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THE WINTER FESTIVAL IN AMSTERDAM

SCHENK, PIETER.

Winter Vreugde op den Amstel en 't gaan des Ysbreekers en der Waterschuiten...

(1746?). Large engraved view of the Winter Festival in Amsterdam in 1696 made up of 3 copperplates with Dutch and French engraved text on bottom. Engraved after drawing by Tileman van der Horst. Fine condition on heavy paper, folded.

EUR 3,400

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE BOOK

ARISTOTELES (ARISTOTLE).

[Organon].

1495. Editio princeps of Aristotle's logical works (as well as the editio princeps of Porphyrios' "Isagoge"), arguably the most important publication in the entire history of printing. When Aldus Manuzio, the first and most celebrated scholar-printer of the Renaissance, began publishing - for the first time in history - the works of Aristotle in the original Greek, he inaugurated a new era in the history of mankind, making the present volume one of the most important moments in the history of the book. The importance of his seminal Aristotle-edition can hardly be over-estimated. Constituting the first major Greek prose text (or collection of texts) to be printed in its original language, it epitomizes the role of printing in re-introducing the original classical Greek texts to the Western world after centuries of unavailability.

EUR 70,500

EARLY 15TH CENTURY ILLUMINATED ARMENIAN MANUSCRIPT

ARMENIAN TETRAEVANGELION MANUSCRIPT

Tetraevangelion (The Four Gospels) in Armenian. Manuscript on polished paper. Written and illuminated by Izit the Monk in the Monastery of Narek, South of Lake Van.

1405. An early Armenian manuscript from the Monastery of Narek on the southern shore of Lake Van, one of the most active Armenian centers of illumination and manuscript production, in its original binding (very worn). The four extensive colophons, one colophon following each of the four gospels, are preserved and give a detailed picture of the provenance of the manuscript. Armenian gospel books usually contain a miniature of the evangelist preceding the corresponding gospel, which is also the case here, followed by canon tables (which, uniquely in Armenian art, follow rather than precede the full-page miniatures). 363 ff. Leaves measuring 180 x140 mm. Written space 130 x 90 mm. 17 lines in double columns, in Bologir script. Lacking first leaves of genealogy of Jesus. Three illuminated title-pages (lacking the first for the gospel of St. Mathew) and three half-page headpieces and zoomorphic initials and opening lines of text.

EUR 100,000

EARLY INDIAN MANUSCRIPT WITH 107 MINIATURES

BHAGAVATA PURANA

Veda Vyasa (?). A Vernacular version of the Tenth Book of the Bhagavata Purana.

(1768-69). An extremely scarce, large, early and profusely illustrated Indian manuscript. The Bhagavata is widely recognized as the best known and most influential of the Puranas; it is sometimes referred to as the "Fifth Veda", along with itihasa and other puranas. It is unique in Indian religious literature, both for its emphasis on the practice of bhakti, for its redefining of dharma, and for the extent of its description of God in a human-like form. It is furthermore the source for many of the popular stories of Krishna's childhood told for centuries in the Indian subcontinent.

EUR 35,500

THE INVENTION OF THE PULLABLE PART

BRÈS, (JEAN-PIERRE).

Le livre-joujou.

(1875?). Incredibly scarce third issue (with the original plates and moveable parts of the first issue) of one of the most important and rarest children's books ever produced, namely the first printed book with pullable parts, sometimes called "the first interactive book". In all, three issues of the work appeared. All three are of the utmost scarcity, as only 20 copies (apart from the present) in all, from either of the three issues are known. And of these 20 copies, at least five are incomplete. Of the three issues, the third is the scarcest, as only two or three other copies apart from the present are known. Two of these are in institutional holdings, and a third, which is possibly the third issue, is in a private collection in Japan.

EUR 20,000

GIFT-COPY, BY ORDER OF NAPOLEON

DENTRECASTEAUX - ROSSEL (edt.).

Voyage... envoye a la Recherche de la Perouse.

1807 (atlas) - 1808 (text). A gift-copy, ordered by Napoleon I - for the Danish admiral that had earned himself great personal admiration from Napoleon - of the first edition of this magnificent travel account, which is famous for its exploration of the Australian coast while searching for the lost Pérouse expedition that had vanished in Oceania. The excellent maps and charts of this foundational publication are made by the expedition's first hydrographical engineer, C.F Beautemps-Beaupré, who is now regarded as the father of modern French hydrography, due to his work on the present expedition. The charts published here, in the atlas volume under the title "Atlas du Voyage de Bruny-Dentrecasteaux", in 1807 were very detailed and remained the source of the English charts of the area for many years. Those of Van Diemen's Land were the exceptionally detailed and have contributed greatly to our knowledge of the area.

EUR 10,800

THE CLIMAX OF THE AUSTRIAN ARMY

DUMONT, (JEAN) et (J.) ROUSSET.

Histoire Militaire du Prince Eugene de Savoye...

1729-47. First edition. Simultaneously published in French and Dutch. This fine, monumental work describes and depicts the wars of Prince Eugene de Savoye, the Duke of Marlborough and the Prince of Nassau, in Italy, Hungary, Germany, The Netherlands and against the Turks. The maps are engraved by Hubert Iallot, Covens & Mortier, Guillaume de L'Isle etc. The very detailed panoramas of war scenes include the famous series made by Jan Huchtenberg. Prince Eugene's almost invariable success on the battle-field raised the reputation of the Austrian army to a point which that it would never reach again.

EUR 18,200

ONE OF THE FINEST OF ALL ANATOMICAL TREATISES

ESTIENNE, CHARLES.

De dissectione partium corporis humani.

1545. The very rare first edition of one of the most important works in the history of medicine, being the first published work to include illustrations of the whole external venous, arterial, and nervous systems, and the most magnificent anatomical atlas of the sixteenth century, next to Vesalius' "Fabrica". Although the work was published two years after Vesalius', the anatomy itself is pre-Vesalian and antedates the "Fabrica" by some years in actual composition. "This magnificent folio volume is one of the finest of all anatomical treatises." (Heirs of Hippocrates). "One of the finest woodcut books of the French Renaissance, in which science and art are ideally merged." (Schreiber).

EUR 52,000

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM INDIA

[FELICE BEATO].

6 original photographs from India

(1858). Six rare original photographs taken by Felice Beato immediately after the Indian Mutiny, or First War of Independence, an insurrection that for the first time had challenged British hegemony. "Early in 1858 Felice Beato left Constantinople and embarked on a life of restless wandering, following the expansion of the British Empire and the gradual opening to Westerners of countries throughout the East. His first destination was India, which, after several centuries as an object of European colonial ambitions, was by the mid-1850s largely under the control of Britain - and specifically, the East India Company." The Indian uprising would end with brutal suppressions in such centers as Lucknow, Cawnpore, and Delhi, where British troops engaged in mass slaughter of rebels and civilian populations. The rebellion had been widely covered by the British press, and accounts of the revolts in memoirs and novels would continue to appear for many years. Eager to take advantage of the Western public's interest in these events, Beato went to India to record the aftermath of the rebellion.

EUR 8,700

THE DISCOVERY OF PENICILLIN

FLEMING, ALEXANDER.

On the Antibacterial Action of Cultures of a Penicillium...

1929. Seminal first printing [In: British Journal of Experimental Pathology] of the groundbreaking paper that announces for the first time one of the most revolutionizing discoveries of modern times, namely penicillin. Fleming's accidental discovery and isolation of penicillin in September 1928 (published here for the first time) marks the introduction of the age of useful antibiotics. This magnificent discovery would not only completely change the world of modern medicine, it would change the course of history, continually saving millions of lives around the world.

EUR 18,800

THE ANIMALS OF THE ARAB EXPEDITION

FORSKÅL, PETRUS - NIEBUHR, CARSTEN (EDT.).

Descriptiones Animalium Avium, Amphibiorum, Piscium, Insectorum, Vermium...

1775. First edition of Forskål's fundamental description of the animals found on the Danish expedition to Arabia. As Forskål died in Jerim, it was Carsten Niebuhr, the leader of the expedition and only survivor, who published Forskål's manuscripts. Many zoological species are here described for the first time, and the work includes a fundamental Arabic "Materia Medica".

EUR 3,850

THE PLANTS OF THE ARAB EXPEDITION

FORSKÅL, PETRUS - NIEBUHR, CARSTEN (EDT.).

Flora Aegyptiaco-Arabica...

1775. First edition of Forskål's fundamental description of the plants of Yemen and lower Egypt found on the Danish expedition to Arabia. As Forskål, one of the most gifted disciples of Linnaeus, died in Jerim, it was Carsten Niebuhr, the leader and sole survivor of the expedition, who published Forskål's manuscripts. Many botanical species are here described for the first time.

EUR 4,700

THE CONDUCTION OF HEAT

FOURIER.

Théorie analytique de la Chaleur.

1822. First edition of Fourier's seminal main work, an epochal achievement in the history of science, being "the first outstanding publication on the conduction of heat" and the "source of all modern methods in mathematical physics involving the integration of partial differential equations in problems where boundary values are fixed". "Fourier demonstrated that problems in mathematical physics can be solved for any complex condition when one knows how to solve the simple periodic initial condition."

EUR 23,500

THE FIRST FORMULATION OF THE MALTHUSIAN THEORY OF POPULATION

GIULIANI, ANTONIO.

Saggio Politico sopra le vicissitudini inevitabili delle società civili.

1791. Exceedingly scarce first edition - in a stunning binding - of the groundbreaking main work by Antonio Giuliani, in which he formulates his political and economic system, presenting his theory of population growth, which antedates Malthus' "Essay on Population" by seven years. This influential work actually constitutes the forerunner and the first formulation of The Malthusian theory of population and population growth, which had an immense impact on not only politics, economics and social sciences, but also on natural sciences. For instance both Darwin and Wallace considered the theory of population growth a main source in their development of the theory of natural selection.

EUR 16,100

THE STRAIT OF DAVIS AND ITS PEOPLE

HAAN, L. F.

Beschryving van de Straat Davids...

1720. Exceedingly rare first edition of Haan's early and important description of the Strait of Davis and the people of the strait. During the first half of the seventeenth century, the Noordsche compagnie had sent several expeditions to the west of Greenland in a futile search for a northwest passage to Asia or, failing that, valuable minerals, whales, seals, or other opportunities. "In tandem with these exploratory ventures, Dutch traders, mostly from the North Sea Island of Terschelling, began a modest barter trade with the Inuits of Greenland's west coast. ...In 1720, a Terschelling Island captain, Lourens Feykes Haan, codified the accumulated knowledge of western Greenland by publishing in Amsterdam a detailed description of the lands and people of the strait."

EUR 4,700

THE FOUNDATIONAL WORK OF MODERN PLASTIC SURGERY

GRAEFE, CARL FERDINAND.

Rhinoplastik...

1818. The very rare first edition of the work that founded modern plastic surgery and the work in which the term "plastic" appears in connection with surgery for the first time in history, causing the field to be named as it still is today. This milestone work of plastic surgery constitutes "the first book on rhinoplasty. Graefe was the founder of modern plastic surgery. He developed the operations of rhinoplasty and blepharoplasty." The work was extremely influential and found great resonance throughout Europe and America. Through its massive influence, it came to found modern plastic surgery and is arguably the most important book ever written in this modern specialty.

EUR 29,500

PRESENTATION-COPY OF THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST ISSUE

(HELVETIUS, CLAUDE ADRIEN).

De l'Esprit.

1758. Extremely rare first edition, first issue, with manuscript dedication-inscription from the author, of this monumental work of the French Enlightenment. This magnum opus of modern thought is considered the founding work of modern Utilitarianism, as it is here that Helvétius articulates the greatest happiness principle ("the greatest happiness for the greatest number") for the first time and becomes the first to define social welfare upon this utilitarian maxim, directly influencing Bentham and Mill. The materialistic philosophy of Helvétius' "De l'Esprit" also directly influenced Karl Marx, who had studied the work while in Paris and called the ideas presented in it "the social basis of communism". "De l'Esprit" arguably constitutes the greatest "succès de scandale" of Western thought and one of the most influential works of Western philosophy. This magnificent copy is stunning in all ways. It contains all the extremely rare condemned and repressed leaves of the first issue (bound in the back), it is printed on large paper, contemporarily bound (presumably under instruction by Helvétius himself) in a stunning full calf gift binding and with two manuscript ex-dono- (presentation-) inscriptions by Helvétius himself. One of them, on the verso of the title-page, is crossed out, but is still legible (reading "donum auctoris 17 avril 1760 Cl. Helvetius"), the second, on the front free end-paper reads "ex dono auctoris 1761" - thus indicating that Helvétius, who had the copy in his possession, to give away when he felt it appropriate, had first intended to give it away - perhaps late in the year - in 1760, and then ended up giving it away in 1761.

EUR 105,000

THE NAZI BIBLE - PMM 415

HITLER, ADOLF.

Mein Kampf.

1925-27 (vol 2 recte: 1926). Scarce first edition, first issue - in original bindings - of this infamous monument over the most tragic period in the history of Europe and mankind in general. Constituting a turning-point in the career of the 40-year old Hitler, who had achieved nothing of significance at the time, it also presents a devastating turning-point of the 20th century, paving the way for WWII. "Mein Kampf must rank as one of the most widely distributed and translated books in the world. By 1945 the German editions had reached a total circulation of about ten million copies and the book had been translated into sixteen languages."

EUR 20,000

A MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOLM, THOMAS CAMPANIUS.

Kort Beskrifning Om provincien Nya Sverige uti America...

1702. Exceedingly rare first edition of the first Swedish book on America and one of the main sources to the history of Pennsylvania. "A very scarce work relating to the establishment of the Swedes in New Sweden, afterwards Pennsylvania." The work is of the utmost importance to the history of this part of America and, as importantly, it also contains the only printed source to the now distinct native American language of the Susquehannocks as well the first systematic weather observations in the American Colonies.

EUR 22,200

"THE IDEOLOGICAL KEYSTONE OF THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY" - PMM 392

LENIN.

Chto Delat?...

1902. Extremely rare first edition of Lenin's seminal text, which constitutes the birth of Bolshevism and one of the most important documents of 20th century political thought. Vladimir Lenin is considered the greatest of all revolutionary tacticians. More than anyone, he was else responsible for the tactics of the "Great October Revolution" that gave birth to the Soviet Union. His most important book about tactics was "What is to be done?", which completely revolutionized the modern world of politics.

EUR 30,200

THE BIRTH OF MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

MACHIAVELLI, NICCOLO.

Le Prince.

1553. The extremely rare first translation printed in any language, being the first printed French translation, of one of the most important and influential works in the history of mankind, Machiavelli's "The Prince". After the original printing in Italian, the present is arguably the most desirable edition of the seminal masterpiece that is Machiavelli's magnum opus. The translation not only inaugurated the tradition of translating "The Prince" into other languages than Italian, it also exercised the greatest influence upon the entire Machiavellian tradition and constitutes an immeasurable historical source in its own right. Although the work was never reprinted and this extremely scarce edition is the only available version of the text, the effects of it are still clearly visible in our times. It secured the diffusion of the text throughout Europe and it served as the basis for the most important of the later translations, e.g. Jacques Gohory's from 1571, which is considered not much more than a slight reworking of Cappel's translation. As Jean Bingen points to, Cappel's translation also directly influenced (and influences) almost all modern translations of the work. The reason for this continued direct and strong influence is of course not only due to its priority in time over all other translations, it is also due to the fact that Cappel's translation always has been and still is considered the most "Machiavellian" translation of "The Prince" ever made and the one closest to the source - both in time, in style, and in rendering of the content. Cappel was the only of the early translators who was himself a Machiavellian and his respect for and understanding of the text shines from the pages.

EUR 84,000

THE LARGE COMMENTARY TO "CARTA MARINA"

MAGNUS, OLAUS.

Historia de Gentibus septentrionalibus...

1555. Scarce first edition of the first larger geographical-ethnographical description of Scandinavia, being one of the most important sources to the customs and daily lives of the Northern peoples. In reality, the work is a large commentary to Olaus Magnus' famous map, the "Carta Marina" (Venice, 1539), of which only two copies are known. This map is the earliest map of the Nordic countries to give details and place names. Only two earlier maps of Scandinavia are known. The present work contains the "Carta Marina", reproduced in smaller size.

EUR 15,500

THE NEW RELIGION - PMM 359

MARX, KARL.

Das Kapital.

1867. Scarce first edition of Marx' immensely influential main work, arguably the greatest revolutionary work of the nineteenth century. With its attack on capitalists and capitalist mode of production, this cornerstone of 19th century thought came to determine the trajectory of economics and politics of the Western world. Marx' groundbreaking "Das Kapital" originally appeared in German in 1867, and only the first part of the work appeared in Marx' lifetime.

EUR 155,000

FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

MENDELEEV, D.

Osnovy Khimii [Russian, i.e. "Principles of Chemistry"].

1869-71. The rare first edition of Mendeleev's landmark work, arguably the most important and influential work in the entire history of chemistry, containing the first appearance of the periodic table of the elements. Mendeleev famously used this table to accurately predict elements which were only discovered much later. "It is a fundamental milestone in the literature of modern chemistry, as it contains the first public appearance of the periodic table of the elements in its earliest form [...]. The second volume contains the first appearance of the period table in its modern form, with the elements of each group arranged vertically rather than horizontally" (Neville). "In richness and boldness of scientific thought, originality of expression and influence on the development and teaching of chemistry, Mendeleev's work has no equal in the world's chemistry literature".

EUR 51,000

THE FIRST TRANSLATION OF MONTAIGNE'S ESSAYS

MONTAIGNE, MICHEL de.

Discorsi, morali, politici, et militari.

1590. The very scarce first edition of the first translation into any language of any part of Montaigne's Essays, namely Naselli's monumental first Italian translation, which came to pave the way for later translations of the work, among them Florio's first English from 1603.

EUR 23,500

THE HANDBOOK OF NIEBUHR'S ARABIA-EXPEDITION

MICHAELIS, JOHANN DAVID.

Fragen an eine Gesellschaft Gelehrter Männer...

1762. The very rare first edition of the founding work of Niebuhr's Arabia-expedition, which would gain world-wide fame and establish the scientific description of the Arabian peninsula. The present work consists in 100 questions, the answers to which constitute the purpose of the Royal Danish Arabia Expedition. In fact, the present work is the handbook of Niebuhr's travel to Arabia Felix, as its author is the spiritual father of it. The work is extraordinary in many ways, and it not only served as the basis for the Arabia-expedition, it also constitutes a forerunner of modern bible science that would begin to emerge a few decades later.

EUR 3,800

HIGHLY IMPORTANT ACCOUNT OF THE ARAB WORLD

NIEBUHR, CARSTEN.

Reisebeschreibung nach Arabien ...

1774-78. Scarce first edition, P.F. Suhm's copy, of Nieburh's great travel account of Arabia. Like his "Beschreibung von Arabien", his "Reisebeschreibung von Arabien" "provided a mass of new geographical, regional, and historical information... Among is many exact maps and plans, the map of the Red Sea and of Yemen served as the most reliable information for more than 50 years."

EUR 5,100

WITH THE VERY FIRST MAP TO MENTION KUWAIT

NIEBUHR, CARSTEN.

Beschreibung von Arabien...

1772. First edition of Niebuhr's famous classical account of his Arabian travel, being the first scientific expedition to Arabia Felix. Having the famous map of Yemen (35x55 cm.) in outline colouring and the large folded map of the Arab Gulf (Mare Rubrum seu Sinus Arabicus), which is the first map at all to mention Kuwait. "Niebuhr was one of the best scientific travellers that ever lived... His works have long been classical, and even noW must be consulted by any who desires to have the most trustworthy accounts,.."

EUR 3,400

NIEBUHR'S GREAT TRAVEL ACCOUNT OF THE MIDDLE EAST

NIEBUHR, CARSTEN.

Reize naar Arabië en andere omliggende landen...

1776-1780. First Dutch edition of Nieburh's great travel account of Arabia, originally published in Copenhagen, 1774-78, in German under the title "Reisebeschreibung von Arabien". This splendid and extremely important work on the Middle East, Egypt, Persia and India "provided a mass of new geographical, regional, and historical information... Among is many exact maps and plans, the map of the Red Sea and of Yemen served as the most reliable information for more than 50 years."

EUR 2,700

THE MOST GRANDIOSE WORK IN DANISH BOOK PRODUCTION

NORDEN, F.L.

Voyage d'Egypte et de Nubie.

1755. Scarce first edition, only published in 200 copies by The Danish Royal Society. This splendid work communicated the results of this remarkable expedition undertaken in 1737-38. It is the most extensive description of Egypt's monuments, ruins, temples etc. since the times of Herodotus, as there had been only few travellers or written descriptions since classical times. An anecdote tells that Napoleon, before his expedition to Egypt, pointed to these two folio-volumes in order to encourage his staff of scientists and artists. The plates are excellent in their details and execution, engraved by the skillfull artist and engraver Marcus Tuscher in collaboration with the author, who died before the work went into the press. They depict landscapes, monuments, ruins etc., as well as maps.

EUR 20,000

THE MAGNIFICENT ILLUSTRATION OF THE SWEDISH WARS 1655-60

PUFENDORF, SAMUEL.

De Rebus a Carolo Gustavo...

1696. Scarce first edition - in Latin - of this profusely illustrated work on the Swedish Wars, which also appeared in translations into German and French. The writing of this official history of the Swedish Wars with Poland and Denmark from 1655 to 1660 was entrusted by King Charles XI to Samuel Pufendorf, the famous and important German jurist, political philosopher, economist, statesman and historian, who was made a baron in 1694, shortly before he died. He has played a great role in the development of the philosophy of law and political history. His famous work on the Swedish Wars is also famed for its impressive and excellent illustrations, not least the 450 cm. long procession-plate.

EUR 16,800

ONE OF THE EARLIEST INTERPRETATIONS OF THE MEANING OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

PICO DELLA MIRANDOLA, GIOVANNI FRANCESCO.

De morte Christi & propria cogitanda libri tres.

1497. Exceedingly scarce first edition of the two highly important works "On Remembering the Death of Christ and Oneself", which is dedicated to Savonarola in the year before he was condemned and hanged, and "On the Study Divine and Human Philosophy", being Gianfrancesco Pico's seminal first philosophical work, in which the foundation for his philosophical theories are laid and which foreshadows the scepticism of his "Examen", for which he became famous as the first modern Sceptic. The present publication is furthermore the first in which Gianfr. Pico refers to the discovery of America; the work was written merely a couple of years after Columbus' discovery became known; Pico's references in the present work constitute one of the first testimonies to the awareness of the meaning and importance of the discovery of the New World and it is considered a highly important piece of 15th century Americana.

EUR 23,500

THE STATE OF NATURE IS PEACE

PUFENDORF, SAMUEL von.

De Jure Naturae et Gentium Libri octo.

1672. Scarce first edition of Pufendorf's magnum opus, one of the fundamental works of natural law. In this milestone work of political and legal thought, Pufendorf presents his system of universal law, which profoundly revised the natural law theories of Hobbes and Grotius. In his teaching, that the will of the state is but the sum of the individual wills that constitute it, he shows himself a precursor of Rousseau and of the "Social Contract".

EUR 10,500

FOUNDING OCEANOGRAPHY

RENNELL, J.

An Investigation of Currents of the Atlantic Ocean and those which prevail between the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic.

1832. The exceedingly rare first edition of Rennell's landmark work on large-scale currents in the Atlantic and Indian Ocean. Published posthumously by his daughter, the present work "provides a departure point for oceanographic research up to the present". Mainly because of his work on currents in the Atlantic Ocean, Rennell has been dubbed the "Founder of Oceanography". "Only the publication in 1832 of James Rennell's Investigations of the Currents of the Atlantic Ocean argued for a systematic approach based on modern scientific methods. This included the first comprehensive model of global ocean currents". "Rennell was the first to produce charts of winds and currents, based on observations for an ocean and to show how the course of ocean currents was largely shaped by prevailing winds".

EUR 20,000

EARLIEST EXTANT PHOTOGRAPHS OF BATTLE SCENES - "SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CULTURAL DOCUMENTS OF THE FALL OF SEBASTOPOL"

[ROBERTSON, JAMES] (+) [FELICE BEATO]

6 original photographs from the siege of Sebastopol, Crimean Peninsula.

(Presumably September 1855). Six rare original photographs taken by Beato and Robinson from the fall of Sebastopol in the autumn of 1855, constituting some of the very earliest extant photographs of battle scenes. The Crimean war photographs mark the beginning of Beato's first major campaign in what would be a long and remarkably eventful career. The Crimean War was the first conflict to be reported first-hand in the newspapers, the first to make use of the telegraph, the first to be represented in the illustrated press, and the first to be photographed. In certain respects, it is regarded as the first modern war, in the sense that it employed modern methods of representation, and those representations began to play some part in the machinery and politics of warfare. Robertson and Beato's photographs played a seminal role in showing the destruction of Sebastopol to people in the West and in shaping the public opinion of the horrors of war.

EUR 10,000

THE FIRST NARRATIVE OF HAMLET

SAXO GRAMMATICUS.

Danorum Regum heroumque Historie.

1514. A magnificent copy - one of the finest we have ever seen -, in its first binding and in unusually fine condition, of the rare editio princeps, the edition that preserved the first full history of Denmark for posterity and to this day the most important of all Danish historical publications. This magnificent work contains the first known written narrative of the legend of Hamlet and served as the basis for Shakespeare's play.

EUR 26,800

ONE OF TWO OR THREE COPIES ON PRIVATE HANDS

SKÅNSKE LOV (LAW OF SCANIA).

Hær begynnes skonska logh paa rath danska.

1505. The very rare first edition of "Skånske Lov", which not only constitutes one of the earliest printed Danish books and one of the very first Danish law books ever written and ever printed (the first together with "Jyske Lov" from 1504 and "Sjællandske Lov" from 1505), but also one of the greatest influences upon the Danish written language. This splendid work holds canonical status in Danish history, law, and linguistics. It was printed in Copenhagen, in 1505, in Danish, by the Dutch printer Gotfred of Ghemen, who was the first person to get trade license as a book printer in Denmark.

EUR 16,800

FIRST APPEARANCE OF STALIN AS ONE THE BOLSHEVIK LEADERS

[STALIN].

Protokoly Obyedinitel'nogo syezda Rossiyskoy Sotsial'demokraticheskoy Rabochey Partii, sostoyavshegosya v Stokgolme. [i.e. The Protocols of the Unity Congress of Russian Social-Democratic Party in Stockholm in 1906].

1907. The extremely rare first appearance of the The Protocols of the congress of Russian Social-Democratic Party in Stockholm containing the very first appearance of Stalin as one the Bolshevik leaders and presumably also the very first time Stalin is mentioned in print. Shortly after publication the book was banned by the order of court. The book contains the full version of all speeches on the fourth congress of Social Democrats held in Stockholm in 1906. Here Stalin was chosen to be one of the three delegates from Caucasus which was of seminal importance in Stalin's rise to power. The nomination was unexpected since Stalin at this point had mainly been in charge terrorist activity and, unlike Lenin and other prominent party members, had not published any papers or theoretical works.

EUR 4,700

FIRST TRANSLATION INTO ANY LANGUAGE OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Mormons Bog.

1851. Exceedingly rare first edition thus, namely the seminal first printing of the first translation into any language of the Book of Mormon. After the Prophet Joseph Smith's original translation of the Book of Mormon from the gold plates into English in 1829 and the return of those plates to the angel Moroni, no translations from English into any other languages appeared until this Danish translation of 1851. After this groundbreaking first translation, the Book of Mormon has been translated in its entirety into 95 languages (with portions of the book having been translated into another 20 languages) and has been printed in more than 150 million copies.

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THE FIRST FORMULATION OF THE NEW SCIENCE

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