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Arguably the First Definitive Manual of Photography
Marc-Antoine Gaudin’s Traité Pratique de Photographie
Rare First Edition in Original Printed Wrappers - 1844

1  [Daguerre; Daguerreotype; Early Photography]; Gaudin, M. A.  TRAITÉ PRATIQUE DE PHOTOGRAPHIE; Exposé Complet des Procédés Relatifs au Daguerreotype... Suivi de la Description Approfondie de sa Nouvelle Méthode pour Travailler au Bain d’Argent (Paris: J.-J. Dubochet et Ce., 1844) Very scarce first edition. 8vo, in the publisher’s original yellow paper wrappers printed in black. Now housed in an unusual and very attractive black protective box with Plexi protector, the lid held in place by stiff panel decorated with an sepia photograph visible through a port. iv, 248pp. A rare first edition copy in fully original state and in the printer’s delicate wrappers, the text largely unopened and quite fine but for some very minor spotting or mellowing, the wrappers with some soiling and wear but completely original and unsophisticated, the spine largely worn.

FIRST EDITION. VERY RARE IN THE ORIGINAL WRAPPERS, THIS COPY IN FULLY ORIGINAL STATE AND LARGELY UNOPENED. ARGUABLY THE FIRST DEFINITIVE MANUAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY. Marc-Antoine Gaudin’s full and complete treatise on the Daguerréotype process was at the time the definitive manual on photography and covered virtually every aspect of making both Daguerréotype and the Calotype developed by Talbot. Includes the preparation of plates and their exposure, processing, printing on paper, procedures for reproducing plates, techniques for portraiture, etc., etc. Marc-Antoine, with his brother Alexis, were important early pioneers in the business of photography and were responsible for numerous refinements. He held patents in both optics and chemistry and had one of the first photography shops in Paris. Marc-Antoine engaged in research while Alexis was in charge of commercial affairs. In 1851 he purchased the photo-newspaper La Lumiere, which he ran until 1867. The Gaudin brothers also set up a stereoscopy company in the United States.

$6750.

Still Considered a Work of Art
Johann Krieger’s Highly Important Moon Atlas - 1912
Replete with Fine Photographs and Drawings Throughout

2  [Moon Atlas]; Krieger, Joh. Nep.  JOH. NEP. KRIEGERS MOND-ATLAS Nacch seinen an der Pia-Sternwarte in Triest angestellten Beobachtungen unter Zugrundelegung der hinterlassenen Zeichnungen und Skizzen bearbeitet und mit Unterstützung der kaiserl. Akademie der Wissen-schaften in Wien aus den Mitteln der Treitl-Stiftung herausgegeben von Rudolf König (Wien: In Kommission bei Eduard Heinrich Mayer, Leipzig and William Wesley & Son, London, 1912) 2 volumes, Text and Atlas. First of the Edition. With a fine photograph of Krieger as frontispiece, 31 other illustrations to the first volume and 58 full page photographs of the lunar surface to the second, the atlas volume, printed on heavy stock, each with an overlay depicting the names for the areas shown in the photographs, and with a large, multi-folding map of the moon at the end of the volume. Large 4to, publisher’s original gray cloth, the covers and spines lettered in red. xviii, 376; 29-86 plates with overlays, collated complete and as called for. Numbers correspond to Krieger’s system of numbering. A fine copy internally, the maps, overlays and photographs all in fine order, the bindings show some evidence of age or use and some evidence of old damp at the edges, the cloth is whole and complete and without
breakage. Still a well preserved set.

FIRST EDITION IN THE BEST FORMAT, PHOTOGRAPHS WITH OVERLAYS AND THE FOLDING MAP. Johann Nepomuk Krieger lived from 4 February 1865 - 10 February 1902. The crater Krieger on the Moon is named in his honor.

Krieger was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria, and at an early age gained an interest in astronomy. Having been inspired by the director of the Cologne Observatory, Hermann Klein, to make the study and observation of the Moon his life’s work. He used the money from an inheritance to build an observatory in the suburbs of Munich.

Krieger’s decision to create a definitive map of the Moon, moved him to obtain a series of low-resolution negatives of the lunar surface that had been taken at the Lick and Paris observatories. He enlarged these images and used them to provide positional accuracy for his subsequent drawings. His illustrations of the Moon were made in charcoal, graphite pencil, and ink, and were considered superior to any previously produced lunar maps in their accuracy and level of detail, and continue to be considered works of art.

He lived long enough to see his first 28 plates published as volume 1 of his “Mond Atlas”. However his health had suffered, possibly due to his long nightly labors at his telescope. About 10 years following his death, his remaining drawings and sketches were published in a second volume by the Austrian selenographer Rudolf König.

$2450.

The Pageant of History in Northern California

3 Adams, Ansel. THE PAGEANT OF HISTORY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. A Photographic Interpretation by Ansel Adams with text by Nancy Newhall (San Francisco: American Trust Co, 1954) First Edition. Illustrated with 56 lovely photographs reproduced on glossy stock. 4to, publisher’s original spiral bound stiff wrappers and housed in the protective cardboard box. A very fine and fresh copy, the spirals in excellent condition, neat private bookplate and minor small crease at the corner of the bottom front cover, otherwise essentially as pristine.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS EXQUISITE COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANSEL ADAMS. No one could be more fitted to interpret Northern California than Ansel Adams - born and reared in San Francisco, a musician, a mountaineer, a teacher, author, and a photographer whose work has long been internationally acclaimed for its spectacular beauty and power.” $395.

Photographic Portraits of Wild Animals
Prince William’s Travels in Africa

4 William, Prince of Sweden. WILD AFRICAN ANIMALS I HAVE KNOWN (London: John Lane the Bodley Head Limited, 1923) First edition. Illustrated with numerous fine photographic plates. 4to, in the publisher’s original blue cloth, gilt-lettered on the upper cover and spine. xiv, 309 pp. A very nice copy, very well preserved, the blue cloth fresh with just a little edge rubbing, gilt very bright, internally quite clean with just a little mellowing or spotting to the prelims.

FIRST EDITION AND A lovely large quarto volume that features a profusion of photos of animals in their natural habitats, with a brief (usually one page) descrip-
5 Kertesz, Andre. ANDRE KERTESZ A LIFETIME OF PERCEPTION Introduction by Ben Lifson Photograph Editor Jane Corkin (Scarborough, Ontario: Prentice-Hall Canada Inc., 1982) First edition. With 150 of Kertesz striking black and white photographs beautifully reproduced on fine glossy paper. Large 4to, publisher’s original charcoal gray cloth boldly lettered on the upper cover and spine in silver, in the original photographically illustrated dust-jacket. 259 pp. A very fine, as pristine copy, the book essentially as mint.

FIRST EDITION, THE IMPORTANT CANADIAN ISSUE PUBLISHED FOR THE CENTRE OF PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION. A BEAUTIFUL SELECTION OF ANDRE KERTESZ PHOTOGRAPHY. ‘This unique retrospective volume celebrates the seventy years of Kertesz’ photographic career, from his youth in his native Hungary, through an exciting and fruitful decade in Paris, to his American period in Greenwich Village, where he lived for over forty-five years. It presents 150 insightful and penetrating images, including 60 photographs never before published. While the subjects of his images are varied, ranging from portraits and scenes of World War I to still-life photography, landscapes, and cityscapes, Kertesz’ personal, poetic style remains constant.’

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Paul Strand An American Vision
First Edition - Aperature - 1990
Over 100 Stunning Photographs


FIRST EDITION OF THIS SUBLIME COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS. “Published on the occasion of a major retrospective exhibition organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington, this remarkable volume reproduces photographs by Paul Strand gathered from public and private collections throughout the world. It is the official catalogue for the exhibition marking the 100th anniversary of the artist’s birth. Exploring the full range of Strand’s
work from 1911 to his death in 1976, many of the images included here had never before been published. The introduction by Sarah Greenough examines Strand’s growth as artist, photographer, and filmmaker, and the theoretical, social, and personal forces that combined to influence his art.” - publisher

$175.

Robert Mapplethorpe - *Altars*
Over 120 Photographs Finely Reproduced
A Mint Copy in Original Jacket and Slipcase

7 [Photography]; Mapplethorpe, Robert. ALTARS. Essay by Edmund White (New York: Random House, 1995) First Edition. With 127 photographs in both colour and black and white by Robert Mapplethorpe beautifully reproduced. Folio, publisher’s original black cloth lettered in blind on the upper cover and in red on the spine, in the original dustjacket and slipcase, both decorated with a Mapplethorpe self-portrait. 139 pp. A very fine, pristine copy, completely as mint.

FIRST EDITION WITH MAPPLETHORPE’S PHOTOGRAPHY VERY FINELY REPRODUCED.

“At the time of his death in 1989 at the age of forty-two, Robert Mapplethorpe was already one of the most important artists of his generation. His elegant nudes, portraits, and still-lifes were often overshadowed by the controversy surrounding his more challenging sexual imagery. His work continues to be at the center of national debates over censorship, yet the formality of the work is rarely discussed. He was attracted to icons, altarpieces, and geometry. Referring to the symmetry of his photographs and their arrangement and framing, he once said that he wanted them to be viewed like altars. ALTARS is the full-color companion volume to the definitive collection of his black-and-white prints Mapplethorpe published in 1992. Beginning with his early collages, Polaroids, and unpublished color prints, ALTARS follows MAPPLETHORPE’S preoccupations with color and geometry through a wide range of subject matter, from intimate portraits of Patti Smith to sadomasochistic rituals. The book ends with the multiple-colored panels of his late, unique photographic pieces, elaborately framed. From the roughest collages to the most refined cloth panels, the presentation of Mapplethorpe’s work was vital.” - Dustjacket.

$175.

The First Book to Offer All of the Photography in Context
*Andy Warhol Photography* - First Edition

8 [Photography]; Warhol, Andy. ANDY WARHOL PHOTOGRAPHY (Zürich and New York: Edition Stemmle, 1999) First Edition. Profusely illustrated throughout with photographs in black and white and colour on full-page plates and throughout the text. 4to, publisher’s original black cloth, the spine lettered in red, in the photographically illustrated dustjacket. [400] pp. A very fine copy, both book and dustjacket are pristine.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS, THE FIRST BOOK PUBLICATION OF THE ENTIRE CONTEXT OF ANDY WARHOL’S EXTENSIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC OEUVRE. Warhol stood both in front of and behind the camera lens, the camera his constant companion, serving as sketchbook, diary and a means of communication. Accompanying the extensive plate sections in the book are essays by renowned art historians and interviews with personalities from Andy Warhol’s world. A final section of the book is dedicated to the artist and the Factory as seen by other photographers such as Duane Michals, Richard
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Profusely Illustrated With Photographs - 1927
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FIRST EDITION OF A VERY EARLY WORK ON THE SUBJECT OF MOUNTAIN PHOTOGRAPHY, and an excellent text for the mountain photographer, with added text closely tied to the profuse number of illustrations. Gardner believed that stopping to take photographs added more to the appreciation of the scenery, or the time spent on a mountain holiday. He was a promoter of amateur photography and even of the idea of using photographs as a “pleasant if less exciting alternative” to actual mountaineering.
$165.

**Pistils - First Edition - A Beautiful and Pristine Copy**
Robert Mapplethorpe’s Flower Photography
A Fine Collection with Stunning Photographs

FIRST EDITION AND A BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF MAPPLETHORPE’S PHOTOGRAPHS OF FLOWERS. His flower pictures are often overlooked in the uproar that seems to still surround his name and work, but they are far from being minor in his career. Here collected and brilliantly reproduced are 120 of the finest from that movement.
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Annie Leibovitz at Work - First Edition
Her Best Photographs
With Discussion in Her Own Words

11 Leibovitz, Annie. ANNIE LEIBOVITZ AT WORK (New York: Random House, 2008) First Edition. With well over 50 photographs in black and white and in colour by Annie Leibovitz. 4to, publisher’s original tan buckram lettered in black and gray, with the original colour printed paper wrap around band. 237 pp. A pristine copy, both the book and wrap around band, as mint.

A FINE ANNIE LEIBOVITZ FIRST EDITION. The photographer speaks on her own words on how she made her most famous, or most personal, photographs. Many of her most celebrated photographs are included here.

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FIRST EDITION. ANDRE KERTESZ IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE 20TH C. “This book chronicles his rich art, from his first works taken in his native Hungary just shortly before World War I, to his highly celebrated photographs of Paris in the 1920’s and 1930’s, and his studies of New York from the late 1930s to the early 1980s.”- publisher

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Paul Strand - Time in New England - 1980
A Fine Copy of the First Modern Edition - Profusely Illustrated


THE FIRST MODERN EDITION OF A PAUL STRAND CLASSIC. The text was selected and edited by Nancy Newhall. The book is considered one of Strand’s best, capturing spirit, people, places and locales. Strand loved the New England countryside and its small and quaint old towns and villages. TIME IN NEW ENGLAND captures the history of the region from its very inception as a colony and settling place for the Pilgrims and those seeking a place for free worship and governance.

$100.
André Kertész - Les Instants d’une Vie
With 160 Striking Photographs - First Edition

14 [Photography]; Kertesz, Andre. ANDRE KERTESZ Les Instants d’une Vie [Traduction: Florence Curt] (Paris: Bookking International Paris, 1992) First Edition of the French language issue, originally published in English under the title “A Lifetime of Perception”. With 160 of Kertesz striking black and white photographs beautifully reproduced on fine glossy paper, this is ten more photos than were in the American edition. Square 4to, publisher’s original charcoal gray cloth boldly lettered on the upper cover and spine in silver and in the original dustjacket. 160 pp. A very fine copy, as pristine, the book and dustjacket beautifully preserved.

FIRST EDITION, FRENCH ISSUE. A BEAUTIFUL SELECTION OF ANDRE KERTESZ PHOTOGRAPHY. This unique retrospective volume celebrates the seventy years of Kertész’ photographic career, from his youth in his native Hungary, through an exciting and fruitful decade in Paris, to his American period in Greenwich Village, where he lived for over forty-five years. It presents 160 insightful and penetrating images. While the subjects of his images are varied, ranging from portraits and scenes of World War I to still-life photographs, landscapes, and cityscapes, Kertesz’ personal, poetic style remains constant.

$100.

Karsh, American Legends
Renowned Portrait Photography
Some of His Best Work

15 Karsh, Yousuf. KARSH, American Legends Photographs and Commentary by Yousuf Karsh (Boston: Little Brown and Company, 1992) First edition. With 44 full colour and 44 black and white full or near full page portrait photographs by Karsh. Large 4to, in the original blue cloth lettered in silver on the spine and upper cover, in the original photographic dustjacket. 157 pp. A pristine copy, as mint.

FIRST EDITION. One of the most renowned portrait photographers of the 20th centuries, Karsh photographed the most influential people of his time. Here we are given a beautiful volume in excellent condition of over 70 people chosen by Karsh as American Legends. The subjects come from every walk of life, from Helen Hayes to Jonas Salk, I.M. Pei and Wolfgang Puck. $85.
Edward Steichen Lives in Photography
First Edition - Fine Condition
An Outstanding Collection of Masterful Photographs


A PRISTINE, AS MINT COPY OF THIS IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF STEICHEN PHOTOGRAPHIC MASTERPIECES. “This volume, published to accompany the first posthumous European retrospective of his work, traces Steichen’s career trajectory from his early Pictorialist beginnings to his time working with Conde Nast and his directorship of the Department of Photography at the Museum of Modern Art, New York. Hundreds of vintage photographs are accompanied by essays from a range of scholars who explore Steichen’s most important subjects and weigh his legacy. With a full bibliography and a chronology of his life and career, this is the most complete and wide-ranging volume on Edward Steichen ever published.

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Weston’s Westons - California and the West
Profusely Illustrated with His Best Landscape Photographs

17 [Edward Weston; Photography]; Quinn, Karen E. WESTON’S WESTONS. California and the West (Boston: Museum of Fine Arts, 1994) First Edition. With seventy-one full-size plates and sixty-eight smaller illustrations, all reproduced in tritone plus tinted varnish. 4to, publisher’s original gray cloth, lettered in silver on the spine and upper cover. 149 pp. A very fine copy, beautifully preserved, clean, tight and in excellent condition, the dustjacket fine and protected in clear plastic.

FIRST EDITION OF WESTON’S MAGNIFICENT LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BETWEEN 1937-39. The book was published on the occasion of a major traveling exhibition of Weston’s Guggenheim work organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. This work ranks among the greatest and most influential of American landscape photographs.

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Continue to section two, 16th Century Books.
Dante Alighieri - La Divina Commedia - *Le Terze Rime*

The First Aldine Dante - The First Use of the Anchor Device

An Excellent Copy in Fine Binding - Venice - 1502

18 [Aldine Printing] Dante Alighieri, (1265-1321). *LE TERZE RIME* (Lo ‘Nferno E’L Purgatorio E’L Paradiso Di Dante Alaghieri) (Venice: in Aedib. Aldi. Accuratissime men. Aug MDII., (Venezia. Aldo Manuzio, 1502)) The first Aldine printing of The Divine Comedy and the Aldine “pocket book” format and the first use of the anchor device. With the famous Aldine anchor device on the final leaf. 8vo; 160mm x 95mm, in a beautiful antique binding of full polished vellum, the spine decorated with gilt ruled raised bands separating the compartments, two of the compartments with lettering labels of dark maroon morocco gilt lettered, the covers with triple gilt fillet rules at the borders, marbled endleaves, red edges. [244] leaves, and with the f.82 blank present. A very handsome and desirable copy, very nicely bound. Internally crisp and and quite bright and clean throughout, four of the leaves a bit shorter than the others, but with the same edge colour and clearly part of the text-block for a great time, last leaf with small restoration to the upper outside corner.

RARE AND IMPORTANT AND ONE OF THE GREAT BOOKS IN LITERARY AND PRINTING HISTORY. The first Aldine printing of Dante’s Divine Comedy; the first edition of Dante to appear in a more handy, portable format (all previous editions were folios); the first book to contain the famous Aldine device of the anchor and dolphin (though Renouard suggests that a portion of the edition was issued without the device). According to Brunet, this is a much sought-after edition, and copies are difficult to find in complete and desirable condition. This book for all intents and purposes inaugurated the beginning of literary publishing by Aldus by which books became available to the general public. This then is a book of the greatest importance.

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Printed in characteristic Aldine cursive type, this is a well margined and finely impressed copy.

“Dante’s theme, the greatest yet attempted in poetry, was to explain and justify the Christian cosmos through the allegory of a pilgrimage. To him comes Virgil, the symbol of philosophy, to guide him through the two lower realms of the next world, which are divided according to the classifications of the ‘Ethics’ of Aristotle. Hell is seen as an inverted cone with its point where lies Lucifer fixed in ice at the centre of the world, and the pilgrimage from it a climb to the foot of and then up the Purgatorial Mountain. Along the way Dante passes Popes, Kings and Emperors, poets, warriors and citizens of Florence, expiating the sins of their life on earth. On the summit is the Earthly Paradise where Beatrice meets them and Virgil departs. Dante is now led through the various spheres of heaven, and the poem ends with a vision of the Deity. The audacity of his theme, the success of its treatment, the beauty and majesty of his verse, have ensured that his poem never lost its reputation. The picture of divine justice is entirely unclouded by Dante’s own political prejudices, and his language never falls short of what he describes.” PMM. STC Italian, p. 209; Renouard 1502, #5.

$19,500.
19  [Boccaccio, Giovanni]; [Early English Printing]. THE TRAGEDIES, Gathered by Jhon Bochas, of All Such Princes as Fell From Theyr Estates Throughe the Mutability of Fortune Since the Creation of Adam, Until His Time: Wherein May Be Seen What Vices Bring Menne to Destruction, wyth Notable Warninges Howe the Like May Be Avoyded. Translated into Englysh by John Lidgate, Monke of Burye. (London: by John Wayland, [n.d., ca. 1554-1555])

AN EXTREMELY RARE AND EARLY PRINTING of Boccaccio’s tragedies into English, the third or fourth issuance only. Titlepage and leaf Gg4 (bound after title) with architectural woodcut borders (McKerrow 76a) and with woodcuts on leaf A4 illustrating events in the Garden of Eden, woodcut initials throughout. Folio [299 x 203 mm], in very fine and handsome nineteenth-century red hard-grain morocco by F.P. Hathaway of Boston, the boards elaborately framed in extensive gilt, the upper board with central gilt crest of John W. De Kay, the spine beautifully lettered and decorated with central tools in gilt in compartments between gilt ruled raised bands, elaborate gilt tooled board edges and turn-ins, all edges gilt, marbled endpapers. De Kay’s armorial bookplates on front pastedown and verso of front free endpaper. (10], cxxiii, xxvii [i.e., xxxix] leaves. A very handsome and well preserved copy of this rare printing. The binding very handsome indeed, with only the most minimal wear to extremities, joints expertly and near-invisibly restored. The title-page and Gg3 laid down and reattached, the title with small ink notations at top, not affecting text or woodcut border. The inner margin of leaf Gg4 (which is bound in after the title-page in this copy, and *2 repaired, with some loss to woodcut border and a few words of text. Other minor paper repairs to several leaves, in a few cases affecting a few letters of text, evidence of old damp throughout last half of book which is fairly inoffensive.

VERY RARE AND VERY EARLY PRINTING, WITH THE LEAF GG4 WHICH IS USUALLY LACKING. This is only the third or fourth printing in English of Boccaccio’s De Casibus Vilorurn Illustrium, following Pynson’s earlier printings of 1494 and 1527, Richard Tottell reissued the work in 1554 and it has not been clearly determined whether Tottell’s edition or Wayland’s was completed first. This especially handsome copy retains the final leaf Gg4, which is usually lacking according to STC. It is bound after the titlepage and comprises the rare title for A Memorial of Such Princes, as since the Tyme of King Richard the Seconds, Have Been Unfortunate in the Realme of England (SIC 1246), and was apparently intended for a work to be issued along with De Casibus which was suppressed for religious and political reasons during Mary’s reign.

John Lydgate’s translation of Boccaccio’s moralistic tales of the misfortunes of famous people was made from the 1476 French version by Laurence de Premierfait. The Latin original text was first printed circa 1474-75. De casibus is an encyclopedia of historical biographies dealing with the calamities of famous people starting with the biblical Adam, going to mythological and ancient people, then to people of Boccaccio’s own time in the fourteenth century. The work was so successful it spawned what has been referred to as the ‘De casibus tradition’, it influenced many other famous authors, such as Geoffrey Chaucer.

This copy with the provenance of John Wesley De Kay, self-made millionaire, American entrepreneur, playwright, author, and eccentric socialite. Born in Iowa to Dutch immigrants in 1872, De Kay apprenticed as a printer and eventually owned several newspapers and a sizable cattle ranch. In 1899, De Kay moved to Mexico and with the money he had made in his businesses purchased a concession for operating meatpacking plants. By 1909 De Kay’s company, Popo, was one of the largest slaughtering and meat-distribution operations in North America, with a book value of over US $22 million (approximately $500 billion in today’s value). A published author and known socialite, his first produced play, “Judas”, managed to get itself banned in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. STC 3178; Pforzheimer 73. $20,000.
Caradog of Llancarvan - A Rare Early English History
Historie of Cambria, Now Called Wales...A Part of Brytaine
Printed in London by Newberie and Denham - 1584

20  [Caradog of Llancarvan]; Powel, David, Editor.  HISTORIE OF CAMBRIA, NOW CALLED WALES.  A PART OF THE MOST FAMOUS YLAND OF BRYTAINE Translated into English by H. Lhoyd (sic).  (London: Rafe Newberie and Henrie Denham, 1584)  First Edition.  Elaborate woodcut title frame, large and small decorative and historiated initials, headpieces, tailpieces, printer’s device and 74 charming woodcuts of rulers.  Printed in black letter.  Interesting ownership inscriptions dated 1774 and 1791, signature on dedication page dated 1816, index leaf with marginal notes in English in a 16th century hand.  7 3/4 x 5 3/4”, Early 19th century half calf over marbled boards, rebacked later, the spine paneled in blind and titled in gilt.  A rare survival, the text quite fresh, some slight chafing to the sides, edges and corners with some typical age-wear, some age to the front joint, but the binding is sound and pleasant.  Title-page mounted, cut round (with small loss of decoration at the lower right) with some mellowing, initial leaf and a small number of terminal leaves with neat repairs without loss, dedication leaf a bit aged at the fore edge, a small number of other leaves with some aging in the margins, old and faint evidence of damp in upper corner of first 20 leaves, all in all a very good copy and generally very well preserved.

FIRST EDITION AND RARE IN COMMERCE.  Written as a continuation of the Welsh part of Geoffrey of Monmouth’s ‘British History’, this work takes the account down to the time of the author Caradog of Liancarvan, (d.1147?), one of several literary figures (including Monmouth) around Robert, Earl of Gloucester, bastard son of Henry I.  It was probably written in Latin, and no longer exists in an original form, but several Welsh translations survive.  Parts of the work were translated earlier, but the book here published in 1584 was an entirely new book with proper correction, additions and important primary research and titled ‘Historie of Cambria’.  To some great extent, all subsequent historians of Wales have drawn from it.  STC 4606. Graesse IV, 194. Brunet III 1047-48

$9500.

In a Wonderful State of Preservation - A Classic Work
Editio Princeps of Diogenes - Fine Contemporary Binding
The Lives of the Famous Philosophers - Basel - 1533

21 Diogenes Laertius, [Greek Philosophy].  [THE LIVES OF THE FAMOUS PHILOSOPHERS.]  Διογένους Λαερτίου Περὶ βίων δογμάτων καὶ ἀποφθεγμάτων τῶν ἐν φιλοσοφία εὐδοκιμοσάντων βιβλία δέκα... Diogenis Laertij De vitis, decretis, & responsis celebrum philosophorum Libri decem, nunc primum excusi.  (Basel: Hieronymus Froben e Nikolaus Episcopius, 1533)  The Editio Princeps, the first printing of the work in the original Greek.  Greek and roman type.  Woodcut printer’s device of Johann Froben by Hans Holbein der Jünger [The Younger] on the title-page and on fol. CC4v (Heitz-Bernoulli 50).  Woodcut decorated headpieces, decorated and animated initials on black ground, from different alphabets designed by Holbein; on fol. a1r 8-line initial, showing Heraclitus and Democritus, from the capital Latin alphabet of May 1520 drawn by Holbein and by Jacob Faber (cfr. Hollstein’s German, xivB, n. 119).  4to (210x146 mm).  Collation: 1, 2, 3, 4, a-z4, A-Z4, aa-zz4, AA-CC4 (fols. 1v, CC4r blank).  [8], 573, [3] pp., In a very rarely encountered contemporary binding of Dutch blind-tooled leather over wooden boards.  The covers are framed by two borders of blind tooled fillets, a floral tool at each corner; the central panel is divided into diamond designs with rosettes on the upper cover and fleur-de-lys on the rear.  Turn-ins and cords fixed at the inner boards.  Antique spine and clasps renewed at a somewhat later date and accomplished with the greatest skill.  The guard leaves are composed of two bifolia from a 14th-century manu-

EXTREMELY RARE FIRST PRINTING OF THE EDITIO PRINCEPS OF THIS REMARKABLY IMPORTANT BOOK AND A COPY WHICH IS OF THE VERY FINEST STATE AND CONDITION. The editio princeps of Diogenes Laertius' Lives of the Famous Philosophers, is the most important source of our knowledge in the history of Greek philosophy, from Thales to Pyrrho.

The text was known only in the Latin translation by Ambrogio Traversari (1386-1439), which made its first appearance in print in Rome around 1472 and which was widely reprinted during the fourteenth and the first decades of the sixteenth century. This is the first printing of the book in its original language.

The edition is dedicated by the typographers Froben and Episcopius to the scholars, and in their epistle they declare their publishing plan: to print at least a work per year able to combine usefulness and pleasure.

The text follows a manuscript provided by the professor of Greek and Hebrew at the University of Wittenberg Matthaeus Goldhahn (1480-1553), called Aurgallus, probably a copy of the codex Raudnitzianus Lobkowicensis vi.F.c.38, at the time preserved in Komotau (Bohemia), in the house of the politician Bohuslav Lobkowitz von Hassenstein (c. 1460-1510), and presently in the Library Národní Knihovna of Prague.

$19,500.

The Very Rare First Edition in English - A Classical Work


Sir Antonie of Guevara - Published in London

22 [Early Classical Works in English]; Guevara, Syr Antonie of. A CHRONICLE, CONTEYNING THE LIVES OF TENNE EMPEROURS OF ROME. Wherin Are Discouered, Their Beginnings, Proceedings, and Endings, Worthie to Be Read, Marked, and Remembered Wherin Are Also Conteyned Lawes of Speciall Profite and Policie, Sentences of Singular Shortnesse and Sweetenesse, Orations of Great Gravitie and Wisedome, Letters of Rare Learning and Eloquence, Examples of Vices Carefully to be Avoyded, and Notable Paternes of Vertue Fruitfull to be Followed.... Translated Out of the Spanish into English by Edward Hellowes... Hereunto is also annexed a table, recapitulating such particularities, as are in this booke mentioned (London: Ralphe Newberrie, 1577) Very Rare, the first and presumed only edition in English. Title-page within elaborate woodcut border, very large woodcut initial and woodcut headpiece on the first leaf of the dedication, smaller woodcut initials throughout. Small 4to, in 18th century mottled calf, sometime rebacked to perfect period style featuring simple gilt ruled raised bands and a single morocco lettering label gilt lettered and tooled, endpapers marbled, with the 1724 armorial bookplate of George Baillie, Lord of the Treasury, Lord of the Admiralty, and MP of both the Parliaments of Scotland and Great Britain. Later provenance of Brent Gratton-Maxfield with his characteristic manuscript ex-libris and notes on the front blanks. [8], 484, [10] pp., collated as complete but for the final blank. A very handsome and proper copy of the rare book. The
text quite solid and fresh with only occasional and light evidence of soiling or stain, extremely minor worming through the first quarter or so in the inner bottom margin and not effecting any text whatsoever. A copy with excellent provenance throughout the 18th and 20th centuries.  

**VERY SCARCE, THIS COPY THE ONLY ONE IN PUBLIC AUCTION GOING BACK AS FAR AS 1972, this being the Gratiot-Maxfield copy, Sotheby's, London, February 9, 1981. Fewer than 20 copies are listed in institutional holdings by OCLC, and we know of no other copy currently available.*

**THE FIRST AND ONLY EDITION IN ENGLISH.** Guevara was an important Spanish court preacher and served as historian to the Holy Roman Emperor and King of Spain, Charles V. This work, published in Spain in 1539 as Decada de los Césares, was written in imitation of the manner of Plutarch and Suetonius; and also the Epistolae Familiares. It is a collection of formal essays designed primarily to use classical examples to promote virtuous living in his own century. Like his MARCUS AURELIUS, it also served largely to argue the importance of modern sovereigns. Guevara’s influence upon the Spanish prose of the 16th century was considerable, but also of great literary controversy. Many of the characters and events depicted in both this work and the Aurelius have too-close-to-be-coincidence counterparts in the court of which he was part of, yet he claimed these works as historically accurate, referring to a “manuscript in Florence” which was almost certainly imaginary. STC 12426.  

$7500.

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**Very Early English Printing of a Rare and Important Chronicle**  
*The Chronicle...the Concordance of Histories*  
**Robert Fabyan - Printed in London - 1559**  

[Image of the book: The Chronicle...the Concordance of Histories, Robert Fabyan - Printed in London - 1559]

23 Fabyan, Robert. THE CHRONICLE...WHICH HE NAMETH THE CONCORDANCE OF HISTORIES, newly perused...continued...to the end of Queene Mary. (London: John Kyngston, 1559). 2 volumes in one. Very Early Printing of the Fabyan Chronicle. Woodcut title borders showing the King in council at the head and Graftons device supported by two cherubs (McKerrow & Ferguson 67), historiated initials. Folio, 260 x 179 mm., Early 19th century mottled calf, spine gilt. A rare and elusive book, and a pleasing survival, some wear, front cover held by cords, first title has the upper margin renewed affecting the border and text on the verso, an old ink stain on V1v, restoration to an old tear on A1, small hole on cc4 catching a few letters, some shoulder notes cropped, some age evidence. Still a very good copy of a book rarely seen, especially in commerce.

**A VERY RARE AND AN IMPORTANT WORK. FEW IF ANY COPIES EVER MAKE IT TO THE MARKETPLACE.**  
‘Fabyan was the first of the citizen chroniclers of London who conceived the design of expanding his diary into a general history. His work was called by himself ‘The Concordance of Histories,’ and beginning with the arrival of Brutus, gave a general survey of the affairs of England, and n later times of France also. The first six books are brief, and reach to the Norman Conquest; the seventh book extends from the Norman Conquest to his own day. Fabyan was well acquainted with Latin and French, and shows a large knowledge of previous writers, but his object is to harmonize their accounts, and so doing he shows no critical sagacity. He is valuable as an authority as he reaches his own time. From the accession of Richard I his book assumes the form of a London Chronicle, and the years are divided by the names of the mayors and sheriffs.**
He has an eye for city pageantry, ad gives details fo many public festivities. Occasionally he breaks into verse, beginning his books with poems in honour of the Virgin; be he inserts a complaint of Edward II, which is in the style made familiar by the 'Mirrour of Magistrates'. Fabyan's verse is ruder than his prose. Fabyan's work was first printed by Pynson in 1516 with the title 'The New Chronicles of England and France', and this first edition is exceedingly rare. Bale says that the book was burnt by order of Cardinal Wolsey because it reflected upon the wealth of the clergy. The first edition ends with the battle of Bosworth, the second edition, published by Rastell, i1533, contains a continuation reaching to the death of Henry VII. The third edition, published by Reynes in 1542, was expurgated and amended to suit the ideas of the reformers. The fourth edition, published by Kingston in 1559, has a further continuation by another hand reaching to the accession of Elizabeth. It appears that this is the most complete of the 1559 issues, reaching to 8 May, 1558-9.

It is believed that Shakespeare used Fabyan for his history of Henry VI.

$18,000.

The Very Rare and Important Fabyan Chronicle of 1542

The Chronicle...the Concordance of Histories

Robert Fabyan - Printed in London - 1542

24  Fabyan, Robert.  THE CHRONICLE...WHICH HE NAMETH THE CONCORDANCE OF HISTORIES... (London, 1542) Very Rare, Early Printing of Fabyan's Chronicle. Folio, bound in late 17th or early 18th century mottled calf, spine gilt. A well preserved copy.

A VERY RARE AND AN IMPORTANT WORK. NO COPIES IN COMMERCE. "Fabyan was the first of the citizen chroniclers of London who conceived the design of expanding his diary into a general history. His work was called by himself 'The Concordance of Histories,' and beginning with the arrival of Brutus, gave a general survey of the affairs of England, and in later times of France also. The first six books are brief, and reach to the Norman Conquest; the seventh book extends from the Norman Conquest to his own day. Fabyan was well acquainted with Latin and French, and shows a large knowledge of previous writers, but his object is to harmonize their accounts, and so doing he shows no critical sagacity. He is valuable as an authority as he reaches his own time. From the accession of Richard I his book assumes the form of a London Chronicle, and the years are divided by the names of the mayors and sheriffs. He has an eye for city pageantry, ad gives details for many public festivities. Occasionally he breaks into verse, beginning his books with poems in honour of the Virgin; be he inserts a complaint of Edward II, which is in the style made familiar by the 'Mirrour of Magistrates'. Fabyan's verse is ruder than his prose. Fabyan's work was first printed by Pynson in 1516 with the title 'The New Chronicles of England and France', and this first edition is exceedingly rare. Bale says that the book was burnt by order of Cardinal Wolsey because it reflected upon the wealth of the clergy. The first edition ends with the battle of Bosworth, the second edition, published by Rastell, i1533, contains a continuation reaching to the death of Henry VII. The third edition, published by Reynes in 1542, was expurgated and amended to suit the ideas of the reformers. The fourth edition, published by Kingston in 1559, has a further continuation by another hand reaching to the accession of Elizabeth. It appears that this is the most complete of the 1559 issues, reaching to 8 May, 1558-9.

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A Cornerstone Work Translated in English for the First Time
Flemming’s *Panoplie of Epistles* - The Great Letters of All Time
The Classical to the Modern - London - 1576 - First Edition

25 Flemming, Abraham. *A PANOPLIE OF EPISTLES*, Or, a looking Glasse for the unlearned. Conteyning a perfecte plattforme of inditing letters of all sorts, to persons of al estates and degrees, as well our superiours, as also our equalls and inferiours: used of the best and the eloquentest Rhetoricians that have lived in all ages, and have beeene famous in that facultie. Gathered and translated out of Latine into English, by Abraham Flemming. (London: Ralph Newberie, dwelling in Flete-strete a little above the great Conduite, 1576) First Edition in English. Title-page with engraved woodcut border. 8vo, full calf in contemporary style, the spine with raised bands, central tooled device to the covers, border fillet lines in blind. [8], 448 pp. The binding in very fine condition, the text-block very well preserved with some general age toning, some old clear stains probably from damp at some time long ago, a bit of wear to the edges of the last few leaves, some typical age soiling from use, occasional marginal notations in a very early hand. A good survival of a rare and significant book. Lacking 56 leaves of 488 +12.

*VERY RARE FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH OF THIS COMPENDIUM OF LETTERS FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE ANCIENTS.* ‘The volume is interested in good letters themselves and in showing that English letter writers are as accomplished as classical. Cicero is the principal letter writer (153 pages), but there are also letters by Isocrates (86 pages), Pliny and other Romans (72 pages), Manutius and other moderns (98 pages), and then the Englishmen Christopher Haddon and Roger Ascham (25 pages). Later in the seventeenth century, occasional translations of Cicero appeared in singular printings, and, as their titles suggest, they were used for singular purposes.

These letters were published especially for study and emulation. English publishing followed Continental practices. As early as 1467 letters of Cicero were published in Rome with notes by Manutius. The intention was to show Cicero’s mastery of letters in the context of his times. The larger editions stressed the coherence of his historical context and the letters were reorganized especially to enhance the understanding of dictaminal theory.’

Flemming’s *PANOPLIE OF EPISTLES*, published very early on, in 1576, took Cicero out of the schools and made him and his fellow classical writers available to the general public. The work is important in providing context not only to the classical writers but to the contemporaries of the author as well.

Flemming established the authority of the manual on the very fact that he had not authored it. The letters that make up the book, he assure us were “drawned of of he most pure and cleare founteines of he finest and eloquentest Rhetoricians, that have lived and flourished in all ages”. And the book’s table of contents makes good on the boast, listing examples selected not only from Cicero but from Plato, Socrates, Aristotle, Cato, Seneca, Erasmus as well as Ascham’s letter to the queen. Flemming seemed especially proud of the flair brought to the letterwriter when including epistles from the likes of Darius, Cyrus, Diogenes and Alexander.

$6500.
Grafton's “Chronicle” - The First Edition - 1568

With One of the Earliest Accounts of Robin Hood

“Among the [early English printers], Richard Grafton holds a distinguished place. In conjunction with Edward Whitchurch, he was concerned in the publication of the English Bibles of 1537 and 1539, printed at Antwerp and Paris respectively, and afterwards began printing on his own account, his press being largely occupied with the production of service books, for the printing of which he and Whitchurch obtained an exclusive patent in 1544. In 1547, he was appointed printer to king Edward VI, and several of the issues of the Book of Common Prayer bear his imprint. On the death of the king, miscalculating the drift of political events, he printed the proclamation of lady Jane Grey and was deprived of his office by Queen Mary. Besides issuing John Hardyng’s Chronicle in 1543, and editions of Edward Hall’s Union of Lancaster and York in 1548 and 1550, Grafton himself compiled an Abridgement of the Chronicles of England, which was published by his son-in-law Richard Tottel in 1562, and A Chronicle at Large, issued also by Tottel in 1569.” (Cambridge History of English and American Literature, Vol. IV. Ch. XVIII. The Book-Trade, 1557-1625.)

Grafton’s “Chronicle” includes numerous mentions of Sir Thomas More, including his appointment as chancellor (p. 1184), his subsequent discharge from that office (p. 1209) and eventual execution (p. 1226). The work also includes several orations by More (pp. 1060, 1076, 1185) and, most spectacularly, the complete English text of More’s “History of Richard III” (pp. 801-53), the source of Shakespeare’s “Richard III”.

“More’s ‘History of Richard III’ stands out as one of the great masterpieces of Renaissance historiography. The extensive use of orations, reported speech and dialogue (almost half the total text) gives the work an inherently dramatic quality, enhanced in the minds of minds of many modern readers by Shakespeare’s use of it as the principle literary source for “The Tragedy of King Richard III” - Gibson, Saint Thomas More, a Primary Biography.

$28,500.
Hans Holbein the Younger (1497-1543) is now best known as portrait painter of some of the most famous figures of Renaissance Europe, including Erasmus, Thomas More, and King Henry VIII of England. But as a young artist in his native Basel, Holbein also worked as an illustrator, producing drawings that would be reproduced in woodcuts and included in printed books.

Holbein’s most famous illustrations are his Dance of Death series. The drawings that make up The Images of the Old Testament (better known by its Latin title Icones Historiarum Veteris Testamenti) were likely done at about the same time as the Dance of Death, probably between 1523 and 1526. The first four illustrations in the Icones are taken from the Dance of Death series. The depict the creation of Adam and Eve and their fall and expulsion from the Garden of Eden, with Death personified as a skeletal figure. The rest of the illustrations demonstrate Holbein’s movement toward increasingly complex spatial structure in his drawings.

The late art historian Arthur M. Hind wrote that, “Holbein’s Images of the Old Testament, as they were called in the English edition of 1549, are the most wonderful series of illustration to the Bible in existence. Even outside the more limited sphere of book illustration they have practically no rivals, except the scriptural prints of Dürer and Rembrandt. Inspiration is so much more often found in separate works than in a series, that it is all the more remarkable to see so high a level of artistic power preserved throughout the ninety-one uniform cuts that make up Holbein’s Old Testament.” Mulder, M. ZSR Library.

$32,500.
The Jesuit Missions in Asia and Japan
Extremely Early News and Accounts From the East
Epistolae Iapanae - Japan and Asiatica

28 [Jesuit Letters]. EPISTOLAE IAPANICAE, DE MULTORUM IN VARIJS INSULIS GENTILUM Ad Christi Fidem Conversione. Illustrissimo Principi Domino D. Guiliel. Bauariae Ducis dicatae. Accedit demum Rerum Verborum Index Locupletissimus (Louanii: Apud Rutgerum Velpium sub Castro Angelico cum Privilegio Regno, 1570) Early Printing. 12 leaves with woodcut title border, figurative initials, and printer’s device at the end. 8vo [14.5cm x 505cm], handsome bound in full antique vellum over stiff boards, the spine lettered in calligraphic manuscript. 402 pp. A handsome and well preserved copy in attractive fine vellum, p. 51/52 upper blank edge restored, some minor occasional browning and at the end of the book, very light evidence, now faded away, of damp from long ago.

VERY RARE, EXTREMELY EARLY ACCOUNTS OF WESTERN INTERACTION WITH JAPAN AND ASIA. THE WRITINGS DATE FROM 1549 TO THE 1560’S.

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The Rare First Edition in English - 1595
Machiavelli - The Florentine Historie
Significant in Political, Diplomatic, & Intellectual Thought

29 Machiavelli, Nicholo. THE FLORENTINE HISTORIE. Written in the Italian Tongue by Nicholo Machiavelli Citizen and Secretarie of and Translated Into English by T. B. Esquire (London: by Thomas Creede for William Ponsonby, 1595) RARE FIRST EDITION in English of this important work. With an elaborate wood-engraved historiated border on the title-page and with handsome woodcut initials and head- and tail-pieces throughout. Folio in sixes, in later full dark paneled calf designed to period style, the spine with tall raised bands ruled in blind, with a single red morocco label gilt lettered and ruled, the original front black retained. xii, 222 pp. A fine, handsome, tight, clean and very well preserved copy of the very rare first printing in English. The text-block fine, with only very minor mellowing or evidence age, the paper crisp, unpressed and unwashed, the binding in excellent condition.

FIRST EDITION IN ENGLISH OF MACHIAVELLI’S GREAT CHRONICLE OF FLORENTINE AFFAIRS, THE “FIRST EXAMPLE OF A NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY” - Britannica. The work is significant in the history of political, diplomatic, philosophical and intellectual thought. This printing precedes the first English edition of “The Prince” by 45 years.

THE HISTORY OF FLORENCE was Machiavelli’s last work. Though written at the command of the Pope, who, as the head of the Medici fam-
ily, was also ruler of Florence, the book treats the characters of that illustrious house with fairness and impartiality. And although it is primarily an historical work, Machiavelli was writing from a political perspective and “this gives the work its special character.” [E.B.] The history is not a straight account of historical facts but rather a critique of the way Florentine history had been told up until that time. This is the “first example in Italian literature of a national biography, the first attempt in any literature to trace the vicissitudes of a people’s life in their logical sequence, deducing each successive phase from passions or necessities inherent in preceding circumstances, reasoning upon them from general principles and inferring corollaries from the conduct of the future.” [E.B.] The history contains speeches related in the classical style but generally, Machiavelli’s style breaks away from the formal exercise of the times and reveals concise, direct and energetic prose. Machiavelli intended to continue the work beyond Lorenzo de Medici, but his death left that task to Guicciardini.

STC 17162. Britannica
$16,500.

Rare First Edition of Edmund Spenser’s Poems
One of the Great Masters of the Language

30 Spenser, Edmund. [Five Works Extracted From COMPLAINTS. Containing Sundrie Small Poemes of the Worlds Vanitie. Whereof the Next Page Maketh Mention. By Ed. Sp.] (London: For William Ponsonbie, 1590-1591) First edition, complete here are “Muiopotmos, or the Fate of the Butterflie”; “Visions of the Worlds Vanitie”; “Ruines of Rome”; and “The Visions of Bellay”. Also present is “Prosopopoia or Mother Hubberds Tale” in portions. With handsome engraved allegorical titlepages for “Muiopotmos” and “Prosopopoia”, and with two engraved head-pieces and two large engraved initials. Small 4to, in attractive antique full dark blue morocco, the covers framed with double blind fillet rules, the spine gilt-stamped with title, board edges with gilt roll, marbled end-pages, a.e.g. T4V4X2B4 (-1,2) Y4Z2 (-2) L4Q-S4 (-M-P4); [33] ff. Containing the works noted. All are textually complete except “Prosopopoia”, which is lacking signatures M-P. First title-page with outer margin reinforced and second title-page with early inked notation in upper margin, two leaves with very small holes, 8 leaves with minor expected or typical light marginal staining, top edge trimmed close, occasionally just touching the headlines, otherwise quite clean and fresh, the binding handsome.

RARE FIRST EDITION OF THIS COLLECTION OF POEMS BY ONE OF ENGLAND’S GREATEST LITERARY MASTERS, rare even in this ravished form.

Edmund Spenser, stands at the pinnacle of English poesy with William Shakespeare and John Milton. Spenser was known to his contemporaries as “the prince of poets” and was said by them to be “as great in English as Virgil in Latin”. He was greatly preferred over Shakespeare by Queen Elizabeth and many others of the day. He left behind him masterful essays in every genre of poetry, from pastoral and elegy to epitaphialom and epic. A century later John Milton would call Spenser “a better teacher than Aquinas” and was greatly influenced by him. Since then generations of readers have admired his subtle use of language, his imagination, his immense classical and religious learning and “his unerring ability to synthesize and, ultimately, to delight”.

COMPLAINTS is a collection of poems published at the same time as the first three books of THE FAIRIE QUEEN, and has been forever in the shadow of that masterpiece. Almost immediately after publication, the work was suppressed due to its lampooning of Lord Burghley. From this start in scandal and with THE FAIRIE QUEEN achieving such huge and immediate success it was for the most part overlooked for centuries. But the work is not without considerable merit and has been rediscovered for its own worth in more recent times. It is a collection that must be viewed as a planned whole, a consistent design meant to be taken in its entirety. Stylistically it represents a stepping stone between the traditional and the modern. Spenser can be seen in these poems as a self-conscious innovator, moving away from the poetical traditions that came before him but in a gradual procession that does not fully embrace the new. ny2015 Brown, R.D.; Spenser Society; Pforzheimer 968. STC (rev.) 23078; NCBEL, I, 1030.

$4250.
The Rare First English Translation of Thucydides
Original Black Letter - 1550 - Bound in Full Antique Calf

The Hystory of the Peloponnesian Warre

31. Thucydides. (Nicolls, Thomas). THE HYSTORY WRITTONE BY THUCIDIDES the Athenyan of the warre, which was betwene the Peloponesians and the Athenyans, translated oute of Frenche into the Englysh language by Thomas Nicolls Citizeine and Goldesmyth of London. (London: Imprinted the XXV day of July in the Yeare of our Lorde God a ThouAndre fyve hundredde and fiftye, [1550]) First Edition of the First Translation of Thucydides into English. Printed in Black Letter. Title within a woodcut border and with a profusion of illustrated or historiated initials. Folio, near contemporary calf, the spine decorated in gilt with period tools within compartments and with a brown morocco label lettered in gilt. Now housed in a very fine morocco backed fold-over box. CCxxiii + Errata. A fine unpressed and unwashed copy, some old and early marginalia, some very occasional and very small chips to edges of a few leaves, the binding with some expert and highly sympathetic restoration to the back but preserving the original spine panel.

THE FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THUCYDIDES.

Thucydides stands alone among the men of his own age and has no superior of any age, in the width of mental grasp which could seize the general significance of particular events. The political education of mankind began in Greece, and in the time of Thucydides their political life was still young. Thucydides knew only the small city-commonwealth on the one hand, and on the other the vast barbaric kingdom; and yet, as has been well said of him, “there is hardly a problem in the science of government which the statesman will not find, if not solved, at any rate handled, in the pages of this universal master.”

In an address to the great Greek scholar “Maiyster John Cheke,” Niccolls asks him “not onelye with fououre to accepte this the furste my fruict in translatyon, but also conferringe it with the Greke, so to amende and correct it, in those places and sentences, whiche youre exacte lernynge and knolaige shall Iudge mete to be altered and refourmed, that thereby thys sayd translation may triumphantly resist and wythstande the malycyous and deadly stynge of the generall and most enenymes of all good exercyse.”

This translation alone held the field until Thomas Hobbes published his in 1629, nearly a century later. STC 24056. $22500.

The Golden Legend
Printed by Wynken de Worde in London - 1527

A Largely Complete Copy in a Fine State of Preservation

32. [Voragine, Jacobus de]. [THE LEGENDE NAMED IN LATYN LEGEDA AUREA that is to saye in Englysshe THE GOLDEN LEGENDE (Translated by William Caxton)] (London: Wynkyn de Worde, 1527) VERY RARE EARLY PRINTING BY WYNKEN DE WORDE. A copy with pleasing provenance. Black letter, 46 lines double column, with numerous woodcuts throughout the text, some of which repeated, and with engraved initials. Folio (288 x 190 mm), in very fine full dark maroon levant morocco signed “C. McL., 1917”, with de Worde’s printer’s device in gilt in the center of both boards, the spine lettered in gilt and with thick, tall raised bands, board edges and turn-ins gilt ruled, a.e.g., from the library of Wilfred Merton with his book label on front pastedown. 417 of 438 leaves, lacking only ff. i-viii (1st foliation, lxxxviii, cxx-cxxi, cclxviii, cclxxvi-cclxxxiii

$22500.
(final foliation), which includes the title, the full-page woodcut at the front, and the woodcut printer’s device at the end. In an especially fine state of preservation, with an early owner’s occasional underlining or marginal notations and the censoring of the words “pope” and “mass” each time they appear in the text, cxxxvi remargined with loss of a few words; clxiii remargined; clxxi torn with a few letters of text lost; tear repaired in clxxxxvi without loss.

VERY EARLY PRINTING OF ONE OF THE MOST WIDELY READ BOOKS OF THE MIDDLE AGES, THE GOLDEN LEGEND was translated by William Caxton—his largest and most complex work of translation—and was originally printed by him in 1483, going through seven full and one partial editions by 1527.

The famous medieval manual of ecclesiastical lore and one of the most widely read books of Middle Ages, consisting of the lives of the saints, commentary on the church service, homilies of saints’ days, etc. The chief source for William Caxton’s translation is the Legenda Aurea of Jacobus de Voragine (1230-98), archbishop of Genoa. The original edition of Voragine’s work appeared in 1472, followed by scores of others. Caxton’s edition, the first in English, initially appeared in 1483 and proved his most popular production. Wynkyn de Worde was Caxton’s successor and first published the work in 1493. The present edition here offered is considered very rare and is a prize of collectors.

Provenance: Wilfred Merton (1889-1957) collector of Greek papyri. STC (2nd) 24880; ESTC S111988. $38,500.

Continue to the next section, Novels and Fiction.
In Our Time - Hemingway's Second Book - 1927
A Superb Presentation Copy with Fine Provenance
Boni and Liveright - Preceding the Scribner's First Printing


FIRST EDITION, SECOND PRINTING, SIGNED PRESENTATION COPY OF HEMINGWAY'S FIRST BOOK OF STORIES OTHER THAN THE WORK WHICH INCLUDED TEN POEMS. This was the author's first book published in the U.S., only his second published book and the first that was published for the general trade audience. Fewer than 1400 copies of the first issue of the book were published, and even less of this second issue which is considered to be more rare than the first. It was influenced, as was THREE STORIES AND TEN POEMS (1923) by Ezra Pound and Gertrude Stein, while spokespersons for the "Lost Generation."

There is excellent provenance associated with this copy which was inscribed and presented to Major General Milton Foreman who was a hero in the Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border Service Campaign and World War I. It is probable that Hemingway met him during the First World War.

In the Spanish-American War, he enlisted in the Army as a private in Troop C, First Cavalry, on December 5, 1895. He worked his way up the ranks until he was a captain. In the Mexican Border Service, he was a colonel commanding the First Cavalry Division of the Illinois National Guard.

Colonel Milton J. Foreman, of the Illinois National Guard, received the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery in World War I while serving in France. When his unit came under heavy artillery and machine gun fire, he crept through the German gunfire, laying out telephone wire so that he could tell his artillery where the enemy had its gun positions. Foreman found the enemy gun positions and directed his artillery to lay down a barrage of shells to destroy them.

General Foreman was awarded for bravery the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star Citations, French Legion of Honor and the Belgian Order of the Crown. During World War II, Foreman was honored when a merchant liberty ship was named the S.S. Foreman.

When World War I ended, he was discharged and appointed a colonel in the Illinois National Guard. He was promoted to brigadier general on June 23, 1920 and major general on March 19, 1921. Upon Foreman's retirement, in 1931, he was promoted to Lieutenant General.

General Foreman was one of the organizers of the American Legion and he was elected chairman of its executive committee at the Paris Caucus, at which he represented Illinois. During the Legion's third national convention in 1921, he was designated as a past national commander by resolution.

Foreman was born on January 26, 1863, in Chicago, Illinois. He was educated here and eventually became an attorney, being admitted to the bar in 1899. He served as a member of the Chicago City Council from 1899 to 1911.

He was very active in politics and civic affairs. Foreman had the confidence of presidents, cabinet members, senators, governors and mayors. He was a bachelor and a collector of rare books. He died on October 18, 1935. See Seymour "Sy" Brody Connolly 100

$32,500.
Hemingway’s First Published Novel

*The Torrents of Spring* - First Edition, First Issue, First State
An Especially Rare Advance Copy with Original Photograph
And With the Publisher’s Typed Statement Affixed - 1926

34 Hemingway, Ernest. *THE TORRENTS OF SPRING*: A Romantic Novel in Honor of the Passing of a Great Race (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1926) First edition, First Issue with nine titles listed on the rear panel of the dustjacket. A superb advance copy of the first printing, with an original photograph of Hemingway tipped in and the printed publisher’s biographical statement affixed, announcing that “The Sun Also Rises” will be published by Charles Scribner’s Sons in the Fall. 8vo, original black cloth lettered in red on the spine and upper cover. [8], 143 pp. A very fine, especially well preserved copy of Hemingway’s first novel, clean and solid, hinges firm, the jacket with a bit of mellowing caused by time and with a small chip to the tip of the jacket’s spine panel.

FIRST EDITION, FIRST ISSUE, VERY RARE ADVANCE COPY WITH ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH AND PUBLISHER’S TYPED STATEMENT AFFIXED ANNOUNCING THE FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION OF “THE SUN ALSO RISES” AND WITH FORD MADDOX FORD’S LAUDATORY COMMENT ON HEMINGWAY. THIS IS THE AUTHOR’S FIRST LONG WORK TO BE PUBLISHED. Although it was written after THE SUN ALSO RISES -- “to cool out,” Hemingway explained-- THE TORRENTS OF SPRING was published prior to his more famous novel. It was written as a parody of Sherwood Anderson’s *Dark Laughter*. “It seems to have started as a knockabout parody of Sherwood Anderson’s mechanized folklore” (quoted in THE HEMINGWAY READER).

Written in ten days, it is a satirical treatment of pretentious writers. Hemingway received a mixed reaction to the novella that was sharply critical of other authors. His wife Hadley believed the characterization of Anderson was “nasty”, while F. Scott Fitzgerald considered the novella to be a masterpiece. Hanneman A4a.

$22,500.

First Edition of *Tess of the D’urbervilles*
Triple-Decker in Original Decorated Cloth

35 Hardy, Thomas. *TESS OF THE D’URBERVILLES* (London: Osgood, McIlvaine and Co, 1891) 3 volumes. First edition, first issue of Vols. I and III and First edition, second state of Vol. II with the chapter heading “XXXV” correct on page 199. 8vo, publisher’s original mustard cloth decorated in gilt on covers after a design by Charles Ricketts, decoratively lettered in gilt on spines. Now housed in a fine custom slipcase with triple-rounded morocco back gilt lettered and with each volume in a custom chemise. 264; 278; 277. A very fine and very attractive set, the cloth clean and fresh with bright gilt, the hinges solid and sturdy, the text very fine as well.

FIRST EDITION AND A BEAUTIFUL SET OF ONE OF HARDY’S GREATEST NOVELS, and also one of his last. Publication of the
novel created a violent sensation, and the critical reception of TESS, and later JUDE THE OBSCURE, convinced Hardy to give up novels in favor of poetry (which he had always considered superior to fiction). Only 1000 copies were printed, and as was the case with many Victorian novels, copies were snapped up by the lending libraries of the period and were subject to the repeated hard wear of enthralled readers. It is now a very scarce work, and is very difficult to find in the original cloth bindings. Laid into the first volume is a one-page autograph note signed by Hardy. Purdy 67. $9500.

Rare First Edition Handsomely Bound
A Book that Would Change the World - First Edition
The Most Influential Work in American Literature
Uncle Tom's Cabin - Harriet Beecher Stowe - PMM

36 Stowe, Harriet Beecher. UNCLE TOM’S CABIN, OR LIFE AMONG THE LOWLY (Boston: John P. Jewett and Company, 1852) 2 volumes. First edition, First issue with all points as called for by BAL. With the six original steel-plate engravings and with title-pages illustrated with large vignettes. 8vo, handsomely bound in three-quarter dark turquoise-blue cloth over turquoise marbled paper covered boards, the spine with raised bands gilt stopped, three compartments lettered in gilt, top edges gilt. x, 312; iv, 322, [2, blank] pp. A very pleasing and well preserved copy of this highly important book. The first and early printings are notorious for being found in unusually poor condition due to fragility and use. Internally, this copy is especially clean and without the foxing or browning typically encountered throughout, a small amount at the initial leaves as is expected, the pages are sharp and bright and well printed, the bindings are in fine order. A very pleasing copy and a very handsome set.

RARE FIRST EDITION, FIRST ISSUE, Arguably, the most influential work of American literature and unquestionably a milestone of 19th century world literature. The initial printing sold out immediately upon publication and the book went through continual reissue for years after its introduction. Nice copies of the first edition as with this copy have become increasingly difficult to find.

For Harriet Beecher Stowe, the battle against slavery was a God-ordained crusade to cleanse the United States of an evil affront to humanity. In the emotion charged atmosphere of mid-19th century America this novel exploded like an atomic bomb. For those opposed to slavery it was a testament to all that was wrong in an evil system. To the pro-slavery forces it was considered a slanderous attack on an established way of life. In either case, the impact of UNCLE TOM’S CABIN on the society of the United States of America was probably greater than any book published before or since. PMM

Stowe presented her story in the style of popular works of the era (melodramatically)—and with religious undertones, but the themes of the novel—the breaking up of families, violence, the naïve idea of a return to Africa, and the question of slaves’ agency in this oppression—are historically significant. Stowe had not only witnessed incidents like the ones described in her novel, but “had long been concerned about slavery, having read the autobiographies of Frederick Douglass and Louis Clark, as well as the abolitionist tracts of L.M. Child and Theodore Weld, and in 1850, when the Fugitive Slave Act was passed, she began writing Uncle Tom’s Cabin.” [The Fem GT Lit in Eng] The Fugitive Slave Act, in combination with her book, were arguably the catalysts for the Civil War, as even Lincoln implied upon meeting Stowe.

The initial printing sold out immediately. Of the roughly 5000 copies of the first issue printed, 3000 are believed to have sold on the very first day. An amazing and unmatched achievement in 19th century book selling. Reissues appeared immediately, eight steam-powered presses were dedicated to this title by the publisher and yet they still failed to keep up with demand. By the end of the year over 300,000 copies were sold. Thus, true first issues are understandably very hard to come by. In fact, all of the early issues are very difficult to find in good condition. This was one of the most read, pasted along, reread and passed along again books in history, certainly in American literature few other titles even come close.

It is said that for writing this extraordinary bestseller Ms. Stowe was paid only $300. For her the battle against slavery was a God-ordained crusade to cleanse the United States of an Evil affront to Humanity. In the emotion charged atmosphere of 19th century America this novel exploded like an atomic bomb. For those opposed to slavery it was a testament to all that
was wrong in an evil system. To the pro-slavery forces it was considered a slanderous attack on an established way of life. In either case, the impact of UNCLE TOM'S CABIN on the society of the United States of America was probably greater than any book published before or since. PMM 332. BAL 19343, Grolier 100.

$8500.

A Scarce Anthony Trollope - The Claverings - First Edition
In the Best and Most Rare of the Binding States

37 Trollope, Anthony. THE CLAVERINGS (London: Smith, Elder and Co., 1867) 2 volumes. First edition and first printing other than when serialized in Cornhill Magazine. Illustrated with sixteen wood-engraved plates after M. Ellen Edwards, two of which are frontispieces. Tall 8vos, in the publisher's original handsome Victorian decorated cloth, this is scarcer of the two variants noted by Sadleir, with the decoration in gilt and black as opposed to gilt and blind. Sadleir notes, "I do not know which style is earlier, but would, on general principles, incline to favour that with the additional black-blocking..." The volumes are gilt and black decorated and elaborately lettered on the upper covers and spines in a stylized arabesque motif, the rear covers decorated in blind only, with both volumes with original brown endpapers. The volumes now housed in two matching slipcases, each with a morocco labeled chemise gilt lettered. [ii], 313, [2 ads]; [ii], 309, [2 ads] pp. An exceptional set, very beautifully preserved, the paper fresh and bright with just a meager hint of spotting at the prelims only, the cloth vivid and clean with bright gilt and black decoration on dark unfaded green, only a touch of bumping to the extremities nearly not worth mentioning.

A VERY SCARCE TROLLOPE OFFERING, IN THE BEST AND RARER BINDING AND IN UNMATCHED CONDITION. The Sadleir-Martin copy was also in this rarer binding and may well be the last copy comparable with ours to have appeared in auction, and that sale was nearly thirty years ago.

THE CLAVERINGS is one of what Sadleir described as one of Trollope's five technically faultless books, "there is not a loose end, not a patch of drowsiness, not a moment of false proportion." More recent critics regard the book even more highly, such as David Skilton, who wrote that "it has been usual to pronounce it among the most perfect and attractive productions of the novelist's pen."

The novel is the story of a young man starting out in life, who must find himself a profession and a wife; and of a young woman who made a marriage of convenience and must abide the consequences. It was very popular upon publication but then went through a period of being nearly forgotten prior to being rediscovered in the later 20th century. The sheer volume of Trollope's productions in the years shortly after may have simply overwhelmed his readers.

$8500.

A Rare Hardy First Edition and a Very Fine Copy - 1873
His "Cliffhanging" Third Novel - A Pair of Blue Eyes
A Most Handsome Copy in a Fine Stikeman Binding

38 Hardy, Thomas. A PAIR OF BLUE EYES. A Novel in Three Volumes (London: Tinsley Brothers, 1873) 3 volumes. First edition of Hardy's scarce third novel, and the first to bear his name. The print run is presumed to be only about 500 copies. With provenance of John F. Talmage, whose choice library of first editions was one of the finest collections of the type in its time. With half-titles all present. 8vo, in a very handsome near contemporary
Stikeman binding of three-quarter crimson crushed morocco over beautiful marbled boards, the back and corner pieces ruled in gilt, the spine with gilt stippled raised bands creating gilt framed compartments handsomely gilt decorated with central gilt fleurs-dans-vase tools, two compartments gilt framed and lettered, additional gilt and lettering at the spine tails, fine marbled endpapers and t.e.g. The original publisher’s decorated cloth is bound in at the rear of each volume. 303; 311; 262 pp. A very fine set of this scarce work in uncommonly striking near-period bindings. The bindings with only trivial evidence of age, the text blocks fresh, a stand-out copy.

A VERY, VERY SCARCE FIRST EDITION AND A FINE COPY, A COPY MOST HANSOMELY BOUND AND WITH EXCELLENT PROVENANCE. THE TALMAGE COPY BOUND BY STIKEMAN. A PAIR OF BLUE EYES is only the author’s third novel, and published prior to finding success and acclaim. Though the novel is so overshadowed by its successor, FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD, is no-the-less rich with the autobiographical qualities and ironic plot twists for which the author is so well respected.

The story tells of the love triangle between a young woman, Elfride Swancourt, and her two suitors from very different backgrounds. One, Stephen Smith, is a socially inferior but ambitious young man who adores her. The other, Henry Knight is the respectable, established, older man who represents London society.

One outstanding scene in the novel is when Henry Knight is hanging over the edge of a cliff (reputedly the origin of the term ‘cliffhanger’), and is rescued by a rope made of Elfride’s underwear. It is the “first indication in the novels of Hardy’s ability to sustain interest in a tense situation by sheer power of vivid description.” -Weber. The description of Elfride removing her petticoat and undergarments in order to make the rope has been called one of the most sensationally erotic scenes in Victorian literature. Purdy, pp. 8-13; Sadleir 1112; Webb, pp. 6-7; Wolff 2986; Cambridge Guide to Literature in English; Weber, Carl J. Hardy of Wessex.

$7250.

Autographed First Edition - The Well-Beloved
Signed by Thomas Hardy - Original Cloth - 1897 - Very Fine

39 Hardy, Thomas. THE WELL-BELOVED. A Sketch of a Temperament (London: Osgood, M’Ilvaine and Co, 1897) First edition, SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR, THOMAS HARDY. A copy with fine provenance, having been in the collection of renown bibliophile Carroll Atwood Wilson. With an etching as frontispiece and map of Wessex. 8vo, in the publisher’s original dark green cloth, the upper board with the T/H decorative monogram in gilt, the spine gilt lettered, t.e.g. Now in a handsome morocco back gilt decorated slipcase with chemise. ix, 338 pp. A very fine and handsome copy in the original cloth, only a small mark on the rear upper board edge, otherwise very fresh and unfaded, bright gilt, hinges strong, text clean and tight.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS CLASSIC AND A COPY SIGNED BY THE AUTHOR AND WITH NOTEWORTHY PROVENANCE. Hardy’s intense story was his last and one of his most interestingly written. Almost comical in tone and with a tongue-in-cheek attitude yet brutally honest and insightful. The central figure is a man obsessed with the search for his ideal woman and sculpting the perfect figure of a naked Aphrodite. It hauntingly explores the life of a this man tormented by desire for an ideal love. Much to his chagrin, the ideal (referred to as the well-beloved) inhabits the bodies of a series of women, and never for long. He lives his life in anguished pursuit. Purdy 92-96, Sadleir 1118, Wolff 2997.

$4500.
A Trollope Scarcity - *The Bertrams* - Rare in Original Cloth
First Edition - Perhaps His Most 'Modern' Novel

40 Trollope, Anthony. *THE BERTRAMS*. A Novel (London: Chapman & Hall, 1859) 3 volumes. First edition. 8vo, original publisher's brown cloth, the boards decorated in blind, the spines sometime very expertly rebacked but retaining the original blind-decorated and gilt lettered spine panels. Now housed in a very handsome custom clamshell box of marbled paper backed in dark brown morocco gilt lettered and banded. iv, 333; iv, 344; iv, 331pp. A very handsome set, the cloth especially well preserved with the restoration done being extremely discreet and unobtrusive, the text much nicer than is typically found, the paper clean and fresh with any spotting being only very occasion and extremely minor, everything tight and sound, a superior copy to set to any other we are aware of currently in commerce.

**A VERY SCARCE TROLLOPE FIRST EDITION, AND QUITE RARE INDEED. IN THE ORIGINAL CLOTH.**

One of the author’s most elusive works, *The Bertrams* is an unusual novel of world travel, matrimony, money, social strata, and relationships. “...perhaps the most serious objection which can be brought against the book from the point of view of literature is that it is too much like life.” - Algar Thorold, 1905. While it may seem odd today for a novel to be criticized for being ‘too much like life’, for its time *The Bertrams* has a dark tone, yet, it is scattered with comical minor characters; to us it seems very fresh and modern. It also includes hilarious descriptions of British tourists in the Middle East. Sadler 8.
$4500.

Daniel Deronda - First Edition George Eliot
In the Eight Original Parts in Printed Wrappers
Publisher’s Compliments Set in Exceptional Condition

41 Eliot, George. *DANIEL DERONDA* (Edinburgh & London; William Blackwood and Sons, 1876) In the original 8 wrappered parts. First Edition, rare in the original parts and wrappers. A rare publisher’s presentation set with embossed blind-stamp “with the publisher’s compliments” on the upper wrappers. 8vo, in the publisher’s original printed wrappers, now enclosed in slipcase. A unique set, a very elusive set of books in original wrappers as seen here. The text is fine and complete with all ads and announcement sheets, the paper very fresh and clean and pleasing, internally they are very fine. The scarce original wrappers very well preserved, the front and rear wrappers in all cases essentially fine, the spines a bit mellowed with a little cracking and discolouring to the paper, four parts with a bit of loss to the paper at the head or foot, three parts with partial separation along the rear hinges, these minor issues rather trivial given the scarcity of copies still preserved in their delicate wrappers.

**VERY RARE FIRST EDITION IN ORIGINAL PARTS. The author's last novel, latent with a theme of Zionism and anticipating the state of Israel. Filmed three times, once as a silent film and twice for television. George Eliot, born Mary Ann Evans, received great ac-**
claim for this and other novels, including ADAM BEDE, THE MILL ON THE FLOSS, SILAS MARNER, FELIX HOLT, and MIDDLEMARCH. DANIEL DERONDA, her last novel, has been praised for its excellent satire and characterization. Very scarce according to Sadleir, as both this and MIDDLEMARCH came out in fat five shilling parts which were widely circulated and very few sets have survived.

With a mixture of social satire and moral searching, it contains a sympathetic rendering of Jewish proto-Zionist and Kabbalistic ideas. These renderings served to make it a controversial, and final, statement of one of the greatest of Victorian novelists. Parrish pp 37-38; Muir pp 10-12.

$3500.

George Eliot - First Edition and First State
The Mill on the Floss - In the Original ‘A’ Cloth Bindings

42 Eliot, George. THE MILL ON THE FLOSS (Edinburgh and London: William Blackwood and Sons, 1860) 3 volumes. First edition. Carter’s first state without the ad leaf to Vol. I (which was inserted later) and with ads in Vol. III citing the seventh edition of Adam Bede as opposed to eighth. 8vo, scarce in the publisher’s original cinnamon cloth, the spines attractively lettered and decorated in gilt, the boards paneled in blind. This is Carter’s binding “A” with Burn’s binder’s ticket in Vol. I. Copies of the “A” binding in such pleasing state are very rare indeed. vi, 361; vi, 319; vi, 313, 16 ads, pp. A very nice set in first issue state, the text very clean and fresh with no foxing, the scarce original “A” state cloth bindings very handsome and well preserved with just a little bumping and mellowing as would be expected, the cinnamon cloth and the gilt both still fresh. Some separation at the free-fly and pastedowns.

FIRST EDITION, EARLIEST ISSUE IN THE “A” BINDING, IN THE PUBLISHER’S CLOTH, VERY SCARCE.

With this novel, Eliot became firmly engrained in the public consciousness. It went into a second printing almost immediately and has remained to this day one of her most popular novels. Fine copies are scarce.

$3500.

Catalogue continues on the next page.
43 [Bible, in Latin]. BIBLIA LATINA [With the tractate
of Menardus Monachus] (Nuremberg: Anton Koberger,
30 July, 1477) Very Early Printing of the Bible and only
the second Latin Bible printed by Koberger, 51 lines
and headline, double column, canon marginalia in the
Gospels. With manuscript headlines in red, a beautiful
opening initial of 10 lines with elaborate flourishes that
flow from the very top to very bottom of the page in
red, blue and green, numerous 6 line initials in red and
blue, some with much longer extensions or flourishes, a
profusion of 3 line initials in red or blue, red paragraph
marks and additional rubricating throughout primarily
in red. Royal folio (375 x 265mm approx), in contempo-
rary German blind-stamped pigskin over thick wood
boards, (probably a Nuremberg binding), the boards
center-paneled and decorated in blind with a central
tool within multiple borders, remnants of brass catches
on the fore-edge. Manuscript lettering to the spine with
wide tall bands. 468 leaves, complete. An unusually
fine copy, especially well preserved and very handsome
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from Koberger’s workshop.

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SENTS ONLY THE SECOND TIME THAT KOBERGER
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Koberger was for a number of years the leading publisher/
printer of his time. The total list of his printings for the forty years from 1473 to 1513, when he died, comprises no less
than two-hundred and thirty-six separate works, including fifteen impressions of the Biblia Latina, eight of which presented
material differences of notes and commentaries which entitled them to be considered as distinct editions. “In the actual
number of separate works issued, Koberger was possibly equaled by one or more of his contemporaries, but in respect to
literary importance and costliness, and in the beauty and excellence of the typography, the Koberger publications were not
equaled by any books of the time excepting the issues of Aldus in Venice” (Putnam II, p. 150).

This printing of Koberger’s Latin Bible was printed again in 1478 and is largely based on the Fust and Schoeffer edition
of 1462. The tractate of Menardus is included which is a summary of the books of the Bible with a guide on how to best study
them. It was first printed not after 1474. A beautiful example of the magnificent productions during the first generation
of printed Bibles, the state of preservation and the impressive German binding making it all the more so. HC *3065; GW
4227; BMC II, 414 (I.C. 7159); Goff B-552
$155,000.

Continue to the next section; Arts, Sports and Recreation.
The London Angler’s Book or Waltonian Chronicle - 1834
A Classic English Fishing Book in the Tradition of Walton
Scarce First Edition - Filled With Songs and Anecdotes

45 Baddeley, John. THE LONDON ANGLER’S BOOK, OR WALTONIAN CHRONICLE, Containing Much Original Information to Anglers Generally Combined With Numerous Amusing Songs and Anecdotes of Fish and Fishing, Never Before Published. Together with an Entirely New Description of the Thames, from London Bridge to Staines, the Lea from the Thames to Hertford, the Wandle, the Mole, the Wey, the Colne, the Brent, the Roding; and Every River and Stream within 20 Miles of London, Worth Fishing in (London: John Baddeley, 1834) First edition. With an engraved frontispiece and two engraved plates of fishing tackle at the end. 12mo, bound in very handsome three-quarter calf over marbled boards to period style, the spine with gilt ruled bands and gilt lettering, edges untrimmed. vi, 185, vi, 2 pp. A very handsome copy of a scarce book typically found well worn, the text-block just lightly mellowed, the handsome binding is in very fine condition. $895.

The Movement’s Defining Text - Manifeste du Surréalisme
André Breton - The First Great Surrealist Manifesto
A Very Rare Presentation and Association Copy Inscribed
Paris - Editions du Sagittaire - 1924 - Original Wrappers

46 Breton, André. MANIFESTE DU SURREALISME, Poisson Soluble (Paris: Editions du Sagittaire, Chez Simon Kr, 1924) First Edition of Breton’s first Surrealist Manifesto. This copy is an RARE INSCRIBED PRESENTATION COPY from Breton to the author Pierre Lièvre, noted French writer and biographer of the period, WITH “sympathique hommage”. 8vo, in the publisher’s original orange paper wrappers printed in black on the upper cover and spine. 190 pp. A beautifully preserved copy, just a bit mellowed at the edges and corners and with very minor toning mostly at the prelims.

AN IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION PRESENTATION COPY OF THE FIRST OF BRETON’S SURREALIST MANIFESTOS, issued in 1924 during the Surrealist movement. Leading up to 1924, two rival surrealism groups had formed, each claiming to be true successors of the revolution launched by Guillaume Apollinaire. One group was led by Yvan Goll, and the other, led by Breton, included Louis Aragon, Robert Desnos, Paul Éluard, Jacques Baron, Jacques-André Boiffard, Jean Carrive, René Crevel and Georges Malkine, among others. Goll and Breton clashed openly, even fighting at the Comédie

$2000.
des Champs-Élysées over the right to use the term Surrealism. In the end it was Breton who won the battle, though the history of surrealism from that moment would remain marked by fractures, resignations, and resounding excommunications, with each surrealist having their own view of the issue and goals, and accepting more or less the definitions laid out by André Breton.

Breton’s Manifesto includes examples of Surrealism in poetry and literature, but states that the tenets of Surrealism can be applied to all aspects of life, not just to the worlds of art and literature.

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First Edition - Sonia Delaunay’s L’Alphabet
Wonderful Colour Lithographs Throughout - A Fine Copy


FIRST EDITION, PUBLISHED IN THE ARTIST’S ADOPTED HOME OF FRANCE. The letters of the alphabet serve as perfect models for Delaunay, who is known for her use of bold geometric shapes and strong colours. A co-founder of the Orphism Art Movement, she was the first living female artist to have a retrospective exhibition at the Louvre.

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Designs of Inigo Jones and Others - Circa 1731
With Over Fifty Fine Engraved Architectural Plates
One of Ware’s Earliest Significant Publications

48 [Design and Architecture]; Jones, Inigo, et al. DESIGNS OF INIGO JONES AND OTHERS ([London]: by I. Ware, ND [ca. 1731]) First Edition, and absolutely one of Ware’s first significant productions. With a handsome engraved title, notes and contents and 53 fine engraved plates on 48 sheets, 6 of which are folding. 4to, in full antique mottled calf, the spine with raised bands double-ruled in gilt and with gilt lettering on a gilt tooled brown morocco label, the board edges gilt ruled. 5 pp., + 53 plates. A very handsome copy, quite fine and pleasing, the plates all crisp and clean with some light toning at the edges

as would be expected, the binding in fine condition as well.

VERY SCARCE FIRST EDITION. ISAAC WARE’S EARLIEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARCHITECTURAL PRINTING AND DESIGN. The plates were engraved by Fourdrinier from Ware’s renderings on the works of three architects, Inigo Jones, William Kent and Lord Burlington. According to the verso of the title-page, “Most of these designs are already executed, and the rest are at Burlington House.” The renderings are an elegant depiction of moldings, ceilings, fireplaces, chimneys, garden ornaments, staircases, etc., and notably Burlington’s design of the entrance to Chiswick House.

This work predates by several years the work that is arguably Ware’s greatest accomplishment, his translation of Palladio’s FOUR BOOKS OF ARCHITECTURE. The format of the present work, easily usable by professionals in the field and by working craftsmen, was no doubt influenced heavily by Burlington. Fowler 437; Harris 909; Archer 340.1

$4500.
Pablo Picasso - With an Original Signed Print
40 Dessins - One of Only 226 Copies of Vélin d’Arche
Drawings Made for Dora Maar in Buffon’s Histoire Naturelle

49 Picasso, Pablo. 40 DESSINS DE PICASSO EN MARGE DU BUFFON (Paris: Jonquieres and Berggruen, 1957) Limited edition, no. 161 of a limited edition of only 226 copies printed on vélin d’Arches. EXTRA-ILLUSTRATED WITH AN ORIGINAL PRINT SIGNED IN CRAYON BY PICASSO, and with 40 monochrome collotype full-page plates. Folio, as issued in original printed stiff paper wrappers enclosed in a portfolio and slipcase of burlap textured paper-covered boards. (4 blank), (12) pp. A fine copy, the added signed print also in fine condition, the slipcase a bit shaken and with loss at the foot.

WITH AN ORIGINAL SIGNED PRINT. THE WORK INCLUDES VERY FINE PICASSO COLLOTYPE PRINTS, LIMITED FIRST EDITION. This work beautifully reproduces the marginal drawings made by Picasso in 1942 in the copy of the illustrated Buffon ‘Histoire Naturelle’ that he had given to his mistress, Dora Maar. Prior to this edition the drawings had been unpublished. Where necessary, pages of the original Buffon text are artfully reproduced with the permission of that work’s publisher, Martin Fabiani.

The portfolio includes a very important print, a signed impression of the original linogravure, ‘Le Pigeonneau’, (c. 1939) which is believed to be either Picasso’s first or second effort in the technique. $22,500.

Giovanni Bardi - Memorie del Calcio Fiorentino - 1688
One of the Very Earliest Books Relating to Football
With Fine Engraved Folding Plates

50 [Soccer; Football]; Bardi, Giovanni Maria De’, Et Al (Bini, Pietro de Lorenzo, Editor). MEMORIE DEL CALCIO FIORENTINO. Tratte da Diverse Scrutture (Firenze: Stamperia di S.A.S., alia Condotta, 1688) Rare First Edition of this very early work on football. Engraved armorial title-vignette featuring a figure with a football by Francesco Nacci, two folding engraved plates, one with players lined up for play in the Piazza Sante Croce by Alexander Cecchini and one a diagram of player’s positions. 4to, in nineteenth-century marbled boards backed in black morocco, the spine gilt lettered and with multi-line gilt ruled flat bands, additional gilt tooing at the foot, bookplate of Franco Niccoli to front paste-down. [xii], 118, [2 manuscript entries] pp. A very handsome and proper copy of this rare book, with a
couple of contemporary marginal annotations and one contemporary manuscript leaf bound at the end, a little scattered foxing throughout but not obtrusive.

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52 [Walton, Izaak; Fishing and Angling]; Crawhall, Joseph. IZAAK WALTON: HIS WALLET BOOK (London: Field and Tuer, Leadenhall Press, 1885) First Edition and one of only 100 Large-Paper Copies of a total edition of only 600 copies. SIGNED BY THE PUBLISHER AND SPECIALLY BOUND, MOST PROBABLY FOR PRESENTATION. With a profusion of hand-colored woodcut plates after Joseph Crawhall, in chapbook style, and with bound-in cloth pockets labeled in black. 8vo, in very beautiful contemporary full red-orange calf, likely a binding for presentation purposes, the boards are elaborately decorated with a very wide and exquisitely detailed borders of stylized thistles, the spine with central gilt tooling gilt, depicting fish and tackle bags within double-gilt ruled compartments separated by gilt ruled raised bands, two compartments with gilt lettering, board edges and turn-ins gilt tooled in floral motif, page edges untrimmed, green endpapers. 112, [8], pp. A very handsome copy of an especially elusive book, lavishly bound, likely a presentation copy and unique thus, the binding well preserved and sturdy with some light evidence of age or use, some general mellowing, the text retains the original pockets and black leaves, all as pristine. A bit of mild offsetting from the cloth pockets.

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53 Warhol, Andy. ANDY WARHOL’S CHILDREN’S BOOK (Zurich: Galerie Bruno Bischofberger, 1983) First edition. Fully illustrated in colour on silk-screened stiff board pages. Small folio (14 x 18cm), in the original bright and colourful pictorial silk-screened boards backed in red cloth. 12pp., inclusive of covers. Very lightly rubbed at the board edges but otherwise very fine.

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55 [Ashendene Press], Book of Songs. A BOOK OF SONGS AND POEMS FROM OLD TESTAMENT AND APOCRYPHA (Chelsea: At the Ashendene Press, 1904) First edition, one of only 150 copies on paper (of which 125 were for sale) out of a total printing of 175. Printed in Subiaco type in black and red, with large rubricated initials throughout in blue done by hand by Graily Hewitt. Small 4to, original publisher’s limp vellum, yapp edges, the spine lettered in gilt, edge untrimmed. 62, [1] pp. A very fine copy, essentially pristine. A SPLENDID, SCARCE AND QUITE BEAUTIFUL PRODUCTION FROM THE ASHENDENE PRESS, “Printed by St John & Cicely Hornby with the help of Meysey Turton & E. Faulkner at the Ashendene Press, Shelley House, Chelsea, in the spring of the year 1904.” The book features large and beautifully drawn initials done by hand. According to Colin Franklin this “is one of the most charming works of a modest sort that the Press produced...This book might be seen together with the Ecclesiasticus, for it is something like a diminutive version of it.” Franklin; The Private Presses p.61. $6750.

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56 [Doves Press], [The Holy Bible; Fine Press]. THE ENGLISH BIBLE containing the Old Testament and the New translated out of the original tongues by Special Command of His Majesty King James the First and now reprinted with the text revised by a collation of its early and other principal editions and edited by the late Rev. F. H. Scrivener... (Hammersmith: The Doves Press, 1903-1905) 5 volumes. Limited edition of 500 copies printed on fine white paper with characteristic Doves Press watermark. With fine calligraphic initial letters executed in hand in red ink by Edward Johnstone. Each volume with title and colophon. Large 4to, bound by the Doves Bindery in original limp vellum, the spines lettered and numbered in gilt. Housed in a two piece morocco edged blue slipcase. 394; 518; (2), 15-391; (2), 15-301; 307 pp. A beautiful and very fine set, a very few gatherings lightly spotted as is usual. The vellum bindings in very beautiful condition, the leaves crisp and bright and clean.

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57 [Doves Press] Milton, John. AREOPAGITICA; A Speech of Mr. John Milton For the Library of Unlicenc’d Printing, to the Parlament of England.... (Hammer Smith: At the Doves Press, 1907) First edition thus, and from a small but unspecified printing by T. J. Cobden-Sanderson and Emery Walker. Small 4to, original Doves soft vellum lettered on the spine in gilt. 74, [1] pp. A fine copy, the text clean and fresh with just the lightest hint of the toning associated with this title, the vellum in excellent order with just a bit of the natural mottling normal to the material.

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58 [Fine Press; Private Press]; Taylor, Michael and Sewell, Brocard. SAINT DOMINIC’S PRESS A Bibliography 1916-1937. With a Memoir by Susan Falkner, an Introduction by Brocard Sewell, a Preface by Michael Taylor and an Appendix by Adrian Cunningham (Herefordshire: The Whittington Press, 1995) LIMITED FIRST EDITION, SIGNED by Sewell, Taylor and Falkner, one of only 100 deluxe copies to be specially bound and housed in a fine case, and presented with a very limited reprinting of DAISY AND MARGUERITE (100 copies only) and with a portfolio containing a bifolium from ‘Horae Beatae Virginis’ printed at Saint Dominic’s Press. This copy further with an autograph letter and a typed letter, both signed, from Michael Taylor to the original owner and a signed autograph letter from the Whittington Press to the original owner. Including the non-deluxe issue, only 400 copies of the work were printed. With plates in both colour and black and white and with 12 finely produced tipped-in reproductions of printing examples. 4to, in the special deluxe binding of quarter Oasis morocco.
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59 [Fleece Press; Wood Engraved Prints]; Ravilious, Eric. FOUR WOOD ENGRAVINGS MADE BY ERIC RAVILIOUS IN 1933 FOR THE GOLDEN HOURS PRESS’ FAMOUS TRAGEDY OF THE RICH JEW OF MALTA ([West Yorkshire]: The Fleece Press, [1998]) A LIMITED PRINTING OF ONLY 120 SETS. RARE in the marketplace. Four prints pressed from the original 1933 wood-blocks by artist Eric Ravilious, and with a leaf of text additional. 10.5” x 8” leaves, laid into a portfolio of cream paper printed in red and black. A pristine set, as perfect and mint.

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$750.
60 [Golden Cockerel Press] Chaucer, Geoffrey. THE CANTERBURY TALES Edited by Walter Skeat, M.A. (Birkshire: Golden Cockerel Press, 1929-1931) 4 volumes. Limited to 485 copies on Batchelor handmade paper, out of total edition of 500 copies, this is no. 92. Illustrated by Eric Gill with one full-page illustration, twenty-nine half-page illustrations, numerous decorative borders, tailpieces and line-fillers, and sixty-one initial letters printed in red and blue, all wood engraved by Gill. Folio, in the fine original bindings for the publisher by Sangorski & Sutcliffe in quarter niger morocco over patterned paper-covered boards. The spines with blind ruled raised bands and gilt lettering in two compartments, t.e.g., others uncut. Housed in a cloth slipcase. A beautiful set of this fine and impressive work, the original bindings very handsome and attractive with corners just a little bumped and with very light rubbing to edges in a few places, internally pristine. FIRST EDITION OF ONE OF THE GREATEST BOOKS DESIGNED AND ISSUED BY GOLDEN COCKEREL PRESS AND ONE OF THE GREAT BOOKS OF THE ENTIRE PRIVATE PRESS MOVEMENT. The volumes were printed by Robert and Moira Gibbings. The whole of the collaborative effort, the Gibbings, Eric Gill and the binding firm Sangorski and Sutcliffe is quite remarkable; “author, artist and printer have shared one concept and expressed it” Colin Franklin. One should also not be some overtaken with the design that one overlooks the substance; the Canterbury Tales is a foundational work of English literature. The text here is that of the Reverend Walter Skeat, still considered to be one of the best renditions available. Chanticleer 63; Franklin 307; Gill 281. $13,850.

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61 Joyce, James. [Brancusi illust.]. TALES TOLD OF SHEM AND SHAÜN: Three Fragments From Work In Progress (Paris: Black Sun Press, 1929) First edition, LIMITED. One of 500 numbered copies on Holland Van Gelder Zonen of a total edition of only 650, this being copy 205. With a preface by C. K. Ogden. With an original etched abstract portrait frontispiece by Constantine Brancusi, it is the only artwork done for a book illustration by the famous sculptor, with tissue guard. Printed in red and black throughout. 8vo, publisher’s original cream paper wrappers printed in red and black, in the original gilt leafed red paperboard slipcase. xv, 55 [2] pp. A fine copy, internally pristine, a upper hinge with small slit at the gutter, the slipcase a bit worn and lacking the back strip. SCARCE FIRST EDITION LIMITED OF THE SECOND SEPARATELY PRINTED PORTION OF FRAGMENTS OF “A WORK IN PROGRESS”, AND WHAT WOULD ULTIMATELY BECOME FINNEGANS WAKE. FINNEGANS WAKE is perhaps the most am-
bitiously conceived novel of all time and is the pinnacle of the Modernist movement in literature. Joyce began working on FINNEGANS WAKE shortly after the 1922 publication of Ulysses. By 1924 installments of Joyce's new avant-garde work began to appear, in serialized form, in Parisian literary journals Transatlantic Review and transition, under the title “fragments from Work in Progress”. The actual title of the work remained a secret until the book was published in its entirety, on 4 May 1939.

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Morris dedicated his life to poetry and the decorative arts, but he did not exhibit an active interest in the design and production of books until he was fifty-five years old. He died eight years later, but in that brief fragment of time he established a standard and prestige that still make him one of the most powerful and persuasive influences in book design in the English-speaking, English-reading world.

This is George Abrams’ copy, with his bookplate on the front pastedown. Mr. Abrams and his company, Alphabets Inc., worked with many of the largest advertising and printing agencies. Among his type designs are three known as Abrams Venetian, Abrams Augereau and Abrams Caslon. He created the cover logos for a number of popular magazines, notably the original one for Sports Illustrated in 1954. Others he designed included those for Newsweek (1968), The Saturday Evening Post (1965) and House Beautiful (1949). He was a bibliophile with a large collection of rare books and manuscripts, ranging from incunabula to the Russian avant-garde. He was active in the Grolier Club and the New York Typophiles, and was a fellow of the Pierpont Morgan Library and an honorary fellow of the London Society of Typographic Design. His brother was Harry N. Abrams, founder of the art books publisher by that name.

There is earlier provenance of Robert Heysham Sayre, who was vice president and chief engineer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He was also vice president and general manager of Bethlehem Iron Company, precursor of Bethlehem Steel Corporation. The town of Sayre, Pennsylvania is named in his honor. Abbey/Hobson 119; The Artist and the Book, 45; Sparling 40; Peterson A40.

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A Foundational Text of the Arts and Crafts Movement


63 [Kelmscott Press]; Ruskin, John. THE NATURE OF GOTHIC. A Chapter of the Stones of Venice with a Preface by William Morris (Hammersmith: Kelmscott Press, 1892) One of only 500 copies on paper. The Wilfred Merton copy with his tasteful 1923 bookplate. Golden type on Batchelor hand-made paper, one full page woodcut border, and numerous woodcut initials. 8vo, original full stiff vellum, with green ochre ties; title gilt on spine. (4), v, 128 pp. A fine and beautiful copy, essentially without flaw.

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64 [Kelmscott Press]; Shelley, Percy Bysshe. THE POETICAL WORKS (Hammersmith: By William Morris at the Kelmscott Press, 21 August, 1895) 3 volumes. Limited Edition, of which only 250 copies printed on paper. Beautifully printed in William Morris’ ‘Golden’ type, one of the three typefaces he designed himself, a stunning double-page title with wood-cut border designed by Morris, numerous and large woodcut initials, some quite ornate, printing in red and black, all in the finest of the Kelmscott Press’ style on fine hand-made paper with the Flower watermark. Tall thick 8vos, in the original bindings of full limp vellum with yap edges and green silk bands, gilt lettered on the spines. Now housed in sturdy and very attractive half green morocco foldover clamshell case. 399; 412; 421 pp. A fine and beautiful set.

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65 [Kent, Rockwell Illus.]; Voltaire, Jean Francois Marie Arouet De. CANDIDE [with, an extraordinary collection of related ephemeral material including a rare erotic plate signed, original invitations for the celebration of the book and the art, announcements for the exhibition, and the original prospectus for the book. (New York: Random House by Pynson Printers, April, 1928) FIRST EDITION OF THE FIRST BOOK PUBLISHED BY RANDOM HOUSE, AND COPY NUMBER 3 OF ONLY 95 COPIES, SIGNED BY ROCKWELL KENT AND HAND-COLOURED AT HIS STUDIO, this being of a total edition of only 1470 copies. Very impressively illustrated with paragraph designs, initials, large illustrations, fully decorated titlepage, copyright page and colophon, all by Rockwell Kent and hand-coloured in the artist own studio. 4to, publisher’s original patterned cloth featuring the now familiar Random House logo (also designed by Rockwell Kent) backed in red/brown morocco, the spine with raised bands blind ruled and gilt lettering, in the original yellow paper dustwrapper. Housed in stiff cloth-covered chemise and morocco backed slipcase gilt ruled and lettered. 111pp. A remarkably fine copy with superb additional material included.

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66 [Nonesuch Press], Herodotus. THE HISTORY OF HERODOTUS OF HALICARNASSUS. The Translation of G. Rawlinson Revised and Annotated by A. W. Lawrence...To which is added a Life of Herodotus and the Behistun Inscription (Bloomsbury: The Nonesuch Press, 1935) LIMITED EDITION and FIRST NONESUCH PRESS PRINTING one of only 675 numbered copies. This copy with the RARE PUBLISHER’S PROSPECTUS included. Illustrated with 9 large wood-engravings by V. Le Campan, one colour plate, and 9 double-page maps by T. Poulton. Printed in Nonesuch Plantin with Perpetua and Felicity italic types. Folio, publisher’s original half blue vellum over blue cloth, the spine lettered and elaborately decorated in gilt designs which follow to the turnovers, t.e.g. xxvi, 778 pp. A fine copy, clean and fresh and solid, the binding in beautiful condition with just a hint of the mellowing normally affecting the blue vellum used in binding this title, and without any of the bowing typical to the book. Internally very fresh and clean, a few spots to the end-papers only, the rare prospectus handsome and quite well preserved, with just a little foxing to the cover leaf.

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Free Vistas - The Oriole Press - Very Scarce Limited Printings
With Contributions by Noted Authors, Poets and Artists

67 [Oriole Press] Ishill, Joseph, Editor and Printer. FREE VISTAS An Anthology of Life and Letters [and] FREE VISTAS -Vol. II A Libertarian Outlook on Life and Letters (Berkeley Heights, NJ: Published Privately at the Oriole Press, 1933, 1937) 2 volumes. LIMITED FIRST AND ONLY EDITIONS, Volume I being one of only 290 copies, this being a rare out-of-series unnumbered copy. Volume II being one of 205 copies. The first volume beautifully decorated with with woodcuts by John Buckland Wright as well as with prints, drawings, and engravings by, Maurice Duvalet, Bernard Sleigh, Albert Daenes, Frans Masereel, Albert Sterner, Walter Tittle and others. Many of the illustrations are tipped-in. The text is printed in a medley of types and colours and printed on a variety of fine papers in differing shapes and sizes. The second volume as the first with many woodcut
decorations by most of the same artists. The text which is set uniformly in Garamond and Goudy Hadriano types and is printed on Arak Ash paper. Small 4to, uniformly bound in red fabric covered boards backed in black buckram, the spines each with the publisher’s original single paper labels printed in red and black or blue and black. [ix], 374, [2] pp; 397 pp. Fine copies indeed, and very much so. The boards in each case near pristine, the text-blocks each appearing pristine. The text in Vol. I was printed on various papers.

FIRST EDITION AND A RARE SET OF WHAT IS LARGELY CONSIDERED THE MAGNUM OPUS OF THE PRESS. FREE VISTAS is a treasure trove of libertarian philosophy, literature, and history, with illustrations by prominent artists.

The Oriole Press was a one-man operation. Ishill was typographer, printer, compositor, pressman, and sole proprietor. Apart from his wife’s editorial assistance, he performed all the labors by himself, without outside help, from the most complex and demanding to the simplest of mechanical details. Ishill was always filled with a passion to create, and he derived incalculable pleasure from his work. All of his labors were performed with the same meticulous care.

These are the only two issues produced of what Ishill had hoped would be an annual volume, and these were printed a full four years apart. The contents, according to Ishill, give a clear idea of how he interpreted “anarchism and its esthetic value so neglected even by the most sincere precursors of this ideal.” Among the contributors are: Rabindranath Tagore, Holbrook Jackson, Witter Bynner, Elie Reclus, Jacques Mesnil, Emma Goldman, Octave Mirbeau, Havelock Ellis, Romain Rolland, R. Austin Freeman, Stefan Zweig, and a number of other important writers. Also included are excerpts from Tolstoy, Shaw, Mencken, Thoreau, Ruskin, Jefferson, Emerson, etc., etc., etc.

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Strange Papers - One of Only 20 Special Copies
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68 Siegenthaler, Fred. STRANGE PAPERS A Collection of the World’s Rarest Handmade Papers (Muttenz: By the Author, 1987) 2 volumes and the samples in original folders. FIRST AND LIMITED EDITION, #5 OF ONLY 20 SPECIAL EDITION COPIES CONTAINING 19 ADDITIONAL SAMPLES, of a total printing of only 200 copies. SIGNED by the author. With 120 samples of rare papers from around the world, the normal edition contained only 101 samples. The samples not included in the normal edition are described in their own text volume also not included in the normal edition. 4to, very handsomely boxed in a special case, with the paper samples protected in captioned and numbered paper folders. The bindings for the volumes and the papers specifically for the 20 Special Edition copies, the box and 1st book in brown Amate and the book for the additional samples in light Amate, the papers are handmade from the inner bark of the mulberry tree, upper covers stamped and decorated in black, as is the box, featuring the author’s watermark design printed as vignette. The box and both bindings executed by Rene Freiburghaus AG. 128 pp; 40 pp; samples. A superb and pristine set, as mint. The case still in remarkably fine condition.

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The wondrous papers from far-flung reaches of the globe include papers made from various parts of plants (bast, leaves, bark, etc.) including bamboo, corn, papyrus, New Zealand flax, hemp, potato sprouts, moss, narcissus, linden trees, stinging nettles and several kinds of straw; vegetables, including carrots, eggplant, winter squash and asparagus rinds; and miscellaneous substances, including wasps' nests, leather, silk, blue jeans, synthetic wood pulp, polyethylene, peat, steel fibers, glass fibers, U.S. dollar bills, other recycled papers and cloth and "wood 30 million years old." "Feather paper" incorporates whole feathers in cotton rag pulp base. "Shifu" and "Men-shifu" are samples of cloth made from paper. Some of these are present only in this Special Edition.

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69 [St. Dominic’s Press] Pepler, H.D.C. THE HAND PRESS An Essay Written and Printed by Hand for the Society of Typographic Arts, Chicago, by H.D.C. Pepler, Printer, Founder of St. Dominic’s Press (Ditchling Common, Sussex: St. Dominic’s Press, 1934) LIMITED FIRST EDITION SIGNED AND HAND NUMBERED BY PEPLER, number 80 of only 250 copies hand-printed. Laid into this copy is also a schedule of Hilary Pepler’s lecture schedule and a notice of the press. A copy with pleasing provenance. Illustrated with six reproduction pages and labels from earlier St. Dominic’s Press books, and with woodblock engravings and drawings. 8vo, in the printer’s binding of dark blue coarse-wove cloth covered boards with white band across both covers and spine lettered in black on the upper cover and spine. (iv), 79, (1) pp. A fine copy, internally essentially flawless and pristine, the cloth with no wear and only slight mellowing to the spine, the white band nicely aged to ivory.

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an address given to the Society of Typographic Arts in Chicago by Pepler, arranged by R. Hunter Middleton. The work was printed on a Stanhope hand press by Mark and H.D.C. Pepler on paper by Joseph Batchelor. Pepler was an associate of both Eric Gill and G. K. Chesterton. He founded, circa 1915, the St. Dominic’s Press. It published, among other books, important editions for the Ulysses Bookshop in High Holborn, London, owned by Jacob Schwartz, to 1937. These included works of James Joyce and also George Bernard Shaw, John Drinkwater, Augustus John, Chesterton and John Collier.

Laid into this copy is a schedule of Pepler’s lectures for 1933 and a press notice for THE HAND PRESS. There is a small neat bookplate on the front endpaper of Albert Sperisen (1908-1999), longtime librarian of the Book Club of California (whose library is now called the Albert Sperisen Library) and a much sought-after consultant in the fields of graphic design, fine printing, and typography. There is a neat pencil notation that this book was from the library of noted San Francisco collector Ted Lienthal and was purchased from David Magee, who in the annals of antiquarian bookselling looms large indeed. During his half-century as an antiquarian bookseller in San Francisco, he produced catalogues that are still used as references (and as models) by book dealers, collectors, and librarians. Taylor and Sewell A233.

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The text was hand-set in 14 point Walbaum and was printed at Whittington on heavy Zerkall mould-made paper. Macgregor’s eleven pochoir illustrations include four that are full page and one that is a two page spread.

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71 [Whittington Press] Randle, John. A BOOK OF POSTERS PRINTED AT WHITTINGTON With an Introduction by John Randle (Risbury, Herefordshire: Whittington Press, 1996) 2 volumes. First Edition, LIMITED TO ONLY 50 HANDNUMBERED COPIES, the “B” collection numbered 51-100 and containing 25 tipped in posters. With wood engravings on the half-title and colophon by Hellmuth Weissenborn along with the 20 tipped-in posters on various papers, many of which printed in colours, many are large and fold out. Super folio, in the original binding by the Fine Book Bindery of half buckram over paper covered boards with woodblock on upper cover, coloured endpapers, contained in the original matching slipcase. 6, [1] + posters preceded by captioned leaves pp. A very fine copy, pristine and perfect. As mint.

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72 [Whittington Press] Randle, John and Patrick, Compilers. POSTERS FROM WHITTINGTON 1996 - 2013 With an Introduction by John and Patrick Randle (Risbury, Herefordshire: Whittington Press, 2013) First Edition, ONE OF ONLY 60 COPIES WITH 30 POSTERS INCLUDED. Including the normal copies, only 140 HANDNUMBERED COPIES were issued. Included with this copy is also the publisher’s large illustrated prospectus with tipped-in specimen sheet. With wood engravings on the half-title and colophon by Hellmuth Weissenborn along with the 30 tipped-in posters on various papers, many of which printed in colours, many are large and fold out. Super folio, in the original binding by the Fine Book Bindery of half buckram over paper covered boards with woodblock on upper cover, coloured endpapers, the book is contained in a folding chemise-style case with silk ties. 2 + posters preceded by captioned leaves pp. A very fine copy, pristine and as from the press.

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The Magnificent Basilisk Press Kelmscott Chaucer
“One of the Great Books of the World”
“Its Splendor...Hardly...Matched”
A Brilliant Copy of the Finest Facsimile - Limited to 515 Copies
With Companion Volume of Original Drawings by Burne-Jones

73 [Kelmscott Press; Basilisk Press] Chaucer, Geoffrey. THE WORKS OF GEOFFREY CHAUCER. [Together With,] A COMPANION VOLUME TO THE KELMSCOTT CHAUCER by Duncan Robinson (London: The Basilisk Press, 1974, 1975) 2 volumes. FIRST BASILISK PRESS EDITION, A LIMITED EDITION, AND THE FINEST FACSIMILE PRODUCTION OF THE GREAT KELMSCOTT PRESS CHAUCER. This being one of only 515 copies printed. The Chaucer is illustrated just as the original with 87 wood-engravings after Sir Edward Burne-Jones, redrawn by Robert Catterson-Smith and cut by W.H. Hooper, wood-engraved title page, fourteen large woodcut borders, eighteen different woodcut frames around the illustrations, twenty-six nineteen-line initial words, and numerous three-line, six-line and ten-line woodcut initial letters, and woodcut printer’s device, all designed by William Morris and cut by C.E Keates, W.H. Hooper, and W. Spielmeyer, with shoulder and side titles. Printed in red and black in Chaucer type, the titles of longer poems printed in Troy type. Text in double columns. The companion volume is illustrated with two tipped in portraits and 85 tipped in plates reproduced from the original pencil drawings by Burne-Jones and with several other illustrations within the text. Large folios (423 x 292 mm), uniformly bound in the original floral patterned red and tan ‘Larkspur’ patterned cloth, designed by William Morris in 1874, with gray paper spine labels lettered in black. The two volumes housed together in a fine slipcase of hard boards covered in blue paper. A set of extra labels tipped in. [4], ii, [2], 554, [1]; 146, [2] pp. An absolutely pristine and as mint set, both volumes perfect in all regards. The slipcase very handsome, strong and solid with only the lightest evidence of age.


This fine and full-size facsimile was printed for The Basilisk Press, London, by The John Roberts Press in Clerkenwell and completed on the 31st day of December, 1974. The blocks made by John Swain and Son, London. The paper specially made at Saint Cuthbert’s Mill at Wells in Somerset by The Inveresk Paper Group. The cloth printed by Liberty of London, and the binding executed by A.W. Lumsden in Edinburgh from designs by and under the direction of, Peter Guy.

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The Very Beautiful Bodoni Anakreon
Bound by Georg Friedrich Krauss in Regal Red Morocco
With Provenance of Duke Albert von Sachsen-Teschen

74  [Anacreon]; Anakreon, (ca. 560-480 BC). ANAKPEONTOΣ THIOS MEAH Praefixo Commentario Et Variant. Lect. [in Greek and Latin] (Parma: Giambattista Bodoni, 1791) Two parts in one volume. The fine sedicesimo edition of 1791 with provenance of Herzog Albrecht Kasimir August von Sachsen-Teschen. Title with an engraved roundel with Anacreon’s portrait by Giuseppe Lucatelli (1751-1828); the following leaf with engraved roundel portrait of the marquis Jose Nicolas de Azara. Text in Greek bound before the text in Latin. 16mo (102x68 mm), in very fine contemporary red morocco, executed by Georg Friedrich Krauss, the leading Viennese binder, for Duke Albert von Sachsen-Teschen. The boards framed within gilt Greek-key roll, the smooth spine with author’s name and imprint in gilt on double green morocco lettering-pieces, four further compartments with the gilt initials ‘AS’ in fine gilt tools and additional gilt tooling, these separated by flat bands trimmed in green morocco and gilt tooled, green silk endpapers, board edges gilt tooled, and turn-ins with gilt dentelles, a.e.g., blue silk ribbon marker. [4], 120; 122, [2] pp. A superb and beautiful copy, the condition being essentially without flaw.

A FINE COPY OF ANACREON BY THE PROMINENT PRINTER AND PUNCHCUTTER GIAMBATTISTA BODONI (1740-1813), OFFERED HERE IN A PRECIOUS MOROCCO BINDING FOR DUKE ALBERT OF SACHSEN-TESCHEN, SON OF FRIEDRICH AUGUST 11 OF SAXONY, KING OF POLAND. Albert had a well-known taste for the arts, his collection of prints and drawings was one of the richest in all of Europe, and he was the founder of the eponymous Albertina in Vienna.

In 1791 Bodoni printed two different editions of Anacreon, one in octavo, and the edition offered here in sedicesimo. The smaller Anacreon is one of the finest books ever executed by the great printer. The text is set in the Greek font he designed a few years prior, which was based on one of Henri Estienne’s 1554 types. His Greek font was highly admired all throughout Europe. The King of France (as Bodoni once stated in a letter) requested two copies of this beautiful gem of a book.

The very fine binding was executed by the leading Viennese binder Georg Friedrich Krauss. Krauss was active between 1791 and 1824, and was one of von Sachsen-Teschen principle binders

C. De Lama r., p. 66; Giani, p. 16; Medan sull’Anacreonle, Parma 1961; Mingardi, Edizioni rt.:Rua Hoffmann t, p. 136; Schoiderer, Greek Printing, p. 13; Catalogue de beaux livres =cm xvo--.,a Albert de Sane-Test!. Milan 1930.

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Lewis Carroll's “Alice in Wonderland” and “Looking Glass”
A Beautifully Bound Set of the First American Editions

75  Carroll, Lewis. ALICE’S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND [with] THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS, AND WHAT ALICE FOUND THERE (Boston [and] New York and London: Lee and Shepard [and] Macmillan & Co., 1869 [and]1872) Together two volumes. The Rare First American Editions of ALICE IN WONDERLAND and THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS. ALICE: Forty-two illustrations by John Tenniel. LOOKING GLASS: Fifty Illustrations by John Tenniel. These 92 illustrations rank among the most famous in all of Children’s literature. 8vos, both volumes in fine full red morocco by Baytun-Riviere, with vignettes on the upper covers in gilt reproduced from the original cloth binding designs, the spines paneled and decorated in gilt in compartments between tall gilt stippled bands, two compartments gilt lettered, gilt board edges and wide gilt decorated turn-ins, a.e.g. Both half-titles, as well as the latter volume’s requisite ad leaf are retained, as well as the original decorated cloth bindings of each volume which are bound in at the ends. Now jointly housed in an open-backed cloth slipcase. [12], 192, [4]; [12], 224, [4] pp. Fine and bright copies with no wear or soiling and with the illustrations especially clean and sharp, LOOKING-GLASS has a faint and charming Christmas 1872 inscription on its half-title.

RARE. THE FIRST AMERICAN EDITIONS OF LEWIS CARROLL’S GREATEST WORKS: ALICE IN WON-
DERLAND and THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS. Lee & Shepard’s 1869 edition of ALICE’S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND is the first edition printed in America. Macmillan’s initial 1865 English printing was considered inferior, and hence was sent to America, where it was equipped with an Appleton title page and sold—the true first edition, outside of a few that survived with London 1865 title leaves. Macmillan then printed another edition for Great Britain with 1866 title-pages. As for THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS, Macmillian issued it in America (with this “New York and London” title page) at the same time that they published their edition in London. These volumes have been perfectly bound by Baytun/Riviere in matching full bright red morocco gilt extra and with the original cloth binding of each volume retained. $11,500.

The Most Magnificent Book of the Italian Renaissance
Colonna’s Hypnerotomachia Poliphili
Le Songe De Poliphile - Ou Hypnertomachie
Replete with a Great Profusion of Fine Engravings
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76 Colonna, Francesco. [HYPNEROTOMACHIA POLIPHILI] LE SONGE DE POLIPHILE, OU HYPNERTOMACHIE de Frère Francesco Colonna, Littéralment traduit pour la première fois, avec une Introduction et des Notes par Claudius Popelin. (Paris: Isidore Liseux, 1883) 2 volumes. FIRST PRINTING OF THIS IMPORTANT LIMITED EDITION, one of only 400 copies on Hollande paper of a total edition of only 410. With a great profusion of illustrations throughout the text being woodcuts after those first issued in the original first edition of 1499 now re-engraved by A. Prunaire. Large 8vo, very handsomely bound in contemporary three-quarter brown morocco over marbled boards, the spines with wide raised bands ruled in blind, two compartments with gilt lettering, marbled endpapers. ccxxvii, 379; 458 pp. A very handsome set, the bindings very attractive and in fine shape with just a little rubbing at the extremities, the text all fine but for the lightest of spotting to which the Hollande paper is prone, in this case it is very minor.

A VERY SCARCE AND BEAUTIFUL EDITION OF COLONNA’S GREAT ROMANCE, THE DREAM OF POLIPHI, THE MOST MAGNIFICENT AND SERENELY BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE. With scholarly notes and a long and very fine introduction and translation Claude Popelin. One of the great works of the early Renaissance, Hypnerotomachia Poliphili presents a mysterious arcane allegory in which the main protagonist, Poliphilo pursues his love, Polia, through a dreamlike landscape. In the end, he is reconciled with her by the “Fountain of Venus”. The original edition, published in 1499, has long been sought after as one of the most beautiful incunabula printed. Here we see that tradition of the printer’s craftsmanship brought to the modern period with woodcuts skillfully copied from French editions dating back to 1546.

The illustrations were so striking for their time that the HYPNEROTOMACHIA served as a sort of pattern-book, influ-
encing book illustration styles all over Europe. For some time, attribution of the illustrations was made to Giovanni Bellini (ca. 1430-1516) or to Raffaello Sanzio (1483-1520) but it is a fact of course, that present scholarship can only conjecture as to the true artist. “[A]rtists...craftsmen...decorators got hold of this incomparable album of compositions in the antique taste. In the countries beyond the Alps its repercussions are even more clearly traceable than in Italy itself, where a greater variety of other sources for the study of classical forms were to be found. In the north an astonishing proportion of all Renaissance ornament and accessory design can clearly be proved to derive from Colonna’s POLIPHILO” (E.P. Goldschmidt, ‘The Printed Book of the Renaissance, 1950, 52).

The text, attributed to “Franciscus Columna” is based on the fact that the woodcut initials form an acrostic of his name, is a blending of the courtly romance of the Middle Ages with the revival of classical culture. It has recently been argued that the hidden author was not the traditional candidate but rather the Servite friar Eliseo da Treviso (fl. 1450-1506): see two articles by Piero Scapecchi in “Accademie e biblioteche d’Italia, 1983: 286sqq. and 1985: 68 sqq. This revised opinion is not strongly grounded however. Collona’s authorship is implied by several contemporary evidences. The aforementioned acrostic (POLIAM FRATER FRANCISVS COLCMNA PERAMAVIT), the unique setting of the first sheet (πl.4) of HYPNEROTOMACHIA preserved in a Berlin copy (presumably a rare cancellandum) contains Italian verse by on Matteo Visconti of Brescia referring more openly to “...Francisco alta columna l Per cui phama imortal de voi [scil. Polia, and Visconti’s own loved one Laurea] rissona.” Finally, an act of the Dominican order; of 5 June 1501, instructed that Francesco Colonna should be compelled to repay expenses which the Provincial of the Order had incurred “on account of the printed book.”

In search of his lost love, Polia, Polifilo is carried through a dream-world of pyramids and obelisks, ruined temples, bacchanalian festivals, and other classical scenes before finding her and attaining enlightenment at the temple of Venus. It “teaches that all human existence is no more than a dream, and along the way records many things most worthy of knowledge.”

George Painter, in his fascinating essay, gives an appropriate context to the book: “Gutenberg’s Forty-two-Line Bible of 1455 and the HYPNEROTOMACHIA of 1499 confront one another from opposite ends of the incunable period with equal and contrasting pre-eminence. The Gutenberg Bible is somberly and sternly German, gothic, Christian, and medieval; the HYPNEROTOMACHIA is radiantly and graciously Italian, classic, pagan, and renascent. These are the two supreme masterpieces of the art of printing, and stand at the two poles of human endeavour and desire.”

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University of Lausanne in Switzerland, where he remained for the rest of his life. He was he first to discover that income follows a power-law probability distribution of wealth in a society, fitting the trend that a large portion of wealth is held by a small fraction of the population, the ‘Pareto distribution’.

Pareto’s legacy in the study of economist is profound. Much in response to his efforts the economics evolved from a branch of moral philosophy, as viewed by Adam Smith, into a data intensive field of scientific research and mathematical equations.

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David Hume - Essays Moral and Political - 1748
The Important First Complete Edition Published by Millar

78 Hume, David. ESSAYS MORAL, AND POLITICAL (London: Printed for A. Millar, 1748) Very early printing, the third, corrected and with additions. The first with all the essays complete. 12mo, handsomely bound in contemporary full polished calf, the spine with five raised bands and a red morocco label lettered and ruled in gilt, board edges gilt hatched, page edges speckled in red. iv, 312 pp. A very handsome copy indeed, the binding is very well preserved and attractive, the text-block crisp and clean and just a touch mellowed by time.

A VERY IMPORTANT WORK BY HUME, AND AN IMPORTANT EDITION. Earlier in 1748 three essays were published in a small volume published in London by Millar. That volume is noteworthy as the first of Hume’s works to bear his name and also as the beginning of his association with Andrew Millar as his chief London publisher. This edition of ESSAYS MORAL, AND POLITICAL was published shortly thereafter, with the three essays incorporated into the work. Hume thus cemented his relationship with Millar and associated his name with the essays of 1741 and 1742 as well. This edition includes all of those essays, and represents the last occasion that Hume used the title “Essays Moral, and Political”. Included within the volume are such significant works as, “Liberty of the Press”, “Of the First Principles of Government”, “Of Avarice”, “Of the Dignity of Human Nature”, “Of Liberty and Despotism”, “Of Eloquence” and many other classic essays. Millar would also be significant in bringing forward to the public Hume’s great work entitled PHILOSOPHICAL ESSAYS CONCERNING HUMAN UNDERSTANDING.

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A Very Rare and Important Work by Samuel Johnson
1747 - The Plan of a Dictionary of the English Language
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79 [Johnson, Samuel]. THE PLAN OF A DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE; Addressed to the Right Honourable Philip Dormer, Earl of Chesterfield; One of His Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State (London: For J. and P. Knapton, T. Longman, et al., 1747) First edition, issue with leaf A reset to exclude the Earl of Chesterfield’s name on the recto and E1v corrected. 4to, very handsomely bound in an antique binding in fine period style by Riviere and Son, most probably in the early 1900’s using proper full mottled calf, the covers with a double gilt ruled frame with round tooled corner-pieces gilt, the spine with two handsome gilt devices and gilt tooled bands, a long brown morocco label handsomely gilt lettered and tooled, very ornate gilt turn-ins, marbled endpapers and a.e.g. 34 pp. A truly handsome copy of this scarce work, the text in fine, fresh and clean condition with only a bit of the minor spotting as is always the case, the binding very fine.

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THE GREATEST LEXICOGRAPHICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND A FEAT UNSURPASSED BY ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL UP TO THE PRESENT TIME.

Although Johnson had at first been encouraged by Chesterfield’s interest, generously allowing that he had “more knowledge than I expected,” he later felt he had been neglected, complaining that he had brought the Dictionary “to the verge of publication, without one act of assistance, one word of encouragement, or one smile of favour” (Boswell, Life, I.262).

Johnson, in undertaking the vast work of creating his dictionary, set out to perform singlehanded for the English language what the French Academy, a century before, had attempted for French. He hoped to produce “a dictionary by which the pronunciation of our language may be fixed, and its attainment facilitated;” and though, of course, no language can be frozen in time, by aiming at fixing the language he succeeded in giving the standard of reputable use. As Noah Webster stated, his work “had, in philology, the effect which Newton’s discoveries had in mathematics.”

“Johnson’s achievement marked an epoch in the history of the language. The result of nine years labor, it did more than any other work before or since towards fixing the language. The preface ranks among Johnson’s finest writings. The most amazing, enduring, and endearing one-man feat in the field of lexicography” (Printing and the Mind of Man). Courtney & Smith 20; Chapman & Hazen, p.13; Fleeman I, p.143; Rothschild 1228; Sledd & Kolb, pp.78-84

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Blaise Pascal - A Masterpiece of French Literature - PMM 140

Les Provincials - In Handsome Fine Full Red Morocco

80 Pascal, Blaise. LES PROVINCIALS ou les Lettres Escrites par Louis De Montalte, a un Provincial de Ses Amis & aux RR. PP. Jesuites: : sur le Sujet de la Morale, & de la Politique de ces Pères. (Cologne [Amsterdam]: Pierre de la Vallee [Elzevier], 1657) First duodecimo edition and First Elzevier edition, same year as the first complete 4to edition printed in Paris. This is the first and uncorrected state of two nearly identical issues. 12mo, beautifully bound in regal 18th century full red morocco, the covers framed by an elaborate decorative gilt rolled border surrounding a gilt coat of arms, the spine beautifully gilt tooled in compartments between fine gilt tooled bands, one compartment with a black morocco label gilt lettered and stippled, gilt turn-ins and board edges, marbled endpapers, a.e.g. Ex-Libris of the Chateau de Sampigny. [xxiv] 398, 111 pp. A fine and beautiful copy.

FIRST ELZEVIER AND EXTREMELY EARLY PRINTING OF THIS MASTERPIECE OF THE MODERN FRENCH LANGUAGE. PMM 140. “The vividness and distinction of his style recalls the prose of Milton at its best”. Elzevier’s was Pascal’s definitive version of the text. It was the first edition to gather the eighteen letters within continuous pagination, and has become the standard text for all successive editions. It also contains, attached at the end and paginated separately the ‘Advis de Messieurs les Curez de Paris “The Lettres Provinciales, as they are called, are the first example of French prose as we know it today, perfectly finished in form, varied in style, and on a subject of universal importance... Pascal’s weapon was irony, and the freshness with which the gravity of the subject contrasts with the lightness of the manner is an enduring triumph. The vividness of and distinction of his style recalls the prose of Milton at its best”. PMM 140.

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“Theuerdank” - The Great Chivalric Epic - Maximilian I
One of the Most Spectacular German Illustrated Books
A Gem of the Early Renaissance - Pfintzing’s Masterpiece

81 Pfintzing, Melchior. [THEUER-DANCK] Der Aller-Durchleuchtigste Ritter, Oder die Rittermassige, Hoch-Theure, Hochst-Gefährliche und Glorwurdigste Groß-Thaten, Abentheuer, Glucks-Wechselungen und Siges-Zeichen deß Aller-Großmachtigsten, Unuberwindlichsten, Dapfersten... Heldens Mazimiliani I Wie Solche... Unter em Nahmen Theur-Danck, Zu Offentlichem Druck Befordert (Ulm: Matthaus Wagner fur Matthaus Schultes, 1679) With an engraved frontispiece and 117 numbered woodcuts by Hans Burgkmair, Leopold Schaufelein, Leonhard Beck and others reprinted from the sixteenth century plates, engraved initials and tail-pieces throughout. Folio, in antique half vellum over marbled boards, with institutional gold wax seal on upper board, spine lettered in manuscript. 125 ff; 58 pp. Very handsomely preserved and a very pleasing copy with a bit of age evidence to the binding and some mellowing to the prelims.

A FINE EARLY ISSUE OF ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR GERMAN ILLUSTRATED BOOKS OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY. The poem is an allegorical chivalric romance celebrating the exploits of the hero (Emperor Maximilian I) in overcoming a series of obstacles in his journey to seek the hand in marriage of Queen Ernreich (Mary of Burgundy) in 1478. Parts of the text were composed by Maximilian himself, who had made the first drafts in 1505-8; his private secretary Melchior Pfintzing oversaw completion of the poem and edited the work. Other contributors were Maximilian’s Silberkammerer Sigismund von Dietrichstein and his Geheimsekretar Marx Trettzauerwein; Johann Stabius and the humanist Conrad Peutinger worked with the printers and artists. A contract survives dated 17 December 1508, in which Maximilian awarded the Augsburg printer Schonsperger, a specialist in the production of German illustrated books, the post of Imperial printer for life, at an annual salary of 10 florins.

This printing contains additional preliminary material by Matthaus Schultes and a 58 page work on Maximilian I. $12,750.

The Abolition of the Africa Slave Trade
A Rare Complete Set of Clarkson's History - 1808
A Copy with Fine Associated Provenance
Highly Influential and Much Sought After

82 [Slavery; Abolition] Clarkson, Thomas. THE HISTORY OF THE RISE, PROGRESS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ABDOLITION OF THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE BY THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT (Philadelphia: James P. Park, 1808) 2 volumes. First American edition, from the London edition of the same year. A COPY WITH FINE PROVENANCE. With the famous folding plate showing the arrangements of slaves on slave ships, a folding engraved plate symbolically depicting the history of the Abolitionist movement as a series of small streams conjoining to form greater rivers and flowing in wide deltas, and a plate depicting types of shackles, all complete and as called for. 8vo, contemporary mottled calf, the spines with flat bands double-ruled in gilt, with red morocco labels gilt ruled and lettered, and smaller oval volume labels of red morocco gilt lettered with a gilt wreath. 455, 468 pp. A complete set, rarely encountered with all three engraved plates, the text with some of the spotting and toning always found with this title, general mellowing but far less than is typical to both text and bindings. The contemporary bindings are
solid and handsome with only light rubbing at the edges, the folding plates are each complete and intact showing only short closed tears and no loss.

**FIRST EDITION, AMERICAN PRINTING OF ONE OF THE PRIMARY WORKS OF THE ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT, SCARCE AND SOUGHT-AFTER BY COLLECTORS. RARE WHEN COMPLETE WITH ALL PLATES AS HERE.** Clarkson was one of the most influential leaders in the campaign against the slave trade in the British Empire. He helped found The Society for Effecting the Abolition of the Slave Trade (also known as the Society for the Abolition of the Slave Trade) and helped achieve passage of the Slave Trade Act of 1807, which ended British trade in slaves. Ultimately, he would devote his life to abolishing the slave trade. This book was at the time the most compete history of the movement, its background and moral imperative.

This set having belonged to Samuel Philbrick, a pioneer abolitionist. His efforts took great courage at a time when the anti-slavery movement was very unpopular in New England. The Philbrick house in Brookline [Massachusetts] would in later years become one of the principal stations on the “underground railroad”. His name is inscribed in each volume, along with a note saying, “A gift from Wm Kotch / 1810”. Philbrick outlived much of the odium attached to the name of “abolitionist,” and saw the abolitionist ranks swell by thousands. Unfortunately, he died in September, 1859, never seeing the end of slavery in America and the success of all the abolitionist efforts.

$3500.

**Spinoza’s Tractatus Theologico-Politicus**  
One of the Most Important Philosophical Works of the Period  
A Foundational Work in Liberty and Democratic Thought  
The Very Rare First Edition in the Original Dutch - 1693

83 Spinoza, Baruch De. **DE RECHTZINNIGE THEOLOGANT, OF GODEGEERDE STAATKUNDIGE VERHANDELINGE. UIT HET LATIJN VERTAALT. [THE ORTHODOX THEOLOGIAN OR THEOLOGICAL-POLITICAL TREATISE; TRACTATUS THEOLOGICO-POLITICUS]** (Amsterdam: N.p.: Henricus Koenraad’ (i.e. Jan Rieuwiertersz jun.), 1693) First edition in Dutch of TRACTATUS THEOLOGICO-POLITICUS, the THEOLOGICAL-POLITICAL TREATISE. 8vo [16 x 20cm], handsomely bound in full vellum with leather bands, spine lettered in manuscript. (xxviii), 360 pp. A very fine and handsome copy of this very scarce first edition printing, the text-block very fresh and clean, a strong impression of the text, the binding as pristine.

**FIRST ISSUE, FIRST PRINTING OF THE VERY RARE DUTCH EDITION WHICH SPINOZA DID NOT WANT PUBLISHED OUT OF FEAR OF RETRIBUTION. QUITE ELUSIVE, AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PHILOSOPHICAL WORKS OF THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD.** Baruch Spinoza is unquestionably one of the most important philosophers of all time -- and certainly, perhaps the most radical of the early modern period. His thought combines a commitment to Cartesian metaphysical and epistemological principles with elements from ancient Stoicism and medieval Jewish rationalism into a nonetheless highly original system. He extremely naturalistic views on God, the world, the human being and knowledge serve to ground a moral philosophy centered on the control of the passions leading to virtue and happiness. They also lay the foundations for a strongly democratic political thought and a deep critique of the pretensions of Scripture and sectarian religion. Of all the philosophers of the seventeenth-century, perhaps none have more relevance today than Spinoza.

Spinoza’s aim in TRACTATUS THEOLOGICO-POLITICUS, which he completed and published anonymously in 1670, was to prove that the stability and security of society is not undermined, but rather enhanced by freedom of thought, meaning primarily, the freedom to philosophize. As is clear from the text, he concluded that the primary threat to this freedom
emanated from the clergy, whom he accused of playing upon the fears and superstitions of people in order to maintain power. His solution was to divest the clergy of all political power, even to placing authority over the practice of religion into the hands of the sovereign. The sovereign, Spinoza argued, should extend broad liberties within this domain, requiring adherence to no more than a minimal creed that was neutral with respect to competing sects and the meaning of which was open to a variety of interpretations. This he hoped, would allow philosophers the freedom to do their work unencumbered by the constraints of sectarianism.

As was to be expected, the work was met with a firestorm of criticism. It was condemned as a work of evil, and its author was accused of having nefarious intentions in writing it. Even some of Spinoza's closest friends were deeply unsettled by it. Though he had assiduously tried to avoid it, Spinoza found himself embroiled in heated religious controversy and saddled with a reputation for atheism, something he greatly resented.

Shortly after the publication, Spinoza moved to the Hague, where he was to live out his remaining years. Besides having to deal with fallout from this treatise, he witnessed a political revolution that culminated in the murder by an angry Orangist-Calvinists mob of the Grand Pensionary of Holland, Jan De Witt as well as his brother Cornelius. Spinoza admired De Witt for his liberal policies and was horrified by the murder. With the ascent of the Orangist-Calvinist faction, he felt his own situation to be tenuous.

In the words of PRINTING AND THE MIND OF MAN, “...[The TRACTATUS THEOLOGICO-POLITICUS] constituted an extension to political thought of his ethical views. Man is moved to the knowledge and love of God; the love of God involves the love of our fellow men. Man, in order to obtain security, surrenders part of his right of independent action to the State. But the State exists to give liberty, not to enslave; justice, wisdom and toleration are essential to the sovereign power.

Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677), scion of a leading Jewish family in Europe’s most cosmopolitan city of the seventeenth century, Amsterdam, provided the intellectual architecture for a philosophic structure which would level current assumptions and conclusions. For his endeavors, Spinoza was excommunicated by his own community and his name, Baruch-Benedict (which means blessed), became anathema both in the community he left and the larger community he never entered. During his lifetime, Spinoza’s works were published anonymously, and even his posthumously published Opera contains neither place nor date of publication. His rise to a central position in the drama of humankind’s search for truth came slowly but inexorably as human reason came to be more and more relied upon over the ideas promulgated by an adherence to divine dogma. It is said that Thomas Jefferson would have been one of the first Americans to have accepted Spinoza as his spiritual kin.

$26,500.

A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy
A Rare and Very Early First Edition Copy With the Ad Leaf
One of the Core Books in Eighteenth Century Literature

84  [Sterne, Laurence] Mr. Yorick.  A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY THROUGH FRANCE AND ITALY  (London: For T. Becket and P. A. De Hondt, 1768)  2 volumes.  The very scarce First Edition, this copy with the EXTREMELY RARE Author’s “Advertisement” leaf following the title-page of Vol. I. As Sterne died in March of the year of publication this leaf was included in only the very earliest copies.  This copy also includes the very scarce list of subscribers.  With a copper engraving of Sterne’s family arms.  Small 8vo, in full antique chocolate morocco, the boards bordered in gilt, the spines with gilt ruled raised bands creating compartments with a single gilt floral central tool, two compartments gilt lettered, board edges gilt, gilt tooled turn-ins, marbled endpapers, a.e.g.  xx, 203; (2), 208 pp.  Internally fine and very fresh copies of the scarce first edition, the handsome bindings at some time restored at the hinges, a quite solid and attractive set.

RARE FIRST EDITION OF THIS FAMOUS WORK BY LAURENCE STERNE.  This copy with the very rare Advertisement leaf and list of subscribers.  Rothschild variant state with “vous” on page 150 of Volume I; and Volume II with pages 34 and 35 misnumbered and with “who have” on page 133 (no priority established).

Sterne travelled through France and Italy as far south as Naples, and after returning determined to describe his travels from a sentimental point of view. The novel can be seen as an epilogue to the possibly unfinished work The Life and Opinions of Tristram
Shandy, Gentleman, and also as an answer to Tobias Smollett’s decidedly unsentimental Travels through France and Italy. Sterne had met Smollett during his travels in Europe, and strongly objected to his spleen, acerbity and quarrelsomeness. He modeled the character of Smelfungus on him.

The novel was extremely popular and influential and helped establish travel writing as the dominant genre of the second half of the 18th century. According to Drabble, “[Sterne] is generally acknowledged as an innovator of the highest originality, and has been seen as the chief begetter of a long line of writers interested in the ‘stream-of-consciousness’.” Rothschild 1971; Drabble 937.

$4500.

A Whitman Family Copy - A Copy with Fine Provenance
The Poet’s Greatest Work - Leaves of Grass - Printed 1856
Brooklyn - For the Author - The First Octavo Edition

85 Whitman, Walt. LEAVES OF GRASS (Brooklyn: [for the author], 1856) The rare first octavo edition and second edition overall. A COPY WITH FINE PROVENANCE AND A SUPERB ASSOCIATION COPY AND AS WELL, A WHITMAN FAMILY COPY. Printed for the author. With a portrait frontispiece. 8vo, the printer/publisher’ original green cloth, gilt decorated on the cover as the first edition and with gilt designs and lettering developed especially for this printing. A very good copy with some light foxing as is typical. The spine has a bit of wear at the head and tail, some light evidence of wear or age overall, a well preserved, tight copy, hinges in good order, a copy with fine provenance.

FIRST OCTAVO EDITION, PRINTED ONE YEAR AFTER THE FIRST, AND AGAIN, IN BROOKLYN AND FOR THE AUTHOR.
A COPY WITH FINE PROVENANCE AND A SPLENDID ASSOCIATION COPY, most probably belonging to Whitman’s sister and then passed on to her daughter Zora Tuthill with Ms. Tuthill’s ownership inscription on the front free-fly. From a Whitman family collection.

This second edition was greatly enlarged by the addition of 20 poems, as well as a laudatory letter from Ralph Waldo Emerson, Whitman’s long reply, and several reviews of the books (including Whitman’s own anonymous review, originally published in the Brooklyn “Daily Times”). The book is usually found in rough condition if found at all.

An important contemporary of Whitman’s and a revered figure in the New England landscape of the American Renaissance, Bronson Alcott recorded in his journal for October 4, 1856, that he had gone to Brooklyn to see Walt Whitman. “I pass a couple of hours, and find him to be an extraordinary person, full of brute power, certainly of genius and audacity, and likely to make his mark on Young America—he affirming himself to be its representative man and poet. I must meet him again, and more than once, to mete his merits and place in this Pantheon of the West. He gives me his new book of poems, the Leaves of Grass, 2nd edition, with new verses, and asks me to write him if I have any more to say about him or his master, Emerson....” Alcott also refers to Whitman’s generosity in a letter to his wife on 10 October: “I crossed to Brooklyn and passed some hours with Walt Whitman the Poet, author of the Leaves of Grass, of which he gave me a copy of the new edition, just published, and containing a characteristic letter of his in answer to Emerson, printed some time since in ‘the Tribune.’ I am well rewarded for finding this extraordinary man, and shall see more of him before I leave N.Y.” Alcott did indeed see more of him—he returned with Henry David Thoreau and had an interesting visit, during which Whitman gave Thoreau a copy of the book as well. See Alcott JOURNALS, p. 286; Wells and Goldsmith, pp. 5-6.

$22,500.
One Great Writer on Another Great Writer - 1931
Samuel Beckett - One of His Earliest Works - First Edition
Proust - “an Aesthetic and Epistemological Manifesto”

86 Beckett, Samuel. PROUST (London: Chatto & Windus, 1931) First edition of Beckett’s second book. 8vo, original cream boards extensively decorated with pictorial designs on both covers and the spine in brown, in the original and scarce dustjacket of cream paper decoratively printed in blue. Now housed in a red cloth slipcase with morocco label gilt and chemise. 72 pp. A very fine and attractive copy, the cloth and jacket as pristine and essentially mint, the text-block equally fine.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS VERY SCARCE EARLY WORK BY SAMUEL BECKETT, ONLY HIS SECOND BOOK, ESSAYS ON THE WRITINGS OF PROUST. Beckett wrote ‘Proust’ during his stay at the École Normale in Paris in the summer of 1930. Written in response to a commission set forth by Richard Aldington, Thomas MacGreevy and Charles Prentice. Beckett states, on behalf of his subject, “We cannot know and we cannot be known.” The language is both allusive and dense, and served as Beckett’s aesthetic and epistemological manifesto. The essay is far more concerned with with Beckett’s own preoccupations and influences than it actually is with its titular subject.

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The Silver Map of Drake’s World Voyage
An Excellent Study Well Illustrated - First Edition

87 [Drake, Sir Francis; Voyages]; Christy, Miller. THE SILVER MAP OF THE WORLD A Contemporary Medallion Commemorative of Drake’s Great Voyage (1577-80). A Geographical Essay Including some Critical Remarks on the Zeno Narrative and Chart of 1558.... (London: Henry Stevens, Son & Stiles, 1900) First edition. With a frontispiece photographic facsimile of the silver map, and facsimiles of seven other contemporary charts referred to, one of which is a large fold-out and the others are all double-page, and with two fold-out diagrammatic charts, and with decorative cuts. 8vo, in the publisher’s original navy blue cloth, the upper cover lettered and decorated in silver featuring a reproduction of the Silver Map, the spine lettered and decorated in silver in a nautical motif, edges untrimmed. xii, 71pp., 16pp. ads. A fine copy inside and out, the endpapers only a bit toned, trivial edge rubbing, otherwise very clean, fresh and bright.

A FASCINATING AND DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE FAMED DRAKE MEDALLION, THE ‘SILVER MAP’ OF WHICH THERE ONLY THREE COPIES ARE KNOWN. The author was a respected authority on archaeology, and over a forty year period he published many books and articles. The ‘Silver Map’, first seen by him in one of the cases in the Medieval Gallery of the British Museum, is a thin 70 millimeter diameter circular silver plate richly engraved on both sides with finely detailed map of the world. The eastern hemisphere is displayed on one side, the western on the other. A dotted line, along which engraved ships in full sail and many legend are placed, indicates the route followed by Drake on his famous voyage around the world.

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One of the Earliest American Books on Pacific Voyages
Lapérouse, Maurelle and Vancouver - Printed in Boston, 1801

88 Peyrouse, M. De La; Maurelle, Don Antonio; Vancouver, Capt. G. A VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD. Performed in the Years 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, Abridged From the Original French Journal of M. De La Peyrouse... To Which Are Added, A VOYAGE FROM MANILLA TO CALIFORNIA, By Don Antonio Maurelle; and an Abstract of the VOYAGES AND DISCOVERIES OF THE LATE CAPT. G. VANCOUVER (Boston: For Joseph Bumstead by Thomas and Andrews, et al, 1801) First American edition. With a several page table of Latitudes, woodcut initials. 12mo, bound to correct period style in full mottled calf, the spine with gilt ruled bands and a single red morocco label gilt lettered. vi, 333pp. A solid and attractively bound copy, internally with some general toning and foxing, evidence of long-ago damp to some pages.

FIRST EDITION, AMERICAN ISSUE OF ONE OF THE EARLIEST BOOKS ON PACIFIC OCEAN VOYAGES TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES. Now rather scarce, it was intended to be a lower cost abridged alternative to the original works here collected and published earlier in Europe. La Pérouse was appointed in 1785 by Louis XVI to lead an expedition around the world. Many countries were initiating voyages of scientific explorations at that time. Among his 114 man crew were ten scientists, an astronomer and mathematician, a geologist, a botanist, a physicist, three naturalists, and three illustrators. Indeed even both chaplains were scientifically schooled. Among the places visited were Eas-
ter Island, Hawaii, Alaska, California, East Asia, Japan, Russia and Australia.

Mourelle was a Galician naval officer and explorer serving the Spanish crown. His journal was somehow taken clandestinely to London where it was translated and published. Captain James Cook made use of the information in Mourelle’s journal during his travels in the Pacific Northwest.

George Vancouver explored and charted North America’s northwestern Pacific Coast regions, including the coasts of contemporary British Columbia, Canada and Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. He also explored the Hawaiian Islands and the southwest coast of Australia. Hill 976. Forbes 331. Ferguson 333.

$850.

**Murder and Mayhem on the High Seas**

*The Last Words and Dying Confessions of the Three Pirates*  
*A Very Early American True Crime Drama*

89 [Piracy, Pirates]; La Croix, Berrouse, & Baker. **THE LAST WORDS AND DYING CONFESSION OF THE THREE PIRATES, Who Were Executed This Day, (May 9th, 1800) (Philadelphia [Scarsdale]: From Folwell’s Press [Morgan & Morgan], [1800], [nd])** First facsimile edition, nearly as rare as the first edition printed from the original at the Foul Anchor Archives, Vale Place, Rye, N.Y. PRESENTATION COPY. The 8 page original pamphlet and its woodcut decorated wrapper finely reproduced in exact detail. 8vo, the pamphlet with wrapper bound in black cloth lettered in gilt on the upper cover. 8 pp. A pristine copy, the front hinge stressed due to the way the pamphlet is attached to the binding but otherwise appearing as mint.  

**FIRST OF THE EDITION, THE SCARCE REPRODUCTION OF A NOTORIously RARE PIRACY BOOK, THE EXECUTION AND CONFESSIONS OF Joseph Baker (alias Boulanger), Peter La Croix, and Joseph Berrouse, for piracy. The three were convicted of murder and piracy committed on the high seas while on board the schooner Eliza under Captain Wm. Wheland, during a voyage from Philadelphia bound for St. Thomas. The three Canadian pirates siezed the ship, but it was recaptured by Captain Wheland, the only person who survived the barbarity.** The three signed aboard in Philadelphia, but soon after leaving port they seized control of the ship, attacking the first mate during night watch and throwing him overboard. As none of the pirates were able to navigate the ship, they kept Wheland alive so he could sail them to the “Spanish Main” where they would rendezvous with other pirates. But Wheland managed to surprise his captors, locking LaCroix and Berrouse in the ship’s hold when they were counting their ill-gotten-gains. Then, sneaking up on Baker while he was at the wheel, Wheland chased him up the mainmast and forced him to lash himself to the mast.

$550.

**Woodes Rogers Buccaneering Classic**  
*A Cruising Voyage Round the World 1708 -1711*  
*The Inspiration for Robinson Crusoe and Much Pirate Lore*

90 [Pirates, Piracy, Buccaneers]; Rogers, Capt. Woodes. **A CRUISING VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD: First to the South-Seas, thence to the East-Indies, and homewards by the Cape of Good Hope; Begun in 1708, and finish’d in 1711. Containing A Journal Of All The Remarkable Transactions Particularly Of The Taking Of PunaGuiaquil Of The Acapulca Ship and Other Prizes... (London: For Bernard Lintot and Edward Simon, 1726)** Second Edition, Corrected, of this very scarce Buccaneering classic. With five finely engraved folding maps, being Herman Moll’s beautiful map of the world and four maps depicting the Pacific Coastline from Mexico to Chile, and with the very impressive folding engraved plates (added for this edition) of an alligator and a crocodile. 8vo, in full contemporary calf, the spine with raised bands and a single black morocco label gilt ruled and lettered. xix, 428,
The Adventures and Piracies of Captain Singleton
Daniel Defoe’s Work in the Tradition of Esquemeling
 Very Scarce and Important - 1768 - London Printed

91 [Pirates, Piracy, Defoe, Daniel]; “Singleton, Capt. Bob”. THE LIFE, REMARKABLE ADVENTURES AND PYRACIES OF CAPTAIN SINGLETON: Containing an Account of His Being Set on Shore in the Island of Madagascar, His Settlement There, with a Description of the Place and Inhabitants; of His Passage from Thence, in a Paraguay, to the Main Land of Africa, with an Account of the Customs and Manners of the People: His Great Deliverances from the Barbarous Natives and Wild Beasts: of His Meeting with an Englishman, a Citi-

TIONS ADDED.

Captain Woodes Rogers’ account of his voyage, and of fighting as a Privateer against the Spanish during the War of the Spanish Succession, is a lively colourfully written adventure that has become near legendary. “It is a work of great interest and possesses a quaint humor that renders it delightful reading. In many respects the voyage was a notable one, but in none more than this, that with a mongrel crew, and with officers often mutinous, good order and discipline were maintained throughout” (DNB).

Commanding two frigates, ‘Duke’ and ‘Duchess’, and captaining the first, Rogers spent three years circumnavigating the globe. The ships departed Bristol on 1 August 1708. William Dampier was aboard as Rogers’ sailing master. Rogers stocked his ships with limes to fend off scurvy, a practice not universally accepted at that time.[17] After reaching the Pacific Ocean, the ships’ provisions of limes were exhausted and seven men died of the vitamin deficiency disease. Dampier was able to guide the ships to little-known Juan Fernandez Island to replenish supplies of fresh produce. It was here that Rogers rescued the castaway Alexander Selkirk, who had been stranded there four years previously. Rogers found Selkirk to be “wild-looking” and “wearing goatskins”, noting in his journal, “He had with him his clothes and bedding, with a firelock, some powder, bullets and tobacco, a hatchet, a knife, a kettle, a Bible and books.” Selkirk was to become an inspiration for the classic novel Robinson Crusoe, written by Rogers’ friend, Daniel Defoe.

“It has interest for students of literature in that from Rogers’ and Cooke’s accounts of [Alexander] Selkirk, Defoe found material for his Robinson Crusoe, who in the person of Selkirk had been left on the Island of Guam some four years before. It is interesting to note that the Island of Guam, which treated Captain Cowley so handsomely, did likewise with Rogers. Rogers was one of the few fortunate adventurers to make a prize haul of the plate ship which sailed annually from Manila to Acapulco, Mexico” (Cox).

The maps included were largely created from maps and manuscripts stolen from the Spanish, and are thus the best English maps of those regions that were available at that time.

$4500.
zen of London, Among the Indians, the Great Riches He Acquired, and His Voyage Home to England. Also the Captain’s Return to Sea, with an Account of His Many Adventures and Pyracies with the Famous Captain Avery and Others (London: Printed for F. Noble, et al., 1768) The third edition of this work by Daniel Defoe. 8vo, bound in contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, the spine with compartments separated by gilt ruled bands and a single black morocco label gilt lettered and tooled. 299, [1] pp. A handsome and very well preserved copy, quite rare in a contemporary binding. The text is solid and quite fresh with only some minor evidence of age, the binding is in very pleasing condition with light and honest age mellowing.

VERY SCARCE, ALL EARLY EDITIONS OF DEFOE’S ANONYMOUSLY PUBLISHED WORK ARE SCARCE. CAPTAIN SINGLETON is a fine work of adventure in the tradition of Esquemeling and presents a hero quite different from the title character in ROBINSON CRUSOE. Singleton is believed to have been partly inspired by the exploits of the English pirate Henry Every.

There are both adventures on land and at sea in this one volume. The first half of the novel includes a remarkable overland trek across Africa after Singleton is stranded in Madagascar, and the second half is almost entirely at sea, involving piratical heists in the East Indies. Eventually, ‘Captain Bob’ returns to England with his spoils, disguised as an Armenian.

Singleton’s adventurous life begins with his abduction and sale as a young boy into slavery. Some believe this was meant to be a commentary on the institution of slavery itself. Defoe speaks of the ‘Plantation’ within the novel, calling it ‘a site of unfree, hard labor’, suggesting comparisons to slavery in the North American colonies and the Caribbean.

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Lives and Exploits of the Most Notorious Pirates
A Rare Imprint - In Original Embossed Cloth

92 [Pirates, Piracy]; Douglas, T. Attributed. THE LIVES AND EXPLOITS OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS PIRATES AND THEIR CREWS (London: Richardson and Son, [circa 1847]) A very rare early imprint, first of the printing. With engraved frontispiece of a pirate attack and decorated title-page with vignette of “Paul Jones Shooting his Lieutenant”. 12mo, in the publisher’s original cloth, the boards embossed in blind, the spine gilt lettered. 324 pp. A nice copy of this rare book, the original cloth a bit mottled as would be expected, internally, generally crisp and clean with some mellowing and age evidence but very well preserved nonetheless, the hinges a bit tender.

A RARE IMPRINT, FIRST OF THE PRINTING, WORLDCAT LISTS ONLY 4 COPIES. The text is derived largely from LIVES, EXPLOITS AND CRUELITIES, attributed by the National Maritime Museum to T. Douglas, but with the addition of several more lives not included in that earlier work. There are 34 in this edition, among them are such famous names as Blackbeard, Captain Kidd, Lafitte and John Paul Jones.

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Very Rare and Early Work on the Most Famous Pirates
Lives, Exploits and Cruelties - 1840 - Original Cloth
Only One Copy Known in Institutional Holdings

93 [Pirates, Piracy]; Douglas, T. Attributed]. LIVES, EXPLOITS AND CRUELTIES OF THE MOST CELEBRATED PIRATES AND SEA ROBBERS. Brought Down to the Present Period (Liverpool: Thomas Johnson, 1840) VERY RARE, presumed first edition, this Liverpool imprint predates the London and all others on Worldcat. All of the imprints are very rare. For this imprint, only one copy is listed in institutional holdings. With engraved frontispiece of the death of Blackbeard and decorated titlepage with vignette of "Pirates Ashore". 12mo, in the publisher’s original cloth, the boards attractively embossed in blind, the spine gilt lettered within a gilt vignette of a pirate planting a flag, yellow endpapers. 448pp. A handsome copy of this very rare book, the original cloth well preserved and in original state being only very mildly mellowed. Internally very clean and fresh, a few page edges just a bit rubbe, front hinge a bit tender.

FIRST EDITION AND VERY RARE, AND THE EARLIEST IMPRINT WE CAN FIND IN ANY REFERENCE. While there several others in the 1840s and 1850s all of them are quite rare, with two or three copies at most for any of them as listed in OCLC. The American Philosophical Society appears to be the only institution to have this Liverpool imprint.

The work contains short biographies of 28 specific pirates, among them are such famous names as Blackbeard, Captain Kidd and Jean Lafitte. In an interesting example of perspective, this British work describes the notorious pirate John Paul Jones, whom in the United States is considered “Father of the American Navy” and one of the great heroes of the Revolution. Additionally there is a history of the Joassamee Pirates of the Persian Gulf and a history of the Algerian Pirates. The text is attributed by the National Maritime Museum to T. Douglas.

$5500.

Rare First Edition on Piracy - 1831
History of the Pirates who Infested the China Sea

94 [Pirates, Piracy]; Yung-lun Yüan; Neumann, Charles Fried. [Translator]. HISTORY OF THE PIRATES WHO INFESTED THE CHINA SEA, From 1807 to 1810. Translated From the Chinese Original, With Notes and Illustrations (London: For the Oriental Translation Fund by J. Murray, et al., 1831) First edition in English and a scarce work on piracy in China, extracted complete from Neumann’s ‘Translations from the Chinese and Armenian’ which contained other works not related to piracy. With a the leaf of Chinese calligraphy as frontispiece, pronunciation marks and symbols throughout. 8vo, bound in later red cloth, the spine lettered and ruled in gilt. xlvii, 128 pp. A very well preserved copy, the text-block in fine condition, the binding with a little bit of age-wear, the front inner hinge slightly open though still holding firmly.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS VERY SCARCE EARLY TRANSLATION FROM THE CHINESE AND A RARE LOOK AT PIRACY IN THE CHINA SEA. The author is a certain Yung-lun Yüan, a native of the market town Shun tih, south of Canton, the account was published in Canton in 1830. It is an account of the “extraordinary disturbances caused by pirates” beginning in 1807. Piracy on the coast of China inflicted chaos and serious economic damage, with huge mobs of bandits attacking coastal villages which had little defense. The pirates were also wreaking havoc at sea, making trade and commerce high risk activities. Yung-lun Yüan’s account of this period is a very colourful depiction of the pirate scourge, interwoven with narratives
of the pirates themselves as well as the courageous civilians who resisted them.

$450.

The Pirates Own Book - 1837
A History of the Pirates - A Very Scarce Portland Imprint
Authentic Narratives of the Lives, Exploits and Executions

95 [Pirates; American Piracy]; [Ellms, Charles]. THE PIRATES OWN BOOK, or Authentic Narratives of the Lives, Exploits, and Executions of the Most Celebrated Sea Robbers. With Historical Sketches of the Joassamee, Spanish, Ladrone, West India, Malay, and Algerine Pirates (Portland and Philadelphia: Sanborn & Carter and Thomas, Cowperthwait, & Co., [1837]) First edition, Portland and Philadelphia imprint. With engraved title page featuring the pirate carrying off the Dutch woman and many engraved illustrations throughout, some full page. The work includes important pictures of the time and place. The Pirates Own Book is amazing for the amount of illustration it contains. Few pirate books, of any period can rival the quantity of illustrations, full page, half-page, head-pieces, tail-pieces and details. 8vo, publisher’s original gray-blue ribbed cloth paneled in blind, the spine with gilt lettering and gilt skull and crossbones with anchor within a gilt-ruled box and with blind ruled bands. xii, 432, pp. A handsome and very pleasing copy of this great rarity in publisher’s cloth, some age evidence to the cloth as would be expected, some minor chipping or wear at the edges or extremities but in-all, still very attractive, the text quite clean and fresh for this printing, some light foxing throughout and occasional toning at the edges but far less than is the norm, the hinges and text firm, strong and tight.

FIRST PORTLAND AND PHILADELPHIA EDITION, RARE. ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT BOOKS TO FIND IN ANY FIRST EDITION FORMAT. It is, for all intents and purposes, a biographical history of pirates, illuminating the most famous members of the group. Well illustrated and well written, it has proven to be a cornerstone in any collection of books on piracy printed in America.

THE PIRATES OWN BOOK contains a great deal of work gathered from a wide variety of sources, including Capt. Charles Johnson. The anonymous compiler was Charles Ellms, a Boston stationer, published by S. A. Dickinson, printer, in Boston, who worked primarily in the 1830’s.

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fully executed reproduction of the original publisher’s binding, brown cloth with the upper cover paneled in blind the spine with gilt lettering and gilt skull and crossbones with anchor within a gilt-ruled box and with blind ruled bands. xii, 432, pp. A handsome and very pleasing copy of this great rarity, the text well preserved for this printing, some foxing throughout and occasional toning at the edges but less than the norm, the binding, which nicely reproduces the original, is as pristine and in very fine condition.

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The Highly Important American Atlas of 1796
First Edition - With the Very Rare Map & Plan of Washington
Published by John Reid - New York - Folio - 21 Maps

with an antiqued paper label printed in black on the upper cover. 21 plates, most being on sheets 18.5 by 16.25 inches. An extraordinary example, the rare maps beautifully preserved, complete and neatly tipped to stubs for binding, the maps with no tears or loss and very little age evidence, a number of the maps with neat and interesting manuscript notations to the versos in an antique hand executed in sepia coloured ink. Many of these manuscript notations log distances between locations or similar geographic comment. We would suggest that these add significantly to the honesty and interest of the copy and in no case do they detract from or affect the images. Some of the maps are neatly numbered in a corner in the same early hand, an additional leaf of notes is bound in at the rear, a little occasional age spotting, all very minor. An exceptional example very well preserved indeed.

FIRST EDITION, HIGHLY IMPORTANT, OF ONE OF THE MOST RARE AND INTERESTING AMERICAN ATLASES. THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND ATLAS PRINTED IN AMERICA (after Carey’s Atlas of 1795) AND INCLUDES THE VERY RARE PLAN OF WASHINGTON, D.C., A MAP WHICH IS NEARLY ALWAYS MISSING FROM COPIES OF THE WORK. The twenty other maps included represent; North America, South America, the United States, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and adjoining territories, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and the West Indies.

In 1796 New York bookseller John Reid issued an American edition of William Winterbotham’s ‘History of America’, which had been originally issued in London during the previous year. The London edition was accompanied by an atlas of nine maps drawn by John Russell. For his edition Reid created a more substantial Atlas containing twenty-one maps. Reid’s was only the second such atlas printed in the United States, after that of Mathew Carey, whose atlas had been published the previous year and which influenced Reid considerably. Reid however included one of the earliest printed plans of the District of Columbia, which Carey had not included. The plan of Washington was adapted from Ellicott’s official plan of the city, but by way of of Russell’s Atlas printed in London. The maps of North America, South America, West Indies, United States, and Kentucky were also largely drawn from Russell’s atlas, the others were new and drawn from the best sources Reid had available at the time.

Reid’s Atlas was only the second American atlas published in this country, and this is the first and only edition of it. Evans 31078; Howes R170; Siebert Sale 215; Phillips Atlases 1216, 1366; Rumsey 845; Sabin 69016
$18,500.
The Indian Tribes of North America - A Wonderful Set
With 120 Hand-Coloured Plates of the American Indians
One of the Few Great Contemporary Sources
Thomas McKenney and James Hall - 1855

98 McKenney, Thomas L. and James Hall. THE INDIAN TRIBES OF NORTH AMERICA, With Biographical Sketches and Anecdotes of the Principal Chiefs (Philadelphia: D. Rice and A.N. Hart, 1855) 3 volumes. The third of the octavo edition and generally considered the best octavo edition. Embellished with the famous 120 very impressive hand-coloured lithographic plates by J.T. Bowen from the Indian Gallery in the Department of War, at Washington. Royal 8vo, in the superb original publisher’s deluxe full brown morocco bindings, the covers with decoratively stamped panels in black and blind, the spines gilt lettered in two compartments, the others with decorative tool and ruling in black and blind separated by tall blind-stippled raised bands, the beveled board edges and turn-ins also blind-stippled, cream endpapers, a.e.g. (2),iv,3-333;xvii,(1),9-290; iv,17-392 pp. A very handsome set, very well preserved with clean and fresh plates, all very bright, the bindings solid, tight and sound with just a little rubbing or minor mellowing from age.

A SPECTACULAR WORK OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND STILL A VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE GREAT INDIGENOUS LEADERS AND PEOPLES. ONE OF THE MOST MARVELOUSLY ILLUSTRATED DESCRIPTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF FAMOUS NATIVE AMERICAN PERSONAGES. This third edition of the octavo set is considered by most to be the best of all the octavo editions due to the superiority of its hand-colouring.

Originally conceived in 1821, McKenney and Hall’s work is valuable because it records the features of numerous Indians prominent in the history of the United States. These are presented in portraits painted from life, showing native costumes, facial paintings, hairdressing, ornaments, etc. The data for many of the biographies was obtained during the lifetime of the individuals from personal interactions on the part of the authors. Most of the original portraits were painted in oil by an important artist of the time, Charles Bird King, who was commissioned to paint pictures of each of the Indian delegates to Washington D.C. Col. McKenney, who had been superintendent of Indian Affairs in Washington, wrote biographical sketches for each portrait while James Hall wrote the larger descriptions of the history of the American Indian.

The value of McKenney and Hall’s work lies chiefly in the fact that it records the features of numerous Indians prominent in the history of the United States in portraits painted from life, showing their native costumes, facial painting, hairdressing, ornaments, etc. Also, the fact that the data for many of the biographies were obtained during the lifetime of the individuals, and are the only source of information respecting them, is of significant value. Unfortunately, all of the original paintings from which these engravings were copied were burned in a fire at the Smithsonian in 1865. We are truly indebted to McKenney and Hall for their commitment to publishing this important work of American History.

$17,500.
Henry David Thoreau - Walden - First Edition
A Highlight of American Renaissance Thought

99 Thoreau, Henry David. WALDEN, Or, Life In the Woods (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1854) First edition, first state of the text, the ads dated “May 1854” with no bibliographical significance noted. Illustrated with the map of Walden Pond printed on a separate leaf and inserted at p. 306, and with a vignette illustration to the title-page showing Thoreau’s house in the woods at Walden Pond. 8vo, publisher’s original brown cloth lettered in gilt and ruled in blind on spine, bordered and decorated in blind on all covers. Housed in a cloth covered slip-case. 357, [8 ads (dated May 1854)] pp. An unusually well preserved and very handsome copy indeed, internally quite pleasing with just a tad of the usual age evidence typical to the paper of the period, the binding in quite fine condition with virtually no rubbing or wear and only the very slightest evidence of shelving. A free-fly excised unobtrusively, a tight, clean and essentially pristine, apparently unused copy, still crisp and square. A rather remarkable example of this cornerstone work in American letters and literature.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION OF A SEMINAL WORK IN AMERICAN LITERATURE. “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”

WALDEN has taken its place as one of the most important pieces of American literature and a highlight of American thought. In attempting an experiment in simple living Thoreau became the embodiment of the American quest for the spiritual over the material; and his book, ostensibly a simple record of his experiment, has earned the reputation as a work of great philosophical import.

Walden is part personal declaration of independence, social experiment, voyage of spiritual discovery, satire, and manual for self-reliance. By immersing himself in nature, Thoreau hoped to gain a more objective understanding of society through personal introspection. Simple living and self-sufficiency were Thoreau’s other goals, and the whole project was inspired by transcendentalist philosophy, a central theme of the American Romantic Period. As Thoreau made clear in his book, his cabin was not in the wilderness, but at the edge of town, only about two miles from his family home.

$16.750.

The Maine Woods - 1864 - An Unusually Clean Copy
First Edition - Henry David Thoreau

100 Thoreau, Henry David. THE MAINE WOODS (Boston: Ticknor and Fields, 1864) First edition, first printing. 8vo, publisher’s original Ticknor textured green cloth, lettered and decorated in gilt on the spine, bordered and decorated in blind on all covers. [i-viii] 328, [23, April ads and catalogue] pp. An unusually fine, bright and clean and pleasing copy, no foxing and with beautifully preserved dark, solid cloth. A superior copy of a book seldom found in collector’s condition.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION IN UNUSUALLY FINE CONDITION. Thoreau’s journey to the Maine Woods has served to this day as a guide for the reverent to the peaceful wilds of the Maine wilderness. By river, rail, and foot, Thoreau ventured with friends to discover the peace of a land they thought would one day be overrun by settlers and tourists. They gazed up a plethora of wildlife, discovered moose in the streams and imbibed the spirit of unspoiled beauty. Borst A 4.1.a.; Allen pp.17-18, BAL 20113.

$5750.
One of the Greatest Works of Political Philosophy
‘The Federalist Papers’, With the Works of Hamilton
First Edition of the Works - Early Issue of The Federalist

101 Hamilton, Alexander [et. al]. [THE FEDERALIST] THE WORKS OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON; Comprising His Most Important Official Reports; an Improved Edition of THE FEDERALIST, On The New Constitution, Written in 1788; and PACIFICUS, On The Proclamation of Neutrality, Written in 1793 (New York: Williams & Whiting, 1810) 3 volumes. First edition of the collected WORKS and only the third printing of the FEDERALIST according to Sabin. Of the other works included, these are generally the first obtainable editions. With engraved frontispiece portraits in each volume. 8vo, in very handsome contemporary tree calf, the spines with gilt ruled flat bands and with black morocco labels gilt ruled and lettered, gilt volume numbers with leather labels. vii,325; iv,368; iv, 368 pp. The rare and handsome contemporary calf only very lightly worn at the edges and extremities, overall near-fine, the text with some light tonging and foxing, but much less than is expected on such early American imprints. Ex-libris on front paste-down, contemporary ownership inscription on title-pages, some notes in text also, all in pencil, a few instances of authorship emendations made in ink by a contemporary hand.

AN EXTREMELY EARLY PRINTING OF THE FEDERALIST AND QUITE SCARCE, and very much so in contemporary tree calf and fully original condition. The first volume of this work contains miscellaneous but highly important papers by Hamilton concerning his reports on a National Bank and the Constitutionality of the National Bank. Volumes Two and Three contain the FEDERALIST and PACIFICUS. Sabin notes that Williams also distributed this same printing with just volumes two and three with a different title-page and it is only the fourth printing of the FEDERALIST Sabin list. The papers in volume one are: The Report on Public Credit, on a National Bank, on the Subject of Manufactures, on the Constitutionality of a National Bank, and on the Establishment of a Mint.

“The Federalist is the most important work in political science that has ever been written, or is likely ever to be written in the United States. It is...the one product of the American mind that is rightly counted among the classics of political theory.”

The Federalist stands beside the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution itself among all the sacred writings of American political history. It has a quality of legitimacy, of authority, and authenticity that caused Thomas Jefferson to say of it, “appeal is habitually made by all, and rarely declined or denied by any” as to the “genuine meaning” of the Constitution.

George Washington, writing to Alexander Hamilton in the summer of 1788, said: “When the transient circumstances and fugitive performances which attended this crisis shall have disappeared, that work will merit the notice of posterity, because in it are candidly and ably discussed the principles of freedom and the topics of government—which will be always interesting to mankind so long as they shall be connected in a civil society.”

“Its fame derives from the whole course of American history. It is a sign, as it were, of the prodigious success of the Constitution, which as it has endured and evolved over the generations, has called attention ever more insistently to the men who, having helped write it, first explained it. In bursts of brilliance it is not only an analysis and defense of our Constitution but an exposition of certain enduring truths that provide an understanding of both the dangers and the delights of free government. It mixes candor and hope, realism and idealism in a message to all friends of liberty. No happiness without...
One of the most important pieces of early American writing in political philosophy. Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay originally published these articles to explain the principle of, and to argue the propriety of adopting, the recently devised Constitution. THE FEDERALIST PAPERS remains to this day the most vital and important writing about the American Constitution and is referred to on an ongoing basis by scholars of law, politics, philosophy and history and lovers of literature for its perfection of thought and beauty of word.

Sabin lists a copy with three portraits which do not appear in this copy. The copies here are unrestored and in absolutely original condition, and it appears therefore that portraits were not always bound in. Sabin, 29987, 23982; PMM 234 [for the first edition]; Ford 116.

$15,000.

Stedman’s History of the American Revolution
A Superb Copy of the Rare First Edition - With Portfolio
1794 - One of the Best and Earliest Histories of the War

The maps are of the highest quality engraving. All are large and multi-folding with one being nearly two feet by three feet in size. They are considered to be the ‘finest collection of plans assembled by and eyewitness.’ The plates depict the sieges of Savannah and Charleston, as well as the battles of Saratoga, Camden, Guilford, Hobkirk’s Hill, and Yorktown.

‘The author, a loyalist, served under Sir W. Howe, Sir H. Clinton, and the Marquis Cornwallis. He was a native of Philadelphia, served as an officer and later became an examiner of Loyalist claims for the British government. He had first hand knowledge of many of the campaigns and persons involved in the effort.’ Heald; Howe 914; Sabin 91057.

$14,500.
Much Admired By President Thomas Jefferson
Mercy Warren’s History of the Revolutionary Period
“The First Important Historical Work by an American Woman”

103 [American Revolution]; Warren, Mrs. Mercy. HISTORY OF THE RISE, PROGRESS AND TERMINATION OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Interspersed with Biographical, Political, and Moral Observations. (Boston: By Manning and Loring for E. Larkin, 1805) 3 volumes. The Very Scarce First Edition. 8vo, bound in contemporary style full mottled calf, the spines with gilt ruled flat bands, gilt volume numbers and red morocco gilt lettered and ruled labels. xii, 447; vii, 412; vi, 475 pp., includes index. An especially handsome and fine set of this scarce work, the text largely spared of the spotting and toning that plagues American books of this period, the paper for the most part quite clean and fresh, the spotting and toning present being very mild and quite light, a touch heavier at the prelims and in Vol. III but still quite unobtrusive. Vol. I title-page at some time neatly repaired with only a bit of loss to the original paper in the top inner corner, the bindings are handsome and proper and in very fine condition.

VERY SCARCE, AND RARE IN THIS CONDITION, AND A HIGHLY IMPORTANT FIRSTHAND HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. The author was a leading female-revolutionary who counted among her personal acquaintances George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Patrick Henry, and most especially John Adams, her literary mentor in the years leading to the Revolution. Her husband, James Warren, among other important positions served as Paymaster General of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

Her three volume history covers the whole Revolutionary period, from the Stamp Act to the ratification of the Constitution. Rather than being a dry chronology of dates, events and military maneuvers, Warren’s book is written in a casual style. It is especially noteworthy for the personal insights and discussions of the people (so many of which she knew personally) involved; their characters, views, and contributions. The book contains views about the Revolution that at the time were still-controversial, such as her idea that the Battle of Yorktown, the final battle of the Revolution, was really not a battle at all. Roughly one third of the book concerns events after Yorktown.

Warren had originally opposed the new Constitution in 1787 as an Anti-Federalist but by the time of this writing firmly supported it. She was now deeply intrenched in the camp of Jefferson’s Republican party, an unpopular stance in her home of Massachusetts. When this work was first published then-President Jefferson ordered subscriptions for himself and each of his cabinet members, and noted his “anticipation of her truthful account of the last thirty years that will furnish a more instructive lesson to mankind than any equal period known in history.” The book’s sharp comments on John Adams, the man who had once said Warren’s “poetical pen … has no equal that I know of in this country”, led to a breach in their friendship which lasted until 1812 and was never fully healed.

Lastly, Howes calls this the “first important historical work by an American woman.” Gephart, 1037; Howes, W122; DAB XIX.

$10,500.

The Very Rare Atlas of Plates - First Edition
The Earliest Geological View Images of the State of Maine
Executed in Very Fine Lithography - Folio
Handsomely Bound - Charles T. Jackson - Augusta - 1837

lithographed plates, this is the second state of the Atlas as identified by Sprague, with all plates numbered with Roman numerals and three plates having been hand colored. Oblong Folio (plate size 11” by 8.75”), now very handsomely bound in three-quarter black calf over marbled paper covered boards, the spine with gilt ruled bands, the upper cover with a paste-down title label. This volume now with a fine custom protective dust-jacket of heavy white paper with the title label printed on the upper cover in black. 24 plates. The very scarce original plates now beautifully and professionally conserved, all have bright, clean impressions. There are small, light remnants of staining on a few of the plates and a few very minor occasional spots, the presentation and binding as pristine.

FIRST EDITION OF JACKSON’S RARE ATLAS FOR THE GEOLOGY OF MAINE WITH 24 EXQUISITE LITHOGRAPHED PLATES, THREE OF WHICH HAND-COLOURED. An important and scarce Maine and geology item, the plates accompanied Jackson’s ‘First Report on the Geology of the State of Maine’. The 24 lithographed plates provide some of the finest early images of the State of Maine, and includes very early published views of well-known Maine locales and landmarks; such as Mount Katahdin, Mount Desert, West Quoddy Head Lighthouse, Camden & The Kennebec [i.e., Penobscot] Bay and Pulpit Rock. All but one of the original drawings were done by Franz Graeter, a German artist who was a member of Jackson’s field party. The images were then lithographed by Thomas Moore (successor to Pendleton) in Boston.


$9500.

Edmund Burke’s Speech on American Taxation - 1775
A Cornerstone Statement Defending American Rights
First Edition and Large Paper with Edges Untrimmed

105 Burke, Edmund. SPEECH OF EDMUND BURKE, ESQ. ON AMERICAN TAXATION, APRIL 19, 1774 (London: J. Dodsley, 1775) First Published Edition, First Issue, Rare Large Paper Copy, untrimmed and with broad margins. Very Rare 4to issue, original printed text-block, the edges untrimmed and now bound into an attractive binding of full crushed russet morocco, the spine gilt lettered and with two gilt rules and a small gilt acorn device. iv, 57, 1 [errata] pp. A handsome and large untrimmed copy, the pages with a little wear and rubbing at the edges and occasional mild spotting or paper flaws as to be expected, the title-page with paper loss repaired at the top corner, likely where an owner’s signature was excised, the binding is in very fine condition, unpressed and as originally printed.

FIRST EDITION, FIRST PRINTING OF THIS HIGHLY important statement of the Rights of the American People by the great English statesman EDMUND BURKE who was critical of British treatment of the American colonies. “On American Taxation” was a speech given by Edmund
Burke in the British House of Commons on April 19, 1774, advocating the full repeal of the Townshend Revenue Act of 1767. Parliament had previously repealed five of the six duties of this revenue tax on the American colonies, but the tax on tea remained. According to historian Robert Middlekauff, “The speech is memorable for its wit and its brilliant reconstruction of the government’s dismal efforts to bring order into colonial affairs without the advantage of a coherent policy.”

Burke’s words: “Again and again, revert to your old principles—seek peace and ensue it; leave America, if she has taxable matter in her, to tax herself. I am not here going into the distinctions of rights, nor attempting to mark their boundaries. I do not enter into these metaphysical distinctions; I hate the very sound of them. Leave the Americans as they ancintly stood, and these distinctions, born of our unhappy contest, will die along with it... Be content to bind America by laws of trade; you have always done it... Do not burthen them with taxes... But if intemperately, unwisely, fatally, you sophisticate and poison the very source of government by urging subtle deductions, and consequences odious to those you govern, from the unlimited and illimitable nature of supreme sovereignty, you will teach them by these means to call that sovereignty itself in question... If that sovereignty and their freedom cannot be reconciled, which will they take? They will cast your sovereignty in your face. No body of men will be argued into slavery.”

The speech had little immediate effect. As the situation in America worsened, Burke continued to think and speak about the relationship of Britain with her colonies. These culminated in a speech known as the “Speech on Moving Resolutions on Conciliation with America”. These latter attempts also failed to prevent armed conflict and ultimately the American Revolution. Middlekauff, The Glorious Cause; Baugh, Sherburn, & Bond, A Literary History of England.

$5500.

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**Thomas Paine - The American Crisis - 1796**

**Printed London by Daniel Isaac Eaton - Handsomely Bound**

106 Paine, Thomas.  THE AMERICAN CRISIS, and a Letter to Sir Guy Carleton, On the Murder of Captain Huddy, and the Intended Retaliation of Captain Asgill, of the Guards [Being No. I to No. VI Only]  (London: By Daniel Isaac Eaton, [1796, Date of imprint suggested by ESTC])  A very early London printing Paine’s first five parts of American Crisis.  8vo, bound to contemporary style in three-quarter tan morocco over marbled boards, the spine with raised bands gilt ruled, two compartments gilt lettered, additional gilt at the tail. 160 pp. Very handsome and well preserved, the text all quite clean but for the final ten pages which have some staining to the lower third, otherwise only a few occasional spots or mellowing, the binding is essentially pristine.

A VERY INTERESTING AND RARE EARLY BRITISH PRINTING OF THOMAS PAINE’S AMERICAN CRISIS.  No. I of is Gen. Gage’s proclamation concerning the affair at Lexington, is an essay from the London “Crisis”, and is here erroneously attributed to Paine. The real first number of “American Crisis” is here No. II and with parts II through V numbered III through VI accordingly.

AMERICAN CRISIS is a collection of articles written by Paine during the Revolutionary War. In 1776 Paine wrote ‘Common Sense’, an extremely popular and successful pamphlet arguing for Independence from England. The essays collected here constitute Paine’s ongoing support for an independent and self-governing America through the many severe crises of the Revolutionary War. The first of these begins with the famous and stirring sentence, “These are the times that try men’s souls.” General Washington found this essay so inspiring that he ordered it be read to the troops at Valley Forge. Sabin,; 58209;  English Short Title Catalog.; ESTCN1500.

$2850.
A Primary Account of the American Revolution
Tarleton’s History of the Southern Campaigns - 1787
A Highly Important Source Book by a Key Officer

107  Tarleton, Lieutenant-Colonel [Banastre].  A HISTORY OF THE CAMPAIGNS OF 1780 AND 1781, in the Southern Provinces of North America (Dublin: For Colles, Exshaw, White, H. Whitstone, Burton, Byrne, Moore, Jones, and Dornin, 1787) Highly important First Irish edition of this primary account of the American Revolution, the same year as the London edition and only the second issuance overall. 8vo, bound in full contemporary mottled calf, board edges framed in blind, the spine sympathetically renewed to correct style with bands ruled in gilt and a single red morocco label gilt tooled and lettered vii, 533 pp. An especially well preserved copy, the text-block crisp and clean, very fresh, the prelims only with some mellowing, the binding tight and handsome, the boards with some expected wear and rubbing but not unattractively so.

FIRST IRISH EDITION, SAME YEAR AS THE LONDON ISSUE, OF THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND PRIMARY ACCOUNT OF THE BRITISH CAMPAIGNS IN THE SOUTHERN COLONIES DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.  Tarleton was the commander of a cavalry unit and served under Generals Cornwallis and Howe, and with Sir Harry Clinton among others. His service in America lasted from the spring of 1776 through the siege of Yorktown. Quite a swashbuckler he was known for his ruthless attacks and the hard-riding advancements of his unit. Clark states, [it] contains many documents that cannot be found elsewhere without great labor” and claims it to be of “great value”.

The geographical areas covered within the book are presently the states of Maryland, Virginia, and the two Carolinas and Delaware. This narrative is the principle source on the Revolution in this area and includes many original documents.

Tarleton’s service in the American colonies began when he was only 21. His cavalrmen were called ‘Tarleton’s Raiders’. As a military commander he was the subject of a rebel American campaign which claimed that Tarleton’s British Legion had massacred surrendering Continental Army troops at the Battle of Waxhaws, South Carolina, in 1780. In the 19th century those killings became known in American history as the “Waxhaws Massacre”. Tarleton was eventually ranked as a general years after his service in the colonies during the American Revolutionary War. Sabin 94397; ESTC N8398; Clark 1:317; Howes T37; Church 1224; Clark Old South 317.

$1950.

Aaron Bancroft’s Fine Biography - The Rare First Edition
Extra-Illustrated - An Essay on the Life of George Washington

108  [Washington, George];  Bancroft, Aaron.  AN ESSAY ON THE LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, Commander in Chief of the American Army, Through the Revolutionary War; And the First President of the United States. (Worcester: Thomas & Strurtevant, 1807) First edition. An EXTRA-ILLUSTATED copy, containing many engraved portraits and illustrations from numerous contemporary sources, including numerous well-known portraits of Washington, Martha, Lafayette, John Adams, Putnam and others. 8vo, in a full signed antique red morocco binding by R.D. Canape, the spine with raised bands, gilt lettered in one compartment and again at the foot, gilt ruled board edges, elaborately gilt tooled turn-ins with fine red marbled endpapers, t.e.g. xii, 552 pp. A very fine copy, the text solid and very clean, a little unobtrusive offsetting from a few of the added finely engraved plates, the binding
very handsome with just a touch of age.

Bancroft published a eulogy of George Washington in 1800, and then began work on this biography. As well as a biographer, Bancroft was an extremely influential church leader. He played a major role in the development of Unitarianism in New England. He also served during the Revolution as a Minute Man and took part in the battles of both Lexington/Concord and Bunker Hill. His son was George Bancroft, American historian, United States Secretary of the Navy and United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom. Howes 86, Sabin 3096, DAB.

$1500.

One of the Earliest American Military Service Manuals

Rawson - Compendium of Military Duty -1793 - First Edition

109 [Military, U.S.]; Rawson, Johathan. A COMPENDIUM OF MILITARY DUTY, Adapted for the Militia of the United States; In Three Parts... (Dover, NH.: By Eliphalet Ladd, 1793) First edition, first impression with the mispagination beginning after page 240. Illustrated with a handsome engraved headpiece to each part. 8vo, contemporary full reverse calf, the spine with flat gilt ruled bands. xi, 305 pp. A very well preserved copy, especially for a book used in the field. Rare in contemporary calf. The text-block is as original and unpresed with only normal mellowing and it remains clean. The contemporary binding shows some age and is rubbed a bit but remains strong, tight and fully original with no signs of restoration.

FIRST EDITION, FIRST IMPRESSION OF THIS IMPORTANT EARLY AMERICAN MILITARY MANUAL PUBLISHED JUST AFTER THE MILITIA ACT OF 1792. The author served for sometime as a subordinate officer in the Revolutionary War as aide to General John Sullivan. He presents here his own military teachings along with those he has compiled from the best contemporary minds in Europe, such as Baron Von Steuben, the Chevalier de la Valiere, and Field Marshall Count Saxe. The text includes instructions for both officers and non-commissioned soldiers. There is discussion of conduct in general as well as practice maneuvers in infantry, cavalry, and artillery. The appendix contains the text of the 1792 Militia Act.

Rawson’s work represents one of the earliest attempts at a uniform and systematic code of American military service. It is presented in three parts: 1. The Duty of Soldiers in General 2. The Maneuvers and Evolutions of the Infantry, Artillery, and Cavalry 3. Some Particular Instructions to Officers of the Partizan Corps. Evans 26954. Sabin 68016.

$1500.

By “America’s Best Native Historian” - Jeremy Belknap

A Rare First Edition - American Biography - 1794

110 [American History]; Belknap, Jeremy. AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY; Or, an Historical Account of Those Persons Who Have Been Distinguished In America, as Adventurers, Statesmen Philosophers, Divines, Warriors, Authors, and Other Remarkable Characters. Comprehending a Recital of the Events Connected with Their Lives and Actions (Boston: Isaiah Thomas and Ebenezer T. Andrews, 1794; 1798) 2 volumes. First edition. 8vo, handsomely bound in full contemporary style mottled calf, the spines with gilt ruled bands, gilt volume numbers and dates and a gilt ruled and lettered red morocco label. One antique morocco label from an older binding is preserved on the front pastedown to Vol. I along with a presentation plate from the Hon. John Lowell Esq., in-
indicating fine New England provenance. 416, 476 pp. A very nice set, the fine and attractive bindings in excellent condition, the text solid and for the most part very clean with just some occasional spotting or toning, a handful of leaves in volume toned and spotted more heavily, original prelims a bit edge worn.

SCARCE FIRST EDITION OF THIS EARLY AND VERY RESPECTABLE ATTEMPT AT A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN HISTORY BY THE MAN REGARDED AS THE FIRST MODERN AMERICAN HISTORIAN, and the one named by Alexis de Tocqueville as America’s best native historian.

Though he is now best remembered for his History of New Hampshire, his rigor in research, annotation, and reporting is well displayed in this collection of biographical entries researched for nearly two full decades and published over the course of four years.

In his efforts in creating this American Biography he begin corresponding with many of the leading men of letters, politics, and religion throughout country, which brought him to the attention of many intellectual associations. From these connections Belknap was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1784. In 1785 he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Belknap’s biographical selections go back as early as the 11th century. Notable names include Columbus, Cabot, John Smith, De Soto, Raleigh, Hudson, Carver, Standish, Winthrop, and Penn. Thirty-one biographies are giving in total, along with a detailed chronology of discoveries in the Americas by Europeans from the year 1001 to 1620. 

$1250.

Abiel Holmes’ American Annals From Columbus to 1805
“The First Authoritative Work From an American Pen...”

111 Holmes, Abiel. AMERICAN ANNALS; Or, a Chronological History of America From its Discovery in MC-CCCCII to MCCCCVI With Additions and Corrections by the Author (London: Reprinted For Charles Taylor, 1808) 2 volumes. The First English edition. Rare. With an engraved folding frontispiece map of North American in Vol. I. Tall 8vo, in handsome contemporary style full calf, the boards ruled in blind, the spines with double gilt ruled bands, a small round red morocco volume label gilt and a larger red morocco label gilt lettered, original front and rear blanks retained, a nice well margined copy untrimmed at the edges. iv, 412; 457 pp. A very handsome and pleasing set with edges untrimmed. The bindings in excellent condition, the textblocks in crisp and clean condition with only occasional spotting typical to the American paper of the period, the map in good order and also with a bit of the usual mellowing.

THE RARE FIRST ENGLISH EDITION, SELDOM ENCOUNTERED. “THE FIRST AUTHORITY WORK
FROM AN AMERICAN PEN WHICH COVERED THE WHOLE FIELD OF AMERICAN HISTORY” - G. W. Green. All the early editions of this work are very scarce, and this first London issue may well be the rarest of all. In fact, several sources state the 1813 Sherwood imprint as being the first English edition.

A work still revered, Holmes traces his information back to original sources as much as was possible at a time when libraries in America were few and far between. Holmes was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1803 and of the American Antiquarian Society in 1813. The latter he also served as its corresponding secretary from 1816-1828.

In spite of the author’s most admirable achievements as a man of letters in the early days of the Republic, his fame would soon be overshadowed by that of both his son and grandson; Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. and Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Howes H-607; This issue not in Sabin; Putnam’s Mag., 1870 p. 171.

$1250.

The Narrative of Lieut. General Sir William Howe - 1780
Reflections on Command of the King’s Troops in America

112 [American Revolution]; Howe, Sir William. THE NARRATIVE OF LIEUT. GEN. SIR WILLIAM HOWE, in a Committee of the House of Commons, on the 29th of April, 1779. relative to His Conduct, During His Late Command of the King’s Troops in North America: To Which are Added, Some Observations Upon a Pamphlet, Entitled, Letters to a Nobleman (London: H. Baldwin, 1780) The second edition of this scarce narrative, same year as the first in identical format. A nice tall and well margined copy. 4to, the original text-block as issued and printed, now richly bound in full burgundy morocco by Sangorski and Sutcliffe the boards having a blind-tool framed central panel of crushed morocco within a large panel of gilt framed smooth morocco, the spine with two gilt tooled bands and with gilt lettering between them and additional gilt rules at the spine tips, gilt ruled turn-ins and t.e.g., others untrimmed. 110 pp. A very handsome and well preserved collectible copy, rare in this condition, the text quite fresh and clean with only a few occasional spots or signs of age and these all quite mild and unobtrusive, the regal binding with a little rubbing but solid and clearly an indication of fine provenance.

SCARCE PRINTING RELATING TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND AN UNCOMMONLY HANDSOME COPY. Sir William Howe led his armies to many impressive victories while serving as commander of the British forces, but was severely criticized for his actions after repelling General Washington's forces at Germantown. He and his troops spent the winter comfortably in Philadelphia instead of driving Washington’s weakened and unequipped army out of their stronghold at Valley Forge. Sir Henry Clayton replaced Howe as commander-in-chief and the general was recalled to London to defend his actions. A parliamentary investigation led by a number of military men, including Lord Cornwallis and Lord Grey, acquitted Howe of any blame and affirmed that he had done everything possible considering the state of his troops.

Howe’s narrative to the House of Commons is presented in the first 30 odd pages. The publication also includes Howe’s response to Joseph Galloway’s charges of incompetence and negligence which Galloway had published as LETTERS TO A NOBLEMAN. Howes H729; Adams 80 43c; Sabin 33342

$1000.
113  [American Revolution]; Thornton, John Wingate.  THE PULPIT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: Or, the Political Sermons of the Period of 1776.  With a Historical Introduction, Notes and Illustrations  (Boston: Gould and Lincoln, 1860)  Rare First Edition.  With an engraved portrait of Jonathan Mayhew as frontispiece, an engraved plate, “An Attempt to Land a Bishop in America” reproduced from a contemporary source and 9 facsimiles of 18th century titlepages to various sermons.  8vo, publisher’s original pebbled brown cloth, the boards framed in blind with central blind-tooled publisher’s marks, the spine lettered in copper, with deep chocolate brown coated endpapers.  xxxviii, 39-537, [2 ads] pp.  An exceptional copy, very fine indeed, for a book of the period pristine and better than one could hope for, the text spotless and especially clean, the cloth also pristine with just little dulling to the copper gilding on the spine panel.

FIRST EDITION, IN A REMARKABLE STATE OF PRESERVATION ABSOLUTELY RARE IN THIS CONDITION, Thornton’s collection of Revolutionary era sermons is very scarce ON any account AND FINDING A FINER COPY IS HARDLY IMAGINABLE.  In this collection of sermons Thornton brings to light “the true alliance between Politics and Religion” at a time when America was stressed by the greatest moral issue in its history, one bringing the republic to the brink of Civil War.  A great service to history is done as he here reprints nine important 18th century sermons expressing “the voices of the Father’s of the American Republic, how they evoked God in their civil assemblies, called upon their religious leaders for counsel from the Bible and recognized its precepts as a law for public conduct.” - Preface.

The sermons presented here are:  Dr. Mayhew’s Sermon of January 1750; Dr. Chauncy’s Thanksgiving Sermon on the Repeal of the Stamp Act, 1766; Mr. Cook’s Election Sermon, 1770; Mr. Gordon’s Thanksgiving Sermon, 1774; Dr. Langdon’s Election Sermon at Watertown, 1775; Mr. West’s Election Sermon, 1776; Mr. Payson’s Election Sermon, 1778; Mr. Howard’s Election Sermon, 1780; and, Dr. Styles’ Election Sermon, 1783.

$1000.

114  [American Revolution]; Lamb, R[oger].  AN ORIGINAL AND AUTHENTIC JOURNAL OF OCCURRENCES DURING THE LATE AMERICAN WAR, From its Commencement to the Year 1783  (Dublin: Wilkinson & Courtney, 1809)  First edition, and the only complete edition of Lamb’s firsthand experiences in the American Revolutionary war.  8vo, handsomely bound in half brown calf over cloth covered boards, the spine with compartments featuring central gilt thistle tooling separated by double-ruled gilt bands, dark green morocco label with gilt chain tooling, gilt ruled and lettered.  viii, 438, ix-xxiv (subscribers) pp.  A very well preserved, handsome and appealing copy of this scarce book, the text unusually clean, some very light mellowing only, the binding is handsome and in very fine condition.

FIRST EDITION AND THE ONLY COMPLETE PRINTING OF LAMB’S FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.  A summary view of the rise, progress and consummation of the American Revolutionary War.  The work is written from Lamb’s own personal knowledge of events and from research.  Lamb considered that his book would provide great benefit to those who wished to have
a fair and reflected view of the war, impartial and without party views. This is a good survey of the war with many of the skirmishes and battles presented along with a fine history of the course of the war. Howes L36; Sabin 38724; Hagist, Don (2004). A British Soldier’s Story.

$850.

First Edition - Beautifully Bound - Extra-Illustrated
An Exceptionally Fine Copy and a Unique Copy as Well
The Treaties of 1778 - France Supports the New American Nation

115  [American Revolution]; Chinard, G., Editor. THE TREATIES OF 1778 AND ALLIED DOCUMENTS Historical Documents Institut Francais de Washington With an Introduction by James Brown Scott  (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1928) UNIQUE EXTRA ILLUSTRATED, FINELY BOUND copy of the First Edition. A copy with fine New England provenance having been extra illustrated by, bound for, and with the morocco bookplate of Frank C. Deering and the noteworthy ‘Frank C. Deering Collection of Americana’ With the addition of dozens of fine illustrations added by the noted Americana collector, from numerous sources including engravings, hand-colored engravings, plates, colourplates, and portraits, most being professionally tipped onto plates of fine quality paper and expertly bound in, and with an added leaf of text in red crediting Frank C. Deering for the extra-illustrations. 4to, very handsomely bound for the Deering collection in full brown crushed morocco, the boards with a geometric framework on nouveau design featuring both gilt and black ruled lines, gilt stippling and gilt circular tools, the spine designed in like style with tall gilt and black stippled raised bands, gilt and black framed compartments, gilt circular tooling and gilt lettering, the turn-ins gilt ruled and stippled, finely marbled endpapers, t.e.g. xxv, [2], 70 pp. A very fine and handsome copy, and unique as well. There is a little minor offsetting from some of the added illustrations otherwise this is a pristine copy, both inside and out.

FIRST EDITION, BEAUTIFULLY BOUND AND GREATLY EMBELLISHED BY THE CREATOR OF ONE OF THE FINEST EARLY 20TH CENTURY COLLECTIONS OF AMERICANA. Printed on the 150th anniversary of M. Gerard (on behalf of Louis XVI, the young and inexperienced King of France) and Benjamin Franklin, Silas Deane, and Arthur Lee, (on behalf of the thirteen English-speaking colonies in North America) put their seals and signatures to an epoch-making document. In fact, two treaties were signed on the same day: one of alliance, and one of amity and commerce, the negotiation of which, upon terms of equality with France, recognized, because of the negotiation, the independence of the colonies, called for the first time in the Declaration of Independence, “the United States of America.”

$850.

Four Scarce Early Works on the Battle of Bunker Hill
The Battle and Discussions of Who Was in Command
A Debate That Continues to the Present Day

year as the first printing and identical but for the slug on the title-page. The piece by Swett has the ownership signature of George Washington Warren, who at the time of publication was serving as the first mayor of Charlestown, where Bunker Hill is located. Three of the books with a blue paper printed facsimile of a printer’s wrapper bound in, each with their original titlepages except for Drake’s piece, which is extracted from a larger publication. 8vo, these four short works now bound together in fine period style marbled boards backed in brown calf and with small calf corner-pieces, the spine with gilt rules and a red morocco label lettered and trimmed in gilt. 27pp; 39pp; 21pp; 24pp. All four papers extremely well preserved, the first one only being a touch time mellowed, the binding handsome and fine.

FIRST EDITION OF EACH WORK AND AN INTERESTING AND UNIQUE SAMMELBAND OF SCARCE WORKS ON THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL. The works are specifically relevant to the long-debated question of who (if anyone) was in command of the American troops during the conflict. Parker is firmly in the camp of William Prescott of Massachusetts; while Drake supports the argument for General Putnam, who arrived to reinforce the colonial bunker from Connecticut. Swett, who is considered one of the most authoritative contemporary chroniclers of the events at Bunker Hill, gives us extensive details on the strengths and weaknesses of both arguments, as well as other claims. Bradford provides us with an excellent and concise account of the Battle itself.

Within this argument may lie an answer to who should rightfully be credited with one of the most famous quotes in American history, “Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes.” Did Prescott issue this order to his troops himself as many believe? Or are others correct in believing Putnam issued it to Prescott to then relay? Today, many modern sources credit both men, or one or the other, and there are also claims of even earlier instances of these instructions attributed to others.

$750.

Very Scarce Loyalist History of the American Revolution Posthumously Published From Chalmers’ Manuscripts

The Rare First Edition in Original Cloth

117  [American Revolution] Chalmers, George. AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE REVOLT OF THE AMERICAN COLONIES; Being a Comprehensive View of Its Origin, Derived From the State Papers Contained in the Public Offices of Great Britain (Boston: James Munroe and Company, 1845) First American edition and the earliest obtainable edition. Tall 8vo, in the very rarely seen publisher’s original bindings of blue/gray ribbed cloth ornately decorated in blind on all covers, the spines with flat blind-decorated bands and gilt lettering. xxxiv, 414; xv, 376 pp. An exceptional set, fine in original cloth, extremely unusual for books of the period. The cloth with just a little wear to the extremities and minor fading, internally they are as near to pristine as could honestly be expected.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS VERY SCARCE LOYALIST HISTORY OF THE REVOLUTION, RARE IN THIS CONDITION AND IN ORIGINAL CLOTH. The edition was printed from the author’s manuscripts, which were found when his library was sold after the death of his nephew. The only earlier printing was done in London in 1782, and its single volume which contained only some of the material found here. Now of extreme rarity, that edition was suppressed by Chalmers himself and he
had nearly all copies destroyed. By the time of his death in 1825 Chalmers was a well respected antiquarian and political writer; a fellow of the Royal Society and the Society of Antiquaries of London, an honorary member of the Antiquarian Society of Scotland. In his youth he studied law in Edinburgh, and that led him to America. He had two uncles who settled in Maryland who required his assistance in recovering a disputed tract of land. Chalmers decided to stay, and for nearly a decade practiced law in Baltimore. Strongly Loyalist however, at the outbreak of the Revolution, he abandoned his practice and returned to Great Britain.

In 1786 Chalmers was appointed Chief Clerk of the Committee of Privy Council in England. From this post he had access to virtually all state papers, including those in regard to the American Revolt. Thus, this work can be truly be considered the British government's story of the American War of Independence. Howes C264; Britannica (11th ed.) $750.

The Letters of Benedict Arnold Early in the Revolution
A Unique Extra-Illustrated Collection - Finely Bound

unique set with the addition of a great many fine illustrations added by the noted Americana collector, from numerous sources and including engravings, plates, maps, and portraits, most being professionally tipped onto plates of fine quality paper and expertly bound in. 8vo, in a signed binding for Deering by the Rose Bindery of Boston of full burgundy crushed morocco, the spine with raised bands ruled in blind and gilt letting in two compartments, the wide turn-ins with a handsome multi-ruled gilt framework around fine brown endpapers, the upper inside board with Deering’s red morocco and gilt Ex-Libris. [341]-416pp. A very handsome and well preserved collection well presented, the fine morocco binding is essentially pristine and perfect, the text fine but for some light occasional foxing.

A UNIQUE COPY AND A HANDSOME COLLECTION ON BENEDICT ARNOLD WONDERFULLY AUGMENTED BY FINE ENGRAVED ILLUSTRATIONS. The original letters from Arnold while on his celebrated expedition to Quebec in 1775 also includes Montresor's Journal.

Early in the American Revolutionary War, Colonel Benedict Arnold led a force of 1,100 Continental Army troops on an expedition from Cambridge in the Province of Massachusetts Bay to the gates of Quebec City. The expedition was part of a two-pronged invasion of the British Province of Quebec, and passed through the wilderness of what is now Maine. This expedition made Arnold one of the first great American heroes of the Revolution, but his name would become a byword for treason and betrayal when in 1780 he led the British army in battle against the very men whom he had once commanded. $750.
A Rare Centennial Publication on the Battle of Lexington
With the Original Paper Wrappers Carefully Preserved

History of the Fight at Lexington, April 19, 1775

119 [American Revolution, Lexington]. HISTORY OF THE FIGHT AT LEXINGTON, APRIL 19, 1775. From the Best Authorities. Printed the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Fight ([Boston: Rand, Avery, and Company], April 19, 1875) Rare First and Only edition. 8vo, stitch bound in the original blue paper printed wrappers, now preserved by new outer-wrappers of stiff stock and marbled paper with a printed label on the upper cover. 24 pp. An extremely well preserved example of this very rare commemorative pamphlet, a fine copy in excellent state, lower outside corners with old bend.

RARE FIRST EDITION. OCLC.ORG LIST ONLY 8 COPIES IN INSTITUTIONAL HOLDINGS AND WE CAN FIND NO OTHER EXAMPLES CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED IN THE MARKETPLACE. Printed for the Centennial of the Battle of Lexington, famous for “the shot heard ‘round the world”, this is a short and concise history of the events of the day. It includes a list of all the Americans killed or wounded. Also it reprints a popular American folk song, THE YANKEE VOLUNTEER, which tells in six verses stories of various clashes with British troops from Lexington and Concord through the Battle of New Orleans in 1814.

$595.

William Hubbard - A General History of New England
One of the Earliest American Works of Its Kind
First Edition - Printed from the Original Manuscript

120 [American Colonial History]. Hubbard, Rev. William. A GENERAL HISTORY OF NEW ENGLAND, From the Discovery to MDCLXXX (Cambridge: The Massachusetts Historical Society; Hilliard & Metcalf, 1815) Scarce First Edition, and a copy with fine New England Provenance, the initial blank bearing the early nineteenth century signature of Henry Swasey of Exeter, NH. The Swasey family has long been a significant New Hampshire family. Thick 8vo, handsomely bound in half brown calf over marbled boards, the spine with blind ruled raised bands and a single red morocco label gilt ruled and lettered, additional gilt lettering at the tail. vi, [8], 676 pp. A very handsome and well preserved example of this scarce book, the paper solid and remarkably clean for an American book of the period, there is exceptionally little by way of spotting or staining, some general toning and age evidence that is quite mild, a bit more so on the original blanks and prelims. The binding is in very fine condition and without fault.

FIRST EDITION AND A VERY SCARCE, DETAILED AND EXTENSIVE HISTORY OF THE FIRST CENTURY OF THE ENGLISH SETTLEMENTS IN NEW ENGLAND, PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME OVER TWO HUNDRED YEARS AFTER IT WAS WRITTEN. The author, William Hubbard, was one of the first nine graduates at Harvard College, a member of the class graduated at the first commencement ceremony in 1642. He wrote, at the order of the Colonial government (which paid him 50 pounds) this extensive History of New England, which is now thought to be derived mainly from now-lost or contemporary sources. The manuscript barely escaped destruction by fire when Gov. Hutchinson’s house was mobbed in 1765, though some damage was sustained. The book was finally brought to publication in 1815 by the Historical Society, published directly from that time-scarred manuscript.

Though the work includes a brief description of the earliest European discoveries in America, it is primarily a history of the period from 1620 to 1683. It includes events in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bay. There is quite an extensive amount on the Indians and settler relations with them, various “troublesome events” are mentioned such as the poxes and pestilence of the times as well as those “caused by Roger Williams”. There is a fine and early record here of the seasonal plantings, the governing affairs of the colonies, and a great deal on the land, the settlements,
and the climate and weather of the early years.

$450.

First Edition - A History of the Indian Wars to 1760
E. Hoyt - Greenfield - Extra-Illustrated with Additonal Plates

121 Hoyt, E[paphras]. ANTIQUARIAN RESEARCHES: COMPRISING A HISTORY OF THE INDIAN WARS In the Country Bordering Connecticut River and Parts Adjacent, and Other Interesting Events, From the First Landing of the Pilgrims, to the Conquest of Canada by the English, in 1760: With Notices of Indian Depredations in the Neighboring Country; And of the First Planting and Progress of Settlements in New England, New York and Canada (Greenfield, Mass.: Ansel Phelps, Dec. 1824) First edition. EXTRA ILLUSTRATED, in addition to the engraved title-page and folding plate of the house in Deerfield normally found in the title this copy has been enriched with ten woodcuts by S. E. Brown on six bound-in plates. 8vo, bound in later tan buckram, the spine with a black morocco label gilt ruled and lettered and with a smaller paper label lettered in manuscript, neat Genealogical Society plate on the front pastedown. xii, xii, 13-224, 238-312pp. A well preserved copy with some neat and unobtrusive institutional markings, the text age mellowed as expected but much less than is typically found, the engraved title missing a section barely touching the printed area now repaired, the folding plate with some tears neatly repaired from the rear and near invisible from the front, four leaves of text neatly excised.

AN IMPRESSIVE EARLY HISTORY OF NEW ENGLAND INDIAN WARS AND RELATIONS. The author, Epaphras Hoyt, had access to several documents which had not been published, and which contained extensive and fascinating particulars on Indian warfare along the Connecticut river. Some of New England’s richest and most fertile country is along the banks of that river and thus it was settled quite early. Those settlements were for a long period far separated by wilderness from the more established and populated colonies on the seacoast, and thus they were exposed to perpetual threat of hostilities.

$450.

The Battle of Bunker Hill and The Siege of Boston
Two Scarce Centennial Publications Presented Together
First Edition of Each Book - Handsomely Bound

122 [American Revolution]; Wheildon, William W. NEW HISTORY OF THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL, June 17, 1775, In Purpose, Conduct, and Result [bound with] SIEGE AND EVACUATION OF BOSTON AND CHARLESTOWN, With a Brief Account of Pre-Revolutionary Public Buildings (Boston: Lee and Shepard, 1875; 1876) Two works bound as one. First edition of each publication. “Bunker Hill” with a folding map of Boston and Charlestown and with an engraved view of the Memorial as tailpiece; “Siege” with a portrait frontispiece, folding map of Boston, two maps and a view of Old South Church within the text. 8vo, each of the two works retain their original front and rear blue paper wrappers printed in black, now handsomely presented bound together in blue morocco backed marbled boards with blue morocco trim at the fore-edges, the spine with a sepia morocco label gilt ruled and lettered. 56pp.; 62pp. In fine condition, both texts beautifully preserved, clean and fresh with a little mellowing to the original wrappers only, the handsome binding as new.

FIRST EDITIONS OF THESE TWO SCARCE REVOLUTIONARY WAR ESSAYS BY A LEADING BOSTON NEWSPAPER EDITOR. PUBLISHED TO
COMMEMORATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE EVENTS. Wheildon, and his newspapers, had also been major supporters of the Bunker Hill Monument Association and the building of the present monument there, a significant landmark in a city rich in American Revolutionary history.

$350.

The “Penman of the Revolution”
John Dickinson’s Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania
A Voice Uniting the Thirteen Colonies

123 [American Revolution]; Dickinson, John. LETTERS FROM A FARMER IN PENNSYLVANIA TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE BRITISH COLONIES. With an Historical Introduction by R. T. H. Halsey (New York: The Outlook Company, 1903) LIMITED EDITION, one of only 260 copies on Van Gelder hand-made paper of a total printing of only 299 copies. Illustrated with a copper photogravure as frontispiece, copper etched initial, and Bierstadt process colour print, hand embellished with gold, and with facsimile title-page of the original 1768 Boston edition. 4to, in the printer’s vellum backed blue boards, the spine gilt lettered, in the original blue paper dustwrapper. lxvii, 148pp. An especially fine copy, internally pristine, the binding beautifully preserved, the vellum in an excellent state of preservation, the protective jacket shows beautifully in spite of some expert and unobtrusive restoration to the verso and a little hint of edge wear.

FIRST EDITION THUS AND A VERY HANDSOME LIMITED PRINTING OF DICKINSON’S HIGHLY IMPORTANT TWELVE LETTERS. Founding Father John Dickinson was known as “the “Penman of the Revolution” for his letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania, published individually in 1767 and 1768. The twelve letters were widely read throughout the thirteen colonies and were important in unifying the colonists against the Townshend Acts. The success of his letters earned Dickinson considerable fame. According to Mel Bradford, “The manner of Dickinson’s twelve letters is well suited to their matter. In form they belong to the ‘high’ or ‘sober’ tradition of English political pamphleteering — as does Common Sense to its ‘rough and ready’ but popular counterpart.” Bradford also argued that the letters had antecedents in the writings of “Milton, Swift, Addison, and Burke,” as well as the authors of Cato’s Letters and the Roman statesman Cicero.

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Jedidiah Morse’s Annals of the American Revolution
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124 [American Revolution]; Morse, Jedidiah. ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; Or a Record of the Causes and Events Which Produced, and Terminated in the Establishment and Independence of the American Republic. Interspersed with Numerous Appropriate Documents and Anecdotes. To Which is Prefixed a Summary Account of the First Settlement of the Country, and some of the Principle Indian Wars, which have at Successive Previous Periods Afflicted Its Inhabitants. To Which is Added, Remarks on the Principles and Comparative Advantages of the Constitution of Our National Government: And an Appendix; Containing a Biography of the Principle Military Officers, Who Were Instrumental in Achieving Our Independence... (Hartford: [Oliver D. Cooke and Sons], 1824) First edition. With an engraved frontispiece and five engraved plates of battle and militia scenes, one, of the Battle of Saratoga, is both large and folding. Tall 8vo, bound in full contemporary tree calf, the spine quite lavishly gilt decorated for an American binding of the period featuring gilt Greek-key bands and ornate central gilt devices above and below a large black morocco label gilt decorated and lettered. [2], 400; 50 pp. A surprisingly well preserved copy of a book rarely found in acceptable condition, the text-block quite clean, a little inevitable foxing and toning occasionally arises but is generally quite mild, the binding is solid and firm and handsome with some light evidence of age or use.

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CONDITION. This fine history was compiled by the “father of American geography”, whose textbooks became a staple of American education. Prior to Morse’s work, almost all textbooks in America where imported from England, but Morse saw the need for works pertaining more specifically to Americans.

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Morse’s text on the Indian Wars is also significant as he had rebutted certain racist views published in the Encyclopedia Britannica concerning the Native American peoples. He took great interest in the Native Americans, and in 1820 he was appointed by the Secretary of War to visit various tribes in order to ascertain their actual condition, and to devise suitable means for the improvement of such. Howes M840a; Sabin 50927.

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125 [American Revolution]; Chittenden, Hon. Lucius E. THE CAPTURE OF TICONDEROGA. Annual Address Before the Vermont Historical Society Delivered at Montpelier, VT., on Tuesday Evening, October 8, 1872 [Contained Within] PROCEEDINGS OF THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY October 8, 1872 (Montpelier: For the Society by Tuttle and Co., 1872) First edition. 8vo, Handsomely bound in the original bright green cloth, the upper cover lettered in gilt within a geometric framework in black, the rear cover repeats the design in black only, the spine lettered in gilt within a gilt oval frame featuring American shields at each end, additional decoration in black at the tips, original glossy purple endpapers. xxi, 127 pp. An unusually bright and fresh copy, very handsome, solid and clean, the cloth especially well preserved and attractive, neat and unobtrusive former Historical Society markings on the front pastedown, title-page and one text leaf.

FIRST EDITION AND A LONG AND WELL RESEARCHED ADDRESS ON TICONDEROGA BY LINCOLN’S SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY AND NOTED VERMONT AUTHOR. Chittenden was also an important Vermont banker, lawyer and politician. His address occupies the bulk of the published Annual Proceedings, occupying 85 of the 127 pages. The lecture was first given at a meeting held at Ticonderoga in June of 1872 and was repeated in Montpelier at the request of the society for their annual address the following October. This is its first published form.

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127  [Celestial Atlas], [Flamsteed, John / Fortin, Jean ed.].  ATLAS CÉLESTE DE FLAMSTÉED, Publiée en 1776, par J. Fortin, Ingénieur-Mécanicien pour les Globes & Sphères (Paris: Chez le Citoyen Lamarche, 1795)  Stated third edition of this atlas made up of 30 double maps mounted on guards. An impressive star atlas with two maps of the skies of the hemispheres and 28 celestial maps with figures, showing a total of 2,935 stars. Key to the size of the stars on each plate. Small 4to. (16 x 22 cm.), bound in contemporary half sheep over speckled boards, the spine with a black morocco title label gilt lettered and ruled. The binding skillfully refurbished at some time. 47 pp. A beautiful atlas of the stars in a fine state of preservation, a touch of mild age mellowing and a few occasion small marginal spots.

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128  Salt, Henry.  ESSAI SUR LE SYSTEME DES HIEROGLYPHES PHONE-TIQUES DU DR. YOUNG ET DE M. CHAMPOLLION,... (Paris: Bobee et Hingray, 1827)  Rare, the first French edition, one of only 300 copies printed. With 5 folding lithographic plates, lacking folding frontis. 8vo, in a handsome French binding of quarter black morocco over marbled boards, the spine with blind tooled compartments between gilt ruled raised bands, one compartment finely gilt lettered, additional gilt decorations at both tips. (4), ix, 70 pp. A fine and handsome copy of this rare work, as is always the case there is some light foxing and general toning due to the paper stock used. The binding is in very fine condition.

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A Foundational Work in the Translation of the Hieroglyphs

Thomas Young - *An Account of Some Recent Discoveries* - 1823

129 Young, Thomas. *AN ACCOUNT OF SOME RECENT DISCOVERIES IN HIEROGLYPHICAL LITERATURE, AND EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES*: Including the Author’s Original Alphabet, as Extended by Mr. Champollion, with a Translation of Five Unpublished Greek and Egyptian Manuscripts (London: John Murray, 1823) First edition of this pioneering work of Egyptology. With illustrations of the hieroglyphs throughout the text. 8vo, bound in the original printer’s blue paper boards, the spine sometime expertly restored with blue paper. xv, (1), 160 pp. An especially well preserved copy, rare in original boards. The boards a bit soiled and aged as would be expected, the textblock quite fine, clean, crisp and unpressed with just a hint of age.

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Young began by using an Egyptian demotic alphabet of 29 letters built up by Johan David Åkerblad in 1802, nearly half of which turned out to be incorrect. Young determined that Åkerblad was correct in stressing the importance of the demotic text in trying to read the inscriptions, but wrongly believed that demotic was entirely alphabetic. By 1814 Young had completely translated the “enchorial” text of the Rosetta Stone. There was considerable rivalry between Young and Jean-François Champollion while both were working on hieroglyphic decipherment. At first they cooperated in their work, but later, a discord grew between them and they began keeping the details of their work private.

When Champollion published his translation of the hieroglyphs with his key to the grammatical system in 1822, Young initially praised his work. Nevertheless Young published this account to make sure his own work was rightfully recognized as being the basis for Champollion’s system.

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An Especially Early Work on the Hieroglyphs

*Seconde Lettre Sur Les Hieroglyphes* - Paris - 1827

130 [Hieroglyphs; Champollion; Egyptology]; Klaproth, Julius. *SECONDE LETTRE SUR LES HIEROGLYPHES*, Adresse a M. de S***** (Paris: J. S. Merlin, 1827) Scarce first edition. 8vo, in the original scarce printed wrappers stitch bound. 45, [2] pp. A well preserved copy of this scarce and delicate publication, in full original state and condition, this copy remains unopened, some expected age mellowing and occasional spotting.

FIRST EDITION. VERY SCARCE IN ORIGINAL WRAPPERS. This is Klaproth’s second paper on the important and at the time ongoing rivalry between British polymath Thomas Young and Jean-François Champollion on the deciphering of the Rosetta Stone. Julius Klaproth, along with Edmé-François Jomard and many others sided with Young and refused to consider Champollion to be more than a talented imitator of Young even after the posthumous publication of Champollion’s grammar. This is Klaproth’s second letter on the subject addressed to Silvestre de Sacy. Sacy also took the side of Young.

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132 [Bartlett, William, Illus.]; Willis, N. P; [Americana, American Scenery, 19th Century Views]. AMERICAN SCENERY; Or Land, Lake, and River Illustrations of Transatlantic Nature. From Drawings by W. H. Bartlett... (London: George Virtue, 1840) 2 volumes. First edition, with the standard 1840 title-page given for the engravings produced in installments from 1837 to 1839. State A with Contents list numbered in Vol. II. With the engraved portrait frontispiece of Bartlett in Vol. I, handsomely engraved vignette titles, engraved map of the North Eastern U.S., and 117 fine steel-engraved plates after drawings by Bartlett. 4to, in very handsome and elaborately tooled and deluxe binding of full forest-green crushed morocco, compartments of the spines richly gilt with beautiful panel designs between wide gilt-tooled bands, two compartments with gilt lettering, the covers with large all over decorations of geometric and floral gilt tooling within multi-ruled gilt frames, board edges and turn-ins tooled with a floral device, yellow endpapers,
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Bartlett died on board a French ship returning from a voyage to the Orient. Engravings based on Bartlett’s views were later used in a posthumous History of the United State of North America, continued by B. B. Woodward. Sabin 3784; Howes B 209; Andres 987.

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133 Eiffel, Gustave. LES OBSERVATIONS COURANTES EN METEOROLOGIE, ET COMPARAISON DES STATIONS DE BEAULIEU, SEVRES ET VACQUEY. Conference Faite a la Socieiete Astronomique de France Le 4 Janvier 1905 (Paris: Imprimerie de La Bourse de Commerce, 1905) First Edition, AUTHOR’S SIGNED MANUSCRIPT PRESENTATION INSCRIPTION TO THE FRONT COVER. Certainly the copy presented by Eiffel to the Societe des Ingenieurs Civils de France Bibliotheque. Illustrated with meteorological graphs and diagrams, including one folding plate. 4to [24x15.5 cm], in the original printed blue paper wrappers, lettered on the upper cover in black. With provenance of the Societe des Ingenieurs Civils Bibliotheque. 43 pp. A very fine PRESENTATION copy, excellently preserved, with the Societe des Ingenieurs Civils de France Bibliotheque stamps in red on the front wrapper half-title.

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137 Lawrence, T. E. REVOLT IN THE DESERT (London: Jonathan Cape, 1927) First Edition. With a copy of the publisher’s announcement for the publication of the book and a REMARKABLE AUTOGRAPH LETTER SIGNED BY T.E. LAWRENCE DISCUSSING THE BOOK AND ITS PUBLICATION. With 16 black and white illustrations, large folding map at rear. 8vo, tan polished buckram lettered in gilt on spine, in dustjacket. 435, index. An unusually nice copy, the dustjacket with minor evidence of shelving.

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138 [Lawrence, T. E., translator] Homer. THE ODYSSEY (London: Emery Walker, Wilfred Merton and Bruce Rogers, 1932) First Edition, One of 530 copies only specially printed and bound. This copy with the Original Prospectus including the Announcement For the Book and an Example of a Page of the printing, and with a Copy of the Prospectus for the trade edition published by Oxford University Press in 1935, the first unlimited issuance of the book. Illustrated with 26 decorations of Homeric figures in black on roundels of gold, printed in Rogers’ beautiful Centaur type. 4to, publisher’s original black morocco, titled in gilt on the spine panel between raised bands. A lovely copy of an extraordinary work.

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139  [T.E. Lawrence]; Hart, Capt. Liddell, Storrs, Sir Ronald. LAWRENCE OF ARABIA (London: [in Red Lion Court, off Fleet Street], May, 1936) First Edition and One of Only 12 copies printed for Sir Ronald Storrs, signed by both Sir Ronald and Captain Liddell Hart, and with a presentation inscription from Storrs to his friend Roper. 4to, set in 18 pt. Centaur type with Arrighi Italica and printed on a hand press, one of only 12 copies printed for Sir Ronald Storrs on Barcham Green “Medway” hand made paper and bound by Sangorski and Sutcliffe in fine tan buckram over Japanese paper covered boards. In the original slipcase. [2], [36], [1] pp. A very fine copy, crisp, clean, tight and very well preserved.

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By Captain Liddell Hart, from LAWRENCE. “The Artist in War and Letters” and printed herein: “The opportunity has gone--with the man. But nothing that he might have done is equal to what he may do, as a legendary figure. Legends are more potent than emperors or dictators. Others who worked with him are outstanding men: he would have been the first to wish their merits due recognition. Legend has made his fame as 100 to 1. Such magnification, which happens to a few men in each generation, is not true to reality....But magnification is the way of legend. And the difference in this case is that, for once, legend had a really substantial basis....For he was a message to mankind in freedom from possessiveness. In freedom from competitiveness. In freeing oneself from ambition, especially from the lust of power. His power sprang from knowledge and understanding, not from position. His influence was free from domination. His influence is likely to grow; because it is a spiritual message transmitting a spiritual force. The man was great; the message was greater.”

And by Sir Ronald Storrs, from LAWRENCE “Himself” as printed here: “Some think he intended to resume action, for his country. Others, that he would have created at least one more great work, for like Plato he felt deeply that what gives life its value is the sight, however revealed, of Eternal Beauty. In this he is with the great Elizabethans...with the great Victorians...whose whole lives, free from fear and gain--those old perceptors of mankind--are a protest against the guaranteed, the pensioned, the standardised and the safety-first existence. Lawrence, unaccountable, unpredictable, seemed to be a phantasm of the living as now he is of the dead; and it was somehow unreal to be watching beside him in his cerements, so strangely resembling the Abaya, the Kuffiya and the Aigal of an Arab Chief, as he lay in his last, littlest room, very grave and strong and noble. Suddenly, in a flash as by a bolt from the cloudless serene he has been rapt into Eternity; and we may well believe that his adventurous spirit leapt gladly to the call, as the trumpet sounded for him on the other side.”

The Corvinus Press was a private press established by George Lionel Seymour Dawson-Damer, Viscount Carlow in early 1936. Carlow ran the Press with the help of a press-man (latterly Arthur Harry Cardew) and secretary. He was friendly
with many of the leading literary figures of the age, some of whom allowed him to print their works at his Press. Corvinus published new work by T. E. Lawrence, James Joyce, Wyndham Lewis, Edmund Blunden, Stefan Zweig and others. Carlow was interested in contemporary European typography, and bought new types from the Bauer typefoundry at Frankfurt am Main and other European founders, which he often used in an experimental way at the Corvinus Press. His taste in binding was also individual, and he generally produced a few special copies of each book which he had bound by one of the leading craft bookbinders of the age.’ Wiki

Sir Ronald Storrs served his nation in the British Foreign and Colonial Office. He served as Oriental Secretary in Cairo, Military Governor of Jerusalem, Governor of Cyprus, and Governor of Northern Rhodesia. He was part of the Arab bureau formed in Cairo in December 1915, to which T. E. Lawrence was attached in January 1916, and a shared interest in classics led to a lasting friendship between the two men (Storrs was the principal pallbearer at Lawrence’s funeral in 1935). On 10 June 1916 Hussein raised the Arab revolt, but the momentum seemed uncertain and in October 1916 Storrs secured permission to take Lawrence as a companion on a mission to Jiddah to reorganize it.

In SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM Lawrence wrote of Storrs as being the most brilliant Englishman in the Middle East and described his love of music, literature, sculpture, and painting, but also suggested his limitations:

“His shadow would have covered our work and British policy in the East like a cloak, had he been able to deny himself the world, and to prepare his mind and body with the sternness of an athlete for a great fight.”

At the end of 1917 he was appointed military governor of Jerusalem and served in that capacity until 1920 when he became civil governor of Jerusalem and Judea (1920-1926). Above all, he believed in fairness, and in that he was the model British civil servant. This attitude is evidenced as late as 1940 when he wrote in his updated account of Zionism, “Lawrence of Arabia: Zionism and Palestine”, of the need to see that ‘both halves of the mandate are faithfully and practicably maintained’.

Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, was a British soldier, military historian and military theorist. At the outbreak of WW I he volunteered for service and soon became an officer in the King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry serving with the regiment on the Western Front. Injured multiple times, he returned to the front three separate times after his recoveries from wounds sustained. In 1916 he participated in the Battle of the Somme where he was hit three times and badly gassed. His early contacts with T. E. Lawrence emanated from Hart’s interest in military issues and Lawrence’s vast knowledge of these matters. Their first correspondence occurred in 1921 and from this developed a warm and close relationship that went on until Lawrence’s death in 1935. The letters between them often addressed Hart’s great interest in the philosophy of war, the place of the hero in that philosophy and the preoccupation with truth.

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140 Doughty, Charles M. TRAVELS IN ARABIA DESERTA (Cambridge: At the University Press, 1888) 2 volumes. First edition. With numerous drawings, diagrams and folding plans and maps in text, including a color folding map in rear pocket. 8vo, green cloth lettered in gilt on spine and with large gilt pictorial vignettes of desert scenery and fauna on upper covers. xx, 623; xiv, 690, glossary & index. A very nice set of this scarce work. With no repairs and the hinges still in very good order without breaks or separations, unusual for these heavy volumes. The giltwork on the cloth is still very bright, especially so the large vignettes on the covers as well as the spine lettering. The cloth is still deep rich green and
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141 Lawrence, T. E.  SECRET DESPATCHES FROM ARABIA, Published by Permission of the Foreign Office. Foreward by A. W. Lawrence  ((London): Golden Cockerel Press, (1939)) First Edition and One of a Very Rare Number of Special Copies, only 30 specially bound and with collotype reproductions of chapters of Lawrence’s original manuscript of Seven Pillars of Wisdom. With a copy of the prospectus announcing the 30 special copies. Portrait frontispiece after a photo of Lawrence, and with collotype reproductions of a number of the original manuscript chapters to Seven Pillars of Wisdom. 4to, very handsomely bound for the Golden Cockerel Press in full white pigskin by Sangorski and Sutcliffe, the spine lettered in gilt, turnovers gilt ruled, t.e.g., others uncut, in the plastic protective sleeve and slipcase. 173, [1, colophon, 7 manuscript facsimiles] pp. A fine copy, fresh and clean throughout, the white pigskin binding still in excellent condition, with just a bit of dustiness.

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142 Lawrence, T.E. THE DIARY OF T. E. LAWRENCE (London: The Corvinus Press, June 1937) First Edition of this beautiful book. One 203 copies printed of which 150 copies only were for sale. Printed on parchment substitute paper and specially bound. Illustrated with a very fine black and gilt pictorial headpiece to the first page of text and a good number of photographs taken by Lawrence during the time when this diary was penned. The tissue guards for the photographs are all in place. 4to, bound very handsomely, most probably by Sangorski & Sutcliffe in half dark morocco over Japanese paper covered boards with vellum corners, the spine lettered in gilt, t.e.g., in the original protective slipcase. Unpaginated. A very fine copy indeed, tight, crisp, sharp and clean, the binding in pristine condition, the slipcase just a bit aged. FIRST EDITION OF THIS LIMITED ISSUE, BEAUTIFULLY PRINTED BOOK. The diary was kept while Lawrence was journeying through Northern Syria during 1911. It consists of notes taken whenever T.E. had time for rest. While he traveled to most places on foot and was ill much of the time, he kept this diary in pencil in a small canvas-backed note-book. Lawrence took the photographs that are included at the end of the volume.

T.E.L. had studied history at Oxford from 1907 to 1910 and in the summer of 1909 set out alone on a three month walking tour of the crusader castles in northern Ottoman Syria during which he traveled over 1000 miles. On return he penned his thesis on the influence of the crusades on European military architecture and was awarded first class honours. His interest in the subject and in the Ottoman regions of the Middle East did not abate.

‘In 1910 Lawrence was offered an opportunity to become a practising archaeologist in the Middle East, at Carchemish, in the expedition that D. G. Hogarth was setting up on behalf of the British Museum. Hogarth arranged a “Senior Demyship”, a form of scholarship, for Lawrence at Magdalen College, Oxford, to fund Lawrence’s work at £100 a year. In December 1910, he sailed for Beirut and on his arrival went to Jbail (Byblos), where he studied Arabic. He then went to work on the excavations at Carchemish, near Jerablus in northern Syria, where he worked under Hogarth, R. Campbell Thompson of the British Museum, and Leonard Woolley, until 1914. He later stated that everything which he had accomplished he owed to Hogarth. While excavating at Carchemish, Lawrence met Gertrude Bell.

This diary relates the experiences of his foot journey followed in 1911 beginning in Tel Ahmar in early July and through the Kurdish areas and other points of the region. He was, on occasion the best speaker of Arabic among all that he met, most of whom were Turks, Kurds and a few Armenians and Yazidis. Rum Kalaat was his northern point. Other areas studied on his journey included Nizib, Tel Bashar and Jerablus. This is a very fine copy of a very readable book.
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143 Lawrence, T.E.; Ede, H.S. SHAW-EDE T.E. Lawrence’s Letters to H.S. Ede 1927-1935. Forward and Running Commentary by H.S. Ede (London: The Golden Cockerel Press, 1942) First Edition and the Most Rare Issue. One of 30 copies only, printed in Perpetua type on mould-made paper and bound in fine full polished Niger morocco and accompanied by facsimile reproductions of five of the letters penned by T.E. Lawrence. 4to, beautifully bound in full green-blue crushed Niger morocco by Sangorski and Sutcliffe, the spine with raised bands lettered in gilt, the edges gilt tooled, the turnovers gilt ruled, e.g., housed in the original slipcase. 62, [2-bl], [8, the facsimile manuscript letters] pp. A very fine copy indeed, the binding tight, sharp and in excellent condition, the text-block clean and crisp, the slipcase with some age mellowing as would be typical for the ivory cloth. An excellent copy of this very rare book.

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Dear Ede
I feel nervous. I’m an entirely ordinary person: nearly everybody is. There are 14 fellows in this room with me, and we are all, at once, of a muchness, and different. If you were here you would be the 15th (and an unlucky fifteenth, for there are only fourteen beds!) and that’s all there would be to it.

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And further examples from Revolt, the copy which Ede read:

“Rain came on, and soaked me, and then it blew fine and freezing till I crackled in armour of white silk, like a theatre
knight: or like a bridal cake, hard-iced"

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144 Bell, Gertrude. THE ARAB WAR Confidential Information for General Headquarters From Gertrude Bell. Being Dispatches Reprinted from the Secret “Arab Bulletin”. Introduction by Sir Kinnahan Cornwallis K.C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O. Director of the Arab Bureau 1916-1920 (London: Golden Cockerel Press, 1940) 2 volumes. First Edition, This, the most rare issue, being one of only 30 copies bound in Full Niger Morocco, and with a special facsimile of Bell’s Essay on Romance in the Iraq, limited to 30 copies only. The total print run for the Golden Cockerel Press publication was only 500 of which all but 30 were bound in half morocco and issued without the facsimile manuscript. With a facsimile reproduction of Gertrude Bell’s Handwriting. The manuscript of “An Essay on Romance in the Iraq” printed by collotype process and limited to only 30 copies. 4to, publisher’s original full turquoise crushed morocco by Sangorski and Sutcliffe, the spine lettered in gilt, edges gilt tooled, turnovers gilt ruled, top edge gilt, others uncut, in the original slipcase. [51], colophon, [8] manuscript facsimile pp. A fine copy, the binding sharp and tight, the spine panel mellowed by light as is typical with the green niger morocco, slipcase well preserved, the text-block clean and crisp.

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149 Thomas, Bertram. ARABIA FELIX: Across the Empty Quarter of Arabia. Introduction by T. E. Lawrence (London: Jonathan Cape, 1932) First edition. Complete with over 80 illustrations, photographs and diagrams, three maps including the folding map at rear. 8vo, publisher’s original honey-brown buckram lettered in gilt on spine, in the very scarce original dustjacket. xxix, 397. A fine copy of the book, bright, clean, fresh and well preserved. The jacket also very well preserved, complete and with only some light general mellowing.

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$875.
151 Lawrence, T. E. THE MINT: A day-book of the R.A.F. Depot between August and December 1922 with later notes by 352087 A/C Ross (London: Jonathan Cape, 1955) First edition, limited issue, Number 461 of 2000 copies only. 4to, original half publisher’s morocco and cloth, lettered in gilt on spine, t.e.g., in the printed slipcase. 206. An extremely fine copy, bright and clean, as mint.

FIRST EDITION, LIMITED ISSUE. Lawrence made his way into the service on two occasions by using adopted names. In August 1927, writing from Karachi, he told Edward Garnett that he had arranged notes in sections and was copying them as a Christmas gift to Garnett.

Lawrence told Garnett that he wrote the book tightly, “because our clothes are so tight, and our lives so tight in the service. There is no freedom of conduct at all.” The typescript, made at Garnett’s order from the actual manuscript, was revised by Lawrence just before his death and it is that text which the present work follows. Lawrence had intended to print a limited edition himself on a hand-press and had already procured enough copies for its frontispiece of a reproduction of a portrait drawing by Augustus John before his untimely death in a motoring accident. The present limited edition is then, the only one available and most closely followed T.E.L’s wishes according to his brother A.W. Lawrence.

$750.

1936 - T.E. Lawrence’s Wilderness of Zin
His First Work - An Archeological Tour de Force
A Fine Copy in Dustjacket of This Uncommon Title

152 Lawrence, T. E. and C. Leonard Woolley. THE WILDERNESS OF ZIN, with a chapter on the Greek inscriptions by M. N. Tod. Introduction by Sir Frederick Kenyon. (London:New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1936) First trade edition, and first edition published for the general public. Profusely illustrated with 40 full-page plates on coated paper, 58 illustrations in the text including one folding plan and 2 maps. 4to, publisher’s original sienna cloth lettered in gilt on the spine and upper cover, in the scarce printed dustjacket. 161, plates, (4) index pp. A fine and very bright copy, beautifully preserved, the jacket also bright and in very pleasing condition with just a bit of mellowing or age evidence.

IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION. Lawrence and Woolley launched their careers with this work, collaborating together and joining their knowledge and travel experiences to form a comprehensive view of the desert regions surrounding Palestine. The work was originally published as the Annual of the Palestine Exploration Fund for 1914-1915, but in view “of the subsequent careers of its two authors, and of the literary merit which adds charm to the description of a country of no little biblical and historical interest, it seems to deserve a wider publicity than the proceedings of a learned society” [preface]. An excellent copy of Lawrence’s uncommon first work.

$595.
Liddell Hart on T.E. Lawrence in Arabia and After
First Edition of this Very Fine Biography - Rare in Dustjacket

153 [Lawrence, T. E.]; Hart, Liddell. ‘T. E. LAWRENCE’ IN ARABIA AND AFTER (London: Jonathan Cape, 1934) First edition. With numerous illustrations and maps throughout. 8vo, publisher’s original sienna cloth in the rarely encountered dustjacket printed in green and black on buff paper. 448, index pp. A very fine copy, pristine and near as mint, the jacket beautifully preserved with only the most minimal mellowing at the spine panel. Rare thus.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS IMPORTANT WORK IN THE RARELY ENCOUNTERED DUSTJACKET. In 1929 it was suggested to Captain Liddell Hart that he wrote a considered study of the Arab Revolt and Colonel Lawrence’s share in it. This book is the result. It gives a new interpretation of the Middle East campaigns for Jerusalem and Damascus, the major operations to which the Arab Revolt was tied. War Cabinet records to soldiers’ stories were opened for the first time to Hart during his authoring of the book. And certain letters of T.E. Lawrence are published here for the first time. Drafts of the chapters were necessarily submitted to Lawrence and a number of his notes and remembrances are included here, also for the first time. Maps and diagrams and reproductions of wartime photographs are also used to illustrate the book throughout.

$450.

T. E. Lawrence’s ‘Home Letters’
The Scarce First Edition in Dustjacket

154 (Lawrence, TE) Blackwell, Basil. THE HOME LETTERS OF T.E. LAWRENCE AND HIS BROTHERS (London and New York: Blackwell and Macmillan and Co., 1954) First edition. This copy with the Blackwell binding and dustjacket and the American title page printed for Macmillan by Blackwell’s. A copy of the scarce original prospectus for the book is also included. Illustrated with black and white photographs of the Lawrence brothers and the various locations they traveled in. Hand drawn maps and illustrations by T.E. Lawrence. 8vo, publisher’s original dark blue cloth with gilt lettering on the spine, in the original dustjacket. xvi, 731 pp. A fine, clean and sturdy copy the original jacket just a touch mellowed and with very little evidence of age or use.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS SCARCE WORK. The letters home of T.E. Lawrence and his brothers Will and Frank as they traveled the world. Both of T.E.’s brothers fought and were killed in WWI. T.E. Lawrence’s letters date from 1916 to 1934 and come from all the locations described in his writings. An introduction by Winston Churchill.

$395.
155 Lawrence, T.E.; Garnett, David, editor. THE LETTERS OF T.E. LAWRENCE [OF ARABIA] (London: Jonathan Cape, 1938) First edition. First state with “T.E.L” at p. 495 and “Baltic” at p. 182. 16 photographs and illustrations including 4 maps of which two are folding. 8vo, publisher’s original fawn polished buckram, lettered in gilt on the spine, in publisher’s original printed dustjacket. 896 pp. A handsome, very well preserved, as fine copy, the dustjacket and book are both remarkably well preserved with only very minor evidence of age or use.

AN IMPORTANT FIRST EDITION. The letters of T.E. Lawrence from 1906-1935, from early work in archaeology, through the Arab revolt, the writing of Seven Pillars of Wisdom and ending the year of his death in 1935.

The ultimate aim of Garnett was to allow Lawrence to tell his own story, as much as possible. He has included Lawrence’s private letters as well as official ones to give a complete portrayal of his life. Garnett took over this project when E.M. Forster felt “he could not go on with it” and thus was aided by his notes.

Lawrence’s interest in archaeology lasted from his childhood to the time of his death. These letters reflect this interest and his intellectual development over the years. Because Lawrence had many friends of diverse interest and background, his correspondence is complex and revealing. He was a very good correspondent and the substance of his writing “destroys the mystery of Lawrence and establishes more firmly his titles to greatness--not only as a soldier and a writer--not because of what he did, but because of what he was.” [dustjacket] Included are letters to Lloyd George, Bernard Shaw, Lady Astor, E.M. Forster, Noel Coward, Yeats, and Churchill.

$350.

156 [T.E. Lawrence]; German-Reed, T. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON T.E. LAWRENCE’S SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM AND REVOLT IN THE DESERT (London: W. & G. Foyle Limited, 1928) First Edition, Limited to 375 copies of which 350 were offered for sale. Illustrated with a wood engraving by Paul Nash to the title-page and dust jacket cover. Small 8vo, publisher’s original tan cloth, the upper cover lettered in gilt, in the tan dustjacket lettered in black on the spine panel and upper cover. [6], 16, [2] pp. A fine copy with little evidence of use, tight and clean and sharp, only light mellowing or age evidence overall. FIRST EDITION OF THIS VERY EARLY BIBLIOGRAPHICAL WORK ON THE PUBLICATION HISTORY OF SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM AND REVOLT IN THE DESERT. Published only two years after the release of the 1926 Subscriber’s Issue of SEVEN PILLARS and a year after the release of REVOLT IN THE DESERT. The work presents the publishing history of both books in both England and the United States. $225.
Bertram Thomas’s Great Work on the Arab Peoples

The Arabs - First Edition - 1937

157 Thomas, Bertram. THE ARABS. The Life Story of a People Who Have Left Their Deep Impress on the World. (Garden City: Doubleday, Doran and Co., Inc., 1937) First Edition. With 25 illustrations and 4 maps including one folding map. 8vo, publisher’s original dark mustard polished buckram, lettered in gilt on the spine and blocked in blind on the spine and upper cover. In the scarce original dustjacket pictorially illustrated in red and green. x, 364 pp. A very fine and bright copy, essentially pristine, the jacket handsome, clean and well preserved with only very light evidence of age.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS CLASSIC TEXT BY ONE OF THE GREAT ARABISTS OF ALL TIME. In the spring of 1931, the story was made public of Thomas’ exploration of the last large blank space on the planet. He traversed the “empty quarter” on camel-back, across the vast and unknown desert of South Arabia. ARABIA FELIX was his story of that journey, the first by any white man, crossing from the Indian Ocean to the Persian Gulf.

T.E. Lawrence said of Thomas that “few men are able to close an epoch... We cannot know the first man who walked the inviolate earth for newness’ sake: but Thomas is the last; and he did his journey in the antique way, by pain of his camel’s legs, single-handed, at his own time and cost.” And for his success he received the Gold Medal of the Royal Geographical Society of both England and Antwerp and the Burton Medal of the Royal Asiatic Society.

The dustjacket, oddly enough, identifies this as the “Cheap Edition”, but there was no other issue published in the UK until a 1940 reprint as part of the Keystone Library Series. $195.

A “Profound Portrait” of T.E. Lawrence of Arabia

First Edition in English - Victoria Ocampo

158 [T.E. Lawrence]; Ocampo, Victoria. 338171 T.E. (LAWRENCE OF ARABIA). Translated by David Garnett. Introduction by Prof. A.W. Lawrence (London: Victor Gollancz Ltd, 1963) First Edition in English 8vo, publisher’s original orange cloth, lettered in gilt on the spine panel, in the original yellow dustjacket printed in purple and black. 128 pp. A very fine copy, the dustjacket beautifully preserved, clean and sharp, the spine panel only very minimally mellowed.

FIRST EDITION OF WHAT A.W. LAWRENCE, T.E.’S BROTHER SAID WAS “The most profound and best-balanced of all portraits of my brother”. “...the mystery as to his essential nature and the motives for his behaviour have remained, most people would agree, almost wholly unresolved. It is Victoria Ocampo’s remarkable achievement that...she has provided in this book what is, by consent of two at least specially qualified to judge, an outstanding convincing assessment of his character. Factually impeccable—and this in itself makes it almost unique in the vast collection of books on Lawrence—her work restores a balance upset by much passionate advocacy one way or the other.” Publisher $100.
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$85.

Rare First Edition - Published Jaffa 1936

A.B.C. of the Arab Case in Palestine - Aziz B. Shihadeh

160  [Palestine]; Shihadeh, Aziz B.  A.B.C. OF THE ARAB CASE IN PALESTINE  (Jaffa: The Modern Library and Stationary Store, [1936])
First Edition. 8vo, publisher’s original wraps, printed in black on the upper cover. 46 pp. A fine copy, very well preserved, the spine panel 
with light evidence of age.

RARE FIRST EDITION. FEW COPIES OF THIS WORK, WRITTEN DURING THE TIME OF THE STRIKES AND CONTINUED DISPUTES IN PALESTINE ARE EXTANT. The author’s purpose is to show reasons for the rejection of the Balfour Declaration, the British Mandate, and the establishment of a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine or the Middle East. 

$350.
161 [T.E. Lawrence]; Hart, Captain Sir B.H. Liddell; Lawrence, A.W. CLOUDS HILL Dorset [with,] an Official Guide to Wareham and District and two admission tickets issued by The National Trust. (Plaistow: The Curwen Press for The National Trust, 1970) Early Printing. Illustrated with a cover picture of Lawrence in Arab headdress from the oil painting by Augustus John, and with photographs of Lawrence on his motorcycle and of the rooms of Clouds Hill. The Wareham and District Guide also includes a photograph of the Lawrence of Arabia Memorial Effigy by Eric Kennington, now housed in Saint Martin’s Church, Wareham. 8vo, bound in the publisher’s original wraps 20 pp. A pristine copy, very fine and without fault.

VERY EARLY ISSUE OF THIS FINE BOOK ON T.E. LAWRENCE AT CLOUDS HILL, written by Captain Sir Liddell Hart and A.W. Lawrence, both of whom knew Lawrence intimately for many years. “The cottage on the slope of Clouds hill had long been derelict and was becoming a ruin when Lawrence first rented it, in 1925. He was then a private in the Tank Corps...and needed a room in which to work on revising the text of SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM and on preparing the limited edition which was issued to subscribers in 1926.

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$75.

Genius of Friendship “T.E. Lawrence” - First Edition
Henry Williamson on Lawrence of Arabia - 1941

162 [T.E. Lawrence]; Williamson, Henry. GENIUS OF FRIENDSHIP. “T.E. LAWRENCE” (London: Faber and Faber Limited, 1941) First Edition Tall 8vo, bound in the publisher’s original brown cloth, lettered in gilt on the spine panel. 78 pp. A very good and pleasing copy, light age or evidence of use, a bit of foxing to the pastedowns and free-flies as is typical with the paper.

FIRST EDITION OF THIS RATHER PERSONAL RECORD OF A FRIENDSHIP THAT BEGAN THROUGH A SERIES OF LETTERS BETWEEN WILLIAMSON AND LAWRENCE. Henry Williamson was the author of TARKA THE OTTER and SALAR THE SALMON. He began corresponding with T.E. Lawrence through his friendship with Edward Garnett. The first letter, a very long one came from Lawrence to Williamson when Lawrence was stationed in India with the R.A.F. and to Williamson’s great surprise, arrived in an envelope that had been sent to Garnett first, before it was sent on to him. Enclosed in the envelope were “two foolscap sheets lined with a minute and meticulous hand,
smaller than ordinary typewriting. The writing was extremely neat, and the body of the letter was filled with numbers referring to the pages and lines of...TARKA THE OTTER (Williamson's great best selling work)...there must have been a thousand words or more on each page---and the signature...” A friendship began from the first and lasted for years until Lawrence's death.

A very personal book and a look at a friendship that was absolute and resolute.

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Continue to the next page for the Section on Charles Darwin.
Charles Darwin - *The Origin of Species* - 1873
With Extremely Rare Presentation in Darwin’s Hand
With the First Inclusion in an Origin of the Words “Evolution”
The Greatest Biological Work Ever Written
The Most Important Work of Science of the 19th Century
The Great Leap Forward in Mankind’s Knowledge of Itself

163 Darwin, Charles. *ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION* (London: John Murray, 1873) The Highly Important Sixth Edition, with additions and corrections, third issue, (thirteenth thousand). A copy with VERY RARE AUTOGRAPH PRESENTATION SLIP WITH INSCRIPTION IN THE HAND OF CHARLES DARWIN. The presentation is on a leaf affixed to the half-title. On rare occasions, Darwin would send such presentation leaves to Murray, his publisher, requesting that they be pasted into copies of certain of his books that he wished sent as presentation copies to fellow scientists whose work Darwin considered important in relation to his own. Folding lithographed diagram by W. West. 8vo, publisher’s original green cloth, gilt lettered on the spine and blocked in blind in a panel design on the covers, original black coated endpapers. xxi, 458 pp. A very fine, handsome, bright and unmarked copy, very clean and crisp throughout.

*A HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT COPY. SUPERB AND VERY RARE PRESENTATION SLIP WITH AUTOGRAPH INSCRIPTION IN THE HAND OF CHARLES DARWIN. A VERY FINE, BRIGHT AND PLEASING COPY OF THE RARE SIXTH EDITION OF THE GREATEST BIOLOGICAL WORK EVER WRITTEN. IT IS CONSIDERED RARE AND WAS ISSUED IN A QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING 2000 COPIES. This edition includes an expanded version of “An Historical Sketch of the Recent Progress of Opinion on the Origin of Species,” as well as a table of corrections. The Sixth Edition of 1872 consisted of 3,000 copies, including three states of the title page, reading “Eleventh”, “Twelfth,” and “Thirteenth” Thousand (some of these last being dated 1873, as here). The Sixth Edition contained a new chapter, VII, written to address and to refute the views certain other scientists. A glossary appears for the first time, and additionally, it is in this sixth edition that Darwin used for the first time the word “evolution”. The word was inserted three times into the text, on pages 201 and 424.

Darwin’s Revolutionary Masterwork, in which he not only “drew an entirely new picture of the workings of organic nature; he revolutionized our methods of thinking and our outlook on the natural order of things. The recognition that constant change is the order of the universe had been finally established and a vast step forward in the uniformity of nature had been taken.” [PMM] Together with Coper- nickus’ *DE REVOLUTIONIBUS* and Newton’s
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A Highly Important Autograph Letter by Charles Darwin
Directly Dealing with Core Concerns of the Theory of Evolution
Also, Inheritance, Natural Selection, the Struggle for Existence

Thomas Rivers (1798-1877) ran a large tree and flower nursery in Hertfordshire. Rivers wrote several noted books on horticulture and published frequently in garden journals. He corresponded with Darwin and sent him specimens in 1862-63 (?); and later on performed several breeding experiments on Darwin’s behalf. Darwin references Rivers frequently in his Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication – calling him “a great authority.”

In the present letter, Darwin responds to the “capital facts” in Rivers’ letter of 3 Feb 1863. Rivers’ letter, which is only partially extant, references Darwin’s Origin and provides observations on “selection” in the growth of seedlings.

In the extant portion of his 4 Feb. letter, River makes the general observation of how a patch of seedling trees begin all equal, but in succeeding years some grow taller or root more deeply, thus outstripping the others – to which Darwin here responds: “What you say of seedlings conquering each other well illustrates the ‘struggle for existence’ and ‘natural selection’. I have often & often looked at a crowd of natural seedlings with just such feelings & reflexions as yours.”

The non-extant portion of Rivers letter is only to be inferred from Darwin’s own letter, but it appears that Rivers has transmitted more specific information on inheritance in Ash and Thorn trees – to which Darwin responds: “You could not by any possibility have given me a more curious case of inheritance than that of the Ash, which produced weeping seedlings & itself lost the weeping peculiarity! It is capital for my purpose. I am also very glad to hear of the Thorn…. I wish I could get authentic information on the weeping Elm.” Darwin also tells Rivers that he has kept note of Rivers’ 1838 published report that of “20,000 or 30,000 seedlings from the common weeping ash,” none of them inherited the weeping characteristic.

In December 1859, Charles Darwin had introduced to the world a radical theory of evolution and how and why spe-
cies adapt to their environment in his groundbreaking document The Origin of Species. Two descriptive terms embody Darwin’s entire thesis: natural selection and struggle for life. Both describe the natural tendency for species to adapt to their environment, with the premise that those which can better adapt have a better chance of survival, thanks to genetic modifications in their DNA for such environmental adaptation. The concept of an incremental progression of living species to improve and modify to their surroundings was termed “natural selection.” His other fundamental phrase was “struggle to survive.” Both have become synonymous with The Origin of Species and its pertinent evolutionary theory. Amongst Darwin’s 15,000 letters now being published, researched, documented and analyzed by the scholars of the Darwin Correspondence Project in Cambridge, United Kingdom, the combination of both terms in the author’s hand is exceedingly rare, with only 14 documented occurrences [www.darwinproject.ac.uk/advanced-search]. However, these terms presented in the same sentences is 4/14. Of these four, only one has the prophetic words within quotation marks, expressing Darwin’s intense attachment and dedication to this premise and theory. Our letter is amongst the latter [http://www.darwinproject.ac.uk/editors-blog/2014/08/12/featured-correspondent-thomas-rivers/]. There are no letters written in Darwin’s hand which combine all three of the following: struggle for life, natural selection, and survival of the fittest. By comparison, only two letters addressed to Darwin include this content, one each from Alfred R. Wallace (1866) and the other from Charles Lyell (1869) [darwinproject.ac.uk].

Darwin initiated the correspondence Rivers in 1862 in a typically modest and apologetic manner: “My name may possibly be known to you ….” “Several times I thought I would write…but did not know whether you would think me too intrusive” (23 and 28 December 1862). Darwin was always conscious of the pressure of time upon his correspondents who were in trades or professions, and who lacked the independent means that he possessed as a wealthy gentleman. He was grateful for the contact, remarking that he had read “every scrap” that Rivers had written. Darwin quickly grew bolder with his inquiries:

I have little compunction for being so troublesome, — not more than a grand Inquisitor has in torturing a Heretic — for am I not doing a real good public service in screwing crumbs of knowledge out of your wealth of information? (11 January 1863)

Rivers and Darwin eventually exchanged around 30 letters, most falling in 1863, when Darwin was hard at work on the manuscript of Variation of Plants and Animals under Domestication, the lengthy and detailed sequel to The Origin of Species. Rivers, an experienced plant breeder and hybridist, supplied Darwin with detailed information about bud variation in fruit trees, strawberries, roses, and laburnum, and the effects of grafts upon root stock. When he first read The Origin of Species, Rivers was led to consider the growth of trees over several years and how patches of young seedlings began equally, but in successive years were dominated by a few that grew taller or rooted more deeply, outstripping the others. “You should live near a large nursery and your mind would find abundance of food,” Rivers wrote (3 February 1863). Darwin thought the example illustrated his evolutionary principles perfectly:

What you say of seedlings conquering each other well illustrates the ‘struggle for existence’ and ‘natural selection.’ I have often looked at a crowd of natural seedlings with just such feelings and reflections as yours. (14 February 1863)

At the time of this letter, Darwin was actively at work writing, and gathering data for, his hard-evidence sequel to the Origin – The Variation of Animals and Plants under Domestication. Rivers is referenced in multiple places in the book. Rivers’ particular report on the “20,000 or 30,000” ash seedlings, which Darwin mentions in this letter, is in fact cited in Ch. XII. And subsequent to this letter, Rivers also provided Darwin with the information he so sought about the weeping Elm (by custom raising a seedling at Darwin’s request) – the which again is also cited in Ch. XII.

Darwin letters so strongly linked to the central Ideas of Evolution are Rare in commerce.

Charles Darwin - The Origin of Species - 1861
The Greatest Biological Work Ever Written
The Third and Highly Important Issuance
The Great Leap Forward in Mankind’s Knowledge of Itself

165 Darwin, Charles. ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life (London: John Murray, 1861) A very early issuance and only the third edition (seventh thousand of the title, with important additions and corrections] of Darwin’s monumental work. This edition is printed in the same format as the first edition, and includes “An Historical Sketch of the Recent Progress of Opinion on the Origin of Species” in which Darwin acknowledges his fellow science
tists as regards the theory of evolution, as well as a table of corrections to the first and second editions. Two-thousand copies only were printed and issued in April 1861. Folding lithographed diagram by W. West. 8vo, publisher’s original green cloth, gilt decorated on the spine and blocked in blind on the covers, salmon glazed paper endpapers with the Edmonds & Remnants ticket on the rear paste-down. Housed in a morocco backed folding box. xix, 538, [2] ads. A very fresh and clean copy, fine and very bright both internally and externally with only very light evidence of age or use. The hinges strong and pleasing and without refurbishment, the tip of the spine panel tidied slightly, expertly and without obtrusiveness. A very pleasing copy.

A VERY PLEASING COPY OF THIS GREAT BOOK.

THE THIRD AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT ISSUANCE OF CHARLES DARWIN’S MASTERWORK.

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Darwin had intended the book to be an abstract of his ‘big book’ on transmutation, of which only the first part (Variation Under Domestication, 1868) was published in his lifetime. Freeman 373; PMM 344; Dibner 199; Grolier/Horblit 23. $7500.

The Origin of Species - 1866
The Very Rare Fourth Issue – Scarcer Than Virtually All Others
The Great Leap Forward in Mankind’s Knowledge of Itself

Darwin, Charles. ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION (London: John Murray, 1866) Fourth edition, with additions and corrections (eighth thousand). Folding lithographed diagram by W. West. 8vo, publisher’s original green cloth, gilt decorated on the spine and blocked in blind on the covers, original dark-green coated endpapers. xxi, 593 pp. A very handsome and bright copy, very clean and crisp throughout, inner hinges refurbished.

A VERY BRIGHT AND PLEASING COPY OF THE RARE FOURTH ISSUE OF THE GREATEST BIOLOGICAL WORK EVER WRITTEN. IT IS CONSIDERED MORE RARE THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OTHER EARY EDITIONS OF THE ORIGIN AND WAS ISSUED IN A QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING 1500 COPIES. This edition includes an expanded version of “An Historical Sketch of the Recent Progress of Opinion on the Origin of Species,” as well as a table of corrections to the first and second editions, which were both included for the first time in the third edition. The book is rare in cloth in this condition.

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$5250.

Charles Darwin - The Origin of Species - 1869
With the First Inclusion of the Words “Survival of the Fittest”
And a Copy With Good Provenance

Darwin, Charles. ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION (London: John Murray, 1869) Fifth edition, with additions and corrections (tenth thousand). A copy with PROVENANCE, the copy of George Thomas Clark, Victorian antiquarian, engineer and colleague of the great English mechanical and civil engineer Brunel, who is still considered “one of the most ingenious and prolific figures in engineering history”, with his signature and shelf-mark. Folding lithographed diagram by W. West. 8vo, publisher’s original green cloth, gilt lettered on the spine and blocked in blind in a panel design on the covers, original black coated endpapers. xxi, 593 pp. A very handsome and bright and unmarked copy, very clean and crisp throughout, the tips of the spine panel with a bit of rubbing or evidence of shelving.

A BRIGHT AND PLEASING COPY OF THE RARE FIFTH ISSUE OF THE GREATEST BIOLOGICAL WORK EVER WRITTEN. IT IS CONSIDERED RARE AND WAS ISSUED IN A QUANTITY NOT EXCEEDING 2000 COPIES. This edition includes an expanded version of “An Historical Sketch of the Recent Progress of Opinion on the Origin of Species,” as well as a table of corrections to the fifth edition.

“The fifth edition of 1869 was of 2,000 copies and was again much revised. It is in this one that Darwin used the expression “the survival of the fittest”, Herbert Spencer’s term, for the first time; it appears first in the heading of Chapter IV” (Freeman).

Darwin’s Revolutionary Masterwork, in which he not only “drew an entirely new picture of the workings of organic nature; he revolutionized our methods of thinking and our outlook on the natural order of things. The recognition that constant change is the order of the universe had been finally established and a vast step forward in the uniformity of nature had been taken.” (PMM) Together with Copernicus’ DE REVOLUTIONIBUS and Newton’s PRINCIPIA, it is deemed one of the three greatest and most important scientific works ever penned.

“The most influential scientific work of the nineteenth century” and “The most important biological work ever written” (Horblit, Freeman). Darwin’s elaboration of the theory of natural selection laid the groundwork for the controversy over the evolution of man, and with only slight modification by such scientists as Stephen Jay Gould, Darwin’s ideas remain the umbra under which most current biological research is conducted.

Darwin had intended the book to be an abstract of his ‘big book’ on transmutation, of which only the first part (Variation Under Domestication, 1868) was published in his lifetime.

“George Thomas Clark published in six volumes Cartae et Alia Munimenta Quae ad Dominium de Glamorgancia Per-
tinent ("Charters and Other Muniments which Pertain to the Lordship of Glamorgan"). This work reconstructed much of the medieval history and genealogical information of Glamorgan and much of the later history up to the 16th century. It consists of transcripts of some 1,660 ancient charters, numbered in Roman numerals, in their original language and spelling, which Clark had searched out from various sources including the muniments of Margam Abbey and Ewenny Priory. His familiarity with the names of old Glamorgan led him to produce another great work, on Welsh genealogy, Limbus Patrum Morganiae et Glamorganiae: Being the Genealogies of the Older Families of the Lordships of Morgan and Glamorgan.

He was exceptional among nineteenth century industrialists in that he earnestly studied the social well-being of his workers. At his own expense he provided a hospital for the Dowlais workmen, while the Dowlais schools, the largest in the kingdom, owed their success almost entirely to his direction. He was an early supporter of the volunteer movement, and himself raised a battalion in the Dowlais district. He was chairman of every local authority in the place.” Wiki. Freeman 387

Charles Darwin to His Publisher
A Fine Signed and Dated Autograph Letter
Regarding Sending Core Works to an American Colleague

Darwin’s new home. He would live there the remainder of his life. Professionally this was the time in his career when Darwin was expanding his 1842 “pencil sketch” of his theory of natural selection into the 230-page 1844 “Essay”, to be expanded with his research results if he died prematurely. He was seriously engaged at the time on his work and writing related to the voyage taken on the ‘Beagle’.

In the letter, Darwin inquires of his publisher about having papers sent to a professor in Massachusetts in the United States. The professor in Massachusetts is most probably Edward Hitchcock.

Edward Hitchcock was professor at Amherst College. In his “Parallel Roads of Glen Roy” published in 1839, Darwin notes “in Massachusetts, in North America, they [erratic blocks] are found, according to Professor HITCHCOCK, at 3000 [feet]” (p. 72). Darwin is almost certainly referring to Hitchcock’s 1833 “Report on the geology, mineralogy, botany, and zoology of Massachusetts” in which on page 161 Hitchcock wrote “On the top of Wachusett mountain, 3000 feet above the ocean, a few rods northwest from the prospect house, these furrows may be seen; though less distinct than in many other places. The rock generally on that side of the mountain, appears distinctly water-worn.” In his 1842 “First anniversary address before the Association of American Geologists” Hitchcock wrote about glacial geology. “A Catalogue of the Darwin Reprint Collection at the Botany School Library, Cambridge (Vorzimmer 1963) item 24 is this address showing Darwin owned a copy. Hitchcock had also noted in an 1844 lecture about “unexplained patches of angular fragments on the Falk-
land Islands, described by Darwin” in the 1839 “Journal of the Voyage”. (Lesley 1866).

The extant correspondence between Darwin and Hitchcock is Darwin’s 1845 letter to Hitchcock in which he thanks Hitchcock for sending his 1841 “Final Report on the Geology of Massachusetts”. Darwin indicates he will send Hitchcock a copy of his “Geology of South America” (1846) to be published the next year.

Combined, this circumstantial evidence suggests the Massachusetts professor to whom Darwin refers in his 1843 letter to Smith & Elder was most probably Professor Hitchcock of Amherst College. And the most likely candidate for one of the two quarto pamphlets Darwin sent was his 1839 “Parallel Roads of Glen Roy”. The second pamphlet referred to in Darwin’s letter is most probably the 1842 “On the Distribution of the Erratic Boulders an on the Contemporaneous Unstratified Deposits of South America” in “Transactions of the Geological Society”. This too is a quarto size volume.

One might conjecture that it was Asa Gray to whom Darwin was referencing in his letter. But this is highly unlikely. Harvard University Professor of Botany Asa Gray and Darwin had met in 1839, apparently introduced by Joseph Dalton Hooker. It is known now, according to the records extant, that Darwin first wrote to Gray in 1855, and in that letter reminded Gray of their meeting in 1851. So it is very unlikely that Gray is the Massachusetts professor referred to by Darwin in his letter to his publisher, in spite of the fact that both Darwin and Gray had a similar empirical approach to life sciences and had a relationship and a continuum of correspondence that lasted for decades, and in spite of the fact that Gray was considered the most important American botanist of the 19th century. The relationship seems to have taken root well after the 1843 correspondence in our letter. Gray published the collection of essays which he named DARWINIANA. The articles defended the theory of evolution from the standpoint of botany and sought reconciliation with theology by arguing theistic evolution, that natural selection is not inconsistent with Natural Theology.

The only other professor to whom Darwin could have made reference to in his letter is Louis Agassiz of Harvard University, but this too seems utterly unlikely as Agassiz did not come to the United States until 1846/1847, so he could not have been the American professor Darwin was referring to in his letter.

Concerning his work and the papers possibly sent, one might consider that some early parts of the “Zoology of the Beagle” cannot be ruled out though they seem less likely given both Hitchcock’s and Darwin’s interest in glacial geology. It is true that ‘Darwin’s first published book is undoubtedly the most often read and stands second only to ‘On the Origin of Species’ as the most often printed. It is an important travel book in its own right and its relation to the background of his evolutionary ideas has often been stressed....(Freeman). The five years of the voyage were the most important event in Darwin’s intellectual life and in the history of biological science. Darwin sailed with no formal scientific training. He returned a hard-headed man of science, knowing the importance of evidence, almost convinced that species had not always been as they were since the creation but had undergone change... The experiences of his five years...and what they led to, built up into a process of epoch-making importance in the history of thought’ (DSB).

Of the great exploratory voyages, ‘a most important place is taken by the voyage of the ‘Beagle’ in 1831-1834....Darwin’s name is so associated with the evolutionary idea through which he profoundly influenced scientific, philosophical, political, religious, and ethical thought, that certain of his other claims are often forgotten. To appreciate his distinction, it is necessary to recall that, had he never written on evolution, he would still stand in the front rank among naturalists, and would have to be included in any history of science. Thus even during the voyage in the ‘Beagle’ he reached conclusions that modified and extended the fundamental working principles of geology and geophysics.

In Darwin’s record of experience in the ‘Beagle’ in the famous ‘Journal of Researches’ (1839) a special interest attaches to his observations on the highly peculiar animals and plants connected with oceanic islands. The Galapagos and St. Helena are good examples. Their extraordinary wealth of peculiar forms and the difference of these from those of the nearest neighbouring land—either continental or insular—are among the most striking phenomena in the distribution of living things. They, more perhaps than any other, suggested to Darwin his solution of the problem of the origin of species.’ (Singer)

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