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#### **Foreword**

Please, take a moment to look at this fine selection from our stock. Here you will find three manuscripts on Aristotle and other philosophical matters (items n. 1, 2, 3), a 1532 edition of the Canzoniere by Petrarch (item n. 17), the first edition of Henrik Ibsen's Bygmester Solness (item n. 11) and a treatise on the universal origin of speech and language decorated with a large colour plate engraved by Gautier-Dagoty – one of the first to be ever printed in four colours (item n. 5).

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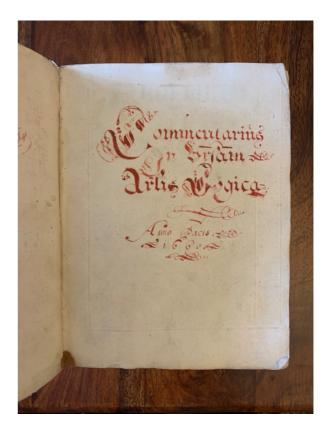
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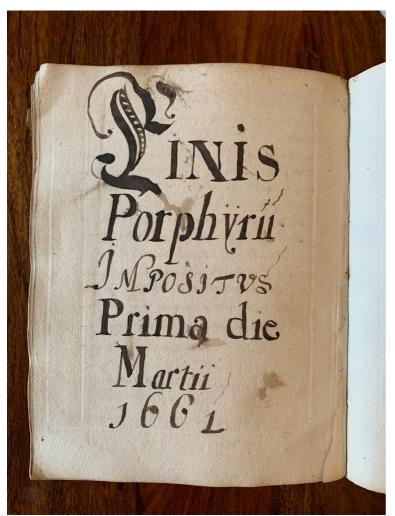
4to (19 x 14 cm). Manuscript on paper; 321 ff. [8 blank]; unpaginated; appears incomplete at end. In Latin; one hand throughout. Title page and some chapter heading in red ink; text in brown ink; cursive mixed hand reminiscent of the earlier bâtarde cursive. Some illustrations and diagrams. Thick paper. Minor foxing and water-staining throughout not affecting the readability of the text; corners slightly bumped and minor tears to some margins; ink slightly faded at times but still readable. Signature of previous owner on verso of last flyleaf. Last leaf restored. Contemporary vellum binding; minor soiling and damage to corners and head and foot of spine. Overall, a very good copy.

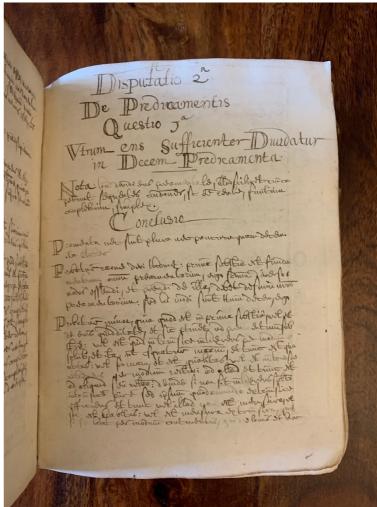
This manuscript contains the text of various commentaries on Aristotle's logical writings. It opens with a commentary on Porphyry's Isagog or Introduction to Aristotle's Categories. This work was originally written, in Greek, by Porphyry in around 268-270 AD and was translated into Latin by Boethius. This work became the standard textbook on logic for at least 1,000 years after his death. The Latin translation became the standard medieval textbook in many European schools and Universities.

In this manuscript, the commentary on Porphyry is followed by a series of commentaries on works by Aristotle on logic that made up the Organon including the Categoriae, the De Interpretatione and the Analytica Posteriora. The texts are divided into different quaestiones, containing other sub-divisions, with the terminology and the philosophical abbreviations used as well as the argumentative method employed in didactical settings such as in schools and universities. It is possible to date this work to 1660-1661 since it is dated several times in the hand of the author.







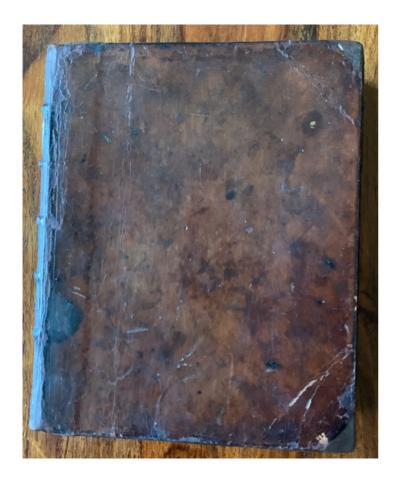


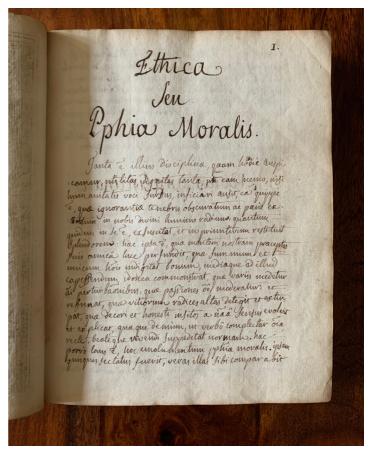




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4to (19.5 x 15.5 cm); 340 pp.; xii index; 14 blanks at end; missing pp. 232-233. Manuscript on paper; brown ink, one hand throughout; slight ink fading at times, but still readable; in Latin. Ex-libris on top pastedown (with initials AB). 4 pen illustrations mimicking engravings (bust portrait of St Catherine of Alexandria on frontis; T-page with date; profile portrait of Cicero opposite p. 101; representation of St Catherine opposite p. 276; profile portrait of Jean Calvin on opposite p. 281; Appendix t-page opposite p. 340). Minor foxing and damp-staining throughout. Marbled endpapers. Dark tan binding; expertly rebacked; spine in six compartments with gilt decoration; gilt titling on spine; a.e.r. Slight wear to covers; corners slightly bumped.









3. [ANON.] Commentaries on ARISTOTLE. Philosophical miscellany (De Caelo et De *Mundo; De Generatione et Corruptione)* 

Mid 17th century?

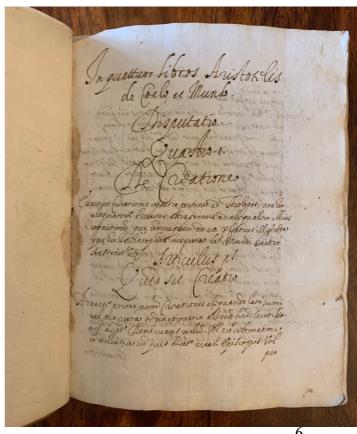
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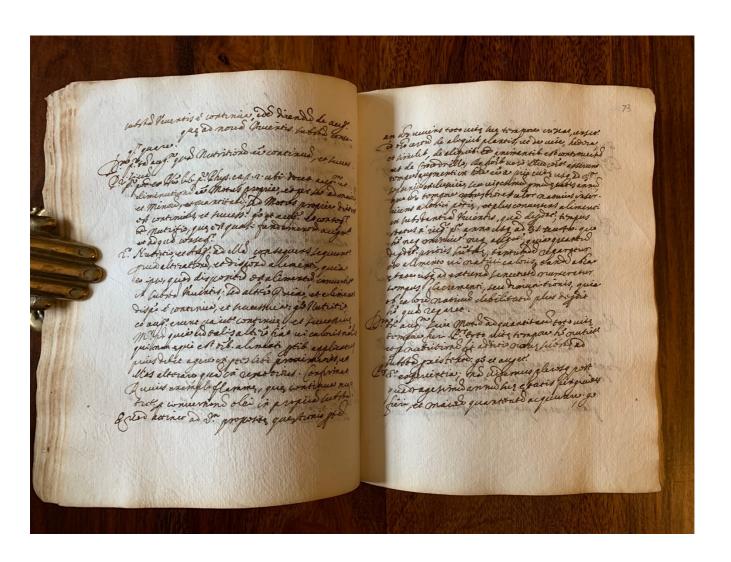
4to (18 x 13 cm). 229 ff. [3 blanks]; modern pencil numbering on top right corner up to f. 96. Manuscript on paper; brown ink; one hand throughout, mixed cursive and secretary hand (?). In Latin. Undated. Minor foxing throughout; some water staining on left margin and top right corner, never affecting the text. Slight fading of the ink at time not affecting readability. Hole on bottom right corner of f. 16 not affecting the text; small wormholes on first and last flyleaf and on last two blanks. Contemporary vellum binding slight staining; corners slightly bumped. Overall, a fine manuscript.

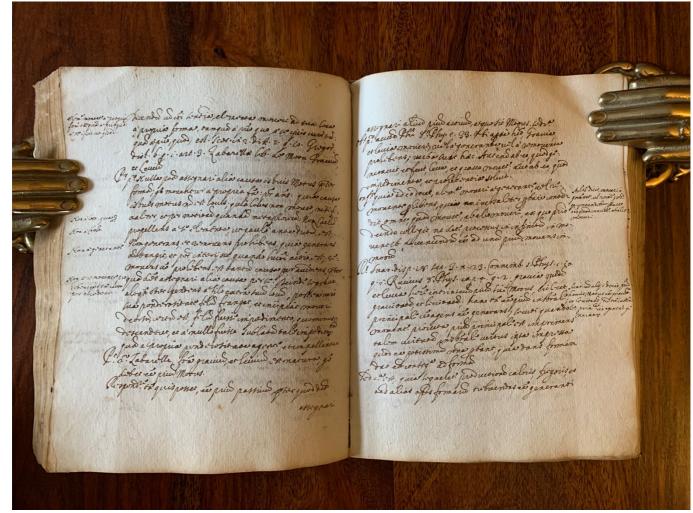
This manuscript contains commentaries in Latin on some works by Aristotle on Natural Philosophy, chiefly On the Heavens (De Caelo et De Mundo) and On Generation and *Corruption (De Generatione et Corruptione).* 

On the Heavens is Aristotle's most important cosmological treatise that deals with astronomical theory and details his ideas on the concrete workings of the terrestrial world. On Generation and Corruption is a philosophical and biological work that focuses on the cause of things, especially whether things come into being through causes, through some prime material, or whether matter is generated through "alteration".









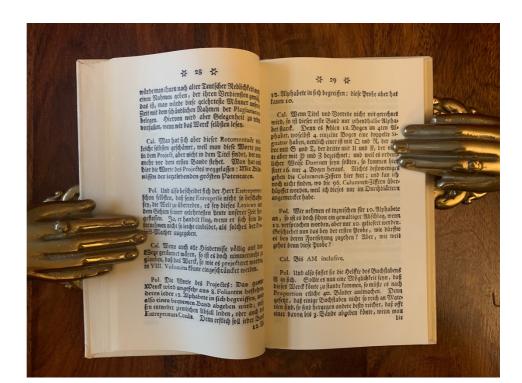
4. Charlatanerie Der Buchhandlung, welche den Verfall derselben durch Pfuschereyen, Praenumerationes, Auctiones, Nachdr., Trödeleyen u.a m. befördert

Leipzig: Zentralantiquariat der DDR, 1987. [Reprint of the 1732 original]

£ 30

12mo; 88 plus 9 pp. Engraved frontis; t-page in red and black. In French and German; Italic and Gothic script. Internally clean and unmarked. Illustrated cream boards; with printed title. A fine copy.





5. COURT de GEBELIN, Antoine. Histoire Naturelle de la Parole ou Prècis de l'origine du Langage et de la Grammaire Universelle. Extrait du Monde Primitif.

Paris: Boucher, Boudet, Valleyre..., MDCCLXXVI [1776]

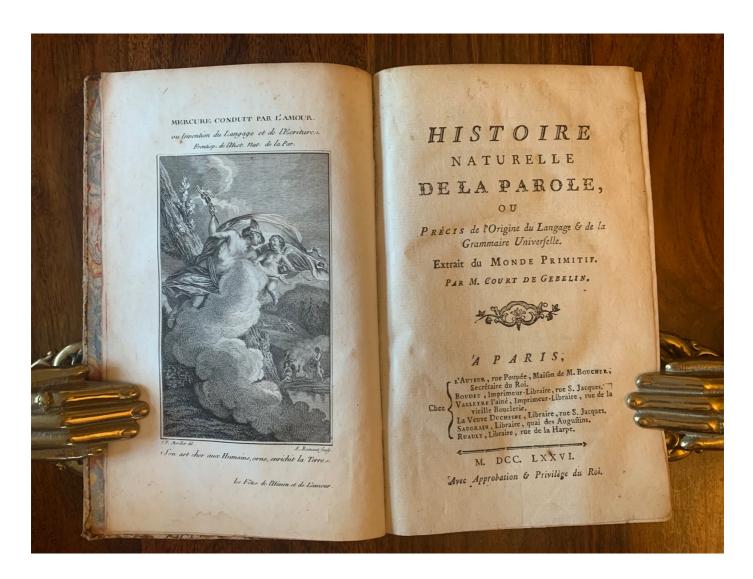
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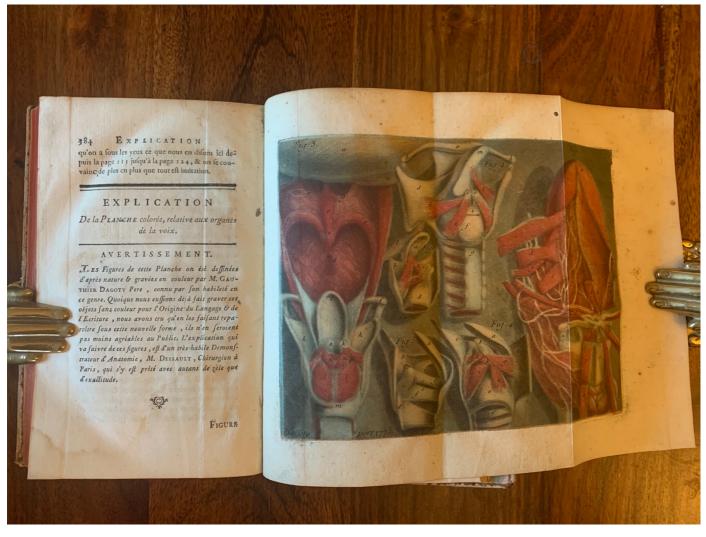
FIRST EDITION. 8vo (20 x 12.5 cm); (4), 400 pp. Half title and t-page with illustrated frontis. by Romanet (Allegorical engraving of Mercury and Cupid titled: "Mercure conduit par l'amour, ou invention du langage et de l'ecriture."). Double page fold-out table with so-called primitive alphabets and fold-out engraving in colour by Jacques-Fabien Gautier D'Agoty depicting the tongue, larynx and the organ of the voice described in all its parts. Slight foxing and minor water-staining, not affecting the readability of the text. Overall clean and crisp pages. Marbled endpapers. A.e.r. Bumped and some wear to the covers. Contemporary quarter calf; gilt and blind-stamped spine with gilt title on label. Slight wear at head and foot of spine. Overall, a very good copy.

This book contains the first separate edition of a treatise on the universal origin of speech and language, extracted from the third volume of ''Monde primitif, analysé et comparé avec le monde modern". The author, Antoine Court de Gebelin, a former Protestant pastor born in Nimes, was initiated into Freemasonry in the Parisian lodge Les Amis Réunis in 1771 and later in the Le Neuf Soeurs lodge where, in 1778, he also witnessed the initiation of Voltaire and other notable personalities such as the astronomer Lalande, the sculptor Houdon, the naturalist Lacépède, and the American ambassador to France, Benjamin Franklin. He founded the Sociéte Apollonienne, and was among the founding members of the Filalete, an esoteric fraternity with links to Freemasonry and the mystical Elus Coen sect.

The importance of this fine, rare and sought-after first edition is due to the presence of the large folded colour plate engraved by Gautier-Dagoty – one of the first to be ever printed in four colours.

Brunet, II, col. 1516; Caillet 2664 and Graesse, III, p. 40 (for the second edition of 1816).



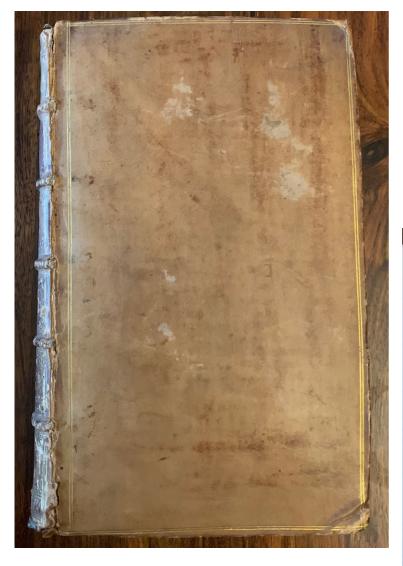


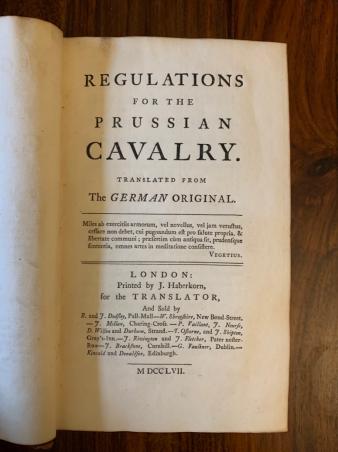
6. [FAWCETT, William Sir] (tr.). Regulations for the Prussian Cavalry. Translated from the German original.

London: J. Haberkorn, MDCCLVII (1757)

£ 1,000

4to (21 x 13 cm); 408 pp. T-page; Dedication; List of Subscribers and Table of contents. With one foldout table. Slight offsetting of text; minor foxing and age toning throughout. Internally mostly clean and unmarked. Marbled endpapers; ex-libris of Eden Hall on to pastedown. Speckled edges. Light brown calf binding; gilt tooling; spine in six compartments with raised bands; gilt decoration; red morocco label with titling. Covers starting to split at head and foot of spine; corners slightly bumped; some shelf-wear to covers. An excellent copy



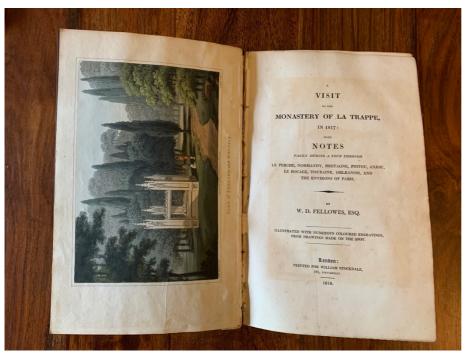


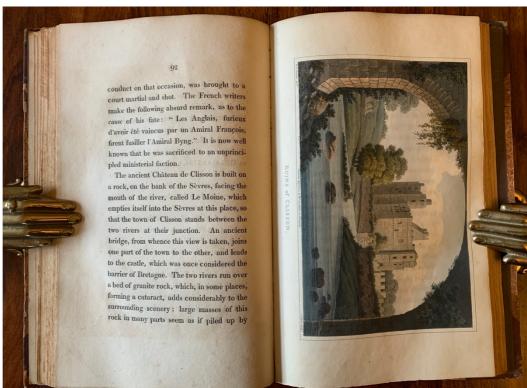
7. FELLOWES, William Dorset. A Visit To The Monastery Of La Trappe, In 1817: with Notes Taken During a Tour Through La Perche, Normandy, Bretagne, Poitou, Anjou... Illustrated with Numerous Engravings, From Drawings Made on the Spot.

London: William Stockdale, 1818.

£ 400

Large 8vo (23.5 x 15.5 cm). xii, 188, (2) pp.; with 14 plates (12 hand coloured). First edition. Ex-libris of previous owner on front pastedown. Minor foxing, age-toning and slight soiling throughout. Plates clean. Half-calf binding with marbled boards; wear to spine; boards rubbed; corners bumped; gilt titling on spine. Overall, a good copy.

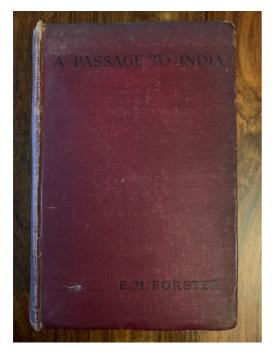




#### 8. FORSTER, E.M. A Passage to India

London: Edward Arnold & Co, 1924.

£ 350



FIRST EDITION. First Issue 12mo; 325 pp. plus 3 pp. advs. Foxed and age-toned, especially title page. Original dark red cloth, black lettering to cover and spine. Shelf-wear to covers upper joint split; corners slightly bumped; minor discoloration. A good copy.

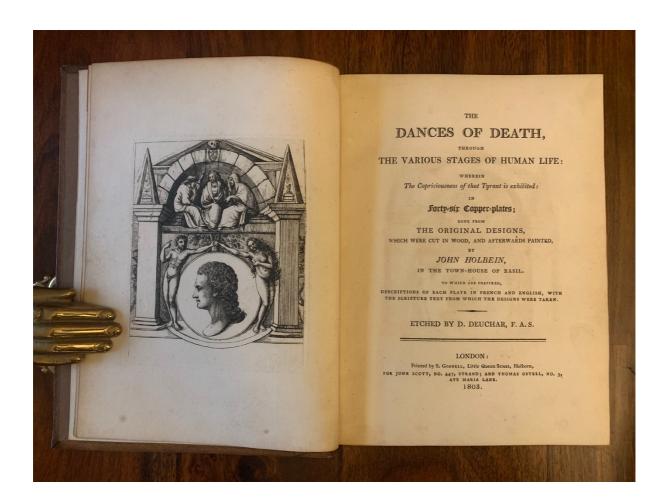
9. HOLBEIN, John. The Dances of Death, Through the Various Stages of Human Life: Wherein the Capriciousness of That Tyrant is Exhibited in Forty-Six Copper Plates; Done From the Original Designs, Which Were Cut in Wood, and Afterwards Painted, By John Holbein etched by D. Deuchar.

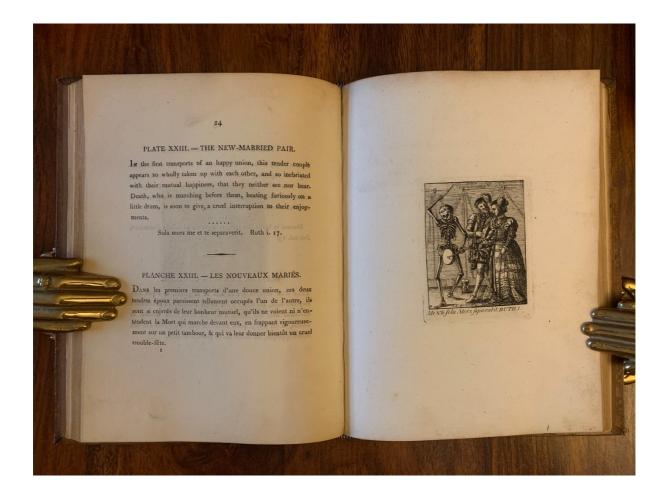
London: Printed by S. Gosnell for John Scott, 1803.

£ 650

20 x 15 cm; with engraved frontispiece; engraved portrait of Holbein and engraved title page of 1786 edition; plus a total of 49 engravings. Descriptions of each plate in French and English, and with the Scripture text from which the designs were taken. Brown endpapers; Ex-libris of previous owner on top pastedown. A.e.b; minor offsetting. Light brown calf; blind-stamped decoration and gilt tooling on covers; spine in six compartments with raised bands; blind-stamped decoration and gilt titling on spine. Slight shelf-wear to covers. Overall in excellent condition.

Warthin, Aldred S. The Physician of the Dance of Death. pp. 79-80. Douce, Francis. The Dance of Death. pp. 135-36. Minns Collection. AAA Catalogue, 1922. No. 268



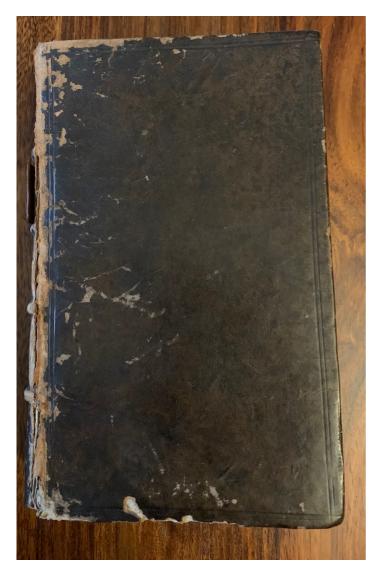


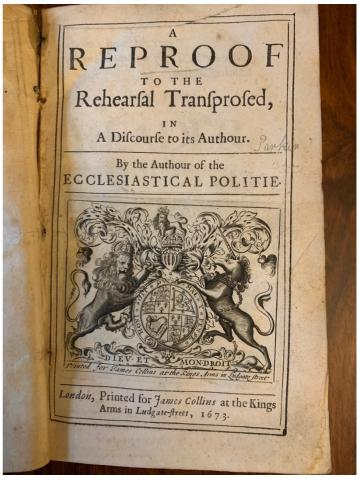
10. HOOKER, Richard. Reproof to the Rehearsal transposed, in a Discourse to its author...

London: Printed for James Collins, 1673

£ 2,000

8vo; [4], 528 pp. Engraved t-page; Manuscript inscription of previous owner, the Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, opposite t-page; Ex-libris of Gloddaeth Library on top pastedown. Slight Age-toning; minor foxing and some damp-staining to top and bottom pastedowns. Marbled edges. Dark brown calf; covers beginning to start; spine in five compartments divided by raised bands; red morocco label with gilt title; gilt date at foot of spine. Slight wear to boards; upper cover split. Very rare.





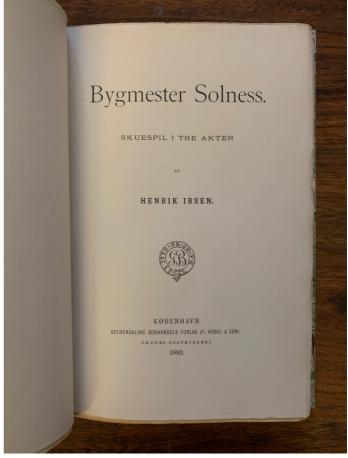
11. IBSEN, Henrik. Bygmester Solness.

Copenhagen: Gyldenalske Boghandles Forlag (F. Hegel & Son), 1892.

£ 600

FIRST EDITION. 8vo (19 x 12 cm); [3], 220 pp.; Half-title and Title page. Internally clean and unmarked; slight minor foxing on first flyleaves; some pages uncut. Original paper wrapper and advertisements bound in closing. With contemporary newspaper cut-out loosely inserted. Bound in quarter green leather spine and corners with marbled paper covered boards. Gilt lettering on the spine and untrimmed page edges. A near fine copy.



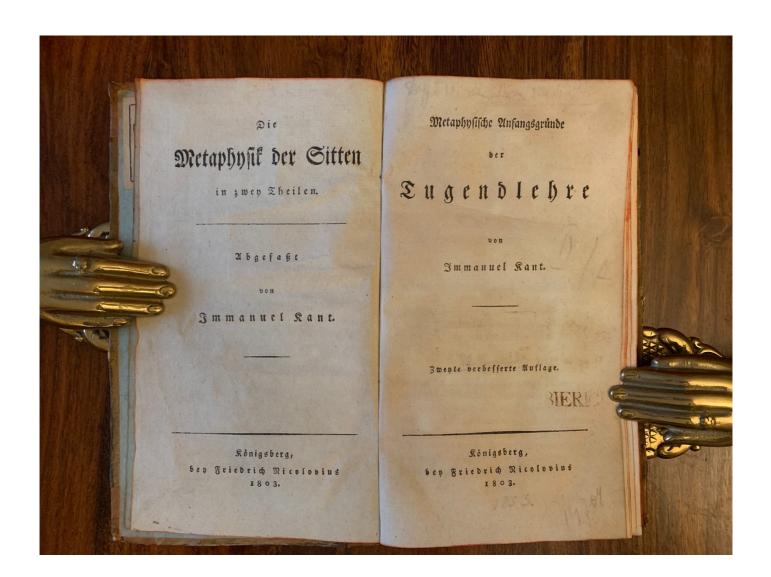


12. KANT, Immanuel. Die Metaphysik der Sitten. Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Rechtslehre. (Theil 2. Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Jugendlehre).

Königsberg: Nicolovius, 1803

£ 500

20.5 x 12 cm. X, [1], 188 pp. In German, Gothic script .Second edition. Minor age toning, pages mostly bright, clean and unmarked. Light blue endpapers; a.e.r. Half-calf binding; label with titling on spine; blindstamped decoration on spine. Slight shelf-wear to covers; corners slightly bumped. A very good copy.



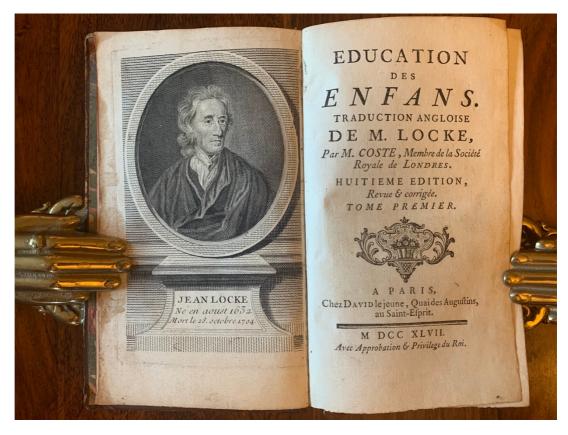
13. LOCKE, John. Education des enfans. Traduction angloise de M. Locke, par M. Coste, membre de la société royale de Londres. Huitieme edition, revue & corrigée. Tome premier & tome second.

Paris: David le Jeune, 1747.

£ 200

17 x 12 cm; 2 volumes bound in 1. (1) xxxii, 276; (2) iv, 288 pp. Illustrated frontis. to first volume (engraved portrait of John Locke). With dedicatory letter, preface of the translator and table of contents. Slight water-stains to frontis. and title-page, internally clean and crisp pages. Marbled endpapers; ex libris of previous owner on top pastedown. Calf binding; corners slightly bumped; spine in six compartments with raised bands; gilt decoration and red morocco label with gilt titling. A.e.r. A very good copy.





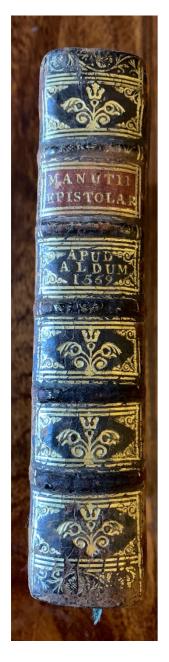
14. MANUTIUS, Paulus. Epistolarum Pauli Manutii Libri. IIX Tribus nuper additis: Eiusdem quae Praefationis Appellantur": cum Privilegio Aldus Manutius Paulli.

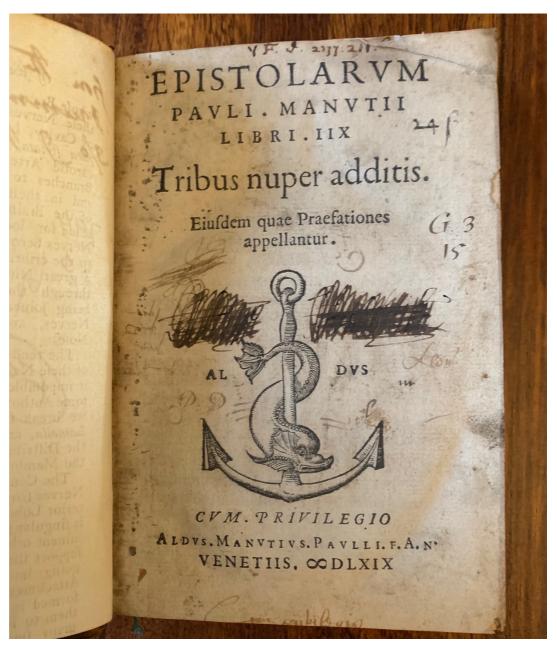
Venice: Apud Aldus Manutius Paulli F.A.N, DLXIX (1569)

£ 900

15 x 10.5 cm; 470 pp. (wanting pp. 341-348), 139 pp., [6]. Numerous manuscript notations in ink throughout (on first flyleaf, title page and in the text). Ex-libris on top pastedown. In Latin; Roman and Italic script. Slight age-toning due to age; small wormholes in last leaves, not affecting readability of the text. Marbled endpapers, a.e.r. Gilt tooling and decoration on covers; Spine in six compartments with raised bands; gilt decoration; red morocco label with gilt titling and date. Covers slightly worn and rubbed. A good copy.

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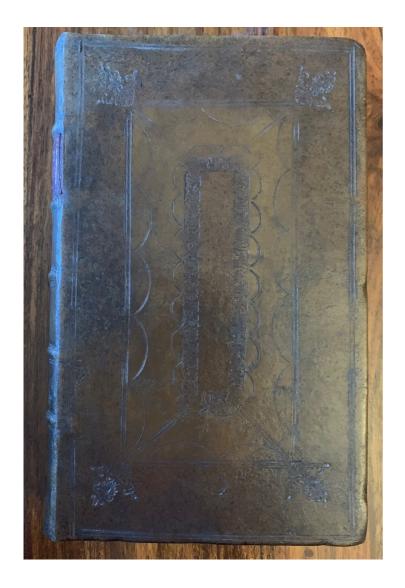


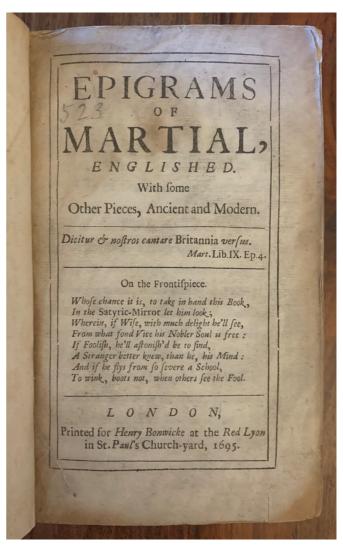
15. MARTIAL. Epigrams of Martial, Englished. With some other Pieces, Ancient and Modern. Bound together with A book of new Epigrams

London: Printed for Henry Bonwicke, 1695.

£600

4to (19.5 x 12 cm); 158, [4] pp. First English edition, in verse. Offsetting to back of t-page; With advertisement leaf at end. Minor foxing throughout; slight browning due to age, mostly internally clean and unmarked. Dark tan blind-stamped binding, sympathetically rebacked; a sound and tight binding; covers slightly bumped; spine in six compartments; red morocco label with gilt titling. An excellent copy.





16. MOSCHENI Carlo. Lettere missive, e responsive delle bestie, con l'osservationi sopra cadauna lettera: publicate, e dedicate da Carlo Moscheni.

Venice: Steffano Curti, 1673

£ 150

12mo (15 x 8 cm); 310 pp. With Half-title; t-page with woodcut printer's device of a bull. In Italian; some sections in verse and Italic. Slight browning due to age. Contemporary paper binding; spine slightly detached; corners slightly bumped. Overall, a good copy.





17. PETRARCH [PETRARCA, Francesco]; VELLUTELLO, Alessandro. Il Petrarcha con l'esposizione d'Alessandro Vellutello e con più utili cose in diversi luoghi di quella nuovissimamente da lui aggiunte. Nessuno ardisca stampare, ne stampato vendere il presente uolume dentro al termino d'anni dieci sotto le pene che nel breue del Sommo Pontifice, e ne glialtri priuilegi si contengono. M D XXXII.

Venice: Maestro Bernardino de Vidali, 1532 [in colophon]

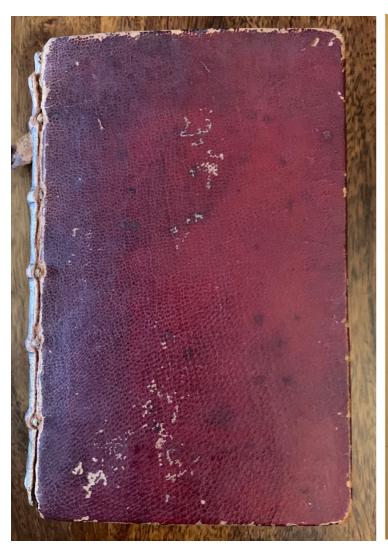
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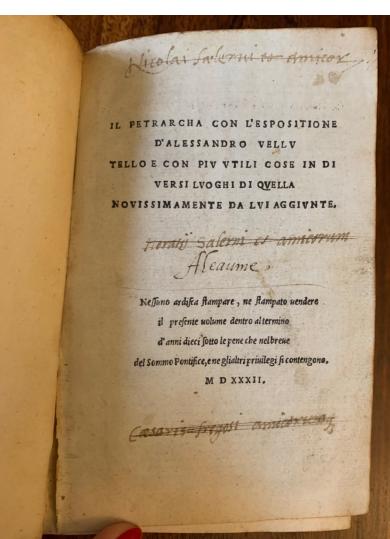
8vo (15.5 x 10 cm); A2-6; B-Z8, a-e8, f12; [10], 176, [50] pp. T-page slightly detached; contemporary manuscript notations of previous owners on t-page; some manuscript notations in margins throughout. In Italian; Italic type. Slight browning due to age. Red morocco binding; covers worn and corners bumped: red speckled edges. Spine in six compartments with raised bands; gilt decoration with red label on spine; wear to head and foot; upper cover beginning to start. A good copy.

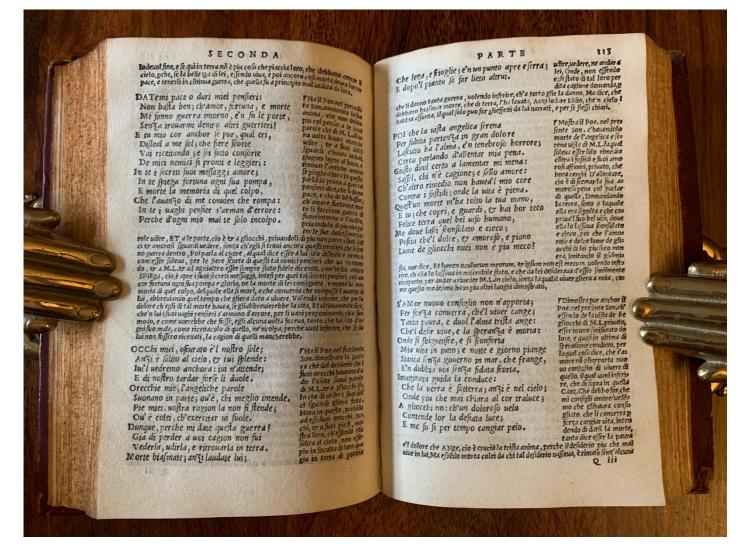
The present volume contains Petrarch's Canzoniere (or Rerum vulgarium fragmenta) and the Trionfi, commentated by the Lucchese writer, poet, and scholar active. Alessandro Veluttello (b. 1473).

The book opens with a table of contents of the RVF. This is followed by Vellutello's life of Petrarch ('Vita e costumi del poeta') and by Vellutello's life of Laura with a description of Vaucluse ('Origine di Madonna Laura con la discrittione di Valclusa et del luogo ove il poeta a principio di lei s'innamoro'); this is followed by Vellutello's discussion of how RVF is divided into three parts ('Divisione de son[etti] e de le canz[oni] del Petr[rarca] in tre parti'): those poems written during Laura's life ('tutti quelli, che veramente in vita di M[adonna] L[aura] si conoscono per la loro sententia da lui essere stati scritti, et che de suoi felici et infelici amorosi effetti et accidenti trattano, o che in quelli del suo amoroso errore mostra dolersi, o da esso errore desiderare di potersi rimovere, o d'essersi rimosso'), those composed after Laura's death and on this theme ('tutti quelli, che dopo la morte di lei, di tal morte propriamente, o per circoscrittione, o in altra forma parlano'), and all those devoted to any other person or theme than Laura. The RVF is thus presented in three parts with accompanying commentary (Part 1 B3v-P5r; Part 2 P5v-V7v; Part 3: V8r-a3r).

This is then followed by Vellutello's prologue to his commentary on the Trionfi ('Alessandro Vellutello sopra i triomphi del Petrarcha'), his overview of the content of the Triumphi ('Soggetto de triomphi del poeta') and finally the volume ends with the Triumphi with Vellutello's commentary.







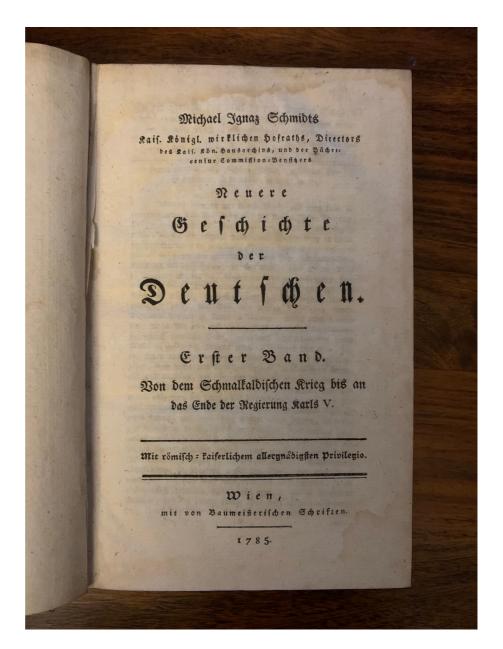
18. SCHMIDT, Michael Ignaz. Neuere Geschichte der Deutschen. Band 1-2-3.

Vienna: Baumeister/Blumauer/Gräffer, 1785-1787

£ 100

8vo (20.5 x 13 cm). (1) [3], 365 pp.; (2) [10], 365 pp.; (3) [8], 390 pp. First three volumes only. Separate title page for each volume; ex-libris of previous owner of top pastedown of each volume (with coat of arms and motto SPERO MELIORA). In German; Gothic script. Slight browning and age-toning; occasional minor spotting and water staining. Red speckled edges. Dark tan calf; spine in five compartments divided by raised bands; gilt tooling; red morocco label with gilt titling on spine; volume number gilt in third compartment. Covers with minor rubbing; some wear on spine. In very good condition.



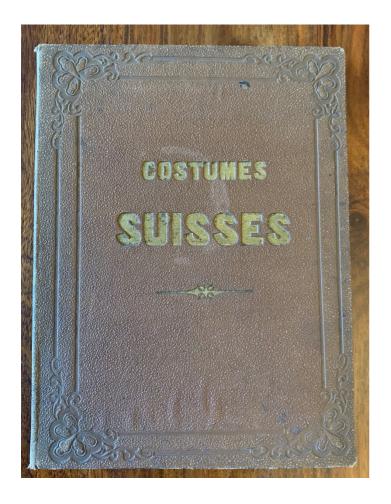


19. SUTER, Jacob. Costumes Suisses Dessines D'après Nature.

Paris, London, Berlin, New York: Goupil & Comp, n.d. [1840?]

£800

8vo (21 x 15.5 cm); Title-page lithographed in red and blue with gilt text & decoration and silver Swiss cross; 24 hand coloured lithographed plates. Yellow endpapers. T-page and few plates with some foxing, especially on margins. Original pebbled brown buckram binding with gilt blind-stamped title and blind-stamped decoration; inside slightly loose.



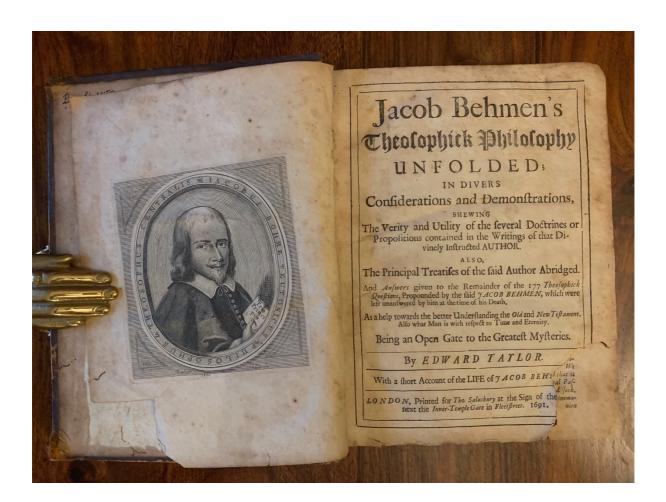


20. TAYLOR, Edward. Jacob Behmen's Theosophick Philosophy Unfolded. In Diverse Considerations and Demonstrations, Shewing the Verity and Utility of the Several Doctrines or Propositions Contained in the Writings of that Divinely Instructed Author. Also, the Principal Treatises of the Said Author Abridged. And Answers Given to the Remainder of the 177 Theosophick Questions, Propounded by the Said Jacob Behmen, Which were Left Unanswered by Him at the Time of His Death. As a Help Towards the Better Understanding the Old and New Testament. Also What Man is With Respect to Time and Eternity. Being an Open Gate to the Greatest Mysteries. With a Short Account of the Life of Jacob Behmen

London: Printed for Tho. Salusbury, 1691.

£800

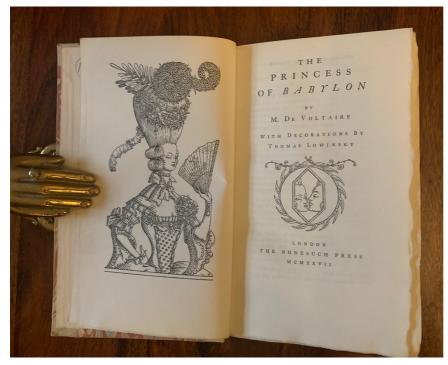
8vo (20 x 16 cm); [xii], 434, [8] pp. Engraved frontis. with bust portrait of Jacob Behmen. Near contemporary manuscript inscription on top pastedown [Bought of Mr Martin Bridan Bookseller on Tyne Bridge March 17 1722]. Browning due to age, foxing and minor wormholes throughout. Bottom left corner of frontis missing, not affecting image and three letters at bottom of title page missing. Contemporary dark tan calf; blind-stamped tooling decoration on boards; spine in five compartments with raised bands; shelf-wear to covers; spine starting to at head of spine; corners bumped. A good copy.

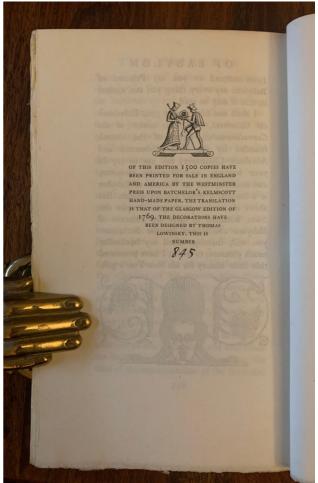


London: The Nonesuch Press., MCMXXVII

£ 90

LIMITED EDITION; number 845 of 1500. 8vo (19 x 11 cm); Engraved frontis. and t-page; with 10 full page monochrome plates by Thomas Lowinsky throughout the text. Very minor age-toning, pages mostly bright and unmarked. Dedicatory inscription of previous owner on first flyleaf. Uncut pages. Bound 3/4 vellum and marbled boards; gilt title on spine; t.e.g. A fine copy, bright and clean.





22. WALPOLE, Horace. A Catalogue of the Royal and Noble Authors of England, with Lists of their Works. The second edition, corrected and enlarged. Two volumes.

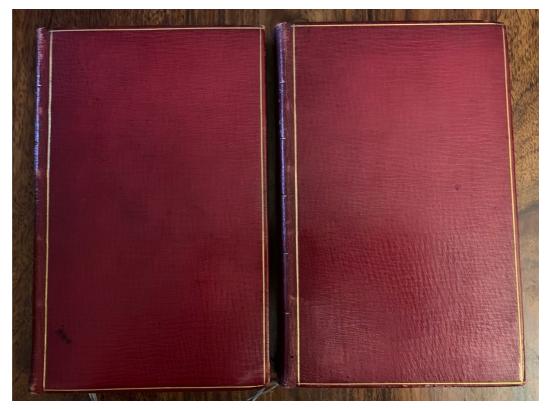
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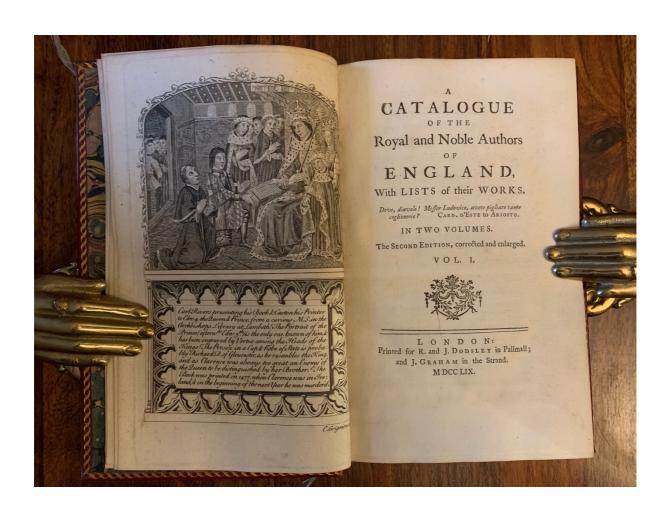
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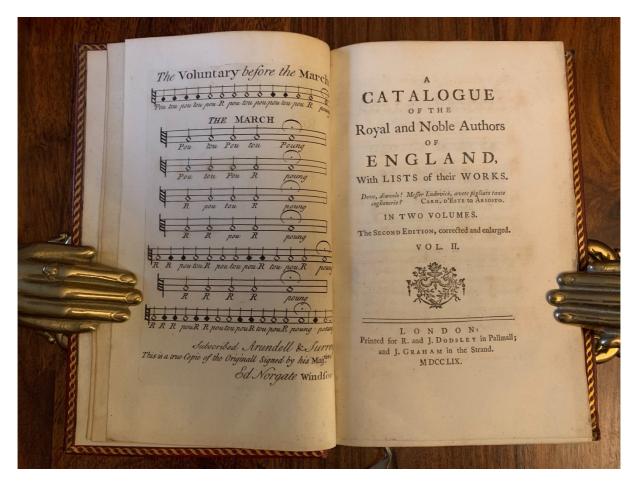
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