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A roving San Francisco correspondent in Hawaii


Lively and often quoted travel narrative on Hawaii and one of the few accounts of this period that includes a visit to Molokai. Bates arrived in Honolulu from San Francisco on January 15, 1853, in the capacity of roving correspondent for a San Francisco newspaper. He made an excursion up Nuuanu, and then continued his travels around the island, stopping at and describing Kanohe, Kualoa, Waialua, Mokuleia, and Ewa. An extensive tour of Kauai occupies nine chapters.

On Hawaii the writer made an extensive examination of Kohala, and then continued to Waimea, Waipo Valley and Kawaihao, where he found that the latter village had been devastated by a smallpox epidemic.

Some spotting. Good copy of a 19th-century narrative on Hawaii.

A French view on the Arabs in a Dutch translation

2. ARVIEUX, Laurent d’. Reis naar de legerplaats van den Grooten Emir, en beschrijving van de zeeden en gewoonten der woestijn-bewoonende Arabieren ... Tweede druk.
Dordrecht, A. Blussé & Zoon, 1802. 8º. With 3 full-page engraved plates and 1 engraved illustration in text. Contemporary gold-tooled half calf, shell-marbled sides. € 1350

A surprisingly rare re-issue of the first Dutch edition of D’Arvieux’s Voyage, translated by Gerard Kuipers. Dressed in local costume, D’Arvieux travelled widely in the Levant and was well-versed in Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Hebrew and Syriac languages. He resided in Sidon (or Saïda) from 1653 to 1664, when he was sent on a mission to the Arabs of Mount Carmel, which is narrated in the present work. The account includes a general description of the traditions and customs of nomadic tribes and is illustrated with 3 fine plates. The first edition was edited and posthumously published by Jean La Roque in 1717. The present Dutch edition is a re-issue with a new title-page of the 1780 edition, printed from the same setting of type, and apparently unrecorded.
Binding with some light wear, otherwise in very good condition.

[4], xl, 384, [16] pp. This edition not in Atabey; Blackmer; KVK; NCC; Saalmink; Tiele; WorldCat. ☞ More on our website
Children’s stories about famous Dutch voyages

3. BRINKMAN, J. Verzameling van korte Nederlandsche reisbeschrijvingen, een leesboek voor de jeugd.
Leiden, David du Mortier and son, 1823. 8º. Contemporary blue wrappers.

€ 1250

Very rare compilation of children’s adaptations of the stories of famous Dutch voyages. The stories are told in the form of a dialogue between a father and his two sons, over the course of fourteen evenings. The children hear about the voyages by Van Heemskerk, Barendsz. and De Rijp to the North, the circumnavigation by Olivier van Noort, the voyage by Nicolaas de Graaf along the Ganges, the circumnavigation by Jacob Roggeveen, the voyage by Jacob Haafner along the coast of Coromandel to Ceylon and the voyage through Africa by Frederik von Bouchenröder.

With an owner’s inscription of Godert de Leeuw, dated 1826. Dog-eared and printed on cheap paper, but still in good condition.

118 pp. NCC (3 copies); Saalmink, p. 306; WorldCat (same 3 copies as NCC). ☞ More on our website
Brydone’s travels through Sicily and Malta with engraved folding map containing both islands

4. **BRYDONE, Patrick.** Voyage en Sicile et à Malthe. Amsterdam, D.J. Changuion, 1776. 2 volumes. 12º. With folding engraved map by A.v. Krevelt, and an engraved plate. Contemporary half calf, sprinkled paper sides. € 450

Rare issue of the second or third Dutch edition in French of Patrick Brydone’s letters to William Beckford giving an account of his travels through Sicily and Malta, translated into French by Jean-Nicolas Démeunier. After the publication of Brydone’s letters Sicily became part of the Grand Tour and attracted numerous tourists. The work was first printed in English in 1773 and went through several editions and translations. The first edition of this Dutch edition in French was published in 1775 and followed by two other editions in 1776. This copy is a re-issue of the Harrevelt edition published in 1776 and is identical except for the title-page. Some minor foxing. Good copy of an account of a voyage to Sicily and Malta.

[4], 16, 300, [4]; [4], 260, [4] pp. STCN (1 copy of Harrevelt issue); WorldCat (3 copies of this issue); cf. Cox I, p. 142; Graesse I, p. 561.☞ More on our website
Important bibliographical study of De Bry and Thévenot


First edition of an important bibliographical study of De Bry’s *Grand* and *Petit* voyages and Thévenot’s *Relations des divers voyages curieux*. Two of the most famous collections of voyages ever published. Sabin notes that it’s “an excellent specimen of bibliographical analysis” (Sabin) and the work is indeed still the standard bibliographical reference for both works. It notes the sources for all travels included and gives historical commentary. Armand Gaston Camus (1740–1804) was a French revolutionist, who was restored into his function as archivist to the Commission des archives of the Assembly in 1796. Some foxing and with restored wormholes throughout, a good copy, wholly untrimmed. [8], “401” [=405], [3] pp. Sabin 10328. ➤ More on our website
An expedition to the Bay of California


First edition. The author collected the material for this narrative during his business ventures in the New World. Sailing in the privately owned Félicie between the Mexican ports Guaymas, Acapulco, Mazatlan and Veracruz he visited Valparaiso, Chile, the La Paz-Loreto area and the Bay of California. The account is rich in detail about the products, geography, and geology of Sonora. The map was drawn by Victor Adolph Malte-Brun, an acclaimed French cartographer and geographer, and apparently also published in the journal Nouvelles annales des voyages (May, 1863). Some slight foxing. Fine, untrimmed copy.

xvi, 544 pp. Barrett 555; Howell, California II, 390; Hill 348; Monaghan 461; Sabin 14925. ☞ More on our website
Rare reissue of the complete set of the Dutch translation of Cook’s three voyages

7. **COOK, James.** Reizen rondom de waereld door James Cook vertaald door J. D. Pasteur met kaarten en plaaten.

Leiden, Jan & Abraham Honkoop; Amsterdam, Johannes Allart; The Hague, Isaak van Cleef, 1803. 13 general text volumes (8º) and 1 atlas volume (2º). With engraved title-pages to the 13 text volumes and 4 letterpress folding tables. With all illustrations in a separate plate volume, including an engraved portrait of James Cook, 134 engraved plates and 52 engraved maps.

With: (2) **CHEVALLERAUE, Willem.** Bladwijzer der voorvallen en ontmoetingen van den Kapitein James Cook, op zijne drie togten, en der onderscheidene landen, enz. door hem op die togten waargenomen of nieuwelings ontdekt.

Amsterdam, Johannes Allart, 1809. 1 volume (8º).

The 14 text volumes bound in contemporary half calf, gold-tooled spines; the plate volume in modern cloth.

€ 2500

Rare reissue of the first Dutch collected edition of the accounts of Cook’s three voyages, including a short biography of James Cook and with the 14th volume containing the first edition of a comprehensive index.

The first three volumes contain the life of Cook and Cook’s first voyage (circumnavigation) from 1768 to 1771 based on the account by Hawkesworth. Volumes 4 to 7 contain Cook’s second voyage to the South Pole and circumnavigation from 1772 to 1775 based on Cook’s own account with notes from the Journal by G. Forster, and volumes 8 to 13 contain Cook’s third and last voyage to the Pacific from 1776 to 1778, based on the accounts by James Cook and James King. Volume 14 completes the series with a complete index, compiled by Chevallerau.

With owner’s inscriptions and each volume with discoloured library stamp. All maps and plates are present, bound in a separate volume. These plates all have old folds and have either Dutch or French captions apparently mixing two different sets. They have some stains, some foxing and browning, and a couple marginal tears; the text volumes however are in very good condition, with some minor thumbing to the first few pages of each volume and leaf T2 in the first volume with a tiny hole and marginal tear in the paper, likely already present when it was printed.

*Sloos, Warfare 15552 (vol. 1, 3, 6, 10–12 only); cf. Beddie 52 (first issue); Tiele, Bibl. 268 (first issue).* [More on our website](#)
**The most interesting sources of American history**


Köln, Wilhelm Lutzenkirchen, 1612. 8º. With a letterpress title in an elaborate engraved border. 19th-century calf; rebacked, with the original backstrip laid down. € 2500

First edition of an abridgment of De Bry’s *Petit voyage*, containing the most interesting sources of American history. The main text is divided into four “books”: the first navigation to the west, voyages by Columbus, Pizarro, Cortes, etc., the conquests and rule of different parts of the Americas, a description of Chili, Brazil, Peru, Haiti, Cuba, Jamaica, Honduras, Nicaragua, California, Virginia, Florida, etc. The fourth book described the flora and fauna of the Americas.

Gaspar Ens (ca. 1570–1645) “was one of the editors employed by the De Bry’s in their collection of voyages … and was well read in the history and bibliography of the New World” (Sabin).

With early owner’s inscription at the end. Browned along the extremities and the paper heavily trimmed at the foot; a good copy.

[8], “370” [=375], 1 blank pp. Alden & Landis 62246; Borba de Moraes, p. 288; Muller, America 560; Palau 79881; Sabin 22656; VD17 23:254763V. ☞ More on our website
Very rare Dutch edition of Forster’s travels through the Low Countries accompanied by Alexander von Humboldt


Very rare Dutch translation of the greater part of Forster’s Ansichten vom Niederrhein, von Brabant, Flandern, Holland, England und Frankreich (1791–1794), an account of his travels through Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, accompanied by the famous Alexander von Humboldt. The account is praised for its literary qualities. The translation was made before the final part of the original German was published and left out are the parts dealing with France and England.

The versatile German Georg Forster (1754–1794) is best known for his impressive account of James Cook’s second voyage around the world in 1778–1780.

A water stain at the head of the first four leaves and the wrapper, one leaf with a small corner torn off, some occasional spots and the spines slightly tattered, but otherwise internally in very good condition and wholly untrimmed, with all deckles intact.

8 [incl. first 2 blank], 190, [4], [1 blank]; 4. 174. [2]; 4. 3–182; [4], 196 pp. STCN (1 copy); WorldCat (2 copies); not in Cat. NHSM; Tiele, Bibl. ☞ More on our website
10. **FRYER, John.** Negenjaarige reyse door Oostindien en Persien.

The Hague, Abraham de Hondt, Jacobus van Ellinkhuysen and Meyndert Uytwerf, 1700. 4º. With engraved frontispiece, engraved author’s portrait, 3 folding engraved maps and 7 folding engraved plates and views. Contemporary calf, gold-tooled spine, modern flyleaves. € 3750

First and only edition of a Dutch translation of a highly accurate account of India and Persia, with numerous anecdotes and told with a fine sense of humour. The account is based on the experiences of John Fryer (ca. 1650–1733), a British East Indian Company surgeon who arrived in India in 1673, spending time at Masulipatam and Madras on the Coromandel Coast and at Bombay and Surat on the West Coast, with trips to Gokarna, Karwar, Goa, and Junnar. From 1677 to 1679 he travelled Persia, visiting the southern parts of the country and giving an extensive description of Isfahan. In 1677 he sailed through the Strait of Hormuz and visited Muscat, commenting on the city’s Imam, religion and merchandise. At the end of 1677 Fryer left Isfahan and returned to India, where he remained until 1681. The text is divided into eight “letters”, each devoted to a different region and a different period of his travels, describing the flora and fauna, religion, architecture, climate, government, etc.

Fryer’s writings “display a lively curiosity, which, sharpened by his scientific training, produces accurate observations in geology, meteorology, and all aspects of natural history. Fryer also provides some shrewd insights into the nature of Mughal government in the later years of Awrangzeb’s reign (r. 1658–1707), … His professional background makes Fryer a valuable commentator upon contemporary medicine as practiced in Surat” (Franklin).

Good copy, a smudge in the gutter of the first few leaves, some occasional minor thumbing and a faint waterstain throughout the lower margin, only noticeable on a dozen leaves. Binding somewhat rubbed, but still firm.

Journal of a cruise to Egypt, Istanbul, Crimea and Greece,
by a Swedish lady

11. GREY, Theresa Georgina. Journal of a visit to Egypt, Constantinople, the Crimea, Greece, &c. in the suite of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

London, Smith, Elder and co., 1870. 8º. Contemporary gold-blocked purple cloth, bound by “Burn and co.” € 750

Second edition of an account of a cruise on the yacht Ariadne to Egypt, Constantinople, Crimea and Greece, made by the prince and princess of Wales in 1869. The travelogue was written by the Swedish Theresa Grey (1837–1901), who accompanied the princess. She describes the voyage day by day, sometimes giving just short remarks on the weather, other days narrating all the events of that day. The majority of the book deals with Egypt, describing their arrival at Alexandria and Cairo, their voyage up and down the Nile, the river’s cataracts, the Suez Canal and more. Grey gives a vivid portrayal of Cairo at that time, describing her visits to Muhammad Ali’s mosque, various gardens and museums, shopping at the Bazaar, a horse-race, visits to the wife of the Pasha, the viceroy’s harem and other important figures, a wedding, and much more. After Egypt the journey continues to Constantinople (Istanbul), the Crimea, mentioning the ruins from the Crimean War, and Greece, visiting Athens and Corfu.

In very good condition, only a few tiny spots. Spine discoloured.

v1, [s], [s blank], 203, [s] pp. A. Cross, In the land of the Romanovs 185; cf. Ibrahim-Hilmy I, p. 277. ☞ More on our website
Letter by famous Scottish explorer of the Korean coasts and parts of China

12. HALL, Basil. [Autograph letter, signed, to Aaron Louis Frédéric Regnault, Baron de la Susse]. Smyrna (Izmir, Turkey), 27 June 1842. 8° (18 × 11 cm). Manuscript letter in English, in brown ink on one side of an 8° double leaf. Signed at the foot by Basil Hall. € 850

Autograph letter by the Scottish explorer Basil Hall, who made a voyage to the west coast of Korea and China (1815–1817), and voyages to South America (1820–1823) and North America (1827–1828). In the letter Hall thanks the French vice-admiral Aaron Louis Frédéric Regnault, Baron de la Susse (1788–1860) who was the commander in the Levant and captain of L’Inflexible, for the offered breakfast on the vessel. Hall commanded many ships involved in exploration and scientific and diplomatic missions. He described his travels in a several publications. These include his narrative of the Korean voyage titled Account of a voyage of discovery to the west coast of Corea and the great Loo-Choo Island (1818), which was one of the first descriptions of Korea by a European, and Extracts from a Journal Written on the Coasts of Chile, Peru and Mexico (1823). In very good condition.

Important collection of Jesuit letters and other texts from and about Japan, Korea, China, India, Peru, Mexico and the Philippines


First edition, in Latin, of a very important collection of about 55 letters and other documents written between 1577 and 1601, the largest part concerning Jesuit activities in Japan, with a smaller but substantial part devoted to Korea, several concerning China and India and single items concerning the missions in Peru, Mexico and the Philippines. It was compiled by John Hay (1546–1607), who translated some of the items himself and added prefaces to some.

Included are some rare accounts written by Japanese Christians, such as Michael Chijiwa Seizayemon, Sanico Nobuaki, Protasius, the Daimyo of Omura, the Daimyo of Arima and others. There are several accounts by the Jesuit missionary Luís Frois, including an extensive letter on Japan and a letter from Nagasaki. Also included is a short general history of Japan. The letters and reports give a general overview of Jesuit mission activities, especially in the 1590s.

With ownership stamps on the back of the title-page and the first back endpaper. Binding soiled but still good.

Browned throughout, especially the title page, and somewhat soiled in the margins. Endpapers at the back with a large water stain and some holes. Lacking 3S4 (blank) and 3T1–3T2, the latter two present in facsimile. A fair copy.

968, [50] pp. Cordier, Japonica, cols. 246–248; Palau 112581; Sabin 31016. ☞ More on our website
First substantial English translation of Ibn Batuta’s travels through the Islamic world and beyond

14. IBN BATUTA and Samuel LEE (editor). The travels of Ibn Batuta; translated from the abridged Arabic manuscript copies, preserved in the public library of Cambridge. With notes, illustrative of the history, geography, botany, antiquities, &c. occurring throughout the work.

London, printed for the Oriental Translation Committee (colophon: by J.L. Cox). Large 4º (32 × 26). With various passages including the original Arabic text. Later half calf.

First edition of the first substantial English translation of the travel account of Abu Abdullah Mohammed ibn Batuta (1304–1368/69), known in the West as the Arabian Marco Polo, with extensive footnotes. “While on a pilgrimage to Mecca he made a decision to extend his travels throughout the whole of the Islamic world. Possibly the most remarkable of the Arab travellers, he is estimated to have covered 75,000 miles in forty years” (Howgego). His journeys included trips to North Africa, the Horn of Africa, West Africa and Eastern Europe in the West, and to the Middle East, South Asia, Central Asia, Southeast Asia and China.

The account known as the Rihla, is esteemed for its lively descriptions of his travels, giving notable information on the history, geography and botany of the countries and cities Ibn Batuta visited. He describes, for example, the city of Aden as follows: “From this place I went to the city of Aden, which is situated on the sea-shore. This is a large city, but without either seed, water, or tree. They have, however, reservoirs, in which they collect the rain-water for drinking. Some rich merchants reside here: and vessels from India occasionally arrive here. The inhabitants are modest and religious” (p. 55).

Endpapers, half-title and subscription leaf foxed, some spots on the title-page, otherwise a very good copy, only slightly trimmed leaving generous margins. Binding very good as well.

“xviii” [=xx], [2], 243, [1] pp. Howgego, to 1800, B47. More on our website
An informative account of a voyage to the Mediterranean

15. JONG, Cornelius de. Derde reize naar de Middellandsche zee gedaan in de jaren 1786, 1787 en 1788.
Haarlem, François Bohn, 1810–1812. 2 volumes bound as 1. 8º. With a stipple engraved frontispiece portrait of the author, an engraved view of two Corsican farmers and a folding engraved view of the Cave of Dogs, a small cave on the eastern side of the Phlegraean Fields near Pozzuoli, Naples. Contemporary half calf.

First and only edition of an account of the third voyage to the Mediterranean of the Dutch sea-captain Cornelius de Jong van Rodenburgh (1762–1838). He calls at various ports, including (on) Corsica, Marseille, Toulon, Livorno, Malaga, Mallorca, Barcelona, Marseille, Naples, Pompeii and Lisbon. The account is written in the form of 59 letters, not limited to mere travel details, but including much information on the areas visited: history, politics, trade, customs, geography and natural history. With interesting notes on smuggling and female beauty.

With a letterpress dedication by the Dutch fund for encouraging naval service (“Vaderlandsch Fonds ter aanmoediging van 's-lands zeedienst”), filled in manuscript, to Hendrik Balthasar Constantijn Helvetius Ruijsch, dated 1820. The frontispiece portrait lightly foxed, one leaf with a tiny corner torn-off and another with a small hole in the gutter margin (affecting two words of text), but otherwise in very good condition.

xxiv, 284; xvi, 291, [i blank] [i], [i blank] pp. Cat. NHSM, p. 121; Tiele, Bibl. 554. More on our website
Pioneering study of Ethiopia,
by the future master of the subject

16. LUDOLF, Job. Sciagraphia historiae Aethiopicae, sive regni Abessinorum, quod vulgo perperam Presbyteri Johannis vocatur, deo volente, aliquando in lucem proditurae. Jena, Samuel Krebs, 1676. 4°. Set in roman types with some italic, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic and especially Ethiopic type. Late 19th-century textured blue half cloth. € 9500

First and only edition of a brief history of Ethiopia by Job Ludolf (1624–1704), who was to become the leading Ethiopic scholar of his generation. Since the 1640s Ludolf had been working in Gotha in the diplomatic service of Duke Ernst I of Sachsen-Gotha, who encouraged his Ethiopic studies, and since 1675 in the service of his son and successor Friedrich I. He is best known for his monumental history of Ethiopia, Historia Aethiopica (Frankfurt, 1681, with supplemental works to 1694). The present little book is his first publication seriously devoted to the history of Ethiopia and marks the beginning of the work that was to lead to his magnum opus. With bookplate, owner’s inscription and library stamp. Foxed and browned, especially in the last 2 leaves. A pioneering early work by the leading Ethiopic scholar of his generation.

[40] pp. VD17, 12:150041K; Winterton collection of East Africa & Zanzibar (2002), p. 29; not in Gay. >> More on our website
Two British voyages to the Middle East and the Moghul Empire

17. MILDENHALL, John, John CARTWRIGHT and [Samuel PURCHAS (editor)]. Oost-Indise voyagien van Johan Mildenhall en Johan Cartwright; onder veel avontuuren en opmerkelyke waarnemingen, (in de jaren 1599 en 1606) te water en te lande, gedaan na de landen van Persien en den Grooten Mogol.

Leiden, Pieter van der Aa, 1706. 2º. With an engraving on the title-page by Jan Goeree and 2 engraved illustrations in text. Modern decorated cloth. € 750

First edition of the Dutch translation of the accounts of two British travellers, John Mildenhall (1560–1614) and John Cartwright, who travelled to Persia and the Moghul Empire. The accounts were originally edited by the British cleric Samuel Purchas (1577–1626) and published in his volumes with travelogues, entitled Purchas his pilgrimage. The majority of the work consists of John Cartwright’s account of his voyage from Aleppo to Isfahan, illustrated with two engravings. “After separating from Mildenhall, Cartwright proceeded to Isfahan and continued to travel widely in the Middle East. The account of his journeys is one of the most valuable of the period” (Howgego). He describes the people, architecture, religion, geography, infrastructure, etc. Also included are two letters by John Mildenhall, written in 1509 and 1606. The first letter briefly describes his route from London to Kandahar in Afghanistan, via Smyrna, Istanbul, Aleppo, Urfa, and Van, with some occasional remarks on the cities, the weather, and the days of travelling. Mildenhall met John Cartwright in Aleppo, and the two travelled together up to Kandahar. “Although it is know that he arrived in India in 1603, the subsequent years of Mildenhall’s travels are undocumented” (Howgego). Mildenhall’s second letter was written from Qazvin, Iran, and describes his stay at the Moghul court.

With only some occasional minor spotting, otherwise in very good condition.

10 ll. Howgego, to 1800, C58 and M138; STCN 190883286 (5 copies). ☞ More on our website
Only published edition of the original version of the navigation book by the great Ottoman admiral

PIRI REIS and Paul KAHLE (ed.). Bahriye. Das türkische Segelhandbuch für das Mittelmeer vom Jahre 1521.
Berlin and Leipzig, Walter de Gruyter & Co., 1926–1927. 3 volumes. Large 8° (26 × 18). Volume 1 with 137 reproductions of manuscript pages of Ottoman Turkish text and maps and volume 2 with 4 plates. Publisher’s original printed wrappers. € 2500

Only published edition of the original version of the Kitâb-ı Bahriye (Book of the sea) by the great Ottoman navigator and cartographer Piri Reis (1465/79–1553). After assembling two important maps using numerous sources (in 1513 and in 1528), including a map drawn by Columbus, Piri Reis decided to collect “all his own observations and all previous information that he could not fit onto the maps” in a book. “It is basically a naval guidebook with essential data on the most important coastal routes and large maps and detailed charts … The main portion of the book is devoted to the Mediterranean coasts and islands. … Piri first gives historical and geographical information and then discusses the necessary practical navigational data. The accuracy of many of his statements is indisputable.” (DSB).
The final chapter of the book describes the newly discovered continent Antilia “the mountains of which contain rich gold ores and in the seas, pearls…” The chapter on the Western Sea contains all that was known about the discovery of America at the time” (DSB).

First written in 1521, the manuscript was reworked in 1526 for presentation to sultan Suleiman the Magnificent. This later manuscript was published twice, in 1935 and 1998, but Piri’s original version is still only available in the current edition by the German scholar Paul Kahle (1875–1961). The first volume (in two bindings) is a facsimile of a manuscript in Bologna containing Piri Reis’s 1521-text, with a few pages from a manuscript in Dresden in-between. The second volume is an annotated translation into German of the text, based on these manuscripts as well as on a manuscript in Vienna. This is still considered to be the best translation of the Bahriye.

Bindings slightly soiled with the spines discoloured and slightly damaged; covers of the second part of vol. 1 almost completely loose but the book itself still structurally sound. In good condition, with vol. 2 still unopened.

Birds, fish and Inuit from the Alaska region, with 12 plates

19. ROSSE, Irving C. Cruise of the revenue-steamer Corwin in Alaska and the N.W. Arctic ocean in 1881. Medical and anthropological notes on Alaska.  
Including:  
— NELSON, E.W. The birds of Bering sea and the Arctic ocean  
— BEAN, T.H. List of fishes. 

First edition of a scientific report of the expedition of the revenue steamer Corwin in Alaska and the North-West Arctic Ocean in the year 1881, containing, in four parts, its anthropological, botanical, ornithological and ichthyological findings. It starts with an anthropological account of the inhabitants of Alaska and in particular St. Lawrence island, located between Alaska and Russia. The plates show various bird and fish species, all described in the text, Inuit skulls, and one plate showing tattooed Japanese men. The heliotypes reproduce microscopic photographs of Inuit hair. 
With library stamp and card. Slightly brownd through out, with a few tissue leaves torn off and now loosely inserted. Otherwise in very good condition. 
120 pp. Anker 360; Dinse 667; not in Houwego 1859–1940. ☞ More on our website
Rare Dutch adaptation of the account of the second voyage of captain John Ross, with 6 plates

20. ROSS, John. De reizen en lotgevallen van kapitein John Ross, op zijne ontdekkings tochten naar de Noordpools gewesten. Voor jonge lieden ... Uit het Hoogduitsch vertaald.
Amsterdam, Ten Brink & De Vries, 1837. 8º. With the title-page, 6 plates (including frontispiece) and folding map of the Arctic region all lithographed. Slightly later half cloth. € 650

Rare first and only edition of a Dutch adaptation for children, of the account of the second voyage of captain John Ross (1777–1856) to the Arctic regions in search of a northwest passage. The plates depict Eskimos and other polar scenes. The original English edition was first published in 1835 as Narrative of a second voyage in search of a North-West passage; a German edition appeared in the same year. In the present Dutch edition, the journals of Ross, his companion William Light and several other accounts have been adapted into one narrative.
With manuscript school prize tipped in by the teacher H. van den Velden for his pupil J.H. Hink, Boxtel, 27 June 1838. Front hinge loosening; minor water-stain in outer margin of title-page and frontispiece. A good copy.

viii, 247, [1 blank], pp. De Gids 1838, pp. 545–47; NCC (4 copies); not in Arctic Bibliography. ☞ More on our website
The discovery of the sources of the Mississippi

21. SCHOOLCRAFT, Henry Rowe. Narrative of an expedition through the upper Mississippi to Itasca Lake, the actual source of this river; embracing an exploratory trip through the St. Croix and Burntwood (or Broule) rivers in 1832.


First edition of an account of Schoolcraft’s 1832-expedition to the source of the Mississippi. A geographer and geologist, Henry Schoolcraft (1793–1864) had been a member of several expeditions on the White River and the Mississippi in 1819 and 1820. In 1822 he was appointed Indian Agent for the lakes region, establishing himself at Sault Sainte Marie, and starting working on several ethnological studies. In 1832, as a member of the Michigan legislature, he was sent to the upper reaches of the Mississippi to settle a dispute between the Ojibwe (Chippewa) and the Dakota tribes. Arriving a month earlier in the year than was the case during his 1820-expedition, Schoolcraft was now able to travel by boat to Lake Itasca, thereby establishing the true source of the Mississippi.

Compared to his earlier travel accounts, the 1834-book “offered only a minimal amount of geographical description, save for observations by Schoolcraft on the previously untraveled routes from Cass Lake to Lake Itasca, from Leech Lake to the Mississippi, and from the junction of the Mississippi and St. Croix to Lake Superior … By contrast, Schoolcraft includes many descriptions of councils with the Indians, a discussion of the fur trade which focuses on the evils of liquor, several Indian legends, and various atrocity stories. The real message of the book, however, lay in the evangelical nature of the expedition and the readiness of the Chippewa for conversion” (Bremer). A substantial appendix on the Ojibwe language is placed as an appendix at the end of the book, as well as lists of shells and plants collected and “minerals observed”, and copies of all the official letters and reports. Title-page with a restoration; a very good copy.

vi, 307 pp. Bradford 4848; Field 1567; Howes S-187; Hougego S12; Sabin 77863; Storm, Cat. The Everett D. Graff collection of Western Americana 3698. ☞ More on our website
Rare collection of travel accounts, with 12 aquatint views

22. SOMMER, Johann Gottfried. Merkwaardige bijzonderheden, inhoudende de nieuwste ontdekkingen in de natuurbunde, natuurlijke historie, land- en volkenkunde, op alle gedeelten van den aardbol. Amsterdam, Ten Brink and De Vries, 1825–1827. 4 volumes. 8°. With 4 engraved title-pages, each with one of two aquatint views, plus 10 aquatint views on 8 plates, all by H.W. Hoogkamp. Contemporary half calf, gold-tooled spine. € 1500

First Dutch adaptation of Sommer’s Taschenbuch zur Verbreitung geographischer Kenntnisse, originally published in 26 volumes from 1823 to 1848. It includes chapters on Arabia, Persia, Uzbekistan, Paraguay, Brazil, Egypt, Fezzan (in present-day Libya), the Philippines, Europe, etc., mainly extracted from travel accounts. The second volume includes a description of Arago’s voyage around the world, illustrated with a view of Rio de Janeiro’s Church of Nossa Senhora da Gloria and a plate of a gaucho hunting a tiger. The plates further include views of London, a view of an Eskimo grave, Baffin Bay (Greenland), Niagara Falls and Khiva (Uzbekistan). Each volume with library stamps on flyleaf and title-page. Some light stains, bindings show light wear, otherwise in very good condition.

viii, 331, [1 blank]; iv, 316; [iv], 316; [iv], 312 pp. Saalmink, p. 1796; cf. Borba de Moraes, p. 819 (other works by Sommer); for the author: ADB XXXIV, pp. 605–606. ☞ More on our website
Rare first and only edition of the German translation of the account of the expedition against the Kingdom of Makassar in the years 1666 to 1669, under command of Cornelis Speelman (1628–1684) on behalf of the Dutch East India Company (VOC). The work was translated from the original Dutch published at Amsterdam in 1669. Speelman, a Dutch admiral and governor-general of the VOC, lead the expedition against the Sultan of Gowa (= Makassar), together with Radjah Palacca, King of the Bougainese, aiming to keep trade with Makassar exclusive to the Dutch. The sultan wanted to open the port to all nationalities and, as a prominent Islamic leader, he opposed the Dutch conversion of Islamic islanders to Calvinism. The sultan was defeated and submitted to VOC control with the treaty of Bungaya (18 November 1668). Without the engraved map included in some copies. Title-page slightly browned with a faint manuscript note in the upper margin, and a minor stain on the last leaf. Otherwise in good condition, only slightly trimmed, preserving many deckles.

[8]: II. Howgego, to 1800, S56; Landwehr & V.d. Krogt, VOC 241 (1 copy, no mention of map); Van der Wulp, 4602 (no mention of map); VD17 23:267424B & 1:088760V (4 copies, incl. at least 1 incomplete).

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First-hand accounts of Russia ca. 1670, also with a section on Muscat; from the library of a famous German explorer

24. STRUYS, Jan Jansz. Drie aanmerkelyke reizen, door Italien, Griekenland, Lyfland, Moscovien, Tartaryen, Meden, Persien, Oostindien, Japan, en verschiden andere gewesten.

Including: HEIDEN, Frans Jansz. van der. Vervaarlyke schipbreuk van ‘t Oostindiesch jacht Ter Schelling, onder het land van Bengale, …

Amsterdam, Steven van Esveldt, 1746. 4º. 2 parts in 1 volume. Part 1 with an engraved title-page, 19 engraved folding plates and 1 engraved folding map; part 2 with an engraved title-page and 12 engraved plates. 19th-century red half sheepskin. € 4000

Probably the sixth edition of the account of the three voyages made by Jan Jansz. Struys (1630–1694) through Asia in 1647–1673. Struys’s first journey in 1647 was made as a sailmaker on board an East India merchant ship and brought him to Madagascar, Siam, Formosa (Taiwan) and Japan. On his second journey in 1655 he served aboard the Venetian fleet in a campaign against the Turks, was captured and escaped. His third and most interesting journey brought him to Russia, where in 1668 he set up shop as a master sailmaker. A large chapter of the book is devoted to descriptions of Moscow and rare descriptions of daily life in Russia. Subsequently, Struys made a long journey from Novgorod in the north to Astrakhan in the south. Later he gets sold to a Persian slave trader in Georgia. He travels with a caravan to Isfahan, giving a description of the city and its prominent architecture. Via Bandar-Abbas he travels to Muscat, where he started to work again as a sailmaker and later travelled further to the Dutch East Indies.

Added to Struys’s journeys (as in many editions) is the horrible account of the shipwreck of the Dutch ship Terschelling on the coast of Bengal in 1661.

With an inscription by “Sieburgh” to the German explorer Robert Schlagintweit (1833–1889), dated 1859, on the second front endpaper and Schlagintweit’s embossed library stamp on the title page. Two numbers written on the front paste-down and some soiling in the margins. Binding rubbed; a good, nearly untrimmed copy.

[Cordier, Sinica, col. 2083; STCN (3 copies pt. 1 & 4 copies pt. 2); Landwehr & V.d. Krogt, VOC 423; Slot, B.J. The Arabs of the gulf 1602–1784, p. 418; Tiele, Bibl. 462 & 1061. ☞ More on our website]
Dutch edition of Thévenot’s travels in the Levant, with Jan Luyken’s splendid illustrations of 1681

25. THÉVENOT, Melchisedec Jean-Baptiste. Alle de gedenkwaardige en zeer nauwkeurige reizen …; mitsgaders de voornaamster byzonderheden van d’Archipel, Konstantinopolen, ’t Heilige Land, Egypten, de woestynen van Arabie, Mekka …
Amsterdam, Gerrit Bos, 1731. 4º. With engraved title-page, standing portrait of the author in Eastern garb, 19 engraved plates (including 2 folding) drawn, etched and engraved by Jan Luyken. 18th-century half calf, sprinkled-paper sides, refurbished in the 19th century and with a 20th-century spine label. € 2500

First volume (of three as numbered, but intended for binding as two) of Thévenot’s travels in the Levant in the years 1655 to 1659, including Constantinople, the Holy Land and Egypt, and his further travels to Arabia, Mecca and elsewhere. In the Dutch editions volume 1 is more extensive than volumes 2 and 3, and in the 1723/24 and 1731 editions (both called the second edition on the title-pages) volume 3 has only a divisional title-page, so it was clearly the intention to bind volumes 2 and 3 together, making two volumes of about equal length. The present copy is volume 1 of this 1731 edition.
With an 18th-century(?) bookseller’s note on an endleaf. With marginal chips in the engraved title-page, a few leaves somewhat browned, but in good condition and with large margins. The binding is worn. A detailed account of travels in the Levant, beautifully illustrated from the plates made for it by Jan Luyken in 1681.

Weddell’s second voyage to South America


Paris, P. Bertrand & London, H. Baillière, 1853. 8°. With two lithographed plates, three woodcut illustrations in text (one music) and a folding engraved map. Contemporary red half morocco, gold-tooled spine. € 1000

First and only edition of the account of Weddell’s second voyage to South America. In 1843, Weddell had joined the expedition of Francis de Castelnau (1810–1880) to South-America. In 1845 Weddell left the expedition in Paraguay and travelled on his own to Peru and Bolivia to study the genus *Cinchona*. Three years later he “returned to France with with the most valuable contribution to the materials of the Flora of the High Andes which had ever been brought together” (Hemsley & Pearson). Weddell returned to South America in 1851, at the head of a commercial expedition to investigate the gold deposits in the Tipuani valley and, of course, collect plants. In his travel account he extensively describes the botany and zoology of Bolivia, as well as his misfortunes in acquiring an alpaca, meetings with indigenous people, a ball on the account of a Bolivian wedding and “the filthy horrors of a Bolivian kitchen” (Blackwood’s magazine), including several recipes.

Hugh (or Hugues) Algernon Weddell (1819–1877) was an Anglo-French physician and botanist, known for his studies on South American flora. In the 1840s and 1850s he published several accounts of his travels in South America as well as an important study on Cinchona. In his later life he turned his attention to lichens, on which he published in the 1870s.

Binding lightly worn at the extremities, spine with two damp marks. Some foxing throughout; a very good copy.

[H], xi, 571, [i] pp. Hemsley & Pearson, “Plants from the Bolivian Andes”, in: The Journal of the Linnean Society. Botany XXXV (1904), p. 79; René-Moreno, Biblioteca Peruana, 1752; “South American travel and literature”, in: Blackwood’s magazine LXXIV (1853), pp. 140–158; Troelstra, Bibliography of Natural History Travel Narratives, p. 431; not in Borba de Moraes; Numa Broc. ≥ More on our website
A little-known account of a journey to the Holy Land in 1525, with an interesting section on Italy


First edition of a little-known Dutch account of a journey to the Holy Land in 1525 by Arent Willemz., a barber-surgeon from Delft, published in Bijdragen voor de geschiedenis van het bisdom van Haarlem XI and edited by Cornelis Jacobus Gonnet. While the main part of the diary concerns the Holy Land itself and especially the places associated with the life of Christ, also of interest is the time the pilgrim spend in Italy; Fenlon spends over 10 pages describing this account in his Music and culture in late Renaissance Italy (2002).

With a library stamp on the back of the title-page (“Bibliotheek Brakkenstein”). A restored tear in the fore-edge margin of the first page of the account and a few leaves slightly foxed, otherwise in very good condition.

Fenlon, Music and culture in late Renaissance Italy (2002), pp. 29–41. ☞ More on our website
Rare missionary reports from Africa, India and the East Indies, including letters from the grand-nephew of Saint Francis Xavier


Rome, Bartolomeo Zannetti, 1615. Small 8º (14.5 × 9.5 cm). Modern marbled boards. € 6500

One of the two or three editions, all dated 1615 and all rare, of a collection of documents in Italian, reporting on Jesuit missions in the East Indies, Goa, Cochin China and Africa undertaken by the Jesuit Society. After a two-page letter from the printer (particularly mentioning reports from Ethiopia) come reports from the Ottoman realms, incorporating the two letters from Jerome (Girolamo or Hieronymus ) Xavier (1549–1617), grand-nephew of St Francis Xavier, the first from Goa in India (undated) and the second dated 1611. Next comes a report from Monopotapa in South Africa, one from the Cape Verde islands off the coast of West Africa, and finally a collection of miscellaneous reports including ones from Madura in Indonesia, Cochin in southwest India , “San Tomaso” (in Madagascar?) and the Maluku Islands in Indonesia.

Trimmed close to the text, just shaving the top of a few letters in the title and an occasional quire signature or catch-word, but otherwise in very good condition.

165, [i blank] pp. ICCU (9 copies); Lach & Van Kley, Asia III (part 4), p. 1990 (citing Streit); Streit V, 75; WorldCat (3 copies). ☞ More on our website
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