing bit of age. A fine survival of an important book, Melville's second.

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