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1. Accession No. 1028

Hermes, Or a Philosophical Inquiry Concerning Universal Grammar.

By James Harris
John Nourse, London: 1771.

Accession No. 1028
Received: 1829
Gift of John Fisher.

Third edition of one of the most important and influential eighteenth-century works on language.

This volume will be rebound with cloth spine, saving the label, Mohawk Superfine acid-free endpapers and decorative boards.
Estimated cost: \$55.

2. Accession No. 1552

Practical Inquiry on Disordered Respiration; distinguishing the Species of Convulsive Asthma, their causes and Indications of Cure.

By Robert Bree.
M. Swinney, Birmingham, 1797.

Accession No. 1552
Received: 1822
Gift of Charles Burroughs, Proprietor.

Unlike most earlier and later physicians, Bree, an asthmatic himself, doubted that that asthma was a separate disease in itself, but saw it as a symptom of other disorders.

This volume will be rebound in full cloth, with red leather label.
Estimated cost: \$60.

3. Accession No. 2258, Vol. 1 & Vol. 2

Life of Robin Hood.

T. Egerton, London, 1795.

Accession No. 2258

Received: 1828

Unknown donor.

First edition. First collected edition of the ballads of Robin Hood with numerous woodcuts by Thomas and John Berwick.

This volume will be rebaked in dark green morocco leather, saving boards, with lines on spine, new labels and new handmade endpapers to match text paper.

Estimated cost: \$105/each

4. Accession No. 2649

Fabliaux or Tales, Abridged From French Manuscripts of the 12th and 13th Centuries.

By Le Grand

W. Bulmer Shakespeare Press, London: 1796.

Accession No. 2649

Received: 1829

Gift of John Fisher.

This is volume one (published in 1796) of a two-volume set. The 2nd volume was published in 1800. This is the 2nd edition and first Bewick edition. Many of the engravings were designed by John Bewick on the occasion of his last visit to Northumberland, shortly before his death.

This volume will have repairs made to the title page and be rebound with a cloth spine, label and marbled boards.

Estimated cost: \$65.

5. Accession No. 4590

Dictionarium Britannicum: or, a More Compleat Universal Etymological Dictionary than any Extant...

By N. D. Bailey

Printed for T. Cox, London: unknown, probably 1736 (2nd ed.)

Accession No. 4590

Received: 1835

Gift of Charles W. Cutter, Esq. And Proprietor.

Dictionarium Britannicum, originally published in 1730, was used by Dr. Johnson as the basis for his keystone work.

This volume will be cleaned, pages repaired, new Mohawk Superfine acid-free endpapers, new cloth spine with marbled boards.

Estimated cost: \$125.

6. Accession No. 7165

The Anatomy of the Human Body.

By William Cheslton

J. F. Rivington et al, London: 1778.

Accession No. 7165

Received: 1849

Gift of Eliza Haven.

Although Cheselden is best known for his accomplishments in the field of surgery, he wrote two important books on anatomy. The above was for many years a textbook of the English medical schools and ran through 13 editions. This is the 11th edition.

This volume will be rebound with a cloth spine and marbled boards.

Estimated cost \$65.

7. Accession No. 7491

An Answer to the Latter Part of Lord Bolingbroke's Letters on the Study of History.

By Baron Horatio Walpole
W Richardson & S. Clark, London: 1763.

Accession No. 7491
Received: ca. 1851
Unknown donor.

In this posthumous work Lord Walpole (1678-1757), the brother of Sir Robert and uncle of Horace, attacks Bolingbroke's account of the last four years of the Queen, years when Bolingbroke was a leading figure in the Tory administration and Walpole a young Member of Parliament in opposition. Bolingbroke's Study of History was also posthumous, written in the 1730s but for political reasons was left unpublished until 1752.

This volume will be rebound in cloth with Mohawk Superfine marbled acid-free endpapers.
Estimated cost: \$55.

8. Accession No. 9193

An Essay on the Composition and Manner of Writing of the Ancient, Particularly Plato.

By James Geddes
Robert Foulis, Glasgow: 1748.

Accession No. 9193
Received: 1860
Gift of Samuel Sheafe, Proprietor..

James Geddes studied mathematics and was a lawyer. He devoted much of his time to the perusal of the ancient poets, philosophers, and historians.

This volume will be rebound with ¼ leather-cloth spine, marbled boards, and Mohawk Superfine acid-free endpapers, saving the label.
Estimated cost: \$65.

9. Accession No. 9636 & 9637

Roman Conversations; or a Short Description of the Antiquities of Rome, Interspersed with Characters of Eminent Romans, and Reflections, Religious and Moral on Roman History.

By Joseph Wilcocks

P. Norman for R. Bickerstaff, London: 1797.

Accession No. 9636-9637

Received: 1862

Gift of Charles H. Ladd and Alexander Hamilton Ladd, Proprietors.

Second edition.

These volumes will have new white cloth spines, paper labels and new handmade acid-free endpapers.

Estimated cost: \$45/each.

10. Accession No. 10379

Authentick Memoirs of the Christian Church in China.

By John Lawrence von Mosheim

J. And R. Tonson & S. Draper, London: 1750.

Accession No. 10379

Received: 1866

Gift of John Elwyn.

Translated from German - 1st English language edition.

This volume will be re-sewn and rebound with a cloth spine and marbled boards.

Estimated cost: \$135.

11. Accession No. 30888

The Satires of Decimus Junius Juvenalis.

By Juvenalis, Decimus Junius
Jacob Tonfon, London: 1762.

Accession No. 30888
Received: 1979
Gift of Capt. Lawrence S. Stewart, U.S.N.

Decimus Junius Juvenalis, was a Roman satirist who denounced the vice and folly of Roman society during the reign of the emperor Domitian (60-140). Like most ancient satire, his writings are essentially conservative. In order to avoid censorship, or worse, he chose as his targets people who had lived a century before; but he clearly meant to describe what he saw as the faults of his own time.]

This volume will be rebound with a new leather-cloth spine, label and new handmade acid-free endpapers. The original boards will be saved.
Estimated cost \$90.

12. Accession No. 43959

The Equity Draftsman: Being a Collection of Precedents, drawn by some of the Leading Men at the Equity Bar....

By F. M. Van Heythuysen.
Gould & Banks, Albany, N.Y., 1819.

Accession No. 43959
Received: 1992
Gift of Wyman Pender Boynton, Proprietor, from the Law Library of Charles Levi Woodbury.

This volume will be rebound in beige cloth with lines on spine and red leather label.
Estimated cost: \$60.