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Early Printed

1. [Breviary] 138 mss leaves. Northern Italy (?) 1400-1450. Three seven line initials with full page ornaments in burnished gold, red green, blue; one with small miniature of skull and two miniatures with pierced cross. 4 other burnished gold ornamented 7 line initials. 17 lines per page. Over 100 blue and red 2 line initials with full page pen tracery. Contemporary binding with metal bosses on 8 corners, 2 center metal bosses, over blind stamped leather. Filigreed clasp, matching metal work. \$19,500

2. Cyril St. (Patriarch of Alexandria) *Opus Insigne, In Evangelium Ioannis*. Paris Wolfgang Hopyl, Kerver, and Jean Petit 1508. Folio. Contemporary blindstamped pigskin with clasps, spine cracked. Contents clean. A fine example of post-incunable paper, printing, and binding. One full page woodcut of the printers device. Translated from the Greek by Trapezuntius (1396-1486, Rome). A standard of Catholic Orthodoxy by the author most famed for opposing the Nestorian heresy. [Adams 3177 \$3200

3. Eusebius *De Evangelicae Praeparatione*. Treviso. 1480 Michael Manzulus. Folio. Wide margins, 108 leaves. Extensive worming and minor paper loss in margins of first 10 leaves, otherwise moderate to minor worming, occasionally affecting text, (without loss of meaning). Rebound, ugly modern red leather. The text is significant for the extensive quotations of fragments of classical literature contained within, from authors and works now lost. [Goff E-121] \$4250

4. *.Scriptores Rei Militaris*, EDITIO PRINCEPS of the Roman military writers, Vegetius, *Epitoma Institutorum Rei Militaris*. Aelianus, *De Instruende Aciebus Opus*. Frontinus, *Stratagematicon*. Modestus, *Libellus de Vocabulis Rei Militaris*. Rome. Eucharius Silber 1487. 139 leaves, 8vo lacking 1 blank(?), though the text states “primum vacat”. Modern red morocco, gilt edges. This text maintained its relevance well into the 17th century. Hain 15913—though Vegetius only. [Goff S-343 with most libraries owning only parts]. \$22,000

5. Strabo. *Geographicorum Libri XVI*. Basel 1539 Folio. Rebacked, 17th century (?) with abundant mss notes from an early owner in Italian. Standard early Strabo complete with minimal ornamentation, title ultimate blank, 549pp , plus ad lectorem. [Adams S-1904] \$1850

6. Strabo. *Rerum geographicarum*. Basel, Henricpetrina, 1571. Folio, contemporary vellum. Somewhat stained, but solid text block. With 27 double-page maps by Munster, including 3 repeats, as originally made for *Ptolomaeus Geographie*, 563pp., bound with: Mela, Pomponius. *De orbis situ libri tres*. Basel, 1557, 297 pp. Interesting printers mark after each text and final blank of fire and hammer. The colophon leaf in Mela lacking one inch upper right corner, no loss of text. Splendid editions of the sum of geographical knowledge in classical antiquity, especially as it concerned itself with human civilization. Mela being the only surviving geography written in classical Latin, complete with the Vadiani annotations first published in Basel in 1522. This is the third edition of the Xylander interpretation of Strabo, whose interpretations have continued to be a source of academic effort to this day. [Adams S-1907] \$7200

7. Thucydides. *De Bello Peloponnesiaco, libri octo*. [Treviso: Johannes Rubeus Vercellensis, 1483?]. Folio, Rebound, modern full calf. 135 of 136 leaves, first blank not present, first two text ff torn at upper outer corner affecting some text, which is applied in pen and ink. First Edition of one of the greatest classics of historiography and a monument of western civilization. [Goff T-359. Editio Princeps, Aldus, 1502] \$17,500

8. Xenophon, *Opera nonnulla*, (Milan, Guillaume le Signerre, ca.1500?) Folio, old boards, vellum spine, covers somewhat soiled, 98 leaves includes last blank. Traces of a removed ex libris front cover. Other wise a clean and untrimmed copy. Xenophon's *De Cyri Paedia* and *De tyrannide* had been published singly in the 1470's. Here we have the first edition of a series of Xenophon's works in one volume, comprising (translators' names added in parentheses); *De venatione* (Omnibonus), *De re publica et legibus Lacedaemonium* (Filelfo), *Apologia pro Socrate* (Bruni), *De tyrannide* (Bruni), *De aequivocis* (unknown), *Paedia Cyri Regis* (Filelfo). The editio princeps of these works did not appear until 1516 (Giunta).

The book has no colophon but most bibliographies assign it to Le Signerre of Milan; earlier authorities, (Proctor, Pellechet, and Polain) assigned it to Reggio Emilia.

According to the BMC only 10 titles were produced from this press and all before 1501. Numerous bibliographical notes (19th/20th century) inside front cover, one of which states "from the Pinelli collection." I have not pursued whether this copy might be from the first collection, stolen while at sea @1602 or from the auction of the second collection London 1789/90. [Goff X-2] \$10,500

Continental Books

9. [Abbe de Vertot] *The History of the Revolutions...of the Roman Republic*. London 1720. 2 vols (404pp and 475pp). 8vo. Rebacked. Spine gilt and tooled, full contemporary calf. 18th century book plate of Sir Richard Hopton, minor occasional foxing. 3 pages contemporary mss notes in first blanks. Complete. A standard and popular (18th cent) history of the Roman commonwealth. \$550

10. Barham, Henry. *An Essay Upon the Silkworm*. London 1719. 1st edition. 8vo. calf, Gilt spine, rebacked. (A6), 180pp. Includes, the history of silk manufacture, French industry, methods of cultivating the Mulberry tree, wine production from the fruit, and the outline of the "certainty" of bringing silk manufacture to England. \$950

11. [Dinsdale] *The Orations and Epistles of Isocrates*. London 1752. 8vo. Full contemporary calf, rebacked, spine regilt, raised bands. 437pp, advertisements and blanks. Interesting note in an early hand using "shorthand", perhaps Arabic(?) notation. A good English translation of classic Greek oratory. \$350

12. Gataker, Thomas. [Gambling] *Of the Nature and Use of Lots*. London 2nd and enlarged ed. 1627.
8vo. Full 18th cent calf binding rebacked, early trimmed text block (18th cent?), Mss. Notes, referring to Johnson's use of the book while touring the Hebrides and reference to a book auction (1851) where the book was described as "scarce". Gataker was purported to be a supporter of gambling in all forms, including dice and used scripture and early authors to support his positions. This edition was written with an additional several hundred pages to answers contemporary attacks. \$2850
13. Haen, Antoni de. *De Magia Liber*. 8vo. 316pp. Leipzig, I.P. Kraus 1774. old full calf, gilt spine, chipped. Haen or Van Haen was a Dutch physician from the Hague, and reputed to be the greatest student of Boerhaave. He lived and worked in Vienna and became the physician to Maria Theresa. He wrote numerous works concerning medicine, magic, the supernatural, and the combination of all three as found by observation and reference to scripture. Caillet 4924. Bib Esoterica 2074 (1775) \$950
14. [Hayley, William] *A Philosophical, Historical, and Moral Essay on Old Maids*. London, T. Cadell 1785. 3 vol 12mo. Full tooled calf, hinges expertly repaired, tooled spine with gilt letters. "Written by a friend to the sisterhood" Of failings, successes, qualities and so forth, quite readable and valuable for those interested in 18th century English culture, even fun. [Halkett & Laing IV 336] \$975
15. Hopton, Arthur. *A Concordancy of Yeares. Containing a new, easie, and most exact Computation of Time, according to the English Account, Also the vie of the English and Roman Kalender, with briefe Notes, Rules, and Tables, as well Mathematicall and Legal, for each...* London 1616. 16mo. New full leather binding in period style. Trimmed, some pages worn. \$1250
16. Horace, *Opera*. (Milman) London 1868. 8vo. Fine binding rebacked, inner dentelles gilt. John Murray. Excellent printing and font. \$300

17. Hugo Hermannus, *De Prima Scribendi...* Antwerp, Plantin. 1617. 8vo. Original limp vellum, 227 pp. First edition of this remarkable history of writing, covering the origin of alphabets, history of writing tools, types of writing materials, paper, paleography, diplomatics, the invention of printing (priority ascribed to China) and descriptive bibliography, e.g. the origins of pagination. This is one of the few secular works of this Belgian Jesuit who was chaplain to Spinola. \$1200

18. [Ryves, Bruno.] *Mercurius Rusticus, or the countries complaint... Querela Cantabrigiensis and Mercurius Belgicus*. 3 works, published in 1646, Querela in Oxford, otherwise no place. Ryves was Chaplain to Charles I and Charles II and presents relevant commentary to the political disturbances of the day. Querela is attributed to John Barwick and a "remonstrance for the banished members of the late flourishing university". Belgicus is a chronology of battles from the beginning of the rebellion to March 1646. (Title missing small strip, not affecting text). \$950

Travel

19. Craufurd, Quentin, *Sketches Chiefly relating to the Hindoos...* London 1792. 8vo 2nd Ed. enlarged (preferred). 2 vols 361pp. 332pp, folding frontis small engraved title ½ leather rebacked, spine gilt. "A concise account of the present state of Hindoostan \$450

20. Diderot and D'Alembert, *Encyclopedie, ou Dictionnaire Raisons des Sciences, les Arts Liberaux, et les Arts Mechaniques, avec leur Explication..* Paris, 1751-1780. A fine boxed group of 15 leaves, from the famed Encyclopedia containing 38 images (Pesches Partie II, Section X). Of Whaling, whaling instruments, men and ships. \$1,750

21. Dobell Peter. *Travels in Kamchatka and Siberia with a Narrative of a Residence in China*. London Henry Colburn and Richard Bentley. 1830. 2 volumes. 8vo. Comtemporary 1/2 leather with marbles boards, spines redone and regilt. 351pp, 341 pp. Book plate of George Phillips Parker and signature on vol. 1 of W. Creighton Lee (New York 1859). all blanks present, very clean and bright. Dobell was a counsellor in the court of Czar Alexander I and these travels took place between Moscow and the Far East in 1812.

\$1950

22. Fleurieu, Charles Pierre Claret de, Comte, *Decouvertes des Francois en 1768 & 1769 dans le Sud-Est de la Nouvelle Guinee*. Paris, 1790. First edition. 4to, full contemporary calf, repairs to spine, new rolled label. With 12 folding maps & plans. "Fleurieu was a French politician and scientist, noted for his work on the chronometer, and a pioneer in the promotion and early history of French South Seas exploration. This work is principally concerned with the achievements of Louis de Bougainville and Jean de Surville, but also contains numerous compilations and translations made from various accounts, both published and unpublished, of Spanish and English travelers in the Pacific, including Mendana, Quiros, Mourelle, Carteret, Lt. Shortland, and Captain Cook." (Hill 610-1).

\$2850

23. Hawkesworth, John. *An Account of the Voyages... Discoveries in the Southern Hemisphere... Captain Byron... Capt Cook*. London 1773. Strahan and Cadell. Labeled Cook's first Voyage. 3 vol. 4to. Rebacked. New labels, cloth tape on inner hinges. Otherwise, collates per HILL 782, an early edition lacking the chart of the Strait of Magellan. Some minor foxing, plates generally quite bright. An important Pacific voyage of discovery whose extraordinary accomplishments are well known. {Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand}.

\$11000

24. Kotzebue, Otto von, *A Voyage of Discovery in the South Sea and to Behring's Straits, in Search of a North-east Passage...* London, R. Phillips. 1821. Two parts bound in one. 220p. 13 plates, 4 hand colored, 4 folding maps. 1/2 leather, some minor repairs and occasional light foxing, the plates being quite good. Includes 2 plates of Californians. Abridged English ed. Hawaiian plates not found in the original German or English editions. Pleasant copy of an important Pacific exploration. Hill 945, Zamorano 80.

\$2500

25. Nordenskiöld, A.E. *The Voyage of the Vega Round Asia and Europe...* London 1881, 1st ed. 2 vol. 8vo. Green cloth, 524pp, 464 pp, 5 portraits, tissue guards, 298 woodcuts, 10 folding maps. An account of the first transit of the North East Passage, including mention of previous voyages up the Yenisei and Lena Rivers, a voyage to Japan. Arctic Bibliography 12443.

\$750

26. [Robinson T] *An Account of the Several Late Voyages and Discoveries to the South and North. Towards the Streights of Maggellen, the South Seas, the Vast Tracts of Land beyond Hollandia Nova, & also towards Nova Zembla, Greenland or Spitsberg, Groynland or Engrondland, &.* By Sir John Narborough, Captain Jasmen Tasman, Captain John Wood, and Frederick Marten of Hamburgh. To which are annexed a large introduction and supplement, giving an account of other navigations to those regions of the globe... London 1711. 2nd ed. ex University of Chicago library, with minimal marks. Rebound ½ leather. 1 large folding map of the NE and NW Arctic, 2 others missing. Large folding illustrations of ships and whales in the arctic. The narratives of the two English voyages- Narborough's and Wood's - are printed here for the first time. Narborough's expedition (1669-71) was the first English venture to the Pacific since that of Hawkins in 1593-94 and was the first such expedition to be officially sanctioned by the Admiralty. An important collection of voyages focused on two navigational mysteries, the NE passage through the arctic and the Southern Continent. \$1500

27. Spiker, S.H. *Journal fur die neuesten Land und Seereisen... Vol 39 and 40.* Berlin 1821 and 1822. Two volumes in one, 8 copper plates, 4 colored, map. Original ½ leather German binding with green and red labels. Summaries of voyages including Kotzebue (1815-1818) and Parry. Colored litho of Kamehameha in vol 40. \$550

28. Stanyan, A. *An Account of Switzerland, Written in the Year 1714.* London 1714 1st ed. 12mo. 247 pp. early travelogue describing people, trade, and government by a later bureaucrat. Described as the first English Book on Switzerland. "The Swiss admit that there is but one error in Stanyan." Cox 1714 \$500

29. Wild, Frank. *Shackleton's Last Voyage, The Story of the Quest... From the Official Journal and Private Diary Kept By Dr. A.H.Macklin.* London. Cassell, 1923. xvi, 372 pp. Illustrated with a half-tone color frontispiece, 100 half-tone plates and 20 maps and charts. 8vo, blue cloth, illustrated and lettered in black, white and gilt. \$875

Mathematics

30. Archimedes; Apollonius Pergaeus; Theodosius. *Archimedes Opera, Apolloni Pergaei Conicorum Libri III, Theodosii Sphaerica...* London 1675, William Godbid for Robert Scott. 4to. 285 pp (i.e. 185). 104, 38, with blanks and 29 engraved folding plates. Contemporary calf, rebounded. First editions in England. edited by Isaac Barrow, the first Lucasian professor of mathematics at Cambridge. A summary of Lucasian lectures on Conics, spherics and cylinders, with commentary by Newton's mentor. \$1950

31. Euler, Leonard, *Theoria Motuum Plantarum et Cometarum...* Berlin, 1744. First Edition. Quarto, 4 folding plates, large uncut margins, original marbled wrappers, spine worn and partly defective, some early marginalia. Minor browning and foxing. A new method of calculating orbits taking into consideration gravity from outer planets. The calculations were based on observations of Halley's Comet and known rates of change. \$3800
32. Gregory, D. *Euclid.* , Oxford 1703. Folio, 686 pp, Full calf, gilt; hundreds of illustrations in text. Latin and Greek in opposing columns. Contains the full 15 books of Euclid and includes Data, Harmonica, Phaenomena, Catoptrica, De Divisionibus Liber, and De Levi at Ponderoso Fragmentum. Gregory was a life long friend of Isaac Newton who assisted him in getting his appointment as mathematics tutor to the Duke of Gloucester and then Savilian Chair of Mathematical Astronomy at Oxford, defeating Flamsteed for the honor. Gregory was the first mathematics teacher to teach the theories of Newton instead of those of the classical period and he pushed for lectures in English rather than Latin, while emphasizing the importance of practical knowledge. \$2400
33. Leibnitz, G.W. *Theodicaea.* Hanover, 1735. Nicolai Foerster u. Sohn. 8vo. ½ vellum with vellum tips. Frontis portrait of Leibniz, folding plate of calculating machine, and a rendition of I Ching tables. Leibniz' great effort in his native language to reconcile mathematics and theology, essentially a precursor in mathematical analysis to modern unified field theory and Guth's hyperinflation hypothesis. Includes, the essay on calculating with 0 and 1, whose idea came from analyzing the I Ching, sent to him by Jesuits in China. (His mechanical computer design is similar to 20th cent naval ballistics computers). 3rd ed. (1st 1710, in French). \$1950
34. Maclaurin, Colin. *An Account of Sir Isaac Newton's Discoveries, Four Books...* London 1748. 4to. Large paper copy, 392 pp, half title and 6 foldout plates. Original full calf, gilt spine. This work was published posthumously. First Ed. Maclaurin's exposition of Newton's work on celestial motion and gravity by past President of the Royal Society, friend of Newton and Chair of mathematics at The University of Edinburgh. \$1975
35. Wilkins, *Mathematical Magic.* London 1691. 4th ed. small 8vo. full calf, frontispiece, 45 engraved illustrations of mechanical devices. 295 pp. very clean and pleasant copy of the first book written concerning Mechanics in the English language. \$1500