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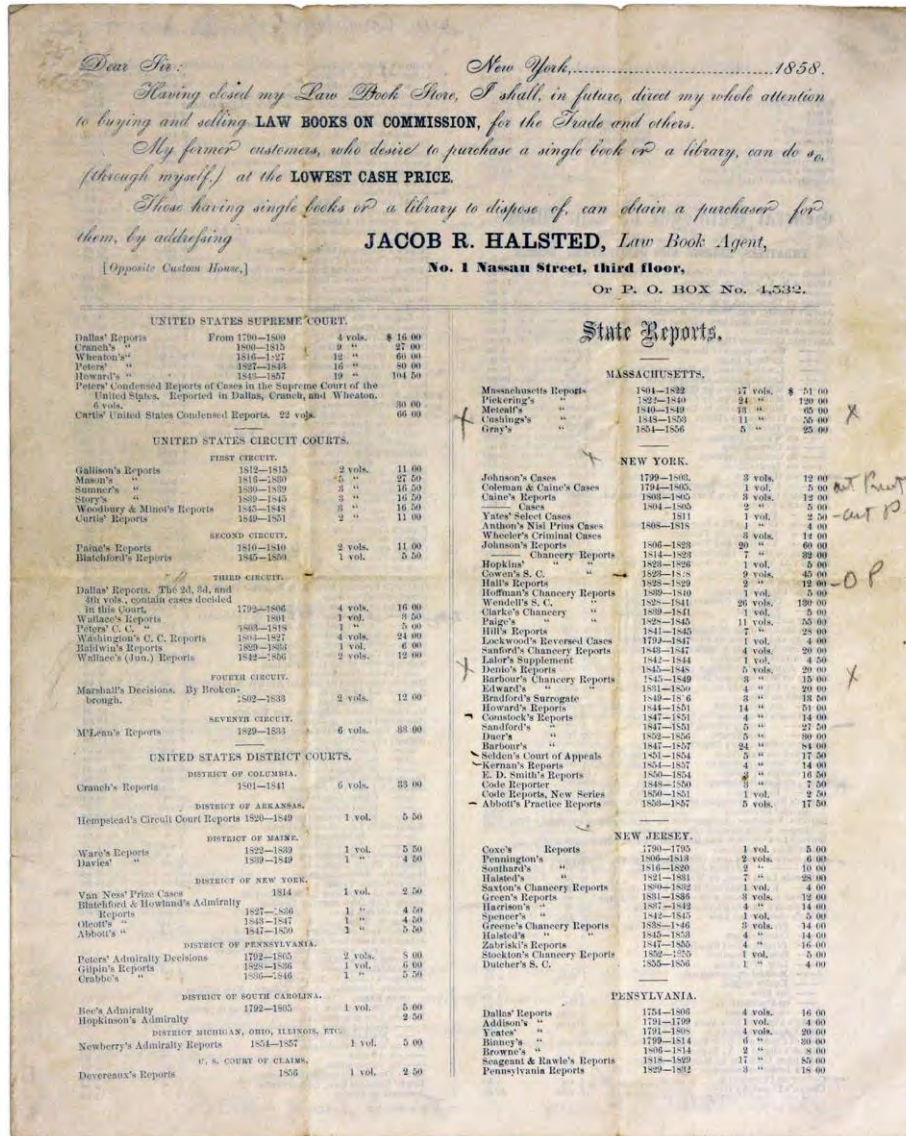
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**A Lawyer in Chenango County, New York Chooses Books for His Office Library**

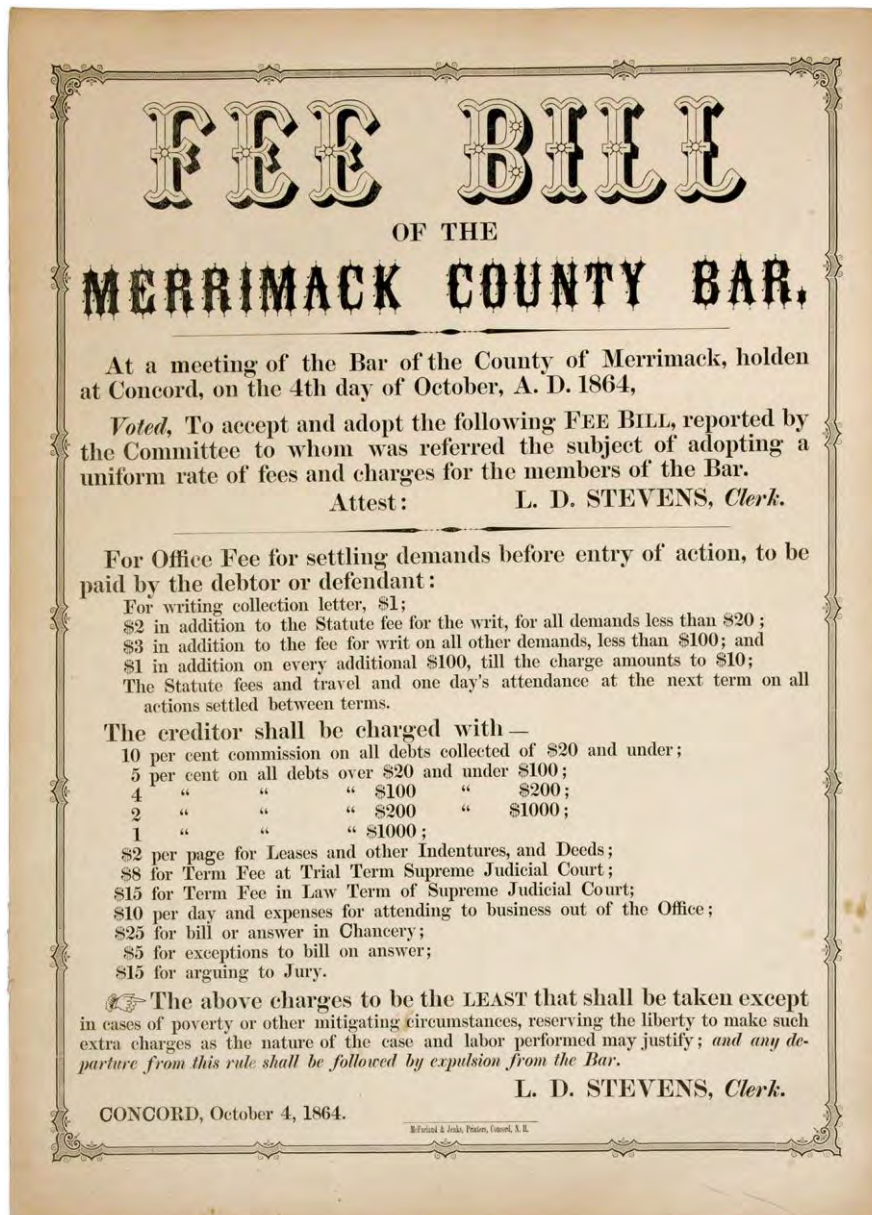
**1. [Bookseller Catalogue].**

**Jacob R. Halstead.**

*Dear Sir: Having Closed My Law Book Store, I Shall, In Future, Direct My Whole Attention to Buying and Selling Law Books on Commission.* [Running Head]. New York, 1858.

Bifolium forming two 11" x 8-1/2" leaves, text in parallel columns to both sides of first leaf and recto of second, address, stamp and postmark to verso. Horizontal and vertical fold lines, light soiling to exterior, a few minor tears, mostly along fold lines, tick marks and brief annotations in a contemporary hand. \$450.

\* Halsted had an impressive inventory. Along with reports, it lists over 200 of the most important English and American titles of the day, from *Abbott on Shipping* to *Yates's Law Studies*. This catalogue was sent to a lawyer in Chenango County, New York. He checked 36 titles for purchase and added a few others that were not on Halsted's list. [Order This Item](#)



**List of Lawyer's Fees, Merrimack County, New Hampshire, 1864**

**2. [Broadside].**

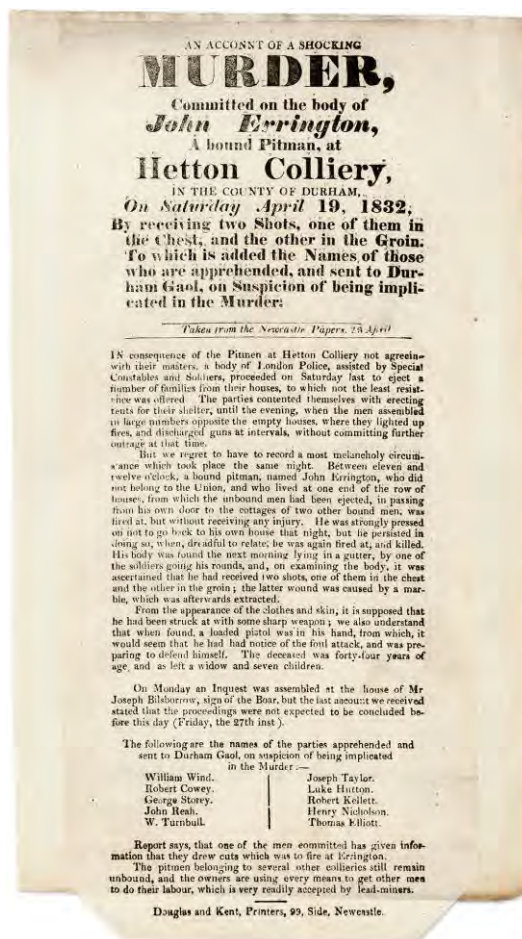
**Merrimack County Bar.**

*Fee Bill of the Merrimack County Bar.* Concord, NH: October 4, 1864.

13-1/2" x 10-1/2" broadside. Text printed within woodcut border. Light toning, a few small spots near lower right-hand corner. A well-preserved copy. \$650.

\* This elaborate table of fees is followed by a statement: "The above charges to be the LEAST that shall be taken except in cases of poverty and other mitigating circumstances, reserving the liberty to make such extra charges as the nature of the case and labor may justify; and any departure from this rule shall be followed by expulsion from the Bar. [Order This Item](#)





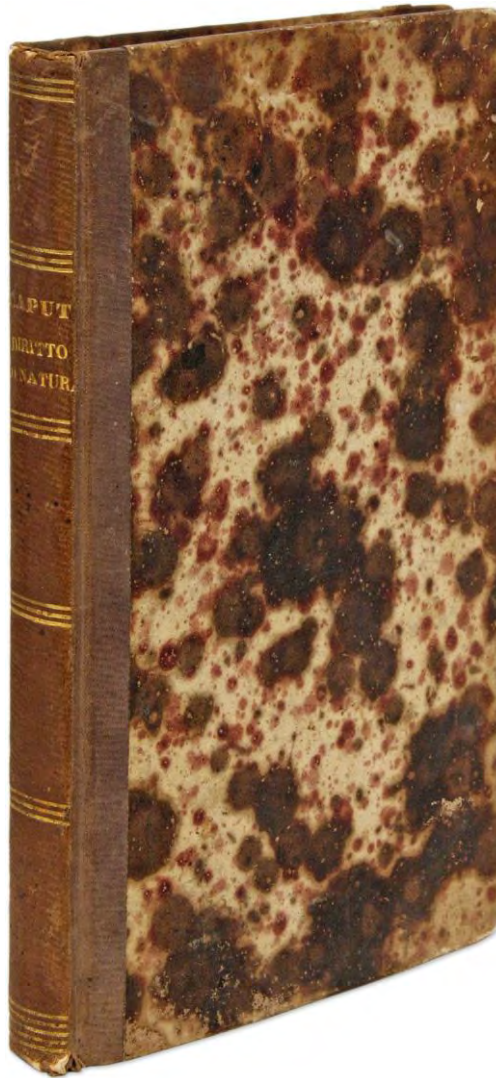
### A Murder Related to Labor Unrest in the Newcastle Mines

3. [Broadside].  
[Murder].  
[Great Britain].

*An Account of the Shocking Murder, Committed on the Body of John Errington, A Bound Pitman, At Hetton Colliery, In the County of Durham, On Saturday April 19, 1832, By Receiving Two Shots, One of Them in the Chest, And the Other in the Groin. To Which is Added the Names of Those Who are Apprehended, And Sent to Durham Gaol, On Suspicion of Being Implicated in the Murder.*  
Newcastle Upon Tyne: Douglas and Kent, Printers, [1832].

13-3/4" x 6-1/4" broadside mounted on 13-1/4" x 8" sheet, bottom inch of broadside folded, lower corners cropped. Single-column text below headline, sections separated by rules. Negligible light toning. A well-preserved copy. \$1,500.

\* An account "taken from the Newcastle Papers" of 28th April, during the miner's strike of 1832, an early example of Industrial-Era unrest that resonated throughout Great Britain. At that time a number of strikers, evicted from their homes, gathered in the town, where they lit bonfires, discharged firearms and antagonized their opponents. Errington, a strikebreaker, was found dead in the street with two wounds from a marble-firing musket. Several strikers were charged with his murder and taken to Durham Gaol, which was far enough away from Newcastle to discourage any rescue attempts. In the end the evidence was insufficient and they were released. No copies located on OCLC, Library Hub, or at the British Library. [Order This Item](#)



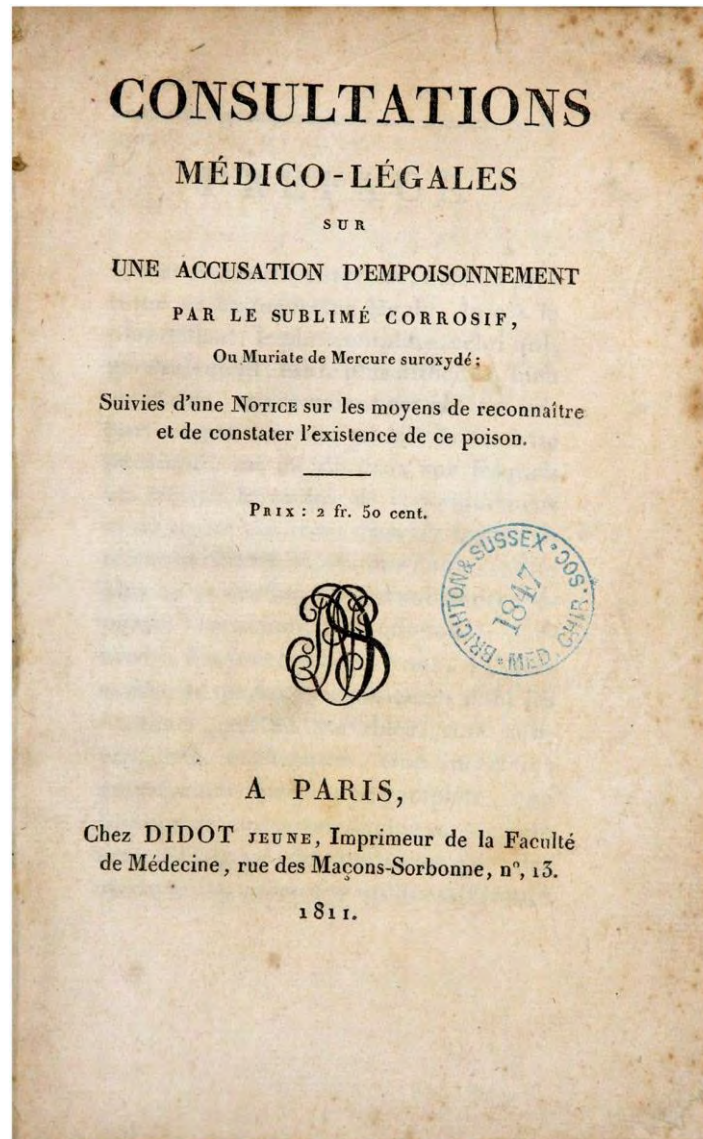
**Rare Nineteenth-Century Italian Treatise on Natural Law**

**4. Caputi, Nicola.**

*Elementi del Diritto di Natura e Delle Genti: Compilati ed in Due Libri Divisi.* Bari: Libreria e Stamperia Capasso, 1840. [iv], 179, [5] pp. Octavo (7-1/4" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary quarter pebbled cloth over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spine. Binding lightly cocked, light wear to spine ends and corners, which are lightly bumped. Moderate toning to interior, faint dampstaining to head of text block, light foxing and heavier dampstaining to a few leaves, light soiling to title page, which has small early owner signature. \$750.

\* Only edition. This interesting treatise on the elements of natural law by a cleric and seminary instructor was published during the politically fertile period between the Congress of Vienna and the Revolutions of 1848. It is divided into two books. The first deals with individual rights and responsibilities and addresses such topics as law, religion, contracts, marriage, trade and gambling. The second part addresses political matters, principally international law, sovereignty, and the laws of war. OCLC locates 1 copy (at UC Berkeley Law School). Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



### The Detection of Muriate of Mercury Poisoning

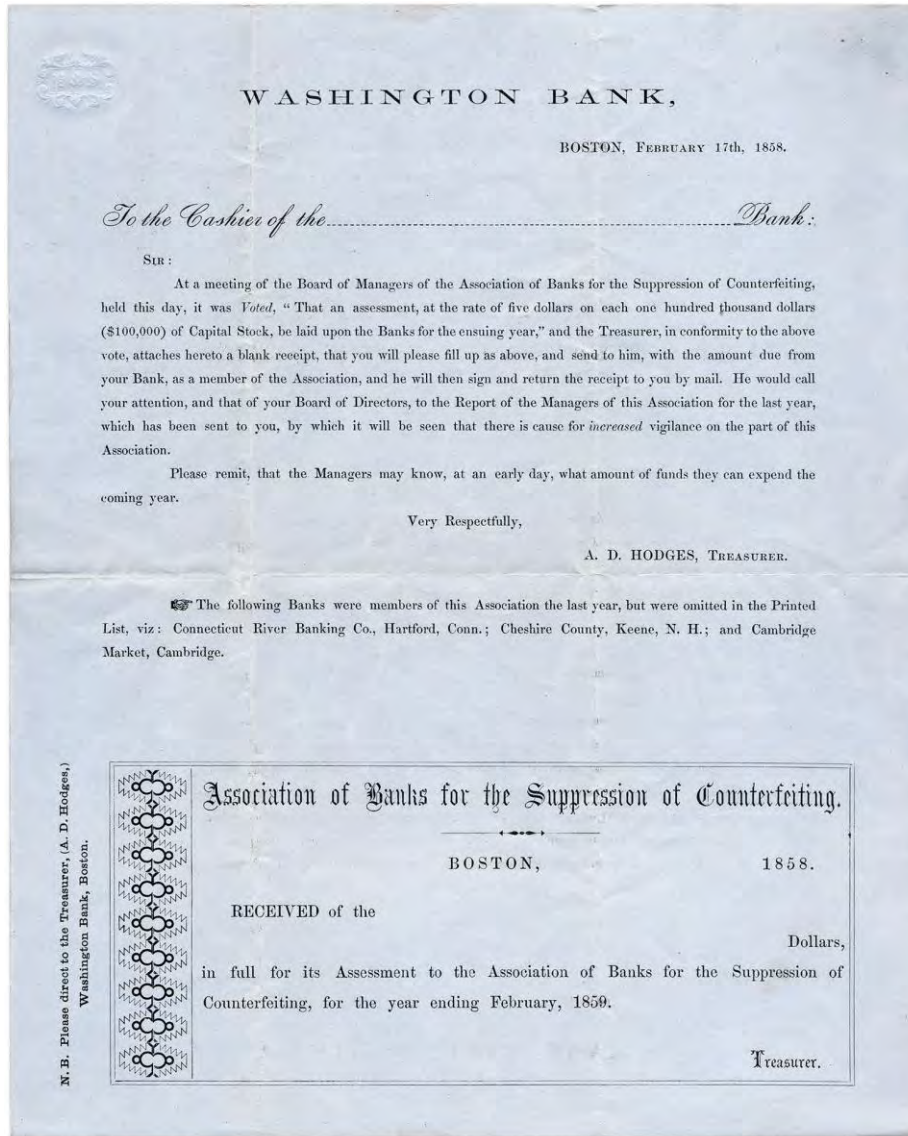
#### 5. [Chaussier, François (1746-1828)].

*Consultations Médico-Légales sur une Accusation d'Empoisonnement par le Sublimé Corrosif, Ou Muriate de Mercure Suroxydé; Suivie d'une Notice sur les Moyens de Reconnaître et de Constater l'Existence de ce Poison.* Paris: Imprimerie de Didot Jeune, 1811. xvii, 167 pp. Lacking half-title. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5").

Later plain wrappers. Light soiling and shelfwear. Light toning to text, light foxing in a few places, small tear and small library stamp to title page. \$350.

\* Only edition. Intended to guide forensic investigation and courtroom examination, this manual outlines the nature of muriate of mercury and its effects on the body. Chaussier, a professor of medicine at the Sorbonne, was the author of several books on medicine and medical jurisprudence. OCLC locates 11 copies, 3 in North America, none in law libraries. Not in the *British Museum Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)





### A Group of New England Banks Unite to Suppress Counterfeiting

#### 6. [Counterfeiting].

[Request for Membership Dues for the Association of Banks for the Suppression of Counterfeiting]. Boston, February 17, 1858.

Single sheet folded once to form 8-1/2" x 5" bifolium, text to recto of first leaf, post mark and manuscript address to verso of second leaf. Vertical and horizontal fold lines, faint stains to verso of second leaf, otherwise fine. \$450.

\* This form, which includes a receipt, was addressed to the Pittsfield Bank of Pittsfield, New Hampshire. It reads (in part): "To the cashier of the \_\_\_\_\_ Bank: Sir: At a meeting of the Board of Managers (...) it was *Voted*, "That an assessment, at the rate of five dollars on each one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of Capital Stock, be laid upon the Banks for the ensuing year," and the Treasurer, in conformity to the above vote, attaches hereto a blank receipt, that you will please fill up, and send to him, with the amount due from your Bank, as a member of the Association, and he will then sign and return the receipt to you by mail." [Order This Item](#)



### The Underbelly of the Gilded Age

#### 7. [Crime].

#### [Vice].

#### [United States].

*The Illustrated Police News, Law-Courts and Weekly Record*, For the Week Ending September 16, 1869. Vol. 7. No. 151. 8 pp. [Boston, Mass.]: Police News Pub. House, 1869. Woodcut illustrations. 20-1/2" x 14-1/2."

Moderate toning, edgewear and creases, a few minor tears along fold lines. \$350.

\* *The Illustrated Police News* (ca. 1860-1904) or the *Police News* was a weekly periodical published in Boston, Massachusetts. The editors or owners included John Stetson and A.H. Millett. Like its model the *National Police Gazette*, the *Illustrated Police News* provided sensationalistic crime and disaster stories, sexual titillation and coverage of sporting events, all with woodcut engravings that often skirted the edge of obscenity. Articles in this 1869 issue include "Female Pickpockets in New York," "A Wronged Wife Assaults her Husband's Paramour in a Milwaukee Brothel," "Hibernia vs. Teutonica-A Rich Fistic Encounter in Pittsburgh, Pa." and "Death in the Mines of Avondale, Pa." [Order This Item](#)



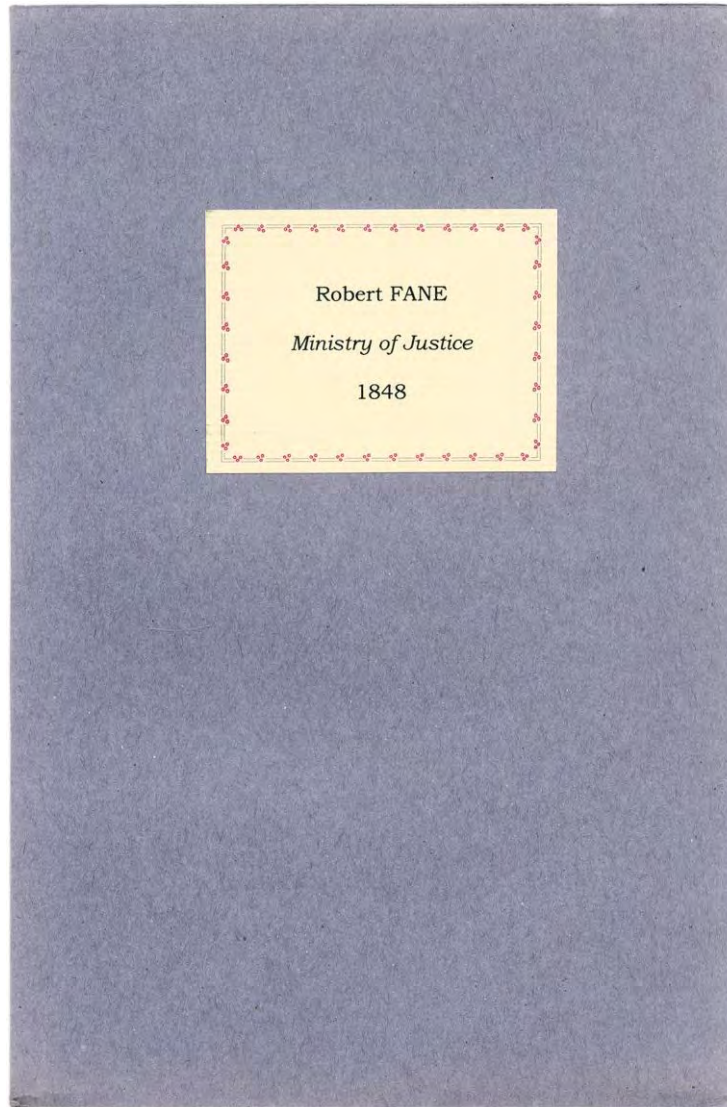


**Impressive Caricature of One of the Great  
American Lawyer-Statesmen of the Nineteenth Century**

8. [Evarts, William M. (1818-1901)].  
[Caricature of Evarts]. N.p., S.n., c.1872.

14-1/4" x 11-1/4" woodcut caricature of Evarts by "Wüst" mounted on 21" x 17" board, clipped autograph signature of Evarts mounted below image. Moderate toning, light soiling and a few minor stains, light rubbing and a few small chips to edges of board, a few tiny nicks to image, horizontal fold line through its center. \$350.

\* Removed from a periodical, this impressive caricature depicts one of the most important American lawyer-statesmen of the nineteenth century. Renowned for skills as a litigator, Evarts played leading roles in three of the most important causes of his day: the impeachment of President Johnson, the Alabama Claims (Geneva Arbitration) and the contest before the electoral commission to settle the presidential election of 1876. Our caricature relates to the Alabama Claims, so it was probably drawn and published in 1872, the year the claims were settled. Evarts stands on a book titled *Alabama Claims*, five other books are placed or propped up against an adjacent table. Three of them refer to the Alabama Case, one refers to his role in the Johnson impeachment and one, *Life of William H. Seward*, probably refers to his support of Seward's presidential candidacy in 1860. [Order This Item](#)



**"Law Reform is Universally Demanded"**

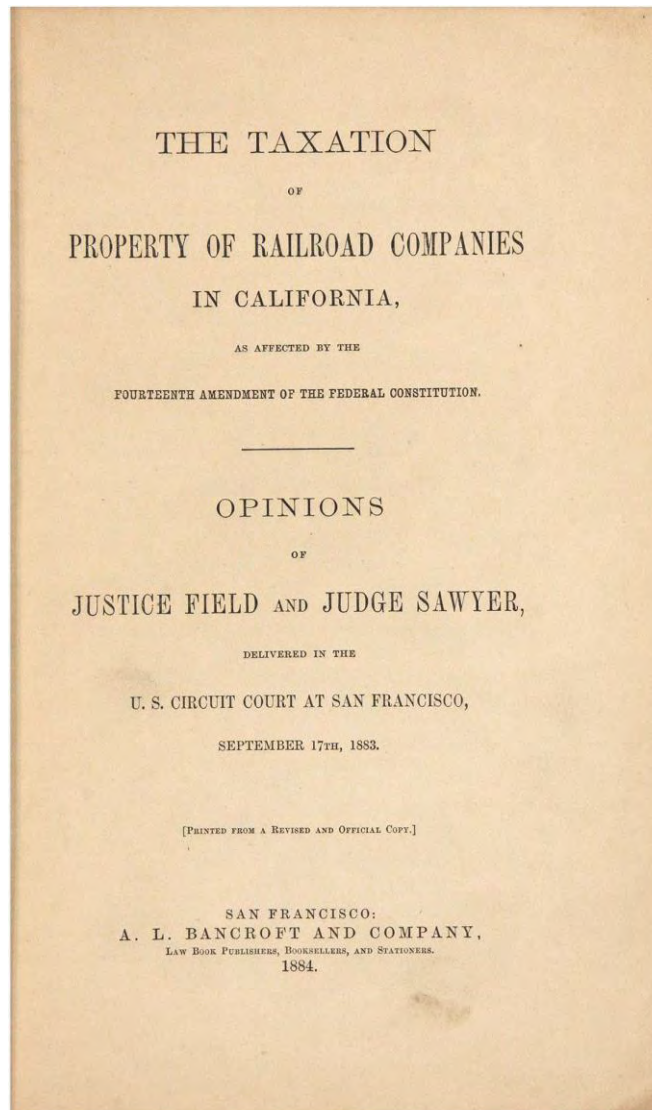
**9. Fane, [Robert George] C[ecil] [1796-1864].**

*Ministry of Justice: Its Necessity as an Instrument of Law Reform.* London: [Spottiswoode and Shaw], 1848. 23, [1] pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/2").

Recent stiff wrappers, printed paper title panel to front. Light toning, light foxing to a few leaves, author presentation inscription to "the Hble P.J. Locke King" to front head of half-title. \$250.

\* Only separate edition. Fane, a bankruptcy commissioner, argues: "The necessity for a Minister of Justice becomes daily more and more evident. Law reform is universally demanded. (...) Turn where you will, you find in the law itself, in the construction of the courts which administer it, and in the construction of the Acts of Parliament which profess to mend, but only botch it, something which everybody complains of. A spirit of inquiry, a thirst for reform, is abroad." Fane's essay was originally printed in the May 1848 issue of the *Law Review*. OCLC locates 13 copies, 3 in North America, 1 in a law library (Columbia). [Order This Item](#)





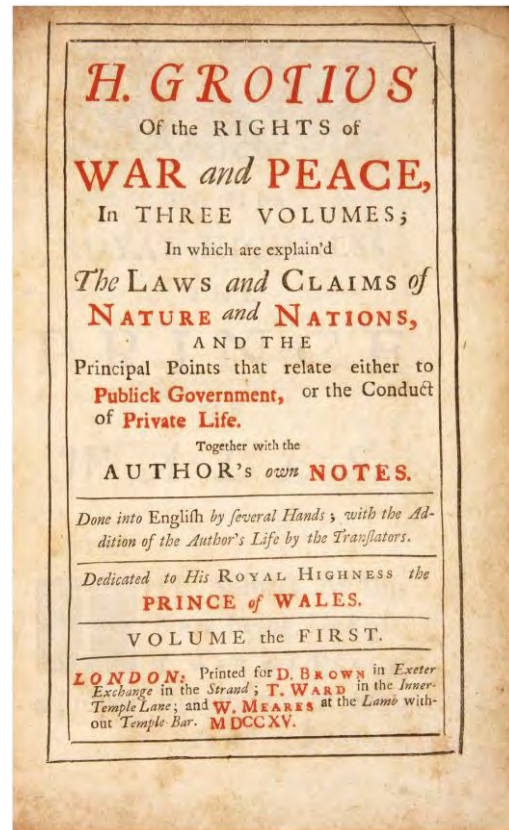
### Corporations are Persons According to the Fourteenth Amendment

**10. Field, Stephen J. [1816-1899].  
Sawyer, Lorenzo [1820-1891].**

*The Taxation of Property of Railroad Companies in California, As Affected by the Fourteenth Amendment of the Federal Constitution. Opinions of Justice Field and Judge Sawyer, Delivered in the U.S. Circuit Court at San Francisco, September 17th, 1883.* San Francisco: A.L. Bancroft and Co., 1884. 90 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling, minor wear to spine ends and corners, early annotation in pencil to head of front wrapper, small stain to rear wrapper, moderate toning to interior. \$150.

\* This pamphlet records two opinions from the first stage of the landmark case *Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad Company*. When the case was decided by the United States Supreme Court, in the railroad's favor, it established that corporations are "persons" and are therefore protected by the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. [Order This Item](#)



Early English Translation of *De Jure Belli ac Pacis*

11. Grotius, Hugo [1535-1645].

[Morrice, John, Translator and Editor].

*Of the Rights of War and Peace, In Three Volumes; In Which are Explain'd the Laws and Claims of Nature and Nations, And the Principal Points that Relate Either to Publick Government, Or the Conduct of Private Life. Together with the Author's Own Notes. Done into English by Several Hands; With the Addition of the Author's Life by the Translators. Dedicated to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.* London: Printed for D. Brown, T. Ward and W. Meares, 1715. Three volumes. [xv], civ, 212; [iii], 648 [ii], 356, [48] pp. Title page of each volume preceded by publisher advertisement. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Contemporary paneled calf, raised bands and gilt volume numbers to spines, speckled edges, gilt tooling to edges of boards. Minor nicks, scuffs and light stains to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends and corners, light gatoring to spines, boards beginning to separate but secure, early copperplate armorial bookplate to front pastedown of Volume I. Title pages printed in red and black. Light toning, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing. \$2,500.

\* Third English-language edition. First published in Paris in 1625, *The Rights of War and Peace* established the system of modern public international law. Recognized immediately as an important work, it was translated into the principal languages of Europe. The first English translation, by Clement Barksdale, was published in 1654 and reissued the following year. The second, by William Evats, was published in 1682. According to sources cited in the *ESTC*, the 1715 edition was translated and edited by Morrice with the assistance of Edward Littlehales and John Spavan. The English editions differ considerably and are very interesting to compare. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T117018. Ter Meulen and Diermanse, *Bibliographie de Grotius* 634. [Order This Item](#)





48 SCENES FROM THE LIVES OF  
 "Ah! young faddy, I'll not disguise w' ye; but an ill destiny will be yours."  
 "That is unkind of you to say so," said the simple Clara.  
 "Unkind!" sternly returned the prophetic, in accents that would puzzle any one who heard her to say whether she herself believed in her art, or whether she knew herself to be an impostor—"Unkind! I cannot alter your destiny—I can but read it."



The alarmed and credulous maiden wrung her hands, while the crone leant upon her stick and fixed her small grey eyes on the ground. After a while, the former tremblingly asked—  
 "Tell me, pray—whence comes the misfortune you predict for me?"  
 "Where most women's misfortunes do—where mine came from—from man."  
 "But I know no man, granny," said Clara, in tones that seemed to appeal to the oracle to find a happier fate for her.  
 "But you will connect with one, no long time off," returned the hag.  
 "Oh, I went—I went even speak to one!"

Granny stroked the tresses of Clara Rees, and called her "silly child." More than that—it is your fate to love the very man who will destroy you!"  
 "What! granny," exclaimed Clara, "shall I be murdered?"  
 "Aye, poor child—if heart-break—slow, but sure—is murder."  
 Pale as a ghost, the dairymen's daughter left the scene, and returned to her home, sad as sad could be. But a few days were off the impression the fearful prophecy had made on her—and she went no more to the fortune-teller. In after-life she was often bitterly reminded of the old woman's words.  
 It was about twelve months after the date of this romantic interview, that Gurney Glendon, alias Mr. Courtenay, alias Mr. Romanoff, first heard of Clara's

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charms, and it was not long before he introduced himself to them, when, alas! for the dairymen's daughter, he conquered.  
 But before this sad event in Clara's life happened, a serious disagreement sprang up between her and her father, which led to Clara's leaving the dairy, and procuring a situation in a West-end cigar shop, where her beauty gave such an impetus to the business, that she received a large salary from the proprietor as a *quid pro quo*. Her father would have had her marry a man for whom she had no love, nay, an aversion to, and David Rees pressed his wishes so strongly upon her, that there was no way of escape but by leaving the "Old Dairy," the place of her birth, and taking the humble, yet dangerous position at the tobacconist's, especially to one endowed with such witchery of face and figure.  
 The shopkeeper cared little about the danger by which Clara was surrounded—she brought "swells" to his shop, who, while they were rivalling each other to win her attention, puffed away his best Havannahs, and freely paid anything that was

Illustrated Account of Two English White-Collar Criminals Who Were Transported to Australia

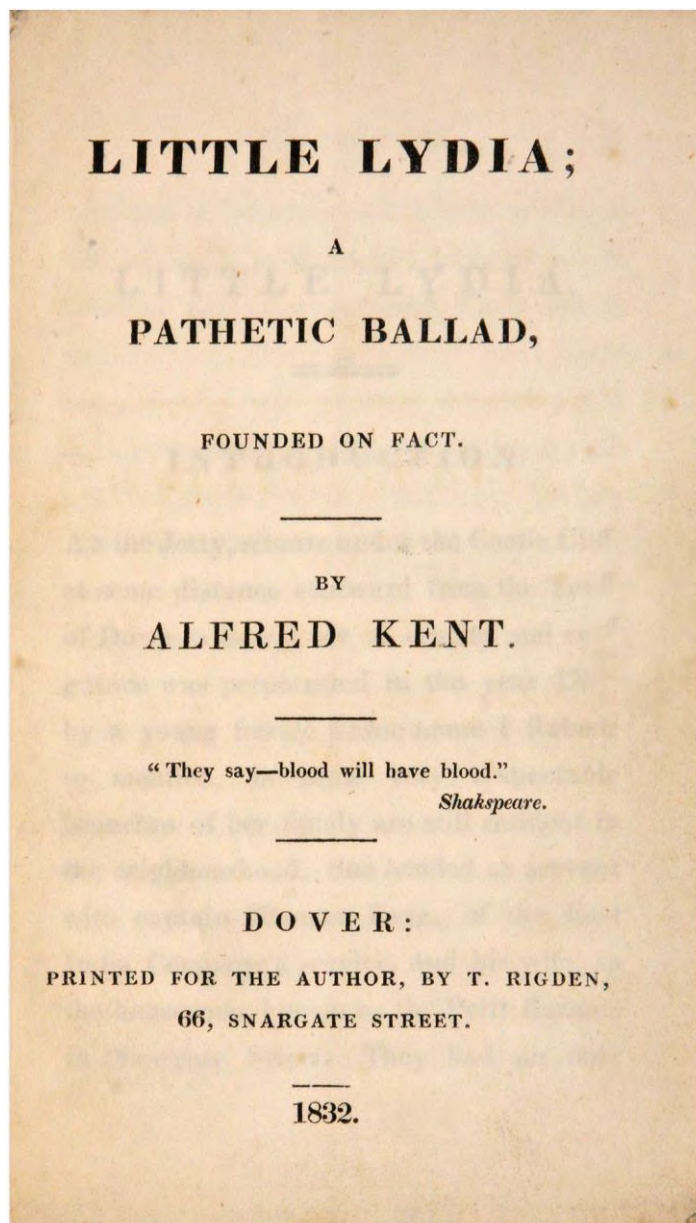
12. J.B.  
 Redpath, Leopold [1816-1891].  
 Robson, William James [1820?-1884].

*Scenes from the Lives of Robson and Redpath*. London: W.M. Clark, [1857]. 112 pp. Woodcut illustrations. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into near-contemporary quarter morocco over cloth, gilt rules to boards, lettering piece to spine. Some bubbling to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped and somewhat worn, front hinge cracked, small owner label (dated 1888) and later library bookplate to front pastedown, first two signatures of text partially detached but secure, a few partial cracks to text block. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, wear to corners of a few leaves, some soiling and small embossed bookseller stamp to title page. \$750.

\* Only edition. Presented as educational, this is a biography of two unrelated criminals who amassed huge fortunes through fraud and were eventually convicted and transported to Australia. Robson pursued a variety of schemes over several decades; Redpath, a clerk for the Great Northern Railway Company, defrauded his employer. OCLC locates 11 copies, 5 in North America, 1 in a law library (Social Law). *British Museum Catalogue* (Compact Edition) 2:34.

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"Where Are the Hands with Murder Stain'd Whose Guilt is Unreveal'd?"

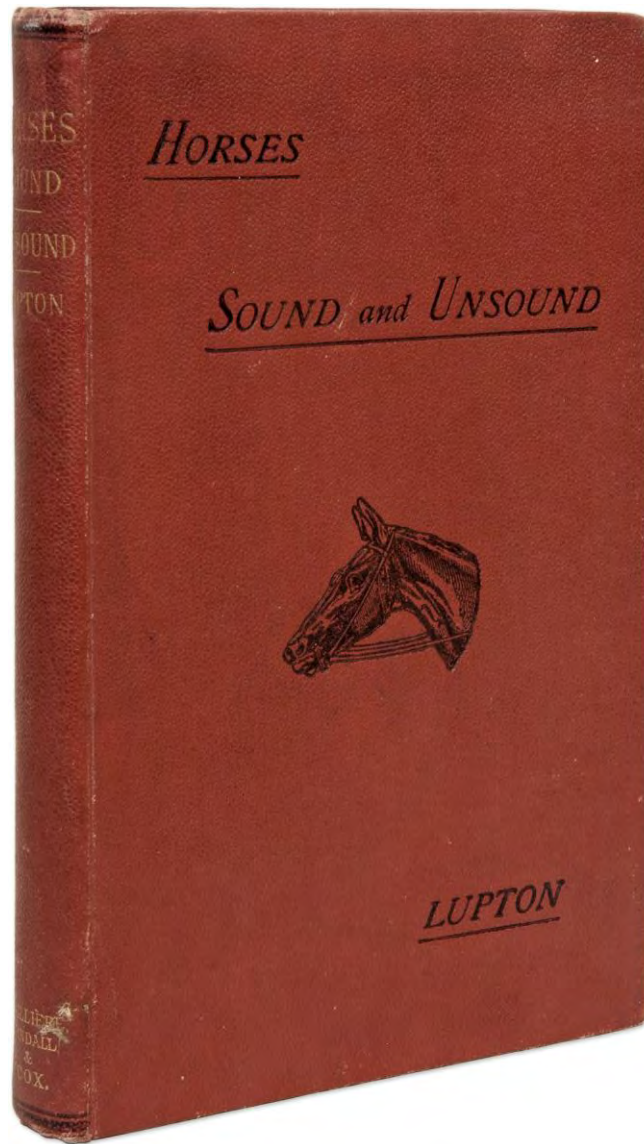
**13. Kent, Alfred.**

*Little Lydia; A Pathetic Ballad, Founded on Fact.* Dover: Printed for the Author, By T. Rigden, 1832. 36 pp. 12mo. (5-3/4" x 3-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into slightly later pebbled cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, later owner bookplate (F. William Cock) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, early owner annotation to verso of half-title. A well-preserved copy of a rare title. \$500.

\* Only edition located. A poetic account of the murder of a three-year-old girl named Lydia by a deranged servant. The poem has a preface that outlines the history of the case. This appears to be an unrecorded title. No copies located on OCLC or Library Hub. [Order This Item](#)





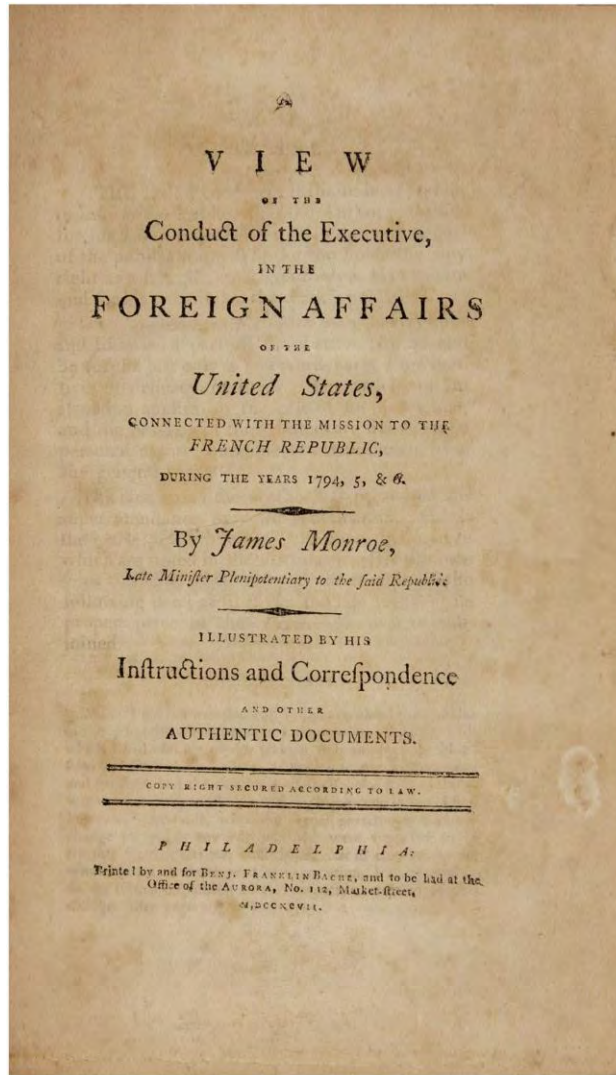
**A Medical and Legal Handbook About Horses**

**14. Lupton, J. Irvine.**

*Horses: Sound and Unsound, With the Law Relating to Sales and Warranty.* London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 1893. vi, [2], 211 pp. Line illustrations. Octavo (8-1/4" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary pebbled cloth, black-stamped title and image of horse head to front board, small black-stamped company insignia to rear board, gilt title to spine, colored endpapers. Light rubbing to extremities, faint stain to rear board, a few partial cracks to text block, light toning to interior, presentation inscription from author to verso of front free endpaper. \$200.

\* Only edition. The first part of this book reviews illnesses that affect horses and ways to detect them, The second part addresses laws concerning the sale of horses and laws protecting their welfare. This title was reissued by a New York publisher, W.R. Jenkins, in 1907, 1909 and 1912. All printings are scarce or rare. OCLC locates 11 copies of the 1893 printing in North America, none in law libraries. [Order This Item](#)



### Monroe's Critical Assessment of Washington's Foreign Policy

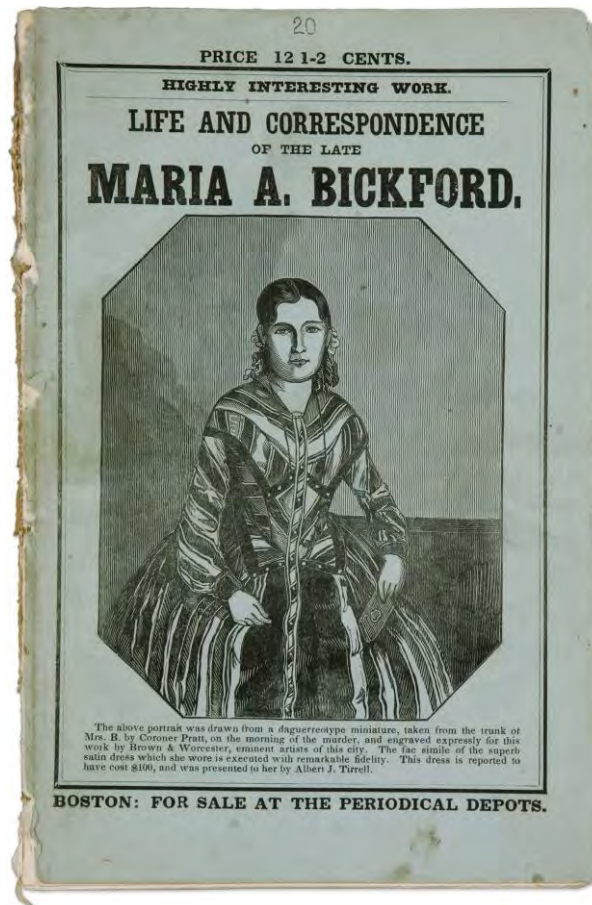
#### 15. Monroe, James [1758-1831].

*A View Of The Conduct Of The Executive, In The Foreign Affairs Of The United States, Connected With The Mission To The French Republic, During The Years 1794, 5, & 6. Illustrated by His Instructions and Correspondence, And Other Authentic Documents.* Philadelphia: Printed by and for Benj. Franklin Bache, 1797. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Original publisher boards with later rebacking, printed paper title label to spine, untrimmed edges, hinges mended. Light soiling and a few minor stains to boards, bookplate residue to front pastedown. Moderate toning, light foxing in places, minor chips and tears to fore-edges of a few leaves, paper flaw to Leaf F (pp. 33-34), with minor loss to text. \$500.

\* Only Edition. Monroe was President Washington's minister to France from August 15, 1794 to December 9, 1796. Despite several successes as minister, such as securing U.S. navigational rights on the French-controlled Mississippi River, Monroe was recalled by Washington because he believed Monroe was too sympathetic to French interests. Monroe's *View of the Conduct of the Executive* is a defense of his actions as minister and a sharply critical account of Washington's management of foreign affairs. Sabin, *A Dictionary of Books Relating to America* 50020. [Order This Item](#)





**The First Use of Sleepwalking as a Defense in a Murder Trial: McDade 986**

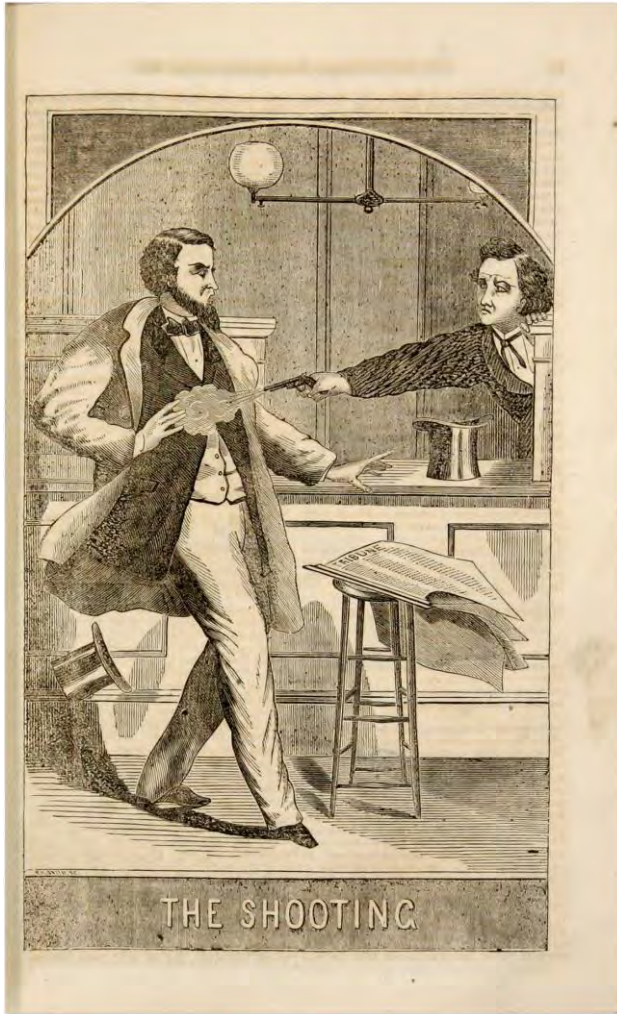
**16. [Murder].**

**[Bickford, James, Compiler].**

*The Authentic Life of Mrs. Mary Ann Bickford, Who Was Murdered in the City of Boston, On the 27th of October, 1845. Comprising a Large Number of the Original Letters and Correspondence Never Before Published.* Boston: Published by the Compiler, 1846. 48 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, original pictorial wrappers retained (and securely affixed to text block). Light soiling and a few smudges and stains to wrappers, "20" in small hand to head of front wrapper, small library bookplate to its verso. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,500.

\* Second edition, published the same year as the first. In 1845, Albert Jackson Tirrell [1824-1880] murdered Mary Ann Bickford [1824-1845], with whom he had a relationship, in the brothel where she lived. The case was scandalous and widely publicized, especially after Tirrell's lawyer, Rufus Choate [1799-1859], successfully argued that Tirrell was innocent because he had been sleepwalking during the killing. This was the first time a defense based on sleepwalking was used in a murder trial. The letters collected by her brother in the *Authentic Life* document Mary Ann's relationship with her husband, James Bickford, and her relationship with Tirrell, who is shown to have been abusive and manipulative. The OCLC listing for the second edition held by the New York Historical Society Library notes that "the color of the cover appears to be the only difference [between the two editions]." OCLC locates 16 copies of both editions, 3 in law libraries, which have the first edition (Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 986 (edition not stated). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13108. [Order This Item](#)



"A Rascal and a Drunkard": McDade 653

17. [Murder].

[McFarland, Daniel].

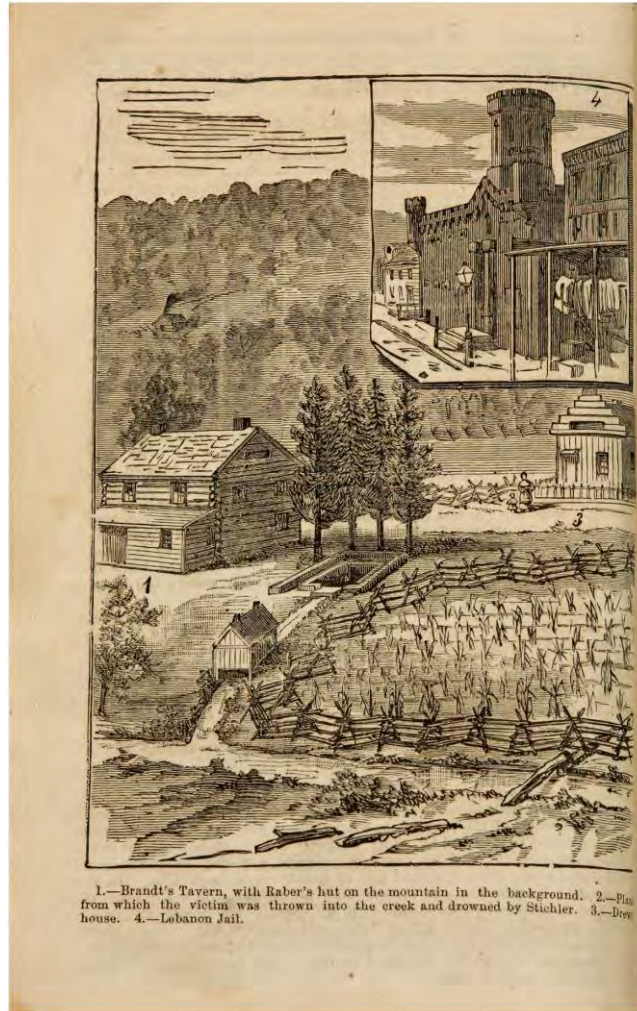
[Richardson, Albert D.].

*The Richardson-McFarland Tragedy. Containing All the Letters and Other Interesting Facts and Documents Not Before Published, Being a Full and Impartial History of this Most Extraordinary Case.* Philadelphia: Barclay & Co., 1870. 111 pp. Text in parallel columns. 7 full-page woodcuts. 16" x 11-1/2" folding woodcut frontispiece. Complete. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Light soiling, moderate edgewear and a few chips to wrappers, tiny label and small tear to front wrapper, which is mended on verso with archival tape, some wear to spine ends, clean tear to folding frontispiece just touching image. Light toning to interior, finger smudges to a few leaves. \$1,250.

\* Only edition. "McFarland was a rascal and a drunkard whose wide Abby finally divorced him, planning to marry Richardson, a popular author and *New York Tribune* editor. Richardson was shot by McFarland in the office of the *Tribune*, and on his deathbed was married to Abby McFarland by no less a person than Henry Ward Beecher. A deliberate campaign to vilify Richardson and whitewash McFarland had the effect of acquitting the latter, proving again you can get away with murder if you claim to be defending the American home. The case was a *cause célèbre* in 1869 and 1870" (McDade, annotation to 652). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 653. [Order This Item](#)





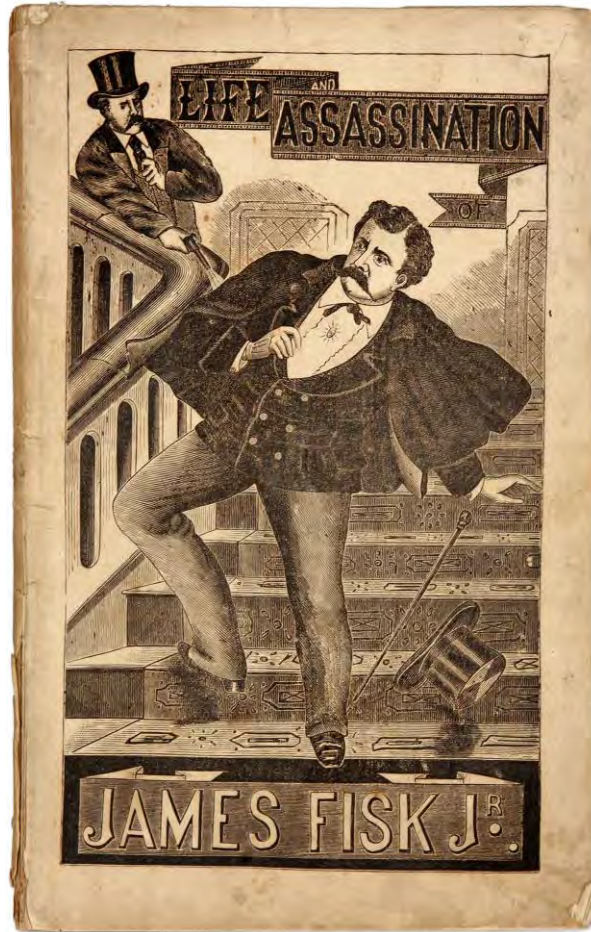
**"Six of Them Banded Together to Collect Some Life Insurance"**

**18. [Murder].  
[Raber, Joseph].**

*The Raber Murder, Containing a Detailed and Accurate Account of the Murder of Joseph Raber, By Drowning in Indiantown Creek, Union Township, Lebanon Co., PA., On the 7th of December, 1878, For the Insurance Money upon His Life. With Illustrations and Results of the Trial and Conviction of the Six Men for the Crime, Also, Full History of Their Lives and Confessions.* Lebanon, PA: C.M. Bowman, 1880. 52 pp. One woodcut plate (of crime scene with inset image of execution). Six woodcut text images (of the murderers). Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Sewn pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Light soiling and some creases, chipping and edgewear to wrappers, which are just beginning to detach at head of spine, moderate toning to interior. \$350.

\* Third and final edition. Raber was a "feeble old man who lived among the woodcutters of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Six of them banded together to collect some life insurance and selected him as their victim" (McDade). Of the six, five were convicted and hanged. This account brings the story up through the execution of the final three conspirators in the spring of 1880. It also includes biographical sketches of the conspirators, extracts from testimony, two lengthy written confessions, the judge's charge and an account of the executions.": McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 782. [Order This Item](#)



**Jealousy, Fraud Accusations and Murder: McDade 919**

**19. [Murder].**

**[Stokes, Edward S. (1841-1901)].**

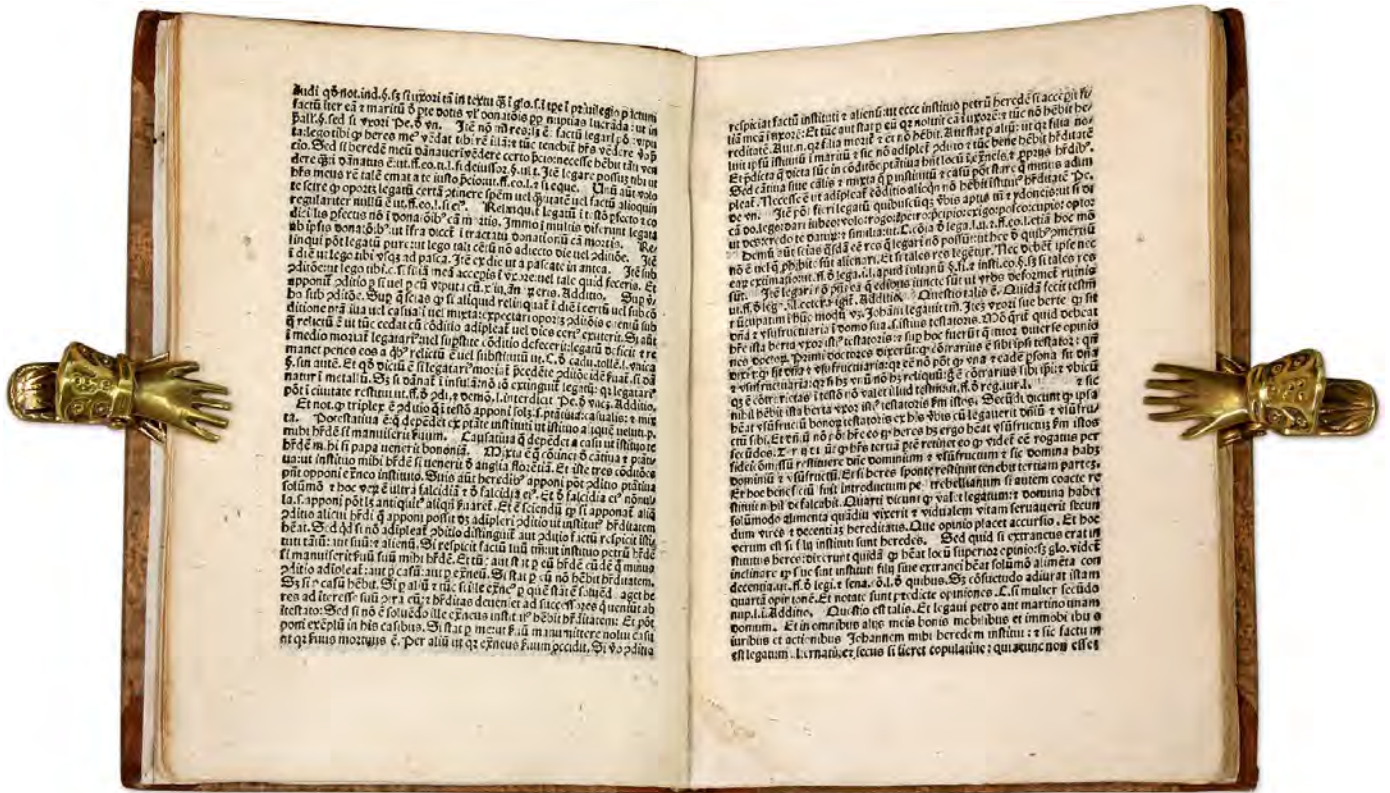
**[Fisk, James, Jr. (1835-1872)].**

*Life, Adventures, Strange Career, And Assassination of Col. James Fisk, Jr. The Fisk-Stokes Tragedy. All about Miss Mansfield. Those Rich, Rare, And Racy Letters and Many Oddities Now for the First Time Made Public.* Philadelphia: Published by Barclay & Co., [1872]. [ii], [19]-111, [1] pp. 12 full-page woodcuts. Complete. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Binding slightly cocked, light soiling, rubbing to corners with light wear, spine ends abraded, wrappers just beginning to detach at ends. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,500.

\* Only edition. "Jim Fisk...was a financial wonder in New York in 1872. Edward Stokes had been associated with him in the oil business, but they had become engaged in a bitter legal battle which originated when Stokes stole Fisk's mistress, Josie Mansfield. In retaliation Fisk had charged Stokes with embezzling oil company funds; Stokes replied with a charge of false imprisonment. Then Mansfield threatened to publish letters from Fisk revealing some of his transactions. On January 5 an injunction was issued restraining the publication of the letters; on the next day Josie Mansfield was exposed to a humiliating cross-examination in police court on her relations with Fisk. Stokes, in a rage, followed Fisk to the Broadway Central Hotel where he shot him on the stairs. After two trials the state could only convict Stokes of third-degree manslaughter" (McDade, annotation to 917). OCLC locates 11 copies, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 919. [Order This Item](#)





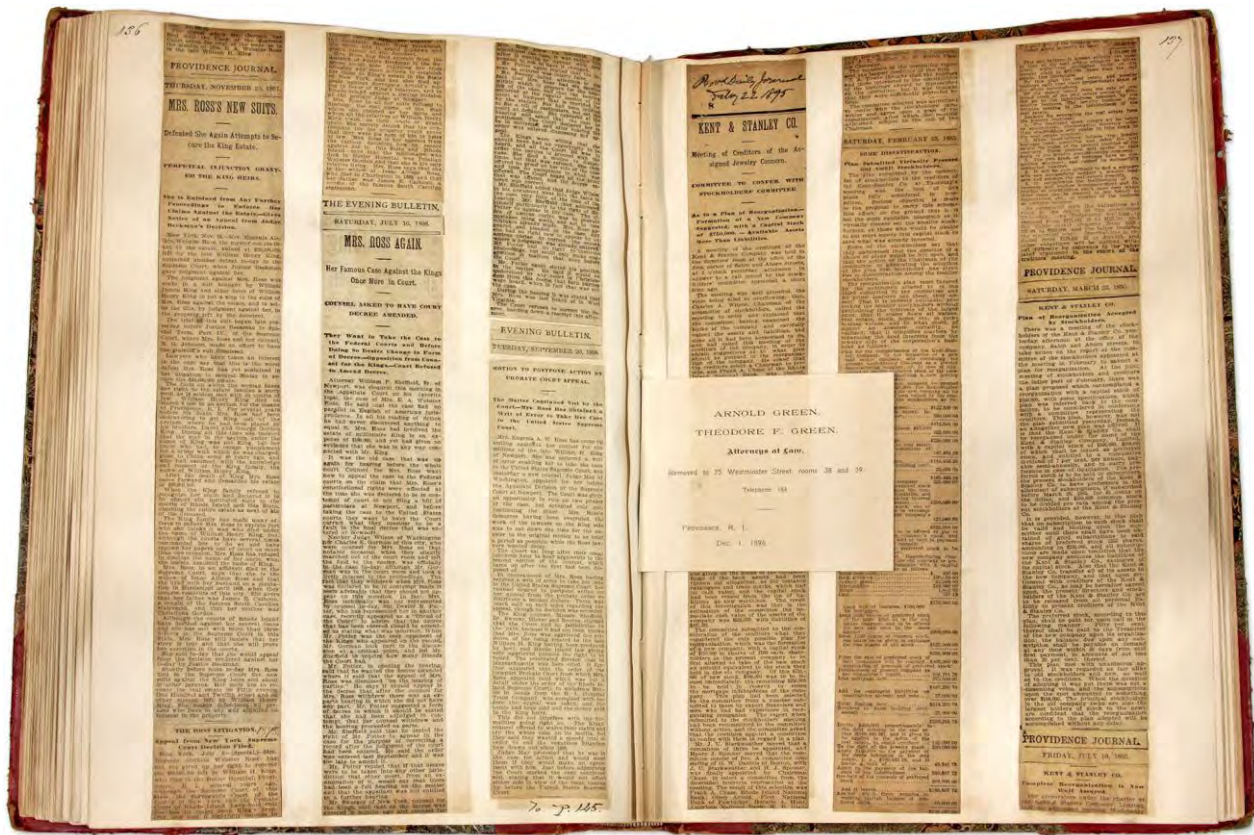
C.1490 Venice Printing of a  
Renowned Guide to Drafting Wills and Contracts

20. Passaggeri, Rolandino de' [d. 1300].  
[Unzola, Pietro Da (d. 1312)], Additions.

*Flos Testamentorum*. [Venice: S.n., c.1490]. 46 ff. Collation: [\*2], a-f8.4, g8. Quarto (8" x 6-3/4"; 20.3 x 17.2 cm).

Later three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, raised bands and gilt title to spine, endpapers added. Moderate rubbing to extremities, corners bumped, joints starting, small wormhole to rear joint, two later annotations in small hands (most likely shelf numbers), bookplate residue and tiny worm hole to front pastedown. 42-line single-column text, guide spaces blank. Moderate toning, somewhat heavy in places, careful repairs to margins to margins of several leaves, light foxing in a few places. An attractive, wide-margined copy of a rare imprint. \$16,500.

\* Passaggeri was a notary, government official and professor of rhetoric in Bologna. First published in 1482, *Flos Testamentorum* is a guide to drafting wills and contracts. It was derived from Passaggeri's *Summa Artis Notariae*, also printed in 1482, with rewritten sections and additional material by Pietro da Unzola. Recognized immediately as a useful work, it went through four editions before 1500 and several editions and adaptations during the sixteenth century. The *Incunabula Short-Title Catalogue* locates 11 copies (2 of them incomplete), 1 in North America (UCLA). Not in Goff. *Indice Generale degli Incunaboli delle Biblioteche d'Italia* 7240 (source of approximate date of 1490). *Incunabula Short-Title Catalogue* ir00243500. *Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke* M38628. [Order This Item](#)



Compiled by an Eminent Rhode Island Lawyer and Man of Letters

21. [Scrapbook].

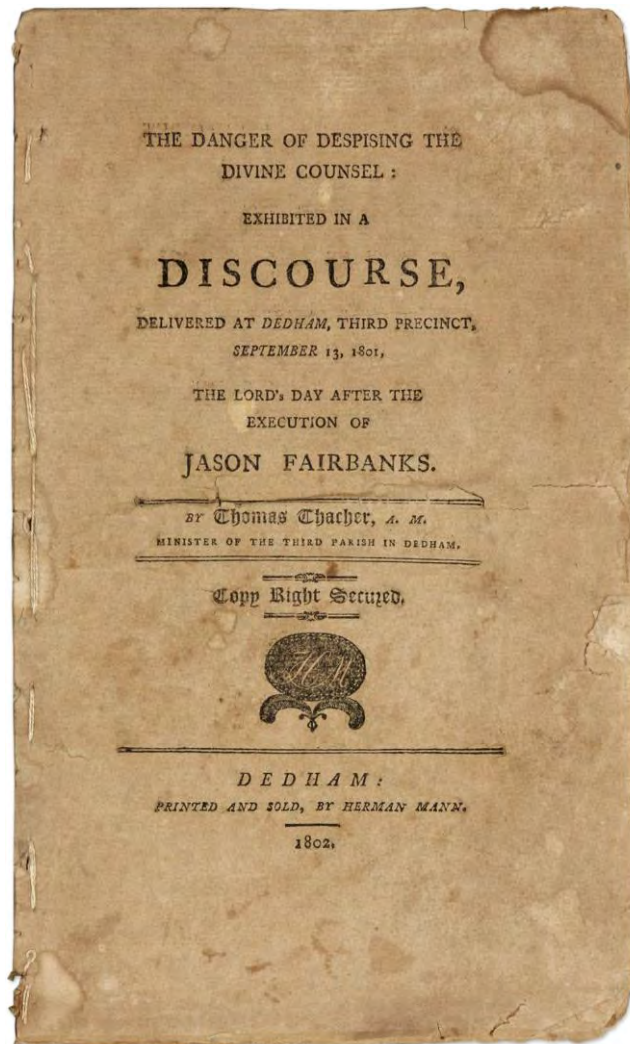
[Green, Arnold (1838-1903)].

*Office Scraps II*. [Spine Title]. Providence, RI, October 23, 1883-January 29, 1902. 154 pp. Folio (14" x 10").

Three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spine. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with some wear to spine ends, bookplate of Arnold Green to front pastedown (pasted over printer bookplate). Newspaper clippings, some with annotations, affixed to rectos and versos of thick hand-numbered leaves, a few other tipped-in leaves, most of them with newspaper clippings. A few cracks partial cracks to text block, light browning to newspaper clippings, light toning to leaves. \$1,250.

\* Green was a prominent Providence, Rhode Island lawyer, civic leader and man of letters. For many years, he was the reporter for the Rhode Island Supreme Court. A scholar of legal history, he also produced studies in botany, mathematics and languages. His son, Theodore Francis Green, was his junior partner for a few years and was later a governor of Rhode Island and a U.S. Senator. *Office Scraps II*, apparently part a series of scrapbooks compiled by Green, is a collection of newspaper accounts of court cases, events concerning Rhode Island lawyers and judges and political, business and community events in Rhode Island and, in a few cases, other parts of New England. Neatly arranged, the entries are organized chronologically. Green records the date and publisher of each article; several are cross-referenced. There are also a few non-newspaper items, such as a card announcing a change of address for Green's law office and a handbill concerning interstate tariff rates issued by the Boston and Providence Railroad. (It was probably written by Green, who was the railroad's general counsel.) Compiled by a discerning compiler, these "scraps" offer an interesting contemporary perspective on Rhode Island at the turn of the twentieth century. [Order This Item](#)





**An 1802 Massachusetts Sermon Criticizing Public Executions**

**22. Thacher, Thomas [1756-1812].**

*The Danger of Despising the Divine Counsel: Exhibited in a Discourse, Delivered at Dedham, Third Precinct, September 13, 1801, The Lord's Day After the Execution of Jason Fairbanks.* Dedham: Printed and Sold, By Herman Mann, 1802. 29 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges in later plain wrappers, whip-stitched along spine and edges. Light soiling, wear to wrappers along edges and spine, section lacking from wrapper. Light browning, foxing and occasional faint dampstaining to text, light soiling, moderate edgewear and a few tears to title page, small chips to fore-edges of following two leaves. \$950.

\* This was one of the most sensational trials of the early republic. The parents of Elizabeth Fales objected to Fairbanks's suit, and he, in revenge or frustration, slit Elizabeth's throat in a field, attempting at the same time to commit suicide. When apprehended, he claimed that she tried to kill herself. After his conviction Fairbanks escaped custody and almost reached Canada, but was apprehended in Vermont. He was hanged a short time later. Thacher argues that public executions do not provide religious or moral instruction. OCLC locates 1 copy in a North American law library (Yale). Not in McDade. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12559. [Order This Item](#)



**Important Early Work on  
Writs Thoroughly Annotated by an Early Owner**

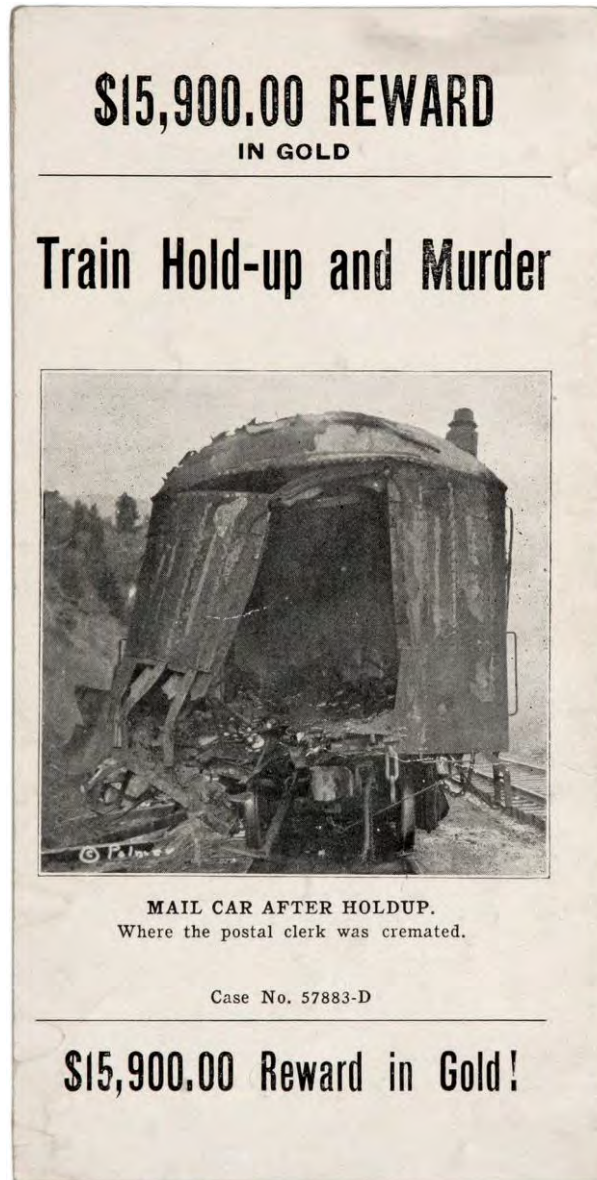
**23. Theloall, Simon.**

*Le Digest des Briefes Originales, Et des Choses Concernants Eux.* London: In Aedibus Richardi Tottelli, 1579. [viii], 424 ff. Octavo (5-3/4" x 3-3/4").

Seventeenth-century calf, blind rules to boards, raised bands to spine, boards reattached. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, small section lacking from center of spine, a few partial cracks to text block, Signature G (ff. 49-56) trimmed a little shorter than other signatures. Thoroughly annotated by a contemporary owner in law-French in a neat, small chancery hand, notes affected in places by trimming. Contemporary owner inscription to title page (Robbart), along with a few brief contemporary annotations, purchase date to verso of final leaf: "25 May 1580." Preserved in cloth clamshell box with printed paper title label. \$7,500.

\* First edition. Theloall's *Digest* was the accepted register of correctly drafted writs. It owes its origin to the suggestion of Staunford that it would be a good idea if lawyers would write treatises on the other titles of the abridgments similar to his study of the Title "Prerogative." Staunford illustrated his meaning by showing how the Title "Brief" might be treated. Theloall chose this title, and wrote a treatise on it for his own use. The manuscript, having been lent, eventually found its way to a printer. "It deserved to be printed, as it is the most orderly treatise on procedure, founded on the Year Books, that had yet appeared... Historically, it comes between the older commentaries upon writs and the modern books on procedure" (Holdsworth). A second edition was published in 1678. The work of a seasoned practitioner, the annotations in our copy are a collection of case references, cross references and glosses. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law* V:381. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S118369. Beale, *A Bibliography of Early English Law Books* T499. [Order This Item](#)





"It May Mean \$15,900 in Gold to You"

**24. [Train Robbery].**

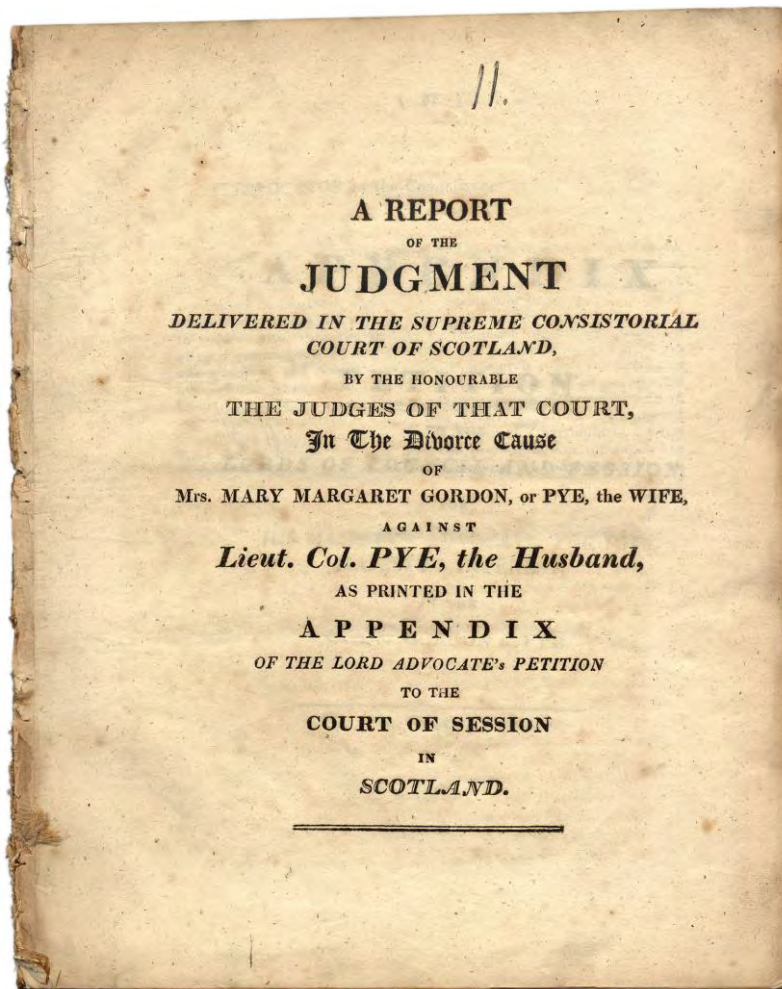
**United States Post Office.**

*\$15,900.00 Reward in Gold, Read This Story of a Terrible Crime. Train Hold-Up and Murder of Three Trainmen and a Mail Clerk in the Siskiyou Mountains of Oregon.* [Chicago, 1923]. 9, [1] pp. Photo illustrations

7" x 3-1/2" brochure. Light toning and edgewear, a few tears along fold lines. \$300.

\* This brochure describes the crime and offers ways the criminals could be identified by their appearance, demeanor, professional skills and habits. Clues to their identity are directed to barbers, managers of logging camps and "large industrial establishments," librarians, watch repairers and jewelers, opticians, optometrists and dentists. All are asked: "Please watch out for these men. It may mean \$15,900 in gold to you." [Order This Item](#)

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### Divorce and the Conflict of Laws

25. [Trial].

Gordon, Mary Margaret

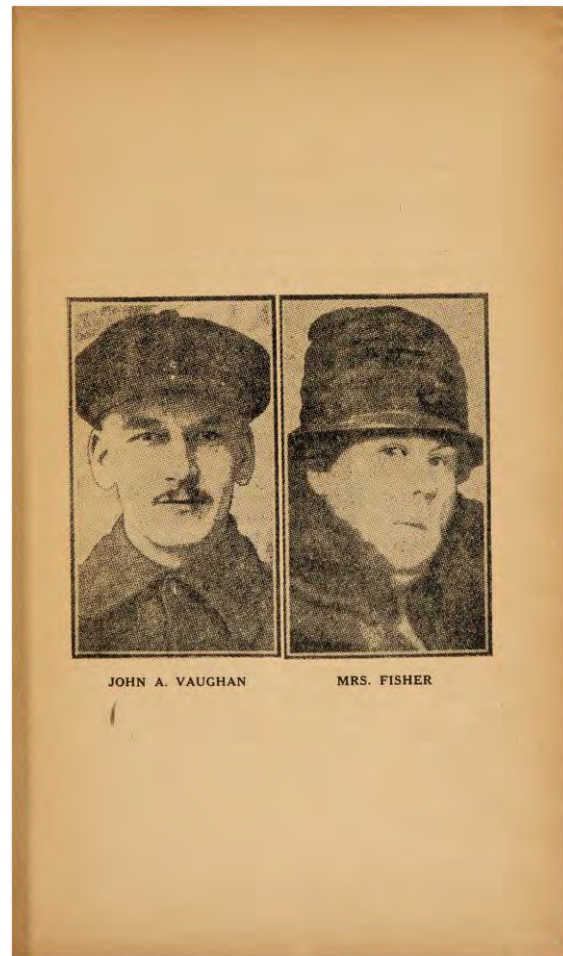
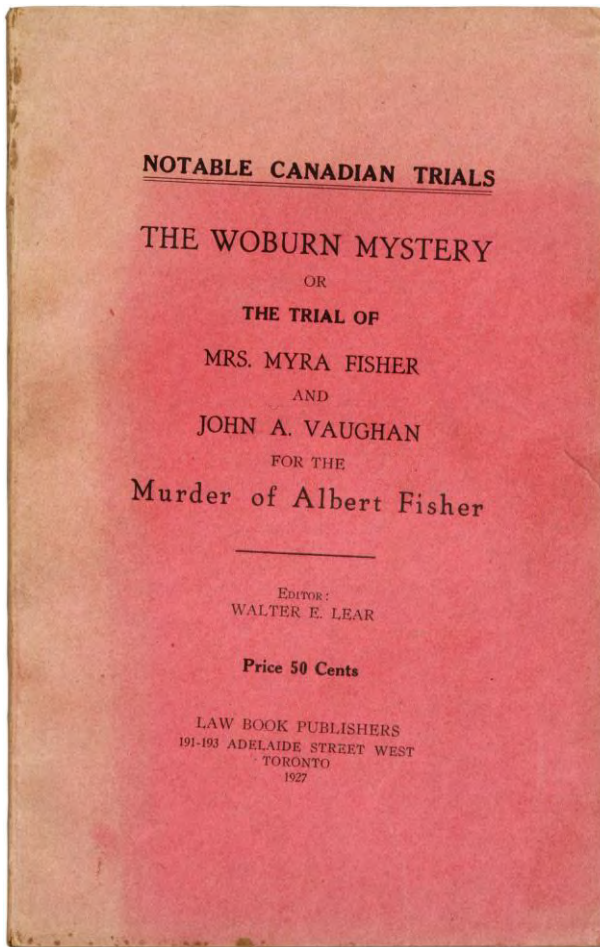
Pye, Alleyne H.

*A Report of the Judgment Delivered in the Supreme Consistorial Court of Scotland, By the Honourable the Judges of that Court, In the Divorce Cause of Mrs. Mary Margaret Gordon, Or Pye, The Wife, Against Lieut. Col. Pye, The Husband, As Printed in the Appendix of the Lord Advocate's Petition to the Court of Session in Scotland.* [Edinburgh?]: S.n., [1814]. 97 pp. Quarto (9-1/2" x 7-3/4").

Disbound. Light soiling to exterior, light rubbing to extremities, "11" in early hand to head of title page. Moderate toning to interior, faint spotting to a few leaves. \$500.

\* Only edition. An interesting case that involved the conflict of English and Scottish divorce law, *Gordon v. Pye* held that a Scottish court did not have the power to dissolve the marriage of two English subjects who married in England and were currently living there. It is one of a group of Scottish cases cited by Story in his discussion of marriage in *Commentaries on the Conflict of Laws* (1834). No print copies of this report located on OCLC. Library Hub locates a printed copy at the British Library. We located additional printed copies at Harvard Law School and Yale Law School. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:1086. [Order This Item](#)





### Did She Hire Him to Murder Her Husband?

26. [Trial].

Lear, Walter E., Editor.

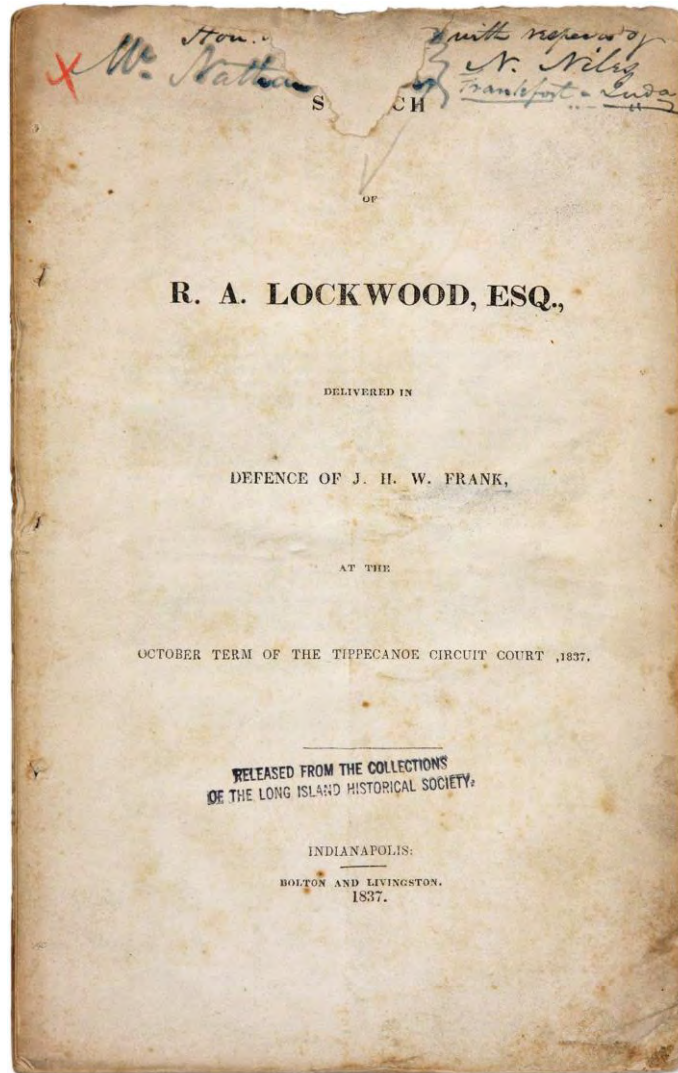
Fisher, Myra, Defendant.

Vaughan, John A., Defendant.

*The Woburn Mystery, Or the Trial of Mrs. Myra Fisher and John A. Vaughan for the Murder of Albert Fisher.* Toronto: Law Book Publishers, 1927. 139 pp. Two illustrations.

Sewn pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light rubbing to extremities with light wear to spine ends and corners, some fading and a few minor spots and smudges to wrappers, minor tear to front wrapper, light browning to interior. \$350.

\* First and only edition. Notable Canadian Trials Series, number 1. Myra Fisher had an unhappy marriage to a husband with a large life insurance policy. He was burned to death in a suspicious car fire in his garage. Evidence suggested that Mrs. Fisher hired John Vaughan to murder her husband, but the prosecution was not able to prove its case. OCLC locates 9 copies worldwide, 1 outside of Canada (at the Library of Congress). [Order This Item](#)



**Stabbed to Death in a Dispute Over an Election Bet: McDade 320**

**27. [Trial].**

**Lockwood, R[ufus] A[llen] [1811-1857].**

**Frank J[ohn] H.W., Defendant.**

*Speech of R.A. Lockwood, Esq., Delivered in Defence of J.H.W. Frank, At the October Term of the Tippecanoe Circuit Court, 1837.*

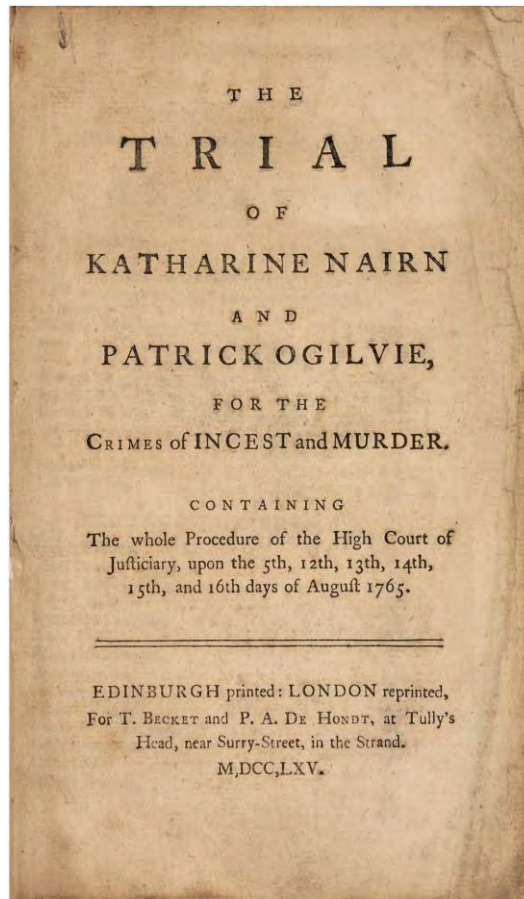
Indianapolis: Bolton and Livingston, 1837. 76 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Signatures loose, light soiling to exterior, light wear to corners, chip to head of title page with minor loss to text. Moderate toning to text, faint staining to a few leaves, early inscription and later library embossed and ink stamps to title page, another embossed stamp to final leaf. \$950.

\* Only edition. "Lockwood was defense counsel for Frank, an editor of the *Wabash Mercury*, who stabbed John Woods to death in a dispute following an election bet. Frank was acquitted" (McDade). OCLC locates 4 copies (California Historical Society, Huntington Library, Indiana State Library, Library of Congress, McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 320.

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**Incest and Murder in Edinburgh**

28. [Trial].

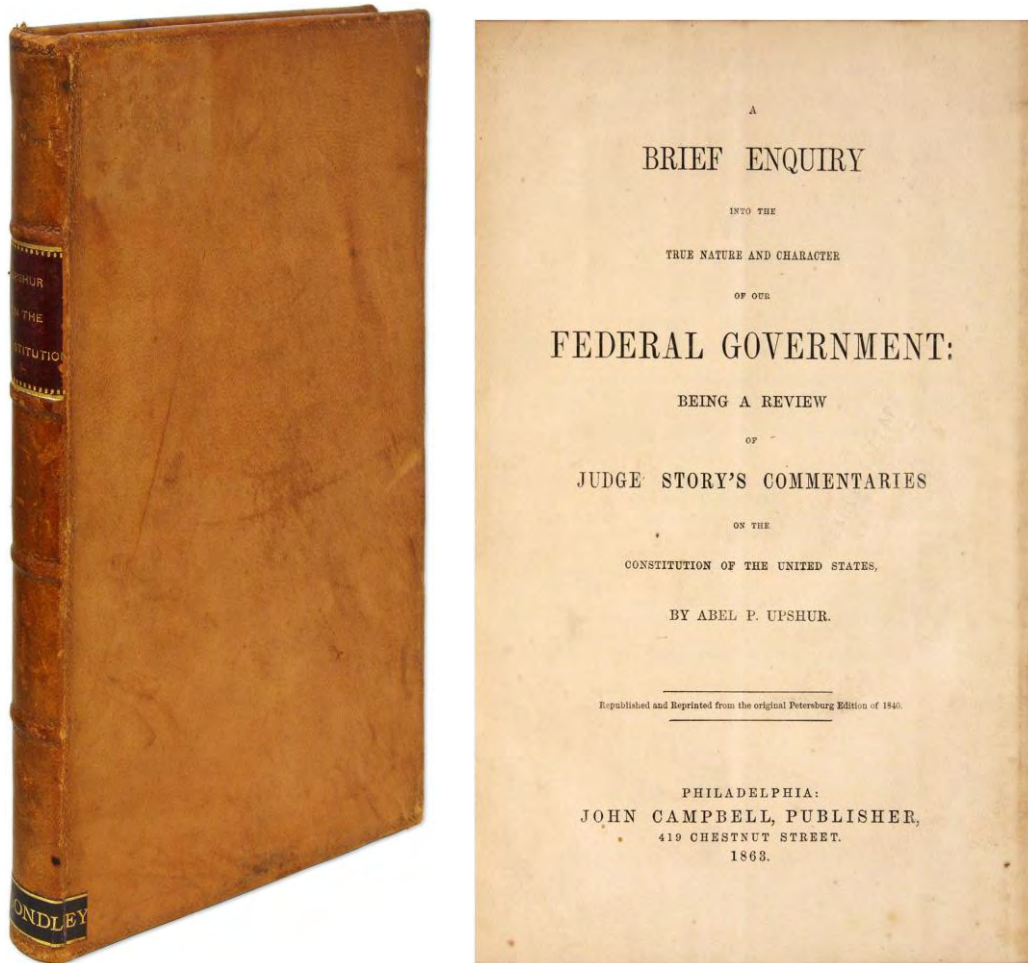
**Nairn, Katherine, Defendant.**

**Ogilvie, Patrick [d.1765], Defendant.**

*The Trial of Katherine Nairn and Patrick Ogilvie, For the Crimes of Incest and Murder. Containing the Whole Procedure of the High Court of Justiciary, Upon the 5th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, And 16th Days of August 1765.* Edinburgh Printed: London: Reprinted, For T. Becket and P.A. de Hondt, 1765. [vi], 134 pp. Lacking half-title. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into nineteenth-century cloth-backed boards, printed paper title panel to front board. Light soiling and a few minor stains, moderate rubbing to extremities, some wear to spine ends, corners bumped and somewhat worn, crack in text block between front free endpaper and title page. Moderate toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, light staining to final few leaves of text, light soiling to title page and (blank) verso of final leaf. \$650.

\* Only London edition, a reprint of the only edition, Edinburgh, 1765. In January 1765, 19 year-old Katharine Nairn married 40 year-old Thomas Ogilvie. She soon fell in love with his younger brother, Patrick. In June the same year, Thomas Ogilvie died after a sudden illness. Katharine and Patrick were arrested and convicted of murder by poisoning. Patrick Ogilvie was hanged, but Katharine's execution was delayed when she was found to be pregnant. Placed in a lower-security section of the prison, she took an opportunity to escape from and fled to France. She was never apprehended. This trial was the subject of a volume in the *Notable British Trials* series edited by William Roughead. *English Short-Title Catalogue* T51693. [Order This Item](#)



*A Refutation of Story's Commentaries on the Constitution*

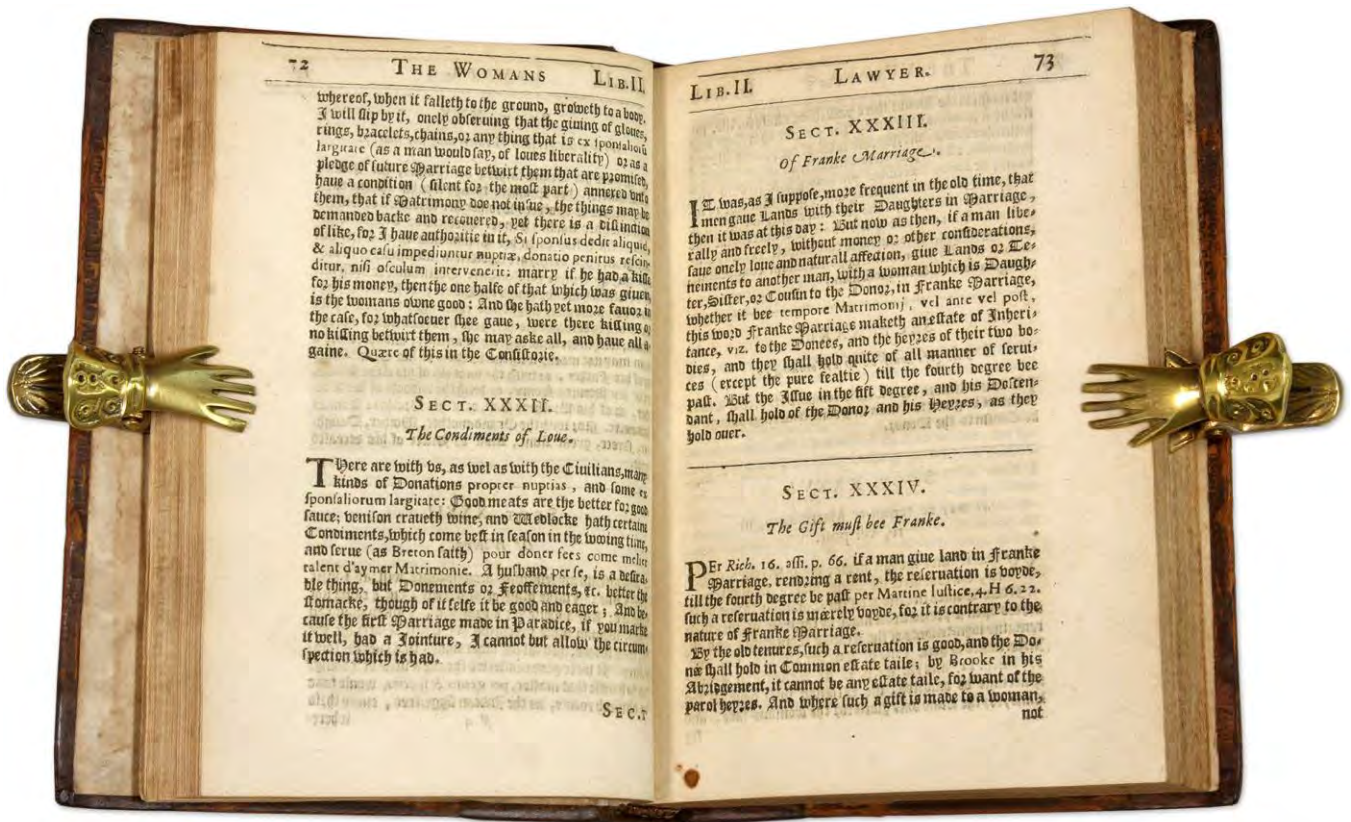
**29. Upshur, Abel Parker [1791-1844].**

*A Brief Enquiry into the True Nature and Character of the Federal Government: Being a Review of Judge Story's Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States.* Philadelphia: John Campbell, Publisher, 1863. [ii], iv, 132 pp. Star-paged. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-1/2").

Nineteenth-century sheep, blind fillets to boards, raised bands, lettering piece and owner label (F.A. Sondley) to spine. Light rubbing and a few minor stains and nicks to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities, library bookplate (Sondley Reference Library) to front pastedown. Moderate toning to text, very faint embossed library stamp to title page and a few other leaves. A handsome copy. \$650.

\* Second edition, star-paged to the first edition. Originally published as a pamphlet in 1840, Upshur's essay is a refutation of the nationalistic theory of the Constitution advanced by Joseph Story's *Commentaries on the Constitution* (first edition, 1833). Our 1863 edition was issued by a group of radical Northern Democrats (Copperheads) to promote the political philosophy of the Confederacy. Upshur, a Virginia judge and politician, was a prominent spokesman for the states-rights, pro-slavery ideology. He was Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of State under President Tyler. Foster A. Sondley [1857-1931] was a prominent North Carolina attorney, scholar and bibliophile. *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) II:827. [Order This Item](#)





**The Earliest Work in English Devoted to Laws Relating to Women**

30. [Women].

E[dgar], T[homas] [fl. 1615-1649], Editor.

*The Lawes Resolutions of Womens Rights: Or, The Lawes Provision for Woemen. A Methodicall Collection of Such Statutes and Customes, With the Cases, Opinions, Arguments and Points of Learning in the Law, As Doe Properly Concerne Women. Together with a Compendious Table, Whereby the Chiefe Matters in This Booke Contained, May Be the More Readily Found.* London: Printed by [Miles Flesher for] the Assignes of John More Esq., 1632. [xiv], 404 pp. First leaf in collation, a blank, lacking. Quarto (7-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary speckled calf, rebacked in period style, gilt fillets and lettering piece to spine, gilt tooling to board edges, corners mended, endpapers renewed, speckled edges. Light rubbing to boards, tiny nick to lettering piece. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. Book housed in recent clamshell box, quarter morocco over cloth, raised bands and gilt title to spine. A handsome copy. \$25,000.

\* First edition of the earliest work in English devoted to laws relating exclusively to women, this incomparable digest of laws in force at the time of the Civil War is also known as *The Womens Lawyer*. The phrase "women's rights" makes its first appearance in the English language in this work. An anonymous work, its preface is signed T.E. thought to be Thomas Edgar [fl. 1615-1649], believed by some to be written in 1603 by Sir John Doderidge [1555-1628], an important legal figure during the reign of James I. Lord Campbell considers it "a learned work on the subject of marriage" (cited in Sweet & Maxwell). It also treats such diverse topics as age of consent, dower, hermaphrodites, polygamy, wooing, partition, chattels, divorce, descent, seisin, treason, felonies and rape. Jefferson owned a copy of this book. Sowerby, *Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Jefferson* 1999. *English Short-Title Catalogue* S100217. [Order This Item](#)



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