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I decided to celebrate the minor milestone of my twenty-fifth catalogue by devoting it to two important and complementary aspects of American culture: sex and religion. I have long maintained that the 19th century American sermon has been unfairly dismissed as a dull cousin to Americana and literature, since in the pages of a sermon one might find many of the topics of the moment debated with a fervor equal to and as entertaining as the contemporary polemics of statesmen and other less exalted laymen. Slavery, war, violent crime, urbanization, American identity, and (of course) sexual conduct are all ably handled by the clergymen herein.

The attractions of sex to the contemporary reader are perhaps more obvious, though one might be surprised to see what volumes of ink were spilled in discussing its proper practice for the 19th century reader. The relatively open discussion of contraception in the years before the Civil War or course gave way to Comstockery, and the items listed here might stand as a kind of testimony to the ebb and flow of personal agency and the evolving role of women in American life. Many of the more popular works were ephemeral and show signs of repeated (and perhaps covert) consultation. Because of this, many are difficult to obtain in their earliest printings. (It is thus with a pang that I send this catalogue to press without a copy of Charles Knowlton's *Fruits of Philosophy*.)

In selecting items for this catalogue I have sought to avoid the tedium of either theological wrangling or pornography. Each genre of course has its able advocates, but each also embodies a certain obsessive self-referential narrowness of topic that did not seem to accord with the spirit of this catalogue.

A note on the arrangement of this catalogue: The sermons have been arranged by topic and then by author within each topic. The latter section on sex has been arranged chronologically, though in instances of multiple titles from one author (viz. the works by Oneida Perfectionist and complex marriage advocate John Humphrey Noyes) you will find the titles grouped together and listed chronologically. I have also included a brief interlude between the two sections relating to the perils of clerical fornication.

On the cover: One of the few positive representations of an interracial romantic relationship in 19th century American literature, taken from one of the more radical children's books of the era, Edward Bliss Foote's *Science in Story* (item 118).

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Anti-Catholic

1. Cox, Richard. *The Doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church Incompatible with Romanism; a Sermon Preached on the Ninth Sunday after Trinity: and The Scriptures the Guide for Ministerial Instruction; a Sermon Preached on the Tenth Sunday after Trinity*. Troy: Published by Young & Hartt, Printed by Carroll and Cook, 1843. 8vo, removed, 24 pages. First edition. "It seems, my brethren, alike appropriate to the present state of the public mind, and within the range of my duty, to show that it is an utter impossibility for our Church to fraternize, or even sympathize, with the Church of Rome." Pusey had of course delivered his *Holy Eucharist, a Comfort to the Penitent* sermon in May of 1843 and the Oxford Movement was in full swing, leading some in the Church (such as Cox in the Summer of 1843) to leap forward with the 39 Articles to fan the flames of a fundamental antagonism between the Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholics; contemporary American Nativist opinion no doubt shaped Cox's view somewhat as well. *American Imprints* 43-1346. A little spotting and soiling and slight wear; a very good copy. \$45.00

2. Palmer, Ray. *A Discourse Delivered Sabbath Evening, January 4, 1852, on the State of the Civilised World, as Related to the Kingdom of Christ . . .* Albany: Gray, Sprague & Co., 1852. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 53 pages. First edition. The spread of Protestant Republicanism will loose Europe from the superstitious fetters of despotism. Includes references to the visit of Kossuth. Small ink-stamped accession number at the head of the front wrapper but no other evident library marks. Wrappers somewhat dust-soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$30.00

Business

3. Bates, Joshua. *A Discourse on Honesty in Dealing; Delivered at Middlebury, on the Annual Fast: April 15, 1818*. Middlebury (Vt.): Printed by J. W. Copeland, 1818. 8vo, removed, 28 pages. First edition. The newly-installed president of Middlebury College takes up the question of business ethics, arguing in part that a completely free market is immoral. Contemporary ink gift inscription at the head of the title (partially clipped), "Simeon Hyde from his Fath[er] Geo. Cleveland [Hyde]." McCorison 1994; *American Imprints* 43251. Browned, some foxing, and somewhat worn; a good, sound copy. \$45.00

4. Talmage, Rev. T[homas] DeWitt. *The High Crime of Not Insuring. A Sermon, Preached at the Brooklyn Tabernacle, February 25th, 1877*. New York: S. W. Green, Printer, 1877. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 16 pages. First edition. Talmage has kind words for the profession of insurers (numbering Joseph and his provision of putting by grain for Pharaoh as among their number) but of course draws the expected parallels to paying up one's premiums against a heavenly policy when the last day comes. A typically vivid sermon from one of the most renowned preachers of his day, one in a series of sermons specifically dealing with trades and occupations (viz. clerks of stores, the newspaper profession, commercial travelers, telegraph operators, etc.). This copy with a few pencil notations to the wrappers and title page, and a pencil notation on the verso of the title noting this copy was a gift from Samuel A. Green, M. D. (H.U. 1851)—the physician and eventual mayor of Boston, Samuel Abbott Green, suggesting perhaps this copy was a duplicate from the Harvard Libraries. Acidic wrappers a bit chipped and browned; a very good copy. \$45.00

5. Withington, Leonard. *Cobwebs Swept Away: or, Some Popular Deceptions Exposed. A Sermon Delivered on Fast Day, April 6th, 1837, at the First Church in Newbury*. Newburyport: Press of Hiram Tozer, 1837 8vo, original printed blue wrappers, 25 pages. First edition. Withington outlines four main heads of deception: political, commercial, medical and moral. He includes flings against financial speculation (surprisingly prescient, given the impending financial panic), contemporary dietary fads (he alludes to Graham's strictures without naming him) and various medical theories. "Hence you find the papers filled with the most extravagant promises. All calculated to strike a sickly imagination. One professes to trace all diseases to one cause, and to cure them by one course of regimen. Another pretends to abominate mineral and chemical medicines; and to restore the most desperate sufferers by the secret virtues of innocent herbs and flowers. A third has received his secrets from an Indian. That strikes the imaginations of some; the savages of our country, who had few diseases and left their own sick to perish, are supposed to understand all the complex maladies of politer life better than ourselves." General light foxing throughout; some fly-specking to the rear wrapper; some soiling and wear; a very good copy. \$75.00

Cholera

6. Adams, Rev. J[ohn] W[atson]. *A Discourse Delivered at the Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, on Sabbath Afternoon, July 22, 1832*. Syracuse: W. S. Campbell, Printer, 1832. 8vo, removed, 17 pages. First edition. "There is a boldness, and daring, in the impiety of these days, that indicates the existence of a wide spread and incurable depravity." Behind this otherwise unassuming title one finds a fierce millennialist sermon inspired by the contemporary cholera epidemic that was sweeping up the Erie Canal in 1832 and hitting Syracuse especially hard, a fact which of course lends itself to thoughts on God's judgment: "The Cholera selects four fifths of its victims, from among the most debased, and incorrigible enemies of God. . . . The drunkard, and the debauchee, it pursues with an instinctive sagacity, and with an untiring perseverance; and where it overtakes, it destroys." A biographical sketch of Adams by Joel Parker, produced in 1851 after Adams' death, would indicate that Adams was generally fairly genial, though the cholera would of course tax the most placid disposition; Parker also quotes an account that Adams was "prone to temporary depression, when afflictive events, of a sudden and overwhelming nature, pressed upon his mind." *American Imprints* 10810. Trimmed a bit close along the fore-edge (with no loss); foxed; a good, sound copy. OCLC notes two locations; *American Imprints* adds three. \$50.00

7. Greenwood, F[rancis] W[illiam] P[itt]. *Prayer for the Sick. A Sermon Preached at King's Chapel, Boston, on Thursday, August 9, 1832, Being the Fast Day Appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts, on Account of the Appearance of Cholera in the United States*. Boston: Leonard C. Bowles, 1832. 8vo, original wrappers, 13 pages. First edition. The Unitarian makes a rather moderate exhortation to the twin pillars of contemporary anti-cholera preparation: prayer and temperance. Contemporary ink inscription (largely torn away and missing) on the front wrapper. *American Imprints* 12733. Top portion of the front wrapper torn (with loss); substantial portion of the rear wrapper torn, with loss; some general light foxing and soiling; a good, sound copy. \$75.00

8. Henry, Symmes C[leves]. *The Pestilence, a Divine Visitation. A Sermon, Preached August the Third, 1849. The Day of the Na-*

tional Fast. Princeton, N. J.: Printed by John T. Robinson, 1849. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 18 pages. First edition. "Let us then come to the point, and be ready to acknowledge, what we should not for a moment doubt,—that it is the sin of our people that has provoked the Lord to visit us with the desolating pestilence." A Fast Day sermon from the early stages of the second great American cholera epidemic. Wrappers somewhat soiled and worn; old vertical crease, some light chipping; a good, sound copy \$50.00

9. Smith, Rev. Whitefoord. *National Sins: A Call to Repentance. A Sermon: Preached on the National Fast, August 3, 1849, in Cumberland Church, Charleston, S.C.* Charleston: Office of the Southern Christian Advocate, C. Canning, Printer, 1849. 8vo, removed, 31 pages. First edition. In response to President Taylor's call for a fast-day in observance of the cholera epidemic, the Methodist preacher and sometime editor Smith preaches on the clear relationship between sin (Sabbath breaking, intemperance, etc.) and God's wrath; one target of Smith's ire are his brethren in the pulpit who "have even been found to desert the nobler offices of the pulpit to become agitators," a gibe he helpfully explains in his footnote as "In some places ministers have become Anti-slavery agitators." Some light foxing and soiling; stitching perished, with two gatherings separated; a very good copy. \$100.00

10. Spring, Gardiner. *A Sermon Preached August 3, 1832, a Day Set Apart in the City of New-York for Public Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer, on Account of the Malignant Cholera*. New-York: Jonathan Leavitt, 1832 8vo, removed, 40 pages. First edition. Reflecting the prevalent view that the grim pandemic was a judgment against sin (and perhaps by extension against the unclean poor), Spring reminds his audience that ten righteous men would have saved Sodom and that perhaps the visitation of the cholera is a judgment that has "aimed its vengeance at three prominent abominations—SABBATH-BREAKING, INTEMPERANCE, and DEBAUCHERY." Sabin 89779. Some foxing and a little dust soiling; a very good copy. \$50.00

The Civil War

11. Barrows, Rev. William. *The War and Slavery; and their Relations to each other. A Discourse, Delivered in the Old South Church, Reading, Mass. December 28, 1862 . . . Second Edition*. Boston: John M. Whittemore & Co., 1863. 8vo, original wrappers, 18 pages. Stated second edition. A fairly nuanced treatment of the role of slavery as a cause of the Civil War; Barrows argues that while slavery is indeed wrong, the real root of the conflict lies in differing conceptions of governance—republicanism in the North and feudalism in the South. With much on the condition of slaves and the what Barrows perceives as the realities of impending emancipation: "The great question so far has been, What shall be done with slavery? But there is a vastly greater question: *What shall be done with the free negro?*" Sabin 3680. A little soiled and worn; a couple of early small ink notations on the front wrapper; a very good copy. \$45.00

12. Butler, C[lement] M[oores]. *Our Union—God's Gift. A Discourse Delivered in Trinity Church, Washington, D. C. on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1850*. Washington: Printed by Jno. T. Towers, 1850. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 29 pages. First edition. Butler, a native of Troy, N. Y., was then chaplain for the U.S. Senate and in reading here between the lines one finds much in the way of sectional conciliation in the wake of the Compromise of 1850 that had been pushed through the Senate in September. Drawing on the

example of Israel and Judah, Butler points to the expected violence a Civil War would unleash on America. Wrappers a bit soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$40.00

13. Christian, L[evi] H[unt]. *Our Present Position. A Thanksgiving Discourse, Delivered in the North Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, November 27, 1862*. Philadelphia: William S. and Alfred Martien, 1862. 8vo, original printed green wrappers, 46 pages. First edition. A sermon tending to support the Union war effort, cautioning the audience to avoid the extremes of either expecting too much from Union advances or of despairing of the Union's chances. Rev. Christian points up the success in the Western theater and the launch of the Navy's iron-clads as cause for cautious hope. With the ink ownership signature of popular historian and illustrator Benson J. Lossing, dated Feb. 1863, on the second leaf. The Martiens appear to have made something of a niche with pro-Union religious publications. Wrappers somewhat foxed and a little sunned and worn; a very good copy. \$45.00

14. Ewer, F[erdinand] C[artwright]. *Discourse on the National Crisis Delivered by . . . at St. Ann's Church, New-York, on the Evening of the Fifth Sunday after Easter, (May 5,) and Repeated, by Request, on the Evening of the Sunday after Ascension, (May 12,) 1861*. New-York: Geo. F. Nesbitt & Co., Printers and Stationers, 1861. 8vo, original printed wrappers (detached but present), 19 pages. First edition. The pioneer California literary editor turned Episcopal clergyman weighs in with a fairly measured analysis of the Civil War and the question of individual and political liberty; Ewer counsels his audience to avoid mere anarchy and to remember Christian humility while avoiding a profane urge toward vengeance. One small marginal ink stamp to a leaf. Wrappers detached, soiled and worn; some internal soiling and wear; a good, sound copy. \$25.00

15. Hall, Edward H[enry]. *An Indignity to our Citizen Soldiers. A Sermon Preached in the First Parish Church, Cambridge, June 1, 1890*. Cambridge: John Wilson and Son, 1890. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 19 pages. First edition. On the iniquities of latter day pension legislation for Civil War veterans. "Furthermore such loose and ill-considered interpretations of rules have been made and allowed as to give lobbyists and pension agents every chance for plunder, while our National Soldiers' Homes are so ordered by Congress that some of the best superintendents find no chance to keep a proper discipline, no punishment that is effectual can be awarded, and the 'bummer' element rules there as elsewhere." With appendices of statistics and legislation to support Hall's arguments. Old light vertical crease; some soiling and wear; a very good copy. \$45.00

16. Livermore, L[eonard] J[arvis]. *Perseverance in the War, the Interest and Duty of the Nation. A Sermon, Preached in the Church of the First Parish, Lexington, Sunday, September 11, 1864*. Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin & Son, 1864. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 16 pages. First edition. The pulpit in the service of Union propaganda; Livermore emphasizes the justice of the northern cause and recounts the various advances of the Union armies. No mention is made of the recent fall of Atlanta. Livermore closes with an appeal for funds to support wounded soldiers. Wrappers a little soiled and worn, with a few small chips; a very good copy. \$50.00

17. McIlvaine, Charles Pettit. *The Necessity of Religion to the Prosperity of a Nation: A Sermon Preached on the Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, November 29th, 1860, in St. John's Church, Cincinnati . . . Cincinnati: Bradley & Webb, Steam Printers*

and Stationers, 1860. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 24 pages. First edition. The first edition of this address from the Episcopal Bishop of Ohio, though he delivered a Thanksgiving address with an identical title at Kenyon College in 1838 while he was president of that institution; McIlvaine shapes this version of the sermon to suit the current need (he alludes to sectional tensions and notes that “such a *union of prayer*; is the present hope of *the Union*”) and also includes allusions to the inadequacy of human law in the face of mob violence and lynching. Includes two moderately dense appendices on legal decisions that support his contention that teaching Christianity is a right and legal pursuit for the government to pursue. Wrappers at the spine chipped but the wrappers sound; some soiling, wear and an old light vertical crease; a very good copy. \$40.00

18. [Mead, Rev. Hiram]. *Occasions for Gratitude in the Present National Crisis. A Sermon Preached in the Meeting-House of the First Congregational Church of South Hadley, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 21, 1861.* Northampton: Printed by Trumbull & Gere, 1861. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 21 pages. First edition. While Mead admits that there is not much about war to be relished, he does find reasons for thanksgiving—chief among them the likelihood of slavery’s demise: “Slavery is at the root of this rebellion; and, if the rebellion is to be crushed at all, slavery must die with it.” Small old violet stamp of an institution and small ink autograph accession number at the head of the front wrapper, otherwise no evident library marks. Wrappers soiled; a very good copy. \$50.00

19. Neill, Rev. James. *Reasons for our Opposition to the Southern Confederacy. A Sermon Preached in the Central M. E. Church, Philadelphia, Thursday, September 26, 1861, on Occasion of the National Fast . . .* Philadelphia: Collins, Printer, 1861. 8vo, removed, 23 pages. First edition. Neill argues that Lincoln’s election was but a straw man for deeper reasons for secession and elaborates the errors in Confederate reasoning and past Southern offenses (slavery extension, Kansas, displacement of the Southern Indians to secure slavery territory); he also warns that the Union will be helped not by “the ‘Lord,’ in the abstract, operating by his omnipotence in miraculous interposition in our behalf, but it is the ‘Lord of Hosts,’ the Lord of Angels; God at work through his own instrumentalities, for he maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.” Various pencil annotations and inscriptions on the title page. Some foxing and soiling; a very good copy. \$50.00

20. Stearns, [William Augustus]. *Necessities of the War and the Conditions of Success in it. A Sermon Preached in the Village Church, before the College and the united Congregations of the town of Amherst, Mass., on the National Fast Day, Thursday, September 26, 1861. By Rev. Wm. A. Stearns, D. D. President of Amherst College. Second Edition.—For the College.* Amherst, Mass.: Henry A. Marsh, Publisher, 1861. 8vo, original printed blue wrappers, 23 pages. Second edition, preceded by the 15-page edition published by Marsh the same year. Warm words in support of the Union side in the Civil War, with religious justification for a war of defense, reference to the heroes of the Revolution, cautions against a negotiated peace, encouragement to lend money to the government, and some criticism of the government for not making more explicit its demands on the American people. Early pencil gift inscription at the head of the front wrapper. Sabin 90990. Light large damp-stain to the last five leaves; some light soiling and wear; a good, sound copy. \$50.00

21. Stockton, Thomas H[ewlings]. *Address: by Thomas H. Stockton, Chaplain U. S. H. R. Delivered in the Hall of Representatives, on the Day of National Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer, Friday,*

January 4, 1861. Washington: Printed by Lemuel Towers, 1861. 8vo, removed (stitching perished, several leaves detached but all present), 16 pages. First edition. The chaplain of the House of Representatives (and half-brother to Frank Stockton) here warns against the perils of the Anti-Christ of the Age—with especial mention of secessionist South Carolina (which at this point was the only state to have seceded). Sotckton includes a prefatory extract from a critical account of his address from the Washington *Constitution*, which suggested that Stockton’s sermon was “a display of stump oratory and rampant partisanship,” which Stockton is at some pains to refute. LCP *Afro-Americana* 9886. Aside from the loosened leaves, a very good copy. \$30.00

22. [Sweetser, Seth]. *The Strength of the Battle. A Discourse Delivered in the Central Church, Worcester, on the Occasion of the National Fast, Thursday, Sept. 26, 1861. By the Pastor of the Church.* Worcester: Printed at the Transcript Office, 1861. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 20 pages. First edition. “For anarchy, the usurpation of power by ambitious men, the exercise of power by despotic usurpers, the subjection of the people to a government of force instead of principle, the consecration of the soil to the unlimited propagation of slavery, and the firmer establishment of slavery as a perpetual institution, are certainly calamities more to be dreaded and more desolating than war itself, awful as its scourge.” That said, the Worcester Calvinist points out God’s role in human affairs and suggests the war springs from our civic “worldliness, the profaneness, the injustice, and the oppressions, which have abounded.” Somewhat soiled and worn; small later blue ink number stamped in the margin of page [3]; a good, sound copy. \$40.00

23. Tyng, Rev. Dudley A[tkins]. *Our Country’s Troubles, No. II. or National Sins and National Retribution. A Sermon Preached in the Church of the Covenant, Philadelphia, July 5, 1857.* Philadelphia: William S. & Alfred Martien, 1864. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 24 pages. Second edition, preceded by the 1857 edition published by Parry & McMillan. The second of two presciently topical sermons by Tyng, each republished posthumously, effectively prophesizing the perils awaiting a nation that tolerates slavery and party factionalism; Tyng here compares the perfidy of the Mormons and their deleterious effects on the nation to the effects which slavery has sown. The Church of the Covenant had been organized in 1858 after Tyng had been dismissed from his pastorate at the Church of the Epiphany for this anti-slavery views. (Also of note: Tyng was the clergyman whose final words before dying from a threshing-machine accident were “Stand up, stand up for Jesus”—the inspiration for George Duffield’s hymn.) Contemporary ink inscription on the front wrapper, “With regards of Jno. A. McAllister.” Small ink stain on the front wrapper; partial ink postal cancel on the rear wrapper; a little wear and chipping; a good, sound copy. \$50.00

24. Tyng, Rev. Dudley A[tkins]. *Our Country’s Troubles. A Sermon Preached in the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia, June 29, 1856.* Philadelphia: William S. & Alfred Martien, 1864. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 32 pages. Second edition, preceded by the Jewett edition of 1856. A posthumously published sermon against the Fugitive Slave Law and the violence in Kansas, with a sharp attack on slavery and slave-holders, from the Philadelphia minister Tyng (1824-1858) who was in fact forced out of the pastorate at the Church of the Epiphany because of his vehement anti-slavery views. The violence and perfidy Tyng decried in 1856 of course was relevant to bucking up the spirits of the Union side in 1864. (Noted on the copyright page as having been “Stereotyped by the Papier Mache Process.”) Some soiling, light browning and light wear; a very good copy. \$50.00

Controversies

25. Clark, Daniel A[tkinson] and Noah Webster. *A Plea for a Miserable World. I. An Address Delivered at the Laying of the Corner Stone of the Building Erecting for the Charity Institution in Amherst, Massachusetts, August 9, 1820, by Noah Webster; Esq. II. A Sermon, Delivered on the Same Occasion, by Rev. Daniel A. Clark. . . III. A Brief Account of the Origin of the Institution.* Boston: Printed by Ezra Lincoln, 1820. 8vo, removed, 48 pages. First edition. On laying the corner stone of this institution for training ministers; though he does not name Unitarians specifically, Clark does celebrate the expected education of sufficient orthodox clergy and domestic missionaries to counter those with heterodox views. (He also includes much in the way of statistical anecdote on the numbers of clergy in various regions.) With separate title pages for the Webster address and the Clark sermon. Early ink autograph accession number from 1900 on the title page and a small stamped number on the verso; small mounted autograph slip mounted on the Clark title page ("See vol. 158, 'Addresses.'"). A couple of large spots of browning to the first several leaves; a good, sound copy. \$75.00

26. Granger, Arthur. *Divine Truth Practically Illustrated. A Sermon, Preached at the Dedication of the Orthodox Congregational Meeting House in Medfield, April 17, 1832.* Boston: Printed by Peirce & Parker, 1832. 8vo, removed, 24 pages. First edition. A late entry in the various splits among Unitarians and Orthodox Congregationalists that roiled New England in the first third of the 19th century; by the 1830s, amid the somewhat Olympian tumult of Channings and Stuarts hurling pamphlet thunderbolts back and forth across the liberal/orthodox divide, some 81 different churches had seen division in their ranks. The more orthodox members of the Medfield congregation had separated from the liberals in 1828, and by 1832 were sufficiently established to have erected their own building. Granger here defends the orthodox position, though he also notes of his sermon in his prefatory "Advertisement" that "If it should, in the least, prevent that peace and good feeling which ever ought to exist among us, as friends and neighbors, the Author would be the first to regret it. In the declaration of religious opinion there is no restraint in this land. In the statement of undeniable facts, he does not consider himself infringing upon the rights of others, nor laying a foundation for complaint." *American Imprints* 12709. Somewhat stained, a bit soiled and foxed; a very good copy. \$40.00

27. McNary, Rev. W. P. *Sermon on Masonry, by Rev. W. P. M'Nary, Delivered in the United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, Ind., Sabbath, Dec., 8th, 1873* [wrapper title]. Chicago: Ezra A. Cook & Co., Publishers, 1874. Small 8vo, original printed yellow wrappers, 16 pages. First edition. McNary wishes it distinctly understood "that we speak against Masonry as an institution and not against Masons as individuals," and proceeds to lay out (at length) a good Christian's objections to the organization. With ads on the rear wrappers for *The Christian Cynosure*, a Chicago reform journal opposed to secret societies. Vermin nibbling about a half inch into a two-inch stretch of the lower edge of the text block and wrappers, not touching any text; a little soiled; a very good copy. \$75.00

28. Sewall, D[aniel]. *Nature, Occasions and Methods of Slander. A Discourse Delivered at Castine on Sabbath Morning, April 26, 1846.* Bangor: Smith & Sayward, Printers, 1846. 8vo, original printed green wrappers, 15 pages. First edition. A presentation copy inscribed at the head of the front wrapper, "James B. R. Walker, With the regards of the Author." An uncommon taxonomic examination of the varieties of slander, ranging from "dark insinuations, significant hints or ominous questions," to "hearing with allowance," as well as

the roots of slander in human fallibility and the necessity to avoid it. Williamson, *Bibliography of the State of Maine*, 8957. Wrappers a bit soiled and worn; a good, sound copy. \$75.00

Crime and Punishment

29. Budington, William I[ves]. *Capital Punishment: A Discourse, Occasioned by the Murder of the Late Warden of the Mass. State Prison, Delivered in the Meeting House of the First Parish, Charleston. . .* Boston: Press of T. R. Marvin, 1843. 8vo, removed, 32 pages. First edition. Charleston State Prison warden Charles Lincoln was stabbed to death by inmate Abner Rogers; the trial had yet to take place, but Budington throws out some general observations on the nature of justice: "While many amiable but mistaken men have been led to oppose capital punishments, he is persuaded that they are demanded alike by justice and humanity." Budington bolsters his gospel argument for capital punishment with much in the way of statistics and social sciences. No doubt much to Budington's chagrin, Rogers was shown to be delusional when he killed Lincoln and the case of *Commonwealth v. Rogers* (1844) established a new standard for exculpation by reason of insanity. Light old vertical crease; some light soiling; a very good copy. \$85.00

30. Ellingwood, John W[allace]. *Duty of Honoring Parents. A Sermon on the Fifth Commandment, Delivered in the North Meeting House in Bath, Me. on the Lord's Day, March 2, 1828.* Bath: Printed by Joseph G. Torrey, 1829. 8vo, removed, 16 pages. First edition. One in a series of sermons Ellingwood had delivered on the Decalogue (hence perhaps the delay in publication), Ellingwood counsels the younger charges of his church to prompt obedience to their parents, illustrating this with much in the way of touching anecdote of those who regretted having spoken a sharp word to a mother as she languished on her sickbed, etc. He also points out the prevalence of criminal behavior or even sudden death among those who exhibit insufficient filial piety. A nice imprint from Bath, Maine. *American Imprints* 38456. Some foxing and soiling; a good, sound copy. \$75.00

31. Sprague, William B[uell]. *A Sermon Addressed to the Second Presbyterian Congregation in Albany, March 4, 1838, the Sabbath After Intelligence was Received that the Hon. Jonathan Cilley, Member of Congress from Maine, Had Been Murdered in a Duel with the Hon. William J. Graves, Member from Kentucky. . . . Published by Request of Many Who Heard It.* Albany: Printed by Packard and Van Benthuysen, 1838. 8vo, original printed blue wrappers, 15 pages. First edition? There was evidently also an edition published under the Munsell imprint the same year. "And yet this is only one of an extended class of crimes that blacken the annals of my country!" Sprague deplores the killing of the Maine Jacksonian Democrat at the hands of the Kentucky Whig William J. Graves over an affair of honor having to do with a speech on the National Bank. Response to this duel (the participants used rifles at eighty paces which to modern ears does not perhaps sound particularly sporting) was instrumental in getting duels outlawed in Washington, D.C. Some foxing; a little light soiling and wear; a very good copy. \$125.00

32. Ware, Henry, Jr. *The Law of Honor. A Discourse, Occasioned by the Recent Duel in Washington; Delivered March 4, 1838, in the Chapel of Harvard University, and in the West Church, Boston.* Cambridge: Folsom, Wells, and Thurston, 1838. 8vo, removed (lacks wrappers), 24 pages. First edition. Ware's attack on duels, prompted by the recent combat between congressmen William J. Graves and Jonathan Cilley (the latter took the fatal shot). "The criminality of that code of morals, whose court of justice is the field of single

combat, is so mingled with folly, that one hardly knows in what character to approach it." Small ink number at the foot of the title. Sabin 101387; *American Imprints* 53494. Stitching a little loose; old light vertical crease; a very good copy. \$45.00

33. Whiting, Rev. Lyman. *Sin Found Out. A Discourse Preached to the Central Congregational Church, Lawrence, on Sabbath Morning, April 7, 1850, in Reference to the Conviction of Prof. J. W. Webster, for the Murder of George Parkman, M. D.* Lynn: H. J. Butterfield, Printer, Over the Depot, Typographic Hall, 1850. 12mo, removed, 12 pages. First edition. "The criminal annals of our Commonwealth have now been enlarged, by a deed and a name which find no fellow, probably, in the entire records of crime and justice, in the new world." The sensational murder of Dr. Parkman by the Harvard professor Webster had of course been a topic of great currency in New England and beyond; Whiting assumes such familiarity with the sordid tale that he can use only the broadest outline of the incident to hold forth in four rather mournful points on Numbers 32:23: "And be sure your sin will find you out." Not in McDade (likely out of scope). A trifle foxed and soiled; a very good copy. \$100.00

Dead Presidents (Harrison, Garfield)

34. Dyer, Rev. Palmer. *A Discourse on the Death of William Henry Harrison, Late President of the United States; Delivered in St. Paul's Church, Whitehall, on the Day of the National Fast. Friday, May 14, 1841.* Whitehall [N.Y.]: Printed by H. T. Blanchard, 1841. 8vo, original printed wrappers (lacks rear wrapper, later stitching), 15 pages. First edition. A presentation copy, inscribed in ink on the front wrapper, "Jefferson Barnes [?] With the best regards of the Author." The Rutland native (who was then resident just across the New York border in Whitehall) warns of undue ambition, noting of Harrison: "He rose but to fall." A biographical sketch of Dyer in Hiel Hollister's *Pawlet for One Hundred Years* (Albany, 1867) would suggest the utility of such a memento mori in Dyer's own life: "He was precipitated from a narrow bridge over the Au Sable river while escorting some timid ladies and was drowned in 1844, at the age of 46." Soiled, stained, worn and a little spotted; some early ink sums on the front wrapper; a good, sound copy. \$40.00

35. Sunderland, Rev. James. *Preparation for Death: A Sermon, Preached in Christ Church, Bridgewater, Oneida Co., New York, on Friday, May 14, 1841; Being the Day Recommended by the President, as a Day of National Humiliation and Prayer: Occasioned by the Death of Gen. William Henry Harrison, Late President of the United States.* Utica: Printed by John P. Bush, 1841. 8vo, removed, 26 pages. First edition. Sunderland reminds us that all flesh is grass, with additional expected kindred recommendation to his audience that they prepare for their deaths. Sunderland touches in part on Harrison's qualities of statesmanship, charity and piety. Some foxing and browning; a very good copy. \$50.00

36. Whitney, George. *The Common Lot. A Sermon on the Death and Character of William Henry Harrison, Late President of the U. S. Preached at Jamaica Plain, Sunday, April 18, 1841.* Boston: Butts, Printer, 1841. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 19 pages. First edition. "The robes of office and the winding sheet seemed to have been brought in together." On the Christian patriotic duty to celebrate the life of a republican gentleman, with the expected admonitions in the direction of memento mori. Likely a presentation copy, with a neat pencil inscription at the head of the front wrapper, "Mrs. Ann Adams, With the regards of G. W." Wrappers somewhat foxed, soiled and worn; a good, sound copy. \$50.00

37. Burton, Nathaniel J[udson]. *An Address in Memory of James A. Garfield, Late President of the United States, by . . . Pastor of Park Church, Hartford, Conn., Sept. 25, 1881.* Hartford: Press of The Case, Lockwood & Brainerd Co., 1881. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 16 pages. First edition. In the wake of the Garfield assassination, Rev. Burton attempts to shine "two or three sweet crosslights of comfort" upon "one of the gloomiest and most heart-breaking events of the nineteenth century." Among other sweet crosslights, Burton notes, "Another victory of our dying President, and another universal service to right thinking and right feeling, is the demonstration furnished in his case that the radicalism of those who say, 'One man is as good as another,' meaning thereby that a man is to be taken for what he personally is, and is to have no esteem or deference on account of any official standing he may have, is wrong and cannot be vindicated." At the head of the title, "Printed by Request, for Private Circulation." Pencil notation "Dup" at the head of the front wrapper and some penciling through the private circulation statement at the head of the title, but no other evident library marks. A little soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$45.00

38. Nason, Elias. *A Discourse on the Death of James Abram Garfield, President of the United States. Delivered in Pawtucket Church, Lowell, and Also in the Centre Church, Dracutt, Mass., September 25, 1881.* Boston: Moses H. Sargent & Sons, 1881. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 16 pages. First edition. "But by our ruler's death, is not the stability of the state endangered? No! As he himself exclaimed when Mr. Lincoln fell:—'God reigns, and the government of Washington still lives!'" With much in the way of hagiographic recap of Garfield's career. Somewhat soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$40.00

Disasters

39. Gardiner, John S[ylvester] J[ohn]. [With a contribution from Sarah Wentworth Morton.] *An Address, Delivered before the Members of the Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society, at their Anniversary Meeting, May 28, 1803.* Boston: Printed by Russell and Cutler, 1803. 8vo, removed, 21, [2] pages. First edition. In this address before a charity devoted to lending support to those dispossessed by fire, Rev. Gardiner talks up the evident virtues of Boston and New England; he includes a lengthy note attacking Virginia and slavery: "The politics of Virginia deserve censure as selfish and absurd. The Virginians seem to think, that America belongs to Virginia, not Virginia to America." The anonymous poem from Morton balances both the benefits and the threat of "the red destroyer." *American Imprints* 4261; BAL 14560 (Morton): "'Ode, for the Ninth Anniversary of the Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society, May 31, 1803,' pp. 27-28. Much revised and collected in *My Mind*, 1823, under the title 'Ode for the Element of Fire.'" A little soiled and worn; lacks wrappers; a very good copy. \$100.00

40. Hooker, Edward W[illiam]. *A Sermon, Occasioned by the Catastrophe on Board the U.S. Ship of War Princeton: Preached in the First Congregational Church, Bennington, Vt., March 17, 1844.* Troy, N.Y.: From the Press of N. Tuttle, 1844. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 24 pages. First edition, an ex-library copy with the early violet stamp for the Historical & Philosophical Society of Ohio at the head of the title and the front wrapper. An exploding gun on the American warship Princeton killed the Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur and the Secretary of the Navy Thomas W. Gilmer (as well as several additional minor dignitaries); these sudden violent deaths added to what Hooker considered the mournful toll of contemporary public figures (from President Harrison to various congressmen) and prompt the expected ruminations on Providence: "And here a second

point of reflection should be taken up, under the impressions of the catastrophe which has occurred, viz., that it is a Divine rebuke of the spirit of political contention.” Contemporary gift inscription on the front wrapper. *American Imprints* 44-3149. Wrappers worn and soiled; some internal soiling and staining; a good, sound copy.

\$125.00

41. Krebs, John M[ichael]. *The Providence of God in the Calamities of Men. A Sermon . . . on Occasion of the Destructive Fire, in the First Ward in the City of New-York, on the Night of Dec. 16-17 Previous*. New-York: Leavitt, Lord & Co., 1836 8vo, original printed brown wrappers, 24 pages. First edition, ex-Historical & Philosophical Society of Ohio, with their early small violet ink stamp and autograph accession number at the head of the front wrapper. An extensive fire destroyed much of New York’s financial district; Krebs of course uses the occasion to advocate a return to religion. “When the inhabitants of this city lay down to rest on Thursday night, there was a universal consciousness that they had no longer any security against the Providence of God. The frozen fountains—the crippled condition of the fire department—and policies of insurance that were little better than blank paper—left us exposed, and we had no resource but that of the Providence of God.” Sabin 38315; *American Imprints* 38428. Some light foxing; wrappers soiled and somewhat worn, splitting a bit along the spine; a good, sound copy.

\$50.00

42. Lothrop, S[amuel] K[irkland]. *A Sermon Preached at the Church in Brattle Square, on Sunday Morning, January 19, 1840, on the Destruction of the Lexington by Fire, January 13th*. Boston: John H. Eastburn, Printer, 1840. 8vo, original printed wrappers (lacks rear wrapper), 24 pages, secured with two later (though early) wire staples. First edition. A publisher’s presentation copy, inscribed in ink at the head of the front wrapper, “To Mrs. S. A. Eliot, with the compliments of The Publishers.” Lothrop takes as his text Job 1:19, which of course is suggestive to the student of Melville. A sermon on the loss of the steamship *Lexington* (with mention of the loss in October of the *Harold*), Lothrop reminds his audience of both the obvious lessons of sudden death as well as the need for reform in steam boat safety. Lothrop also in part eulogizes Rev. Charles Follen, the transplanted German Unitarian minister and antislavery activist who died in the wreck. Sabin 42148. Some rusting to the staples; some soiling and wear; a good, sound copy.

\$50.00

43. Rogers, William M. *A Sermon, Occasioned by the Loss of the Harold and the Lexington, Delivered at the Odeon, January 26, 1840*. Boston: Printed by Perkins & Marvin, 1840 8vo, removed, 18 pages. First edition. A sermon delivered in the wake of one of the era’s most renowned steamboat disasters, the loss of the *Lexington* in Long Island Sound; the boat caught fire and sank in the icy waters, killing nearly 140. “And when the outcry rang through that ill-fated boat, that death threatened them in a form most appalling to humanity, how soon were the distinctions of society annulled. Poverty stood side by side with wealth, knowledge with ignorance, strength with feebleness, all were upon a common level. Of what avail was wealth?” Rogers of course makes certain to note, “I address myself to those who never have professed themselves to be Christians, and ask them, Are you ready to die?” A little split along the spine; some light browning and foxing; a very good copy.

\$45.00

44. Smyth, Rev. Thomas. *The Voice of God in Calamity: Or, Reflections on the Loss of the Steam-Boat Home, October 9, 1837. A Sermon: Delivered in the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, on Sabbath Morning, October 27, 1837. . . . Fourth Edition*. Charles-

ton [S. C.]: Printed and Published by Jenkins & Hussey, 1837. 8vo, removed, 32 pages. Stated fourth edition, printed from the same setting of type (with minor variations) as the first of the same year. The steamboat *Home* wrecked off Ocracoke Island, N.C., in 1837, killing 95 people—Smyth notes quite sensibly in his preface that “So great and terrible a calamity as the loss of the Packet Home, and the destruction of ninety-five lives, should not pass by unimproved,” and he leavens the tragedy with the expected piety and exhortation. This sermon perhaps most useful for its appended account of the wreck from one of the survivors. Sabin 85338. Some spotting and foxing; a very good copy.

\$100.00

Meta-Sermons

45. Palmer, Ray. *A Sermon on the Aim and Method of the Preacher; Delivered on Sabbath Morning, Dec. 15, 1850, in the First Congregational Church, Albany*. Albany: Joel Munsell, Printer, 1850. 8vo, original printed yellow wrappers, 30 pages. First edition. “We are not advocating, in the least, a barren, hackneyed, canting style of preaching, when we insist that the pleasing of God must be the paramount object with the faithful herald of the Gospel.” Some insight into the mainstream tastes underlying the rhetoric of the 19th century sermon and the act of evangelizing. Somewhat chipped, a little soiled; a very good copy.

\$50.00

46. Quick, Charles W. *Inordinate Practical Preaching: A Sermon, Preached in St. Andrew’s Church, Pittsburgh, June 22, 1851*. [Pittsburgh]: Printed by Wm. S. Haven, 1851 8vo, removed, 16 pages. First edition. The rector of St. Andrews counsels a balance between practical exhortation and doctrine: “Riot, noise, confusion, excitement and female shrieking may very well be maintained on the practical ground of making proselytes; but could not be adopted or stand for one instant on the Gospel principle so clearly laid down.” Trimmed so the text appears a bit off-square to the margins; some foxing and wear; a very good copy. OCLC notes two locations.

\$45.00

47. Weeks, William R[aymond]. *Withholding a Suitable Support from the Ministers of Religion, is Robbing God: A Sermon, Preached to the Presbyterian Congregation of Plattsburgh, N. Y. September 26, 1813*. Albany: Printed for the Author, 1814. 8vo, removed, 28 pages. First edition. “Finally. Let all who feel themselves reproved by this subject be exhorted to repent and reform.” Despite the justice of his argument for better remuneration under eight detailed headings, Weeks is rather tellingly noted on the title page as “At That Time Pastor of Said Congregation;” it is perhaps also notable that there is no mention that this sermon was published “by request.” With a gift inscription in ink at the head of the title, “G.S.B. to Miss M.” *American Imprints* 33634. Some foxing and browning; stitching a little loose; a good, sound copy.

\$40.00

Miscellaneous Americana

48. Beecher, Lyman. *The Design, Rights, and Duties of Local Churches. A Sermon Delivered at the Installation of the Rev. Elias Cornelius as Associate Pastor of the Tabernacle Church in Salem, July 21, 1819*. Andover: Published by Flagg and Gould, and Sold by Henry Whipple, Salem, 1819. 8vo, unbound, stitched, untrimmed, 54 pages. Unopened. First edition. “The progress of society from the pastoral to the agricultural and commercial state, amalgamated tribes and constituted nations. By these changes, and the reduction of human life to an hundred and twenty years, the efficacy of patriarchal instruction and authority was destroyed, and families, having no common head, scattered abroad. . . .” The polity of New

- England congregations traced in part as a facet of the historical evolution of political self-determination. With a brief appended sermon from Brown Emerson. Sabin 4329; *American Imprints* 47184. Some foxing and soiling; a good copy. \$45.00
49. Bruen, M[atthias]. *A Discourse, the Substance of which was Delivered in Woodbridge, Dec. 13, 1821, the Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer, Appointed by the Governor of the State of New-Jersey*. New-York: Published at the Literary Rooms, Abraham Paul, Printer, 1822. 8vo, removed, 48 pages. First edition. "We hazard nothing when we affirm, that, never since the sons of Noah were scattered after the building of Babel, has any form of government been devised by men, so admirably accorded with its subjects, as our own." The New Jersey native Bruen had at this point recently returned from Europe and would soon begin Presbyterian mission work in New York City. *American Imprints* 8205. A trifle soiled, browned and foxed; a very good copy. \$45.00
50. Eddy, A[nsel] D[oane]. *The Republicanism of the Bible—and the Duty of Free Governments to the Oppressed Nations of Central Europe. A Discourse Delivered in the Park Church, Newark, N. J., January 4, 1852 . . .* Newark, N. J.: Published by Alfred H. Rogers, Morris Buildings, 1852. 8vo, removed, 64 pages. First edition. On the tendency of the Bible to promote universal freedom and republicanism, with reference to Montisquieu and De Tocqueville, as well as contemporary political events in Europe, the fallacies of popery, and the recent arrival of Kossuth on America's shores. OCLC notes a copy at MiU-C only. Some foxing and soiling; a very good copy. \$50.00
51. Frisbie, Levi. *A Sermon Delivered February 19, 1795, The Day of Public Thanksgiving Through the United States. Recommended by the President*. Newburyport: Blunt and March, [1795]. 8vo, unbound, stitched, untrimmed, 28 pages. First edition. "Do not our Constitutions of State and federal Government unite, and by their union, establish Liberty with order? Can a more happy union and Combination of Governments be devised by the wisdom of man?" The elder Levi Frisbie delivers a Thanksgiving message, tending in many places to the ideas that would come to be known as American exceptionalism. With the half-title. Evans 28716. Large light damp-stain to the final two leaves; a couple small instances in early leaves; some dust-soiling and minor wear; a very good copy. \$85.00
52. Gay, Ebenezer. *The Old Man's Calendar. A Discourse on Joshua XIV. 10. Delivered in the First Parish of Hingham, on the Lord's Day. August 26, 1781, the Birth-Day of the Author*. Hingham: Re-Printed by Jedidiah Farmer, 1843. 8vo, original decorated yellow wrappers stitched into contemporary brown wrappers, 32 pages. First published in 1781 and republished several subsequent times, this edition "contains [a new] historical, genealogical, and biographical appendix" (Sabin). An attractive work of antiquarian interest. Noted under Sabin 26784. Wrappers somewhat soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$30.00
53. Haven, Joseph. *A Discourse at the Funeral of Rev. Ralph Emerson, D.D., Late Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Theology, in Andover Theological Seminary, Delivered at the Second Congregational Church, Rockford, May 22, 1863*. Chicago: Sterling P. Rounds, Premium Steam Book and Job Printer, 1863. 8vo, removed, 28 pages. First edition. The late Andover professor and Yale graduate Emerson (1787-1863) spent his last years in Rockford, Ill.; his funeral sermon was preached by his son-in-law, a professor at the Chicago Theological seminary. Also includes a brief statement delivered by one Rev. Blaisdell (likely James Joshua Blaisdell) at Emerson's grave in Beloit, Wisconsin. A nice Chicago ante-fire imprint. *Ante-Fire Imprints* 716. Old nonce volume autograph ink pagination to the upper corners of the rectos; some light soiling; stitching a bit loose; a very good copy. \$100.00
54. Livermore, A[biel] A[bbott]. *A Discourse Delivered on Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 7, 1837, in the Unitarian Church, Keene, N.H.* Keene [New Hampshire]: John Prentiss, 1837. 8vo, removed, 19 pages. First edition. On the various reasons for thankfulness, with reference to local and national happenings; one reason for thanksgiving among the citizens of Keene is that they remain safe "whilst Florida has been drenched with the blood of savage and citizen." Small spot of sealing wax to the title page. *American Imprints* 45231. Quite stained and rather foxed; a good, sound copy only. \$45.00
55. Morse, Jedidiah. *A Sermon, Exhibiting the Present Dangers, and Consequent Duties of the Citizens of the United States of America. Delivered at Charlestown, April 25, 1799. The Day of the National Fast*. Charlestown: Printed and Sold by Samuel Etheridge, next door to Warren-Tavern, 1799. 8vo, removed, 50 pages (lacks the final blank). Illus. with Masonic vignettes. First edition. Dating from the Quasi-War, thoroughly entertaining conspiracy hysteria from the geographer and Congregational minister Morse (1761-1826) and an important entry in Morse's attacks on the conspiracy of the Illuminati (here portrayed as a blasphemous French revolutionary arm of the Free Masons covertly active in America). Morse owed much to Robison's *Proofs of a Conspiracy* (1797 et seq.) but includes material from various other sources (such as second-hand reports of a planned invasion of the Southern states by blacks from Haiti, a crisis forestalled only by conflict between Hedouville and Toussaint L'Ouverture). As noted in the ESTC, the appended "Notes" include "a facsimile, together with translation, of: *Freemasons. Loge de la Sagesse (Portsmouth, Va.). Tableau des F.F. qui component la loge . . .* Norfolk: Imprimé par Willett & O'Conner, [1798] (Evans 33765)." Evans 35838; Sabin 50950. A little spotted and soiled; a very good copy. \$225.00
56. Perry, Gardner B[raman]. *A Discourse, Delivered in the East Parish in Bradford, December 22, 1820; Two Hundred Years after the First Settlement in New England. Containing a History of the Town*. Haverhill: Printed by Burrill and Hersey, 1821. 8vo, contemporary rough plain wrappers, 72 pages. First edition. A lengthy antiquarian sermon on the history of Bradford (originally Rowley), an account printed up across the Merrimack in Haverhill. With much in the way of rough statistics as to professions and trades followed in the town, as well as much on the local churches; a quick glance discloses no mention of native and contemporary foreign missionary Ann Hasseltine Judson. Ink signature on the front blank, "Phinehas Handy's Book," and another ink inscription across the inner wrapper. Sabin 61030; *American Imprints* 6438. Wrappers and front blank worn; some general grubbiness, soiling and staining; in good, sound condition. \$50.00
57. Putnam, George. *Our Political Idolatry. A Discourse Delivered in the First Church in Roxbury, on Fast Day, April 6, 1843*. Boston: William Crosby and Co., 1843. 8vo, removed, 16 pages. First edition. "We worship a political idol; Popular Rights, Equal Rights, Inalienable Rights, is the flaming inscription; but under that title we worship man, human nature, ourselves, our idea of speedy perfectibility. . . . This idol may crush us yet, as it has others." The popular Roxbury minister here weighs in on the American slide away from Republican ideals. Sabin 66785. A little spotted and stained; a very good copy. \$40.00

58. Sharp, Daniel. *A Discourse Delivered Before the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, June 1, 1840, Being the 202d Anniversary*. Boston: Gould, Kendall and Lincoln, 1840. The minister of the Gospel here has much to say on the limits of individual conscience; he notes that while he hopes a universal Christian peace will someday reign and swords might be turned into ploughshares, in “the present condition of the world, this would be to invite aggression. If it be asserted, that the Lord will protect those who shall rely unlimitedly on peace principles, my answer must be, that I know no facts in all past history which would justify that nation in neglecting the means of defence, or in expecting the miraculous protection of Heaven.” Sharp also suggests that if war with Britain does break out over the border of Maine (the so-called Aroostook War) every man would do his duty as the government requires. A little foxing; last leaf a bit browned; a very good copy. \$30.00

Mexican War

59. Peabody, Andrew P[reston]. *The Triumphs of War: A Sermon Preached on the Day of the Annual Fast, April 15, 1847*. Portsmouth [N.H.]: C. W. Brewster, Printer, 1847. 8vo, self-wrappers, stitched, 20 pages. First edition. An anti-war sermon prompted by the news of the American victory at Vera Cruz in the Mexican War from the long-time (and by all accounts beloved) Unitarian minister in Portsmouth; Peabody uses biblical arguments to attack the American policy of bombarding Mexican homes, points out the hypocrisy of pealing church bells in celebration of the victory, and stands firm in his anti-war stance: “I know that such sentiments as I have now uttered are deemed unpatriotic. I see it currently said in our most respectable public journals, that, whatever may be thought of the justice of this war, every citizen of the United States must needs rejoice at the brilliant success and honor that have attended our arms. I for one feel no such joy, but only deep sorrow, shame and humiliation, the deeper for every victory.” This sermon was not an uncharacteristic one for Peabody, who was also an ardent anti-slavery activist and supported increased rights for women. Somewhat soiled and a little stained and worn; a good, sound copy. \$50.00

Odd and Miscellaneous

60. Dix, Rev. Morgan, S.T.D. *The Christian Altar. The Address Delivered at the Service of Benediction for the New Altar and Reredos, Erected in the Memory of the Late Wm. B. Astor, in Trinity Church, New York, on S. Peter's Day, 1877*. Utica: Office of the Church Eclectic, 1877. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 16 pages. Frontispiece view of the elaborate feature. First edition. An address delivered at the dedication of the elaborate Gothic altar and reredos designed by architect Frederick Clarke Withers (see *Appletons'*) with much on the symbolism of the altar in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Includes a note from Withers on the design of the piece. Wrappers somewhat soiled and a bit worn; a very good copy. \$45.00

61. Newman, J[ohn] P[hilip]. *Origin, Progress, and Fall of the Turkish Empire, Prophetically Announced. Sermons of . . . Metropolitan M. E. Church, Washington, D. C.* [wrapper title]. [Washington, D. C.]: Reeves, Pagenhoff & Co., 1877. 8vo, original printed wrappers, [279]-294 pages. First edition of this separately published parts issue of a series of Newman's sermons. A curiously rousing sermon combining prophetic political science and historical battle narratives, from the well-connected Washington, D. C. Methodist bishop Newman. The days of polite protestations from the clergyman asked to publish “by request” appear here to have been supplanted by an entrepreneurial initiative; this is number 22 of 25 of Newman's sermons to be published in parts (publisher's ads also

offer the parts collected in cloth). The wrappers also include ads for a local job printer and an attorney. A trifle dust-soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$45.00

62. Wild, Rev. Joseph, D.D. *How and When the World Will End . . . Second Edition*. New York: James Huggins, Printer and Publisher, 1881 8vo, original gilt decorated green cloth, 422, [10] pages. Frontis portrait. Stated second edition, though the title page (with a “Preface to the Second Edition” printed on the verso) appears to be tipped in, suggesting perhaps reissued sheets of the 1879 first edition with a new title page. Hot on the heels of his successful *The Lost Ten Tribes and 1882* (New York 1879), the one-time pastor of the Union Congregational Church in Brooklyn outlines his prophetic theories of Anglo-Israelism and end times in 28 selected discourses from his Sunday evening lectures. Wild manages to touch on such topics as the Negro question (God has reserved Africa for the sons of Ham), communism, and the role of physics and evolution in the end of the world. The Preface notes that Wild's Brooklyn church had burned down in June and that he has subsequently removed to Toronto. With extensive terminal ads on the various kindred publications (Anglo-Israelism, pyramids, etc.). Three small spots of abrasion to the spine; a trifle worn and foxed, with a little spotting to the front board; a nearly fine copy. \$100.00

Popular Amusements

63. Bayley, Kiah. *Fashionable Amusements Inconsistent with the Design and Spirit of the Gospel, Contrary to the Express Commands of God, and in Many Respects Productive of Evil. A Discourse Delivered February 5, 1804*. Wiscasset [Maine]: Printed by Babson and Rust, 1804. 8vo, removed, 31 pages. First edition. The minister in Maine has much to say against the current local craze for balls and social dancing; if the evident sins against God were not enough, one should consider that “Diseases are often contracted by attending such amusements.” *American Imprints* 5823; Noyes 245; Williamson 865. Somewhat foxed and a little soiled; a very good copy. \$125.00

64. Burrell, Dr. [Joseph Dunn]. *The Sunday Newspaper. A Sermon Preached by Dr. Burrell in the Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-Ninth Street*. (New York: Woman's National Sabbath Alliance), [1895]. Small 8vo, unbound pamphlet, 7, [1] pages. First edition. “It is said that when burglars go prowling about at night they take with them a clever boy to climb over the transoms and open the door. The Sunday newspaper is the tupenny door-opener for the larger forms of Sabbath desecration.” Aside from breaking the Sabbath, the Sunday newspaper also tends to be low-class and disreputable. Much (multi-colored) ink has of course been spilled by academics tracing the development of the comic strip as a feature to reach immigrant urban populations with cheap Sunday papers (and the resistance of individuals like Dr. Burrell to such pursuits). A little dust-soiled; a very good copy. \$50.00

65. [Hull, Joseph Darling]. *A Plea for Religious Newspapers: A Sermon Preached to his Own People on the Lord's Day, December 29th, 1844, by a Connecticut Pastor*. Hartford: Printed by David B. Moseley (Press of the Religious Herald), 1845. 8vo, removed, 23 pages. First edition. The Congregationalist and Yale man Hull (1818-1889) here delivers a rousing sermon in support of his assertion that “Every one, who is capable, ought to read a religious newspaper.” For those who would maintain (say) that religious newspapers are inherently quarrelsome, Hull replies, “It is quarrelsome, then, is it, to teach that Prelacy is unscriptural; Baptismal Regeneration, a heresy, and the Apostolical Succession, a humbug?”

It is quarrelsome to deny that the sects holding these gross errors are 'the only true church' of Christ? [Hull proceeds with another half-page of such rhetorical questions.] . . . Shame on the man who would find fault with the manful efforts of Protestant newspapers in this day, to destroy such abominations as these!" Sabin 63388. A little spotted and soiled; a very good copy. \$50.00

66. Ide, Jacob. *The Nature and Tendency of Balls, Seriously and Candidly Considered, in Two Sermons, Preached in Medway, the First, December 21: the Second, December 28, 1818*. Dedham: Printed by H. & W. H. Mann, [1819]. 8vo, removed, 50 pages. Likely first edition; there was also an undated 36-page edition issued without an imprint. "The view, which we have taken of our subject, teaches us, that the prevalence of Balls in any particular place, is evidence of an alarming degree of stupidity there." In this under-appreciated classic in the genre, the Rev. Ide elaborates his thesis into 11 extensive points to argue against the fashionable amusement of balls, an argument sufficiently extensive that it stretched to two sermons. There is much here on frivolity and the waste of time and energies that might better be directed to the service of God, as well as the expected attacks on dancing and on society: "As there are no scenes more enchanting to youth, than those of the Ball-room, so there are no assemblies, which are more likely to excite in their minds an excessive love of company than those, who meet for the amusement of dancing. Is it not an indubitable fact, that there are many youths, satisfied with domestic enjoyments, and occasional exchanges of visits with their friends, who have, by attending a Dancing School a short period, or a Ball a few times, become so intoxicated, with the love of company, as to render their ordinary society insipid, and retirement and meditation a burden?" The paths from the Ball-room to the card table and the grog shop are also touched upon and the idea of sexuality is made conspicuous by its absence. *American Imprints* 44409 (1818) & *American Imprints* 48319 (1819). Foxing; some light soiling and a few small closed marginal tears; a good, sound copy. \$225.00

67. Kirk, Edward N[orris]. *The Love of Pleasure. A Discourse Occasioned by the Opening of a New Theatre in Boston. Delivered in Mt. Vernon Church, Sunday, September 10, 1854*. . . . *Published in Accordance with the Desire of the Mt. Vernon Association of Young Men*. Boston: John P. Jewett & Company, 1854. 8vo, removed, 26 pages. First edition. The clergyman has stern words on the opening of the lavish new Boston Theatre and the moral threat of theatre in general, with reference to the evident failings of the French and the ancient Athenians. "But the history of these costly entertainments shows that, next to gambling-houses, theatres have furnished the strongest temptations to dishonesty in clerks." A couple of corners dog-eared and in one or two instances torn away; a little light wear and soiling; a very good copy. \$75.00

68. Thompson, Joseph P[arrish]. *Theatrical Amusements. A Discourse on the Character and Influence of the Theater*. New York: Baker and Scribner, 1847. 8vo, removed, 40 pages. First edition. "The theater has never parted company with Bacchus in whose orgies it originated." On the history, expense and the social and moral costs of attending the theater, a fairly widely-circulated sermon from the pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle Church in New York. Some light spots of foxing; a very good copy. \$50.00

Reform

69. Palmer, Charles Ray. *The Labor Question in its Ethical Aspect. A Sermon Delivered at a Union Service in the First Baptist Church, Bridgeport, on Fast Day, 1886*. . . . *and Repeated by Request in the*

North Congregational Church, on Sunday, May 9 [wrapper title]. [Bridgeport, Conn.]: Standard Print, [1886]. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 7 pages, printed in double columns. First edition. A pro-labor sermon from the Connecticut Congregationalist. While Palmer deploras Anarchists, "whose purpose is to subvert order, law, government, and property; who have grenades for policemen, and torches for mills and public buildings," he suggests that the impulse of the working man to organize and overturn the system is just: "The fundamental fact in the real labor question is that in the laborer's own feeling, and to a large extent in the reality of the case . . . the laborer has not enjoyed a proportionate participation in the social well-being to which his labor has contributed; and on the other hand capital has monopolized the opportunities of labor, and the means of compensating labor, until it can fix in its own interest the rate at which labor shall be compensated, and labor is in a large measure helpless in its hands." Not found on OCLC or in the Library of Congress catalogue. Fragile wrappers a bit chipped and somewhat soiled and sunned; a good, sound copy. \$100.00

70. Powell, Rev. E[dward] P[ayson]. *Free Love. A Sermon Delivered by the Rev. E. P. Powell, at Utica City Opera House, on Sunday, October 23, 1881* [caption title]. [Utica?: n. p., 1881]. 8vo, unbound, 4 pages, printed in double columns. First edition. "Speaking to Independents, among whom we have are many Spiritualists, I attack the principle of Free Love, because this foul idea has been often and boldly declared to be a special development of Spiritualism." An interesting example of the ephemeral texts of the lectures delivered by the Utica Unitarian minister (and author on agricultural subjects), who regularly delivered sermons at the Opera House. A little soiled and chipped; small tear from the fore-edge of the two leaves, with loss to a couple of letters; a good, sound copy. \$75.00

71. Turnbull, Rev. Robert. *Law of Revolutions. A Discourse Preached in Hartford, Conn., on the Day of the Annual Fast, and in New York Before the American and Foreign Bible Society, May 12th, 1848*. Hartford: Brockett, Fuller & Co.; Springfield, Mass.: H. W. Hutchinson & Co., 1848. 8vo, original printed wrappers (stitching perished, appears to have been removed from a nonce volume), 24 pages. First edition. On the design of God behind violent revolutions, with a look at the French Revolution and contemporary conflicts in France, Germany and Italy. Addressed in ink in a contemporary hand on the verso of the rear wrapper, "Hon. Richard Fletcher, Boston, M."—likely to the Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice. Stained and soiled; gatherings disbound (but all present); a fair copy only. \$25.00

72. Wayland, Francis. *The Duties of an American Citizen. Two Discourses, Delivered in the First Baptist Meeting House in Boston, on Thursday, April 7, 1825. The Day of the Public Fast*. Boston: James Loring, 1825. 8vo, removed, 52 pages. First edition. Two sermons. The spread of education and cheap newspapers will further the work of Providence in spreading the cause of liberty: "I would plead with you, instead of engaging in political strife, to put forth your hands to the work of making your fellow citizens wiser and better. I pray you think less of parties and more of your country; and instead of talking about patriotism, to be indeed patriots." Starr, *Baptist Bibliography*, W1875; Sabin 102185. Title page and final page a bit browned; some light wear and soiling; a very good copy. \$40.00

Slavery

73. Allen, B[enjamin] R[ussell]. *The Constitution and the Union*. "A Sermon Preached in the First Congregational Church

in *Marblehead, on the Occasion of the National Fast, January 4th, 1861*. Boston: J. H. Eastburn's Press, 1861. First edition, apparently a duplicate from Harvard's library, with an early pencil gift notation noting receipt from an alumnus on the verso of the title page (but no other evident library marks). A moderately complex sermon on the issues of the day—Allen has much on the history of the compromises behind the Constitution and the errors of the South, but also harsh words for the Abolitionists: "A *Christian slave-holder* is, in his view, as much as contradiction as a *Christian murderer* . . . Thus, the fundamental principle of Abolitionism, must, from the nature of the case, be evil and only evil, upon the heart and mind of those who *really* embrace it; and such, all experience, in our country at least, shows to be the fact." Wrappers a little soiled, worn and loose; paper covering the spine largely perished; a very good copy. \$50.00

74. Beecher, Henry Ward. *How to Become a Christian: An Address by . . . Delivered in "Burton's Old Theatre," March, 1858* [wrapper title]. Brooklyn: Plymouth Sunday School, 1862. 24mo, original printed wrappers, 18 pages. Likely second edition; there was a Derby & Jackson edition published in 1858 and another New York edition of 12 pages published with the date 1862; the American Tract Society also evidently published an edition. An address from the era of Beecher's great popularity, delivered during the great revivals at Burton's Theatre in the 1857-1858 and here republished with the pleasing imprint of Beecher's congregation in Brooklyn. This revivalist work includes an allusion to slavery and escape (turned to the exhortation of escaping the slavery of sin); according to Kathryn Long's *Revival of 1857-58* this passage refers to an earlier request in the service from Isabella White, a Methodist woman and escaped slave who was seeking prayers for her safety as she made her way to Canada. Wrappers a bit soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$50.00

75. Clarke, Rev. Walter. *Shimei and Abishai, or The Extreme Politicians. A Thanksgiving Discourse, Delivered in the Second Congregational Church in Hartford, Nov. 27, 1851*. Hartford: Press of Case, Tiffany and Company, 1851. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 24 pages. First edition. A sermon that would not be out of place as a July Fourth oration, Clarke lays out the ways in which the American government is a Christian republic and the peculiar burdens upon the citizen to uphold the principles of liberty and popular will. In a likely allusion to the continuing sectional controversies relating to the Fugitive Slave Act of the year before, Clarke warns his audience to "remember, that if you utter your dislike of any one bad law, in ways that tarnish the sacredness and impair the authority of all laws . . . you have pulled up the foundations of a state." A presentation copy inscribed at the head of the front wrapper, "Prof. B—cklesly [?] from The Author." Penciled notation "Dup" at the head of the wrapper and a small ink autograph pressmark next to that, but no other signs of library accession. Wrappers a bit darkened and worn; spine a little chipped; light damp-stain to a portion of the gutter of the text; a very good copy. \$40.00

76. Dwight, William T[hodore]. *The Pulpit, in its Relations to Politics. A Discourse, Delivered in the Third Congregational Church, Portland, November 20, 1856, and January 18, 1857*. Portland [Me.]: Published by Francis Blake, 1857. 8vo, original printed white glazed wrappers, 27 pages. First edition. In the face of such iniquities as the possible revival of the slave trade, the taxation of houses of ill fame in New Orleans, or the admission of Utah and "that horde of worse than Mohammedan polygamists, drenched in a pollution equal to that of Sodom," as a state, Dwight asks "is a

minister to shrink from exposing the foul dishonor which such an admission would affix to us as a Christian nation for generations, for centuries, to come?" With many allusions to the evils of slavery; Dwight counsels non-cooperation in matters of conscience, as in the hunt for fugitive slaves. Penciled notation "Dupli" on the front wrapper. Fragile wrappers a bit soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$50.00

77. Fosdick, David, Jr. *Scriptural Temperance. A Sermon, Delivered in the Hollis Street Meeting-House, Boston, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1846*. Boston: W. Warland Clapp & Son, 1846 8vo, original printed yellow wrappers, 26 pages. Stated "Second Thousand," no doubt published shortly after the first printing. A presentation copy, inscribed at the head of the front wrapper, "Mrs. Pearson, with regards of the author." Not especially concerned with liquor (he appears to endorse moderate consumption), Fosdick instead issues a call "to restrain the wildfire flame of fanaticism," most especially in anti-slavery activities: "The Southern slaveholders are, as a class, subjected to the coarsest contumely ever emitted against the most heinous criminals." Fosdick also counsels temperance in religious belief, poverty and even against intemperance. Cf. Sabin 25185. Light damp-stain to the lower corner of the text; wrappers somewhat soiled and a bit worn; a very good copy. \$50.00

78. Furness, W[illiam] H[enry]. *A Discourse Delivered on the Occasion of the National Fast September 26th, 1861 in the First Congregational Unitarian Church in Philadelphia*. Philadelphia: T. B. Pugh, 1861. 8vo, unbound (removed?) with later stab holes in addition to the original stitching, 20 pages. First edition. The Unitarian and Transcendentalist argues for immediate abolition, arguing that the free states have shared in the moral complicity of slavery. Sabin 26235. Some light staining, wear and dust soiling; a good copy. \$50.00

79. Hall, Nathaniel. *The Limits of Civil Obedience. A Sermon Preached in the First Church, Dorchester, January 12, 1851*. Boston: Wm. Crosby and H. P. Nichols, 1851. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 26 pages. First edition. From the long-time anti-slavery minister from Dorchester on the Fugitive Slave Law and the need to disobey it: "The principle is that we are bound to obey the requisitions of human law, except where they conflict with the law of God." Wrappers somewhat dust-soiled; a little worn; a very good copy. \$50.00

80. Lord, John C[hase]. *The Higher Law, in its Application to the Fugitive Slave Bill. A Sermon on the Duties Men Owe to God and to Governments. Delivered at the Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, on Thanksgiving Day*. New York: Published by the Order of the "Union Safety Committee," 1851. 8vo, likely lacking wrappers, 16 pages. One of two editions published in 1851, the other a 32-page pamphlet with a Buffalo imprint. Lord argues for Northern compliance with the Fugitive Slave Law; he makes claims both for the divine origin of the commonwealth, as well as pointing out that the sorrows of disunion outweigh those of "him who is made by color and caste a 'hewer of wood and a drawer of water.'" Includes his arguments for colonization. Sabin 42030. Outer pages soiled; some light creasing; several corners nibbled and dog-eared; a good sound copy. \$50.00

81. Parker, Theodore. *The New Crime Against Humanity. A Sermon Preached at the Music Hall, in Boston, on Sunday, June 4, 1854*. Boston: Benjamin B. Mussey, 1854. 8vo, original printed brown wrappers, 76 pages. First edition. A lengthy firebrand abolitionist

address delivered at the height of the controversy surrounding the arrest and trial of the fugitive slave Anthony Burns in Boston. This text is adapted from the first appearance in the serial the *Boston Commonwealth*; in an author's note dated June 10, 1854, Parker writes, "In this edition of the Sermon, some passages have been added which were omitted in the Report, and some also which, though written, were not delivered on Sunday." Small ink autograph number written in the gutter of page 3. Wrappers quote worn and creased, with some tears; spine paper largely perished; a little browning and staining; a good, sound copy. \$50.00

82. Root, Rev. David. *A Memorial of the Martyred Lovejoy: In a Discourse by . . . Delivered in Dover, N.H.—Published by Request* [caption title]. [Dover, N.H.: n. p., 1837]. 8vo, removed, 16 pages. First edition. An encomium on the abolitionist martyr Elijah Lovejoy from the ardent abolitionist Root. There is much here laying out the abolitionist arguments for emancipation, as well as anecdotes of Lovejoy's activism and the hostile reactions with which it was met. Root himself would be forced to leave Dover because of his staunch abolitionist views; cf. *Appletons'*. Sabin 73122. Some light scattered foxing; a very good copy. \$200.00

83. Stow [or Stowe], Timothy. *National Responsibility and the Duty of the Ministry in Relation to Politics. By . . . Pastor of the Congregational Church, West Bloomfield, N. Y. Preached to said Church on the Last Sabbath in November, 1845*. Rochester [N.Y.]: Power Press of E. Speard [sic, for Shepard], 1846. 8vo, removed, 32 pages. First edition. A rousing abolitionist address from Rev. Stow, warning of the wrath of God should the United States not abolish slavery: "Unless they cry aloud and spare not, slavery will soon stretch her raven wings beyond the Rio del Norte; gather for her nest the riches of California and Mexico, and send forth over this continent a brood of wrongs and woes, to desolate our country more terribly than the plagues of Jehovah devastated [sic] oppressive and rebellious Egypt." Stow appears at times to have also gone under the name Stowe; a 19th century history of Ontario County notes that he held this pastorate at the West Bloomfield church for a year, suggesting he may have run afoul of his congregation with his militant abolitionist views—though West Bloomfield, just south of Rochester, was located in one of the contemporary hotbeds of abolitionism. Stow's name was attached to a document that went out under the name of the Abolitionist Convention (West Bloomfield, 1847), *An Address from the American abolitionists, to the friends of the slave in Great Britain* (Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1847). Sabin 92384. Somewhat browned, a little worn; lacks wrappers; a very good copy. \$125.00

84. Ward, Jonathan. *A Sermon, Delivered at Plymouth, N.H., July 4, 1825, in Commemoration of American Independence*. Plymouth [N.H.]: Printed by Henry E. Moore, 1826. 8vo, removed, 28 pages. First edition, an ex-library copy with their blind-stamp to the title and small ink number stamped in the margin of a leaf. Ward looks to the hand of God in assuring the early growth of America amid Indian massacres and Revolution; he adverts toward the end of his discourse to the question of slavery, advocating an abolitionist view: "Our conduct, in relation to the Africans, has been most inconsistent, absurd, and criminal.—While earnestly contending for the principle, that all men ought to be free and equal, and risking every thing in opposing the claims of Great Britain to tax us, we were, at the same time, holding in abject slavery hundreds of thousands of our fellow beings, who, upon our own principles, had an equal right with ourselves to enjoy the sweets of liberty." With further suggestions on the education of the Indians. *American Imprints* 27546; Sabin 101312. Some soiling and light staining; a very good copy. \$50.00

Technology

85. Adams, Nehemiah. *The Song of the Well: A Discourse on the Expected Supply of Water in Boston. Preached to the Congregation in Essex Street, Boston, on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1846*. Boston: William D. Ticknor and Company, 1847. 8vo, removed, 15 pages. First edition. On the anticipated completion of the Cochituate Aqueduct. Adams in part draws comparisons to the technical language of the Water Commissioners and the subtleties of the language of the Bible, as well as much on the wondrous scope of the entire water project, which was completed in 1848. A trifle soiled; a very good copy. \$50.00

86. Backus, Charles. *A Sermon, Delivered Jan. 1, 1801; Containing a Brief Review of Some of the Distinguishing Events of the Eighteenth Century*. Hartford: Printed by Hudson and Goodwin, 1801. 8vo, removed, 31 pages. With the half-title, "Mr. Backus's Century Sermon." First edition. On the first day of the 19th century, Backus casts the accounts for the 18th: "In electricity, many important discoveries have been made. In these, the late Dr. Franklin led the way . . . and towards the close of the last century, a seventh primary planet belonging to the solar system, was discovered by Dr. Herschell." Also includes mention of the study of the Indian mounds of Ohio, which "afford some evidence that, many ages ago there lived a people of this Continent, who had considerable acquaintance with the arts of the civilized state; and must, therefore, have been in a higher grade of society than the Indians were, when Columbus visited these shores." *American Imprints* 93. Title page a bit browned and trimmed a trifle close along the fore-edge; a light marginal stain to the lower corner of the text; a very good copy. \$40.00

87. Gannett, Ezra S[tiles]. *The Arrival of the Britannia. A Sermon Delivered in the Federal Street Meeting-House, in Boston, July 19, 1840*. Boston: Joseph Dowe, 1840. 8vo, removed (lacks wrappers), 23 pages. With the half-title. First edition. "A voyage to Europe is reduced to a matter of calculation within the ability of any schoolboy who has learned the rule of simple division." On the commercial benefits and the manifold evidence of Providence in the hand of international understanding, the whole as embodied in the arrival of the *Britannia*. The Cunard Line's first steamship, the *Britannia* had left Liverpool on its maiden voyage on July 4, 1840. *American Imprints* 40-2549. Half-title foxed; some light wear and soil; a very good copy. \$50.00

88. Lathrop, Joseph. *Discourse Delivered at Springfield, October 30, 1805. On Occasion of the Completion and Opening of the Great Bridge over Connecticut River, Between the Towns of Springfield and West-Springfield . . . Second Edition*. Springfield [Mass.]: H. Brewer—Printer, [1805]. Small 8vo, contemporary wrappers, 16 pages. Stated second edition (almost certainly a second printing) published the same year as the first. The earth furnishes the material for construction, religion forms the basis of a civil society that can harness these bounties. With much on the benefits of internal improvements: "How active and enterprising are many in the present day, to facilitate an intercourse between different parts of the country by preparing smooth roads in rough places, by stretching Bridges over dangerous streams, and by opening canals around rapid falls, and through inland towns?—Their motives, we trust, are honorable; but whatever be their motives, they are advancing the interest and prosperity of their country. May all these works be a prelude to works more pious and more extensively beneficent." Alas however for the works of man: the bridge evidently collapsed in 1814. Contemporary ink signature of Festus Stebbins on the title

page and front wrapper. *American Imprints* 8755. Oddly trimmed at an early date with rounded corners (no loss of text); some general soiling and wear; a good, sound copy. \$85.00

89. Moxom, Philip S[tafford]. *The Industrial Revolution: A Sermon*. [Boston]: (C. H. Simmons & Co., Printers), [1886]. Small 8vo, original printed green wrappers, 16 pages. First edition. Jesus “antagonized the traditions and the customs of the dominant classes. His ideas of religion were revolutionary. His every contact with the life of the time was solvent of established institutions.” While Moxom, a social gospel proponent, deplores violence (“The dynamiter is ‘hoist with his own petard’”) he argues in a sermon for the rights of labor to organize: “We must learn that *rights are not the exclusive property of privileged classes*.” A little soiled and worn; small later light scribble to the wrapper; a very good copy. \$50.00

Urban Life

90. Bannard, Rev. William. *Moral Aspect and Destitution of the City of New York. A Discourse at the Opening of the Presbytery of New York, in the Rutgers Street (Presbyterian) Church, October 13, 1851*. New York: Charles Scribner, 1851. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 31 pages. First edition. Uneasiness over urbanization and immigration, taken together with increases in violent crime, intemperance, and the desecration of the Sabbath (many professing Christians indulge in “the present unblushing violation of the Sabbath, by their habitual use of public conveyances on that day”), all lead Bannard to conclude that the most efficacious means of combating poverty and vice is a system of missionary stations throughout the city. Sabin 3210. Wrappers worn and soiled, with some creasing, chipping and tearing; some soiling; a very good copy. \$50.00

91. Boston Society for Religious Purposes. *Sermon on the Repentance of the Unchaste Woman; Translated from the Original French of the Rev. James Saurin . . . by Robert Robinson . . . to which is added, The Report of the Ministerial Labours Communicated to the Boston Society for Religious Purposes, by William Collier, at their Annual Meeting, January, 1823*. Boston: Printed by James G. Bolles, at the Watchman Office, 1823. 8vo, contemporary (original?) drab wrappers, 36 pages, untrimmed. First edition of this report; the Saurin sermon dates from the early 18th century. The extensive report from Rev. Collier includes much on urban missionary work (with mention of a primary school run by “Miss Jeffries, a woman of colour . . . composed of children picked up in that neighbourhood, and drawn out of the most degraded and wretched situations”), with plenty of detail on his work with prostitutes and criminals. *American Imprints* 14045. Some staining, soiling and wear; a good, sound copy. \$50.00

92. Edwards, Justin. *Joy in Heaven over the Penitent. A Sermon, Delivered in Park Street Church, Before the Penitent Females Refuge Society, on the Evening of Sabbath, December 18, 1825*. Boston Printed by T. R. Marvin, 1826. 8vo, removed, 27, [1] pages. First edition. A detailed sermon on the good works of this mission for prostitutes, with much in the way of anecdote and first-hand accounts. “One came to the Refuge who was led astray by the abominable villainy of one in this city, who called himself respectable, and was called so by others, at the tender age of fourteen; and after years of infamy, and wretchedness, too horrible to be told, she was awakened by the awful warnings and dying agonies, of one of her wretched companions.” Includes the annual report. *American Imprints* 24407. Some light browning; very good copy. \$75.00

93. Harris, Thomas L[ake]. *Juvenile Depravity and Crime in our City. A Sermon . . . Preached in the Stuyvesant Institute, Sunday Morning, January 13th, 1850. With an Appendix Embodying the Recent Report of the Chief of Police Concerning Destitution and Crime Among Children in the City*. New-York: Published by Charles B. Norton, 1850. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 15 pages. First edition. An early reforming sermon from the eventual Spiritualist-utopian sexual mystic Harris (1823-1906), preached after he had given up his Universalist congregation and was the head of an Independent Christian Congregation on Broadway. Harris fulminates against the moral conditions of a city that allows over 3000 children in the lower wards to “gain subsistence solely by theft, beggary, or unnameable vice.” He proposes a series of state-funded vocational educational homes for homeless children. Harris also includes sharp words for slave-holders, noting “we find no language with which, in sufficient severity, to denounce the Carolinian or Virginian Planter who is reported to sell his own offspring to a life of toil in the corn-field or the rice-swamp.” Wrappers a bit worn and soiled, stitching loose; a good, sound copy. \$125.00

94. Parker, Samuel. *Charity to Children Enforced, in a Discourse, Delivered in Trinity Church, Boston, Before the Subscribers to the Boston Female Asylum, Sept. 23, 1803, at their Third Anniversary*. Boston: Printed by Russell and Cutler, 1803 8vo, unbound, 32 pages. First edition. A discourse from the long-time Episcopal rector of Trinity Church, Parker (1744-1804), a call for charity and benevolence to Boston’s female orphans. The address has the curious admixture of New England piety and thrift; amid his many allusions to scripture, Parker assures the audience of the asylum “is wisely devised, constructed upon the most economical methods of training Females to virtue and usefulness.” *American Imprints* 4821 (the 28-page issue noted seems likely a copy lacking the two leaves of the program and additional matter for the annual meeting, present here). Some foxing, browning and light dust-soiling; a very good copy. \$50.00

War of 1812

95. Andros, Thomas. *The Grand Era of Ruin to Nations from Foreign Influence. A Discourse, Delivered before the Congregational Society in Berkley, Nov. 26, 1812*. Boston: Published by Samuel T. Armstrong, 1812. 8vo, removed (lacking wrappers), 18 pages. With the half-title. First edition. A grim little eschatological address from this Berkley clergyman and Revolutionary War veteran, ostensibly one of thanksgiving, delivered in the early days of the War of 1812. Andros catalogues the current deluge of misfortunes (relentless hordes of savages, the bones of Americans left to whiten on Queenston Heights, the Algerines unleashed against our shipping) and some attacks on current American policy, before settling down comfortably to assess the role of Napoleon as a sign of the Antichrist. A little browned and worn; a very good copy. \$50.00

96. Channing, William Ellery. *A Sermon, Preached in Boston, July 23, 1812, the Day of the Publick Fast, Appointed by the Executive of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in Consequence of the Declaration of War Against Great Britain*. Boston: Printed by Greenough and Stebbins, 1812. 8vo, removed, 20 pages. Possible first edition; there was also a 15-page edition printed by Stebbins the same year. An anti-war address, pointing out that the U.S. has sufficient territory, cannot claim any kinship with revolutionary France, and must cede the seas to Britain. *American Imprints* 25048. Foxed and browned; some light staining; a good copy. \$30.00

97. Dunlap, John. *The Power, Justice and Mercy of Jehovah, Exercised upon his Enemies and his People. A Sermon Delivered on Board the Fleet, at Whitehall, December 13, 1814.* Albany: Printed by Websters and Skinners, 1815. First edition. A sermon delivered on board the prize vessel *Confiance*, which had been the British flagship during the battle of Lake Champlain in September. Dunlap has much to say about God's favor of the Americans during the war. Because of an illness, there had been some delay in publication; Dunlap's notes refer to the Battle of New Orleans and Napoleon's arrival in Paris (but not the July restoration). Later penciled call number on the verso of the title but no other evident library marks. *American Imprints* 34599. Rather foxed and soiled; a good, sound copy. \$150.00

98. Osgood, David. *A Solemn Protest Against the Late Declaration of War, in a Discourse, Delivered on the Next Lord's Day After the Tidings of it were Received.* Cambridge: Printed by Hilliard and Metcalf, 1812. 8vo, removed (lacks wrappers), 20 pages. First edition. Osgood was a long-time minister and staunch Federalist; this was one of the most widely-circulated pulpit attacks on the War of 1812. Sabin 57778; *American Imprints* 26630. Some wear, soiling and foxing; a good, sound copy. \$30.00

Clerical Fornication: A Transitional Interlude.

99. (Fairchild, Joy Hamlet). *Correspondence between Rev. Nehemiah Adams and Rev. J. H. Fairchild, with Notes and Comments by a Committee of the Payson Church.* Boston: Dutton and Wentworth, Printers, 1846. 8vo, original printed yellow wrappers, 48 pages. First edition. On its face a dispute regarding Adams' refusal to grant letters of recommendation to Fairchild's church (with a prefatory statement signed by a church committee) but in large part an attempt by Fairchild to vindicate himself after a notorious 1844 scandal involving clerical fornication (in his case impregnating a family servant). With much dancing around the proper definition of "deposed," as well as on Fairchild's victory in a civil suit, hints of a vendetta by Adams, etc. Adams is perhaps best remembered today as something of a Northern apologist for slavery. Some soiling and wear to the wrappers; a very good copy. \$75.00

100. Holmes, Sylvester. *A Statement Concerning the Recent Assault upon the Character of the Rev. Sylvester Holmes, of New Bedford, Mass.* Boston: Printed by Charles C. P. Moody, 1851. 8vo, unbound, stitched, 46 pages + blank. First edition. "In the summer of 1843, I was told by the Rev. J. A. Roberts, that he had seen letters from the West 'that would ruin me.'" And from that inauspicious beginning comes a tangled tale of "the Western Steam Boat letters," allegations of improper relations in 1839 with a fourteen-year-old girl while traveling from Cincinnati to Pittsburgh, her reappearance in New Bedford some years later, a New Bedford doctor with an axe to grind, and various whisper campaigns against Rev. Holmes and a series of backroom committee dealings. This account includes much in the way of extracts from correspondence and the tangled mores of a small community. Without a mounted errata slip but with numerous contemporary ink autograph corrections in the text. Sabin 32627n. Title page soiled and creased, with an early pencil inscription erased from the head of the title; some light wear; a very good copy. \$85.00

101. Rogers, Ammi. *Memoirs of the Rev. Ammi Rogers, A.M. . . . Persecuted in the State of Connecticut, on Account of Religion and Politics, for Almost Twenty Years: and Finally, Falsely Accused and Imprisoned . . . Third Edition, with Additions, Omissions and Al-*

terations. Middlebury, Vt.: Printed by J. W. Copeland, 1830. 12mo, contemporary calf spine, marbled boards, gilt rules, 268 pages. Stated third edition; the first appeared in 1824 (perhaps printed in Hebron, Connecticut), followed by an 1826 Schenectady edition. "This really is one of the most abominable conspiracies that ever was formed against any man in any country." The Episcopal Rogers was found guilty of impregnating a girl and having her pregnancy aborted; in this controversial memoir he lays out at length how he was made the victim of party faction and religious persecution. This edition adds a lengthy footnote (dated 1830) in defense of the Christian basis of Free-masonry; Sabin notes that this edition is also the first to include the (somewhat incongruous) index to the Bible and concise view of the Episcopal Church. Marginal penciling, but no notes or underlining; some pencil scribbling and unrelated notes in the endpapers. Later small ink stamp on the front free endpaper. *American Imprints* 3338; Sabin 72608n. Binding rather rubbed and a bit chipped, but sound; some foxing; a good, sound copy. \$75.00

End Sermons, begin Sex in America. (From the Pseudo-Aristotle to Our Bodies, Ourselves.)

102. Aristotle [pseud]. *The Works of Aristotle, the Famous Philosopher, in Four Parts. Containing I. His Complete Master-Piece . . . II. His Experienced Midwife . . . III. His Book of Problems . . . IV. His Last Legacy.* New-England: Printed for the Publishers, 1821. 12mo, original sheep, red leather label, gilt lettering, 286 pages. Woodcut illus. (monstrosities, fetus in the womb) in the text. "Neither should these amorous engagements be too often reiterated, till the conception be confirmed; and even then the bridegroom should remember, that it is a market that last all the year and so should have a care of spending all his stock too lavishly. Nor would the bride like him at all the worse for it, for women rather chuse to have a thing well done, than have it often, and well and often too can never hold out." An early edition of the oft-republished works of the pseudo-Aristotle, what was for over a century perhaps the most popular sex education manual in Britain and America. Early ink ownership notation on the front blank and the margin of a leaf of text. Atwater 125 (this edition). Somewhat rubbed and stained; front hinge cracked but sound; foot of the spine chipped, with a little loss; a good, sound copy. \$200.00

Marriage to a Cherokee "an insult to the Christian community."

103. Stone, Timothy. *Quarterly Report of the Foreign Mission School in Cornwall, Conn. for June 1, 1824* [caption title]. [With:] *The Semi-Annual Report of Donations to the Foreign Mission School, for June, 1825* [caption title]. [Cornwall, Conn.: n. p., 1824-1825]. 8vo, disbound from a larger volume, 4, 5 pages, with a few contemporary ink autograph additions and corrections. First edition of each report. A late record of an experiment in the education of foreign and American Indian young men in a small village of western Connecticut, with some notice here of the sexual scandal that brought the school down. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions had established the school with a view to sending Indians, Hawaiians and miscellaneous Chinese and Jews back to their native lands to evangelize for the Protestant virtues of religion and liberal education; alas, the strict prohibition established by the school agents (who included Lyman Beecher) against marriages between students "and females of the vicinity" was flouted by Cherokee Elias Boudinot, who had carried on a negotiation of marriage "by secret and covered correspondence" with local girl Harriet Gold, such a connection of course being considered "an insult to the known feelings of the Christian community." Split

along the spine with the leaves nearly detached; some light foxing and soiling; in good, sound condition. \$40.00

104. [McClelland, Alexander]. *The Doctrine of Incest Stated, with an Examination of the Question, Whether a Man May Marry his Deceased Wife's Sister, in a Letter to a Clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, by Domesticus* [pseud]. *Second Edition*. New-York: G. & C. Carvill, 1827. 8vo, removed from a nonce volume (retaining the printed front wrapper and the larger volume's front free endpaper), 48 pages. Stated second edition; a 47-page edition was published in Carlisle, Penna., in 1826. "Abolish this law; expel this household God: Let it be publicly and distinctly understood that the body of a sister-in-law, is not more than *any other* female body, and to do this, you need only let the parties understand that after the death of the present wife *they may marry*; what will follow? Why, I will tell you Sir, what will follow.—We shall hear by and by, tales that will make our ears tingle." The Carlisle educator and theologian weighs in at length on the dangers of abolishing the Biblical prohibition against marrying a deceased wife's sister. See also items 132 and 133 below. Penciled early author attribution to the front wrapper. *American Imprints* 29561. Somewhat soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$50.00

All property common and all women as common brutes.

105. (Kneeland, Abner). Parker, Samuel Dunn and Andrew Dunlap. *Report of the Arguments of the Attorney of the Commonwealth, at the Trials of Abner Kneeland, for Blasphemy, in the Municipal and Supreme Courts, in Boston, January and May, 1834*. [Boston:] Printed by Beals, Homer & Co., 1834. 8vo, recent plain wrappers, 93 pages. First edition. This prosecutorial account of Kneeland's first and second trials for blasphemy was published "at the request of some Christians of various denominations" and intended to influence the outcome of the third trial (the second—an appeal of his first conviction—had ended with a hung jury, one juror holding out for acquittal). Andrew Dunlap's address to the municipal court goes to great lengths to link Kneeland to the free love principles of Robert Owen and Fanny Wright by way of Charles Knowlton, whose work on contraception *Fruits of Philosophy* had been republished by Kneeland in 1833: "I wish to ask you, Gentlemen, if there would not be grave and pressing reasons to enforce this law. If the system of Fanny Wright and Robert Owen has been introduced here, and by providing unrestrained pleasures, by instituting cheap dances, bringing the sexes often together, and teaching safe sins, seeking converts among the poor, among the young and among the lovers of pleasure, with a view first to demoralize them, and then to make them apt instruments to root up the foundations of society, & make all property common, & all women as common brutes." McCoy K149; *American Imprints* 26121. Title leaf and few other scattered leaves browned; occasional light spot of foxing; a very good copy. \$150.00

Bought of a picture pedlar.

106. Mauriceau, A. M. [i.e., Charles R. Lohman or Joseph F. Trow]. *The Married Woman's Private Medical Companion, Embracing the Treatment of Menstruation, or Monthly Turns, During their Stoppage, Irregularity, or Entire Suppression. Pregnancy, and How it May be Determined* . . . New York: [n. p.], 1847. 12mo, original discreet blind-ruled unlettered black cloth, xiii, [1], 238 pages. First edition. An important early American book on contraception and abortion that went through numerous editions. Janet Brodie's *Contraception and Abortion in Nineteenth Century America* (Ithaca 1994), notes in the course of her look at the career of New York city

abortionist Ann Trow Lohman (better known as "Madame Restell") the intersection of anti-abortion prosecution and entrepreneurial contraception sales, explaining that "in 1847, while Restell was in prison, either her husband [Charles R. Lohman] or Joseph F. Trow [whose name appears on the copyright page], her brother; or both went into the reproductive control business using the alias 'Dr. A. M. Mauriceau.' . . . Primarily an inducement to readers to send money for secret remedies and to come to the Liberty Street address for abortions, it offered remedies through the mail or in person." In part, this work makes moral and medical arguments in favor of contraception, and offers for sale at Mauriceau's Liberty Street address in New York such products as the condom (five dollars per dozen). The pseudonym seems likely a nod to the 17th century obstetrics innovator Francois Mauriceau. This copy is of additional interest for a pencil inscription on the rear free endpaper, "Andrew J. Jones [? — the name scribbled through in pencil] Book, Bought April 22d 1848 of a Picture Pedlar at 4/- & cheap at that." There is an additional decorative pencil inscription on the opposite paste-down, "Eve + Adam," as well as a small pencil mark next to a footnote on page 153 relating to men limiting masturbation to no more than twice a week. Atwater 2398. Boards spotted and a trifle rubbed; light foxing throughout and some light damp-staining to the lower corner of the last 30-40 leaves; a good, sound copy. \$400.00

107. Mauriceau, A. M. [i.e., Charles R. Lohman or Joseph F. Trow]. *The Married Woman's Private Medical Companion, Embracing the Treatment of Menstruation, or Monthly Turns, During their Stoppage, Irregularity, or Entire Suppression. Pregnancy, and How it May be Determined* . . . New York: [n. p.], 1851. 12mo, original discreet blind-stamped unlettered black cloth, xiii, [1], 238 pages. A new printing from the same plates as the 1847 first edition, with a reset title page. An important early American book on contraception and abortion that went through numerous editions. Atwater 2401. Boards somewhat rubbed; small gouge to the front joint; some foxing throughout; a very good copy. \$200.00

Complex marriage and male continence.

108. [Noyes, John Humphrey]. *Slavery and Marriage. A Dialogue*. [Oneida, N.Y.]: n. p., 1850. 16mo, unbound pamphlet, 14 pages, unopened. First edition. An allegorical conversation between Judge North, Major South, and Mr. Free Church—nominally a discussion of slavery and its wrongs but at its root an argument against monogamous marriage and for the practice of complex marriage as instituted at the Oneida community. Noyes (as Mr. Free Church) argues in part that women "would certainly fare better under a system of free-labor and free-love in Association, than they do under the Marriage system, where each family is at the mercy of one man. A responsible association of men, is the protection secured to every woman and child, in the system I advocate." An early public (if anonymous) articulation of the Oneida community's radical system of sexual relations. A little soiled; a fine copy. \$375.00

109. Noyes. *Male Continence*. Oneida, N.Y.: Office of the Oneida Circular, 1872. 8vo, original printed green wrappers, 24 pages. First edition. Noyes here outlines his method of intercourse without ejaculation, perhaps the necessary adjunct to the community's practice of complex marriage; Noyes examines the practice's roots in both his religious principles and his family life: "At that time [1844] I conceived the idea that the sexual organs have a social function which is distinct from the propagative function; and that these functions may be separated practically. I experimented on this idea, and found that the self-control which it requires is not difficult; also that my enjoyment was increased; also that my wife's experience was very

satisfactory, as it had never been before; also that we had escaped the horrors and the fear of involuntary propagation.” Wrappers somewhat chipped and worn and stained; light damp-stain to the upper quarter of the text block throughout; a good, sound copy.

\$150.00

110. Noyes. *Salvation from Sin, the End of Christian Faith*. Oneida, N. Y.: Published by the Oneida Community, 1876. 8vo, original printed buff wrappers, 48 pages. Evidently the third edition; the first appeared in 1866, published at the Wallingford Community, with a revised edition in 1869 published at Oneida. A detailed statement about and justification of Perfectionism, the religious doctrine upon which the whole of the Oneida communist enterprise (and its sexual practices) were based. Some light soiling and wear; a very good copy.

\$100.00

111. (Noyes). Gates, Theophilus R[ansom]. *The Trials, Experience, Exercises of Mind, and First Travels, of Theophilus R. Gates. Written by Himself*. Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: Printed by C. C. Adams and Co., for the Author, 1810 12mo, contemporary calf spine, marbled boards, 214, [1] pages. First edition. An early autobiographical account of the eccentric itinerant religious figure Theophilus Gates (1787-1846), eventually known as the Battle-Axe, and who would found a small colony of adherents to his peculiar blend of rabble-rousing free-love perfectionism and prelapsarian nudity near Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Gates would later embrace Perfectionism (and in 1837 publish without permission the then-new views of John Humphrey Noyes on the “nullity of wives”), which in turn led to the foundation of Gates’s small colony of fellow Battle-Axes later that year. This account hints at the roots of this future radicalism, with much on his childhood and abortive career as a teacher, repeated meditation on his anxieties over the violent wrath of God (including the recurrent headaches which would nearly cripple him when he was to preach), as well as something of a itinerary of his reception, both friendly and hostile, as an itinerant preacher. (For a fuller account of Gates’ life and erratic career, including its intersection with such figures as Noyes and Lorenzo Dow, see Charles Coleman Sellers’ *Theophilus the Battle-Axe*, Philadelphia 1930.) Sabin 26758; Kaplan 2121: “A clergyman in Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and New York.” Rubbed and worn, front hinge tender; some occasional light staining; a good, sound copy.

\$325.00

112. Nichols, T[homas] L[ow], M.D. *Esoteric Anthropology. A Comprehensive and Confidential Treatise on the Structure, Functions, Passional Attractions and Perversions, True and False Physical and Social Conditions, and the Most Intimate Relations of Men and Women*. New York: Published by the Author, at his Reform Book Store, 1853. 16mo, original blind-stamped brown cloth over flexible card stock wrappers, gilt lettering, 482 pages. Likely an early reprint from the stereotype plates. From the reforming water cure physician, women’s rights lecturer and vegetarian advocate Thomas Low Nichols, an extensive work on sexual health with reference to Fourier, free love principles, female birth control, etc. “Although Thomas Low Nichols is credited as its sole author, the wording of the text—especially the opinions about contraception and abortion—suggests that [wife and fellow-reformer] Mary Gove Nichols wrote parts” (Brodie, *Contraception and Abortion in Nineteenth-Century America*). Cf. Atwater 2627 (Port Chester imprint) & 2628 (New York, Stringer & Townsend imprint) & 2629 (Published by the author, at his Reform Book Store, 1854). Fragile book somewhat rubbed and worn; some foxing; a good, sound copy.

\$225.00

A species of self-denial on the part of the husband.

113. [Alcott, William Andrus]. *The Physiology of Marriage. By an Old Physician. Fourth Thousand*. Boston: Published by John P. Jewett & Co. [etc.], 1856. An early reprint of the first edition, which also bore the 1856 Jewett imprint. With much on the social and moral side of the marriage relation as well as the sexual side; with much on contraception (Alcott counsels withdrawal—or “a species of self-denial on the part of the husband, which though it should be its essential form like that of Onan, would be without his particular form of guilt”) and the deleterious effects of fornication and masturbation. Jewett—who had of course earlier published *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*—left publishing during the economic depression of 1857; Brodie notes that he returned to publishing as the manager of Edward Bliss Foote’s Murray Hill Publishing Company, though “after Foote’s trial and conviction in July 1876 for publishing birth control information, he lost his job” (Brodie, 197). Contemporary pencil ownership signature, “E. J. Partridge, Royalston, Mass.” on the front blank. Atwater 40 (this “Fourth Thousand,” none earlier). Cloth somewhat faded and spotted; some spotting and foxing; a few gatherings a trifle shaken; a good, sound copy.

\$150.00

114. Earl, William. *Prospectus for The Illustrated Silent Friend, with the caption title “Please Preserve this Circular. Dr. W. Earl & Co’s Wonderful New Book: The Illustrated Silent Friend!”* New York: W. H. Chedester, [ca. 1858]. Single sheet of India paper, printed recto and verso, approx. 12 x 9-5/8 inches. An ephemeral advertisement seeking agents to peddle the cheap 368-page vade mecum which, despite its myriad promises in agate type to provide the reader with receipts for horse liniment and the infallible means of cleaning kid gloves, perhaps rightly anticipates the bulk of its sales will be built upon a foundation of sex—or as a subhead would have it: “Being a Complete Guide to Health, Happiness, and Wealth; embracing subjects never before Scientifically Discussed, such as Consumption, Private Diseases, Self Abuse, Matrimony, Sympathetic Affinity, Together with the Latest Discoveries in Physiology, Philosophy, Natural and Celestial Magic. . . .” Prospective agents should address W. H. Chedester, 266 Broadway, N.Y. A nearly identical advertisement, with J. F. Jagers of Calhoun, Ill. as the agent, is noted in OCLC at the University of Rochester (though not noted in the Atwater catalogue). A trifle soiled and worn; in very good condition.

\$150.00

115. [Jackson, William, M.D., translator?]. Dr. Rozier. *Woman: Her Health, Beauty, and Intellect, Preserved from Premature Decline: With Directions how to Avoid the Causes which so Early Induce Old Age. Addressed to Mothers and Daughters. Translated from the French of Dr. Rozier, with Additions by an American Physician*. Boston: Phillips, Sampson, and Company, 1859. 8vo, original black cloth, gilt lettering, 304 pages (final eight leaves bound out of order but complete). A reissue of the 1856 first American edition of this French medical treatise on the deleterious effects of female masturbation. Twenty-four letters to an adolescent female well calculated to persuade her to forgo the solitary vice: “Secret Habits produce Stupidity and Insensibility in Women,” “Scrofula, its course combined with secret habits,” “Secret Indulgence may produce Madness,” etc. With an additional eight letters to mothers on the means of arresting the secret habit. The first edition appeared in 1822 as *Lettres médicales et morales*; Atwater notes “This Boston edition is probably a translation of the 3rd Paris edition (1830) entitled: *Des habitudes secrètes, ou l’onanisme chez les femmes*. The Boston edition was reissued in 1857 [not found on OCLC] and again in

1859. It was copyrighted in 1856 by William Jackson, M.D., who may be the ‘American physician’ on the title-page.” Redding had published the 1856 edition and appears to have sold the plates to Phillips, Sampson; the partners of the latter firm both died in 1859 and the firm declared bankruptcy, which may explain why there do not seem to be any subsequent editions. A little rubbed and worn; a very good copy. \$125.00

116. Woodruff, Charles S., M.D. *Legalized Prostitution; or, Marriage as it is, and Marriage as it should be, Philosophically Considered. . . . Second Edition*. Boston: Bela Marsh, 1863. 8vo, original brown cloth, gilt lettering, 226 pages. Stated second edition, perhaps a later printing from the first edition plates, though the title page appears to be an inserted singleton and the pagination is identical to the 1862 first edition, suggesting perhaps a reissue? Issued under the imprint of reforming publisher Bela Marsh, a medical doctor from Troy, N.Y. argues against marriage as instituted by contemporary society’s hypocritical economic and legal demands: “Two may come together, by or through the arts and deceits of society, whose real feelings are entirely different, and will not blend any more than water and oil will mix; yet the human law steps in and says, I will entail the curse of living *unnaturally*, not only upon you, but upon *your children*, born in unholy wedlock.” Woodruff instead uses an elaborate scaffold of scientific deism to argue for sexual affinity—or “the life forces within us, magnetism and electricity . . . coming together in perfect blending of these subtle powers”—as the basis of a healthy and holy marriage: “The creative power is actuated by love, and manifested through our genital organs; and, of all our faculties, none is more beautiful and wise than these . . . the fine nerves of sensation with which each is endowed, giving to those powers a pleasurable stimulus. . . . though we well know that the superficial mock-modesties and false estimates of modern society will not bear us out in saying so; yet truth and pure motives will.” A few tears to the spine neatly repaired; corners and head and foot of the spine rubbed; a little browning; a very good copy. \$225.00

117. Foote, Edward B[liss]. *Medical Common Sense; Applied to the Causes, Prevention and Cure of Chronic Diseases and Unhappiness in Marriage . . . Revised and Enlarged Edition*. New York: Published by the Author, 1867. 8vo, original blue cloth, gilt lettering, 390 pages. Frontis portrait. Evidently the final issue of the “revised and enlarged edition” of *Medical Common Sense*, first published in 1858, and which was succeeded by *Plain Home Talk* in 1870. “Some over fastidious readers, perchance, will question the propriety of a public presentation of my theory regarding the philosophy of sexual intercourse, but the necessity of the step will be perceived in subsequent chapters.” This wildly popular work of domestic health included much on Foote’s theories of electrical and vegetable medicine, medical reform and sexual practice (including contraception). This revised and enlarged edition added “more than one hundred pages devoted primarily to reproductive control and sexual physiology” (Brodie). Foote also established a successful publishing company and mail order contraceptive business, at least until his conviction under the Comstock laws in 1874 complicated the contraception aspects of his business. Atwater 1218. Worn, shaken and stained; a fair copy only. \$25.00

Graphic interracial sex education for children.

118. Foote. *Science in Story. Sammy Tubbs, the Boy Doctor, and Sponsie, the Troublesome Monkey*. New York: Murray Hill Publishing Company, 1874, 1874, 1874, 1876 & 1874. 5 vols, small 8vo, original decorated terra cotta cloth, gilt lettering, 230, 232, 245 + [1], 256, 251 + [1] pages. Frontis in each volume, extensively illus-

trated by H. L. Stephens and including in vol. 5 the leaf illustrating the human reproductive system numbered 180-1/2—180-3/4 (for easy excision by parents with no loss to the pagination). Likely first editions of vols. 1-3 & 5 (though the type batter in vol. 5 suggests a possible later printing) and an early printing of vol. 4. One of the strangest and perhaps most radical American children’s books of the 19th century, an early attempt to make progressive sex education accessible to children. The eclectic physician, birth control reformer, and mail order entrepreneur E. B. Foote (1829-1906, see the ANB) decided to promote rational physiological education for children with a series of children’s stories published under his Murray Hill imprint; the entertaining didactic stories involve the education of an intelligent young African American boy taken in by a kindly physician modeled on Foote himself (the woodcut illustrations of the doctor are clearly modeled on the author), the whole leavened with the zany adventures of two domesticated monkeys (each named Sponsie) whose antics generally tend to point up a relevant physiological lesson. (When one monkey shoots off his own rectum it allows the doctor to demonstrate incontinence.) The first four titles in the series were well received, though when Foote attempted to put sex education on similar rational footing with *The Gymnast Tubbs* (the final volume in the series and the only one in this set to have its cover stamped “A Book for Private Reading”) many journals refused to notice the work, while those few that did roundly denounced it. By the final volume, the young Sammy Tubbs has become a respected lecturer on physiology, at one point addressing a crowd of young women in a private lecture on healthy sexual function; much is also made of the importance of intermarriage of the races to improve the stock, here going so far as to include a romance between Sammy and a well-bred young white woman. Michael Sappol notes in his *Traffic in Dead Bodies: Anatomy and Embodied Social Identity in Nineteenth Century American* (Princeton 2002) one illustration in particular marks “perhaps the first positive representation of an interracial kiss in nineteenth-century American illustrated fiction.” The story ends with young Sammy entering medical school. By 1874 Foote would find himself in hot water with Comstock, facing arrest that year for sending a work advertising contraception through the mail. Pencil ownership signature of one E. B. Chase dated Dec. 25, 1879 on the front free endpaper of each volume; another Chase ownership stamp on the top edge of each text block. See also Sappol’s “Sammy Tubbs and Dr. Hubbs: Anatomical Dissection, Minstrelsy, and the Technology of Self-Making in Postbellum America,” in *Configurations*, Vol. 4, No. 2, Spring 1996. Also see Atwater 1255 (five volumes, 1874-1885) & Coyle, *Ohio Authors*, pages 218-219. Front boards of a couple of volumes bowed, some light damp-staining to the edges of most of the volumes; somewhat rubbed; a good, sound set of a work rarely found complete in five volumes. \$750.00

119. Dixon, William Hepworth. *Spiritual Wives . . . Complete in One Volume. Second Edition*. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1868. 8vo, original purple cloth, gilt lettering, 476, [4] pages. Frontis portrait. Stated second edition; the first appeared in England in two volumes in 1868. This volume almost certainly marks the first American printing, preceded by an American issue of the English sheets with the Lippincott stamp on the spine issued the same year. A detailed but fairly sensationalist look at the religious groups who practice “spiritual affinity,” including Noyes and the Oneida colony, his infamous “Battle-Axe Letter” to Theophilus Gates, Owen and Wright at New Harmony, the plural wives of the Mormons, the Fourierists, etc. Neat early ink ownership signature on the front blank. Cf. Sabin 20378 & Flake 2848. Some light wear and bumping, spine sunned; a little bit of staining and wear; a very good copy. \$150.00

120. [Jencks, E. N.]. *The History and Philosophy of Marriage; or, Polygamy and Monogamy Compared. By a Christian Philanthropist.* Boston: James Campbell, 1869. 8vo, original brown cloth, gilt lettering, 256 pages. First edition. "If there is any truth in the Holy Bible, it teaches the innocence of polygamy, and the sinfulness of every form of sexual indulgence not guarded by a life-long marriage. If there is any truth in history, it teaches the innate impurity of enforced monogamy." Jencks' work—a concession to the primacy of sexual urges and an effort to accommodate them—was not surprisingly taken up by the Latter Day Saints: "The Mormons cited Jencks more frequently than any other author" (Hardy & Erickson, "Regeneration—Now and Evermore!": Mormon Polygamy and the Physical Rehabilitation of Humankind," *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 2001). Includes moderately lengthy blurbs from fellow New England authors F. B. Sanborn and G. W. Curtis ("I do not agree with its conclusions; but I cannot quarrel with its spirit"). Cloth a bit sunned but otherwise a fine copy. \$225.00

121. [Cooke, Nicholas Francis]. *Satan in Society. By a Physician.* Cincinnati and New York: C. F. Vent; Chicago: J. S. Goodman & Co., 1871. First edition. "The reverend gentleman should have added to his list of causes self-abuse, flirtation or 'moral onanism,' conjugal onanism, but above all, and as predisposing cause, *practical infidelity*, and the picture would have been complete." A detailed and oft-reprinted popular work from the Chicago homeopath Cooke (1829-1885), who warns against the unnatural sexual urges created by the co-educational system, devotes separate chapters to the dangers of both male and female masturbation, argues that abstinence is the only acceptable contraceptive, uses a certain amount of medical claptrap to argue against allowing a woman to work outside the home, etc. (To his credit, Cooke does argue against forcing intercourse on a new wife.) Atwater 779. Two-inch spot of cloth abraded away from the fore-edge of the front board (exposing the pasteboard beneath); some light rubbing and soiling; a little internal staining, with some foxing to the fore-edge of the text block; still, a very good copy. \$100.00

Man's mission on Earth!

122. Jordan, Louis J. *Man's Mission on Earth! A Treatise on Nervous Debility and Physical Exhaustion, being a Synopsis of Lectures Delivered at the Museum of Anatomy, Science and Art, 1146 Broadway, New York, by L. J. Jordan, M. D., 51 East Tenth Street, (Bet. Broadway and University Place,) New York.* [New York: n. p.], (1871). Small 8vo, original terra cotta cloth, gilt decoration and lettering, 181, [2] pages. First edition? "Man's mission on earth is a title that was given to several volumes of collected lectures delivered at anatomy museums in Boston, New York and Philadelphia operated by members of the Jordan-Kahn clans and their partners. However, the volumes published under this title by L. J. Jordan, R. J. Jourdain . . . and R. J. Kahn differ in content." Dr. L. J. Jordan includes nine chapters on the perils of wasting seminal liquor through masturbation and the threat of venereal diseases, all the while of course advertising his discreet medical services and the enlightenment one might receive at the Jordan Museum of Anatomy, Science and Art ("For Gentlemen Only") on Broadway. Cf. Atwater 2043, noting a publication date of [1882, c1871] for a title with this collation. Cloth somewhat rubbed and spotted; a good, sound copy. \$125.00

123. Jordan. *Man's Mission on Earth! A Treatise on Nervous Debility and Physical Exhaustion, being a Synopsis of Lectures Delivered at the Museum of Anatomy, Science and Art, 1146 Broadway, New*

York, by L. J. Jordan, M. D., 51 East Tenth Street, (Bet. Broadway and University Place,) New York. [New York: n. p.], (1871). Small 8vo, original brown cloth, gilt lettering, 181, [2] pages. First edition? Cf. Atwater 2043. Rear board somewhat bubbled, a little fading; a very good copy. \$125.00

124. Napheys, George H[enry], M.D. *The Transmission of Life. Counsels on the Nature and Hygiene of the Masculine Function . . . Ninth Edition. Enlarged and Revised.* Philadelphia: J. G. Fergus & Co.; Cincinnati: H. H. Natt & Co.; Boston: Geo. M. Smith & Co., 1871. 8vo, original purple cloth, gilt lettering, iv, [2], [3]-346, v-xxxi pages. A later edition of this popular sex education manual, published for the subscription trade. One of the many editions published before Napheys' death (perhaps by suicide, see Brodie) in 1876, a fairly progressive work on health and sexuality. (Napheys was a fairly progressive proponent of contraception, though he does express some ambivalence about its incentives to sensualism.) With the expected chapters on the dangers of masturbation and venereal diseases. He also counsels men to remember that only "in very rare instances do women experience one tithe of the sexual feeling which is familiar to most men. Many of them are entirely frigid, and not even in marriage do they ever perceive any real desire." Atwater 2555.1: "The transmission of life appeared in ten Philadelphia editions in 1871 alone, and was issued in twenty-one editions through 1875. At least eleven issues of the 'new edition' were published in the United States between 1878 and 1898." Quite worn and rubbed and somewhat soiled; a couple of gatherings sprung (the book falls naturally open to the section on impotence); a fair copy only of a title that evidently saw some heavy use. \$25.00

125. Napheys. *The Transmission of Life. Counsels on the Nature and Hygiene of the Masculine Function . . . Tenth Edition. Enlarged and Revised.* Philadelphia: J. G. Fergus & Co.; Cincinnati: H. H. Natt & Co.; Boston: Geo. M. Smith & Co., 1871. 8vo, original purple cloth, gilt lettering, iv, [2], [3]-346, v-xxxi pages. A later edition of this popular sex education manual, published for the subscription trade. Atwater 2555.1. This copy with an ink ownership inscription on the front blank, "#2 J. C. Spencer July 10, 1872. No. 1," with his neat decorative stamped "S" below that. Spine sunned; somewhat rubbed and bumped; a number of gatherings a bit sprung but all sound; a good, sound copy only. \$30.00

126. Napheys. *The Transmission of Life: Counsels on the Nature and Hygiene of the Masculine Function . . . New Edition.* Philadelphia: H. C. Watts Co., 1879 8vo, original light brown cloth, gilt lettering, iv, [2], 3-8, [2], xv, [1], 9-362, xxxi pages. Frontis portrait. A later edition of this popular sex education manual, published for the subscription trade. Cf. Atwater 2552-2568 (not noting this issue). A trifle worn and bumped; cloth a bit soiled; a very good copy. \$50.00

127. Napheys. *The Transmission of Life: Counsels on the Nature and Hygiene of the Masculine Function . . . New Edition.* Philadelphia: H. C. Watts Co., 1880. 8vo, original light brown cloth, gilt lettering, iv, [2], 3-8, [2], xv, [1], 9-362, xxxi pages. Frontis portrait. Atwater 2561: "The 'new edition' was first published at Philadelphia in 1878." Some soiling and wear; a very good copy. \$50.00

128. Hayes, Albert H[amilton], M.D. *The Science of Life; or, Self-Preservation. A Medical Treatise on Nervous and Physical Debility, Spermatorrhoea, Impotence, and Sterility, with Practical Observations on the Treatment of Diseases of the Generative Organs.* [Boston:] Published by the Peabody Medical Institute, (1868) [but

ca. 1873]. 16mo, original blue cloth, [16], 13-35, [2], 47-52, 55-254, 265-274, [3]-8, 6-13, [7] pages (as published). Frontis portrait, numerous illus., two inserted color plates of the medal struck for Hayes by the National Medical Association. An early reprint of this popular work. A nice copy of this popular sexual physiology book for men, warning of the dangers of venereal diseases and most especially of the perils of masturbation. Includes a testimonial dated 1873 amid the ads in the rear. Cf. Atwater 1587-1591 for several editions. Some slight rubbing; spine somewhat sunned, with a small gouge to the lower joint; a very good copy. \$200.00

129. Heywood, E[zra] H[ervey]. *Cupid's Yokes: or, The Binding Forces of Conjugal Life. An Essay to Consider some Moral and Physiological Phases of Love and Marriage, wherein is Asserted the Natural Right and Necessity of Sexual Self-Government . . . Twentieth Thousand*. Princeton, Mass.: Co-operative Publishing Co., 1877. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 23, [1] pages. Stated twentieth thousand; the first edition appeared with the imprint date of 1876. The key free-love work from the radical reformer Heywood, the pamphlet that motivated Comstock to arrest Heywood at a New England Free Love League convention in November, 1877 (see Comstock, item 137) and led to Heywood's lengthy trial for obscenity. "Ezra Heywood's writing style in the twenty-three page *Cupid's Yokes* was scholarly and rather wordy; he attacked marriage, defended women's rights, and issued a challenge to Comstock and his supporters. Most of this was done employing logic and careful argumentation. Despite some dramatic rhetorical flourishes, the pamphlet's prose was much less racy than the lewd materials that obscenity opponents may have expected" (Blatt, *Free-Love and Anarchism*, 105). Lewd or no, Heywood was sentenced to two years in prison in 1878 (he served about six months); a related case involving D.M. Bennett's sale of this title resulted in the so-called "Blatchford standard" for obscenity in the U.S. Wrappers somewhat soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$250.00

130. Besant, Annie. *The Law of Population. Its Consequences and its Bearing on Human Conduct and Morals. Authorized American from the 25th Thousand English Edition*. New York: Asa K. Butts, 1878. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 47, [1] pages. First American edition of this important work on birth control. Besant had revolutionized the publication of contraceptive information in England after her republication of Knowlton's *Fruits of Philosophy* (in defiance of a court order); after her acquittal, finding the market clear for an updated work, she published this work—which soon replaced Knowlton as the standard practical work on the subject. Besant's work was part of a contemporary resurgence in popular self-help literature on the subject despite the threat later posed by Comstock. The publisher Asa Butts was for a time a prominent figure in Liberal circles, though he is characterized by Brodie as an "idealistic n'er-do-well" ("Butts . . . was rated by credit reporters in the early 1870s as 'a visionary' who should not be extended credit"). Butts had come to publishing through an association with John P. Jewett (publisher of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*) when they were both involved in the affairs of the Wakefield Earth Closet Company. Cf. Atwater 314 (cataloguing the 1886 edition), which draws largely on Himes' *Medical History of Contraception* for its description of Besant's work. Wrappers a bit worn and soiled, some general light wear; a very good copy. \$250.00

131. Eliot, [William Greenleaf]. *A Practical Discussion of the Great Social Question of the Day. By Wm. G. Eliot*. New York: H. J. Hewitt, Printer, 1879 8vo, original printed wrappers, 26 pages. Likely second edition; there was a New York edition published by John Ross & Co. with a date of 1876, as well as evidently two un-

dated editions of eight and twelve pages. Reprinted from an article published in the *St. Louis Globe* in 1873, Eliot makes a frank and detailed argument against efforts to license prostitution in St. Louis, looking at the spread of disease, rates of increase in the numbers of prostitutes, the moral dimension, etc. Eliot took a leading role in the life of St. Louis and the foundation of Washington University. Two old punch holes to the inner margins; wrapper margins browning, with a small stain at the foot of the spine; a very good copy. OCLC notes three locations for the 1876 edition, a single location for this edition, and scattered holdings for the undated editions. \$125.00

132. Doane, William Crosswell. "*Kindred and Affinity: God's Law of Marriage*. By Wm. Crosswell Doane, Bishop of Albany. New York: Pott, Young & Company, Cooper Union, 1880. 8vo, removed from a nonce volume (retaining front wrapper), 31 pages. First edition. Within larger questions of the relationship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. to the Canon law of the Anglican Church, Doane argues at length in favor of the traditional prohibition against allowing a man to marry his deceased wife's sister. A rather cerebral approach, especially when compared to the moderately prurient arguments of Rev. McClelland (see item 104). Small flaw to adjacent leaves, affecting a couple of letters (no loss of sense); a little browned and worn; a very good copy. \$40.00

133. Gale, John B[enjamin]. *Affinity No Bar to Marriage*. Troy, N.Y.: William H. Young, 1881. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 77 pages. First edition, a presentation copy inscribed in ink at the head of the front wrapper, "From Jno. B. Gale." A reply to Doane's "*Kindred and Affinity; God's Law of Marriage* (see above), which Gale attacks as something of a Romish attempt of the High Church Episcopal factions to infiltrate American mores under a banner of anti-sensuality. Gale characterizes his pamphlet as a "contribution toward the protection of a Natural-right to marriage-Freedom from Ecclesiastical invasion." Old light vertical crease to volume; spine and wrapper edges darkened, with some general wear and occasional spotting; a very good copy. \$30.00

134. [Circular]. *Dr. Clark's New Illustrated Marriage Guide: A Treatise on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Generative Organs of Both Sexes, and their Organic and Functional Diseases . . .* [caption title]. Ashland, Mass.: Union Purchasing Agency, [ca. 1880-1890]. 8vo, unbound 4-page bifolium. "It was not written nor published with the view of advertising a quack doctor or nostrum, nor to further the sale of anything except the Book itself, and therefore its pages are not taken up with lying and knavish advertisements." A detailed advertisement for this popular sex manual and book of secrets, originally published in 1873 and distributed at times in the 1880s and 1890s by the Union Purchasing Agency, and here advertised as one dollar per copy (or three copies for two dollars) mailed postpaid to any address upon receipt of price. A little browning and soiling and two old folds; in very good condition. \$50.00

135. United States Home Mfg. Co. *Circular advertising for sales agents for the "New Improved 'Gem' Monthly Protector" menstrual cup*. Chicago, Ill.: United States Home Mfg. Co., [ca. 1880?]. Single sheet, printed recto and verso, approx. 11-1/2 x 8-1/2 inches, printed on rose paper. Small woodcut of the Gem at the head of the sheet. In itself a gem of the 19th century advertiser's rhetorical craft, a densely-printed circular for "the VERY BEST Periodical Appliance in the world," with much vernacular testimony from humble sales-agents as to the ease of selling this innovative product: "A German servant girl, writing from a city in the Sunny South, says:—'I was much happy. I take me 50 orders in about two hours, the first day. These ladies like very much. I will send for another gross in a

few days.” The United States Home Mfg. Co. gives the Lakeside Building (a home to numerous publishers) as its address. A couple of old folds, some minor wear; in very good condition. \$125.00

136. Murray, Eli H. *Governor's Message and Accompanying Documents. Twenty-Fifth Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah* [wrapper title]. Salt Lake City: T. E. Taylor, Printer, 1882. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 27 pages. First edition. Governor Murray's address to the opening of the Territorial Assembly, in part making a case for Utah statehood. As would be expected of this stance, Murray calls on the Mormon Church to scale back its involvement in the political affairs of Utah: "First.—that in no sense—even in the slightest degree—is the sovereignty of church over state in unison with the language or spirit of the Constitution of your country's laws." Of course one of the biggest (and perhaps most sensationalist) blocks to statehood was the Mormon practice of plural wives, alluded to in this address. With additional material on agriculture, railroads, the courts, etc. Contemporary ink signature and date at the head of the front wrapper. Flake 9365. Some light creasing; a little wear; a very good copy. \$250.00

137. Comstock, Anthony. *Traps for the Young . . . with Introduction by J. M. Buckley, D.D.* New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1883. 8vo, original decorated brown cloth, gilt lettering, 253, [1] pages + [10] pages publisher's catalogue for 1883. First edition. "Nothing short of turning the whole human family loose to run wild like the beasts of the forest, will satisfy the demands of the leaders and publishers of this literature." Among the various classes of vice to which Comstock had pledged his active enmity were those of the sex educators: the publishers of material on contraception, marriage and free love—or otherwise, the "alliance of the free-lust and liberal elements," who were often targets of Comstock's prosecutorial zeal and entrapment techniques. In this detailed account of Comstock's various crusades (the dime novel scourge, gambling houses, quack doctors) is included a chapter on "Free-Love Traps," which includes a detailed account of his arrest of Eliza Heywood at the New England Free Love League convention in Boston in 1877. McCoy, *Freedom of the Press*, C496; Atwater 754. First gathering just a trifle loose; some minor bumping and rubbing; a very good copy. \$225.00

Cannabis as a stimulant to female desire.

138. Hammond, William A[lexander], M.D. *Sexual Impotence in the Male and Female*. Detroit: George S. Davis, 1887. Large 8vo, original maroon cloth, gilt lettering, 305 pages. First edition thus: "The first edition, published nearly three years ago, related only to impotence in the male. The present edition considers the disorder in the female also." A clinical work from the pioneering American neurologist Hammond (1828-1900), and certainly an early American approach to sexual dysfunction; much space is devoted to case studies of homosexual men (classified among those with an "absence of sexual desire"), as well as the problems of preoccupation with business, of excessive masturbation, or of sexual fetish. (One case study involves a man with a sexual preoccupation with shoes.) Hammond devotes less space to the problems of women, though he offers sensible words on the subject of mental distraction as well as the importance of the female orgasm; it seems worth noting that Hammond suggests prescribing cannabis to women as a stimulant to sexual desire. A trifle bumped and rubbed; a fine copy. \$75.00

139. Bate, Dr. J[ohn] W. *Dr. Bate's True Marriage Guide, a Treatise for the Married and the Marriageable, both Male and Female, Containing Information and Salutary Hints for Everyone*. Chicago: J. W. Bate, (1889). 8vo, original printed orange wrappers, 270, [2]

pages. Frontis, illus. First edition, though perhaps a later printing. A comprehensive marriage guide in a cheap paper-bound format from this "confidential physician" operating out of an office on Clark Street in Chicago, with much on physiology, warnings against masturbation, mention of withdrawal as a contraceptive technique (he condemns it as worse than masturbation); he also advertises female contraceptive syringes. Atwater 232. Several instances of worming and insect damage, generally marginal (touching some letters but with no loss of sense); a bit chipped and soiled, with a later gathering a bit loose; a good, sound copy of an ephemeral item. \$125.00

A book worth \$100.00 in gold!

140. Cowan, John, M.D. *A Book Worth \$100.00 in Gold! A Circular Describing The Science of New Life . . .* [caption title]. New York: J. S. Ogilvie, [ca. 1890]. 8vo, unbound, [16] pages, printed on newsprint. Facsimile signature of various endorsers. First edition of this prospectus. A fulsome, ephemeral and detailed advertisement for this popular marriage manual, which was reissued by Ogilvie for the subscription trade: "To men and women out of employment we offer splendid inducements to canvass for this book—such terms as will allow a profit of from \$30 to \$50 a week, right along." Despite all the hints of prurient detail alluded to in Ogilvie's ads, Cowan advocated continence of fairly high order: married couples were counseled to attempt procreation but once every two years, and then only on a sunny day in August or September. Small chip to the first leaf (not affecting text); cheap paper browned; a very good copy. \$50.00

141. Dike, Rev. Samuel W., Rev. Edward C. Porter, and Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer. *Publications of the National Divorce Reform League. Special Issues of 1893. No. 3. The Church and the Home. A Report to the General Association of Congregational Churches, of Massachusetts* [wrapper title]. [Boston?]: National Divorce League, 1893. First edition of this extract from the Minutes of the Association. How to combat the decline of family life, the increase in divorce, and the prevalence of sexual vice in contemporary society. Blame in part is laid to the absence of men on business and the frivolity of the modern woman: "There are the fascinations of shopping, the waste of time over mere social 'fads,' and the increasing resort on the part of women to clubs and social frivolities among themselves." As often seems to be the case with New England reform societies, greater education is stressed as the key. Some staining and wear; a good, sound copy. \$20.00

142. Lobb, Dr. Henry W. *A Treatise on the Errors of Youth and Diseases of the Sexes*. Philadelphia: Copyrighted by Dr. H. W. Lobb, [ca. 1895]. 16mo, publisher's stapled sheets case bound into plain black cloth over boards, [ii], 4-207, [1] pages. First edition? A cheap and ephemeral booklet that in part advertises the discreet treatments of a Philadelphia doctor who advertises on the verso of his title page, "After all others fail, consult the old reliable Dr. Lobb. 329 North Fifteenth Street (Below Callowhill) Philadelphia, Pa. Thirty Years Continuous Practice. Cures Guaranteed." On the perils of masturbation and the symptoms of venereal diseases, etc. There appears to have been an edition dated 1894, located by OCLC at six institutions. Lobb not found in Atwater. Completely broken along the gutter of the title page; back board broken; some other general wear; a good, sound copy only. \$85.00

143. Stockham, Alice B[unker], M.D. *Karezza. Ethics of Marriage*. Chicago: Alice B. Stockham & Co., (1896). 8vo, original green cloth, gilt lettering, 136, [6] pages. First edition. "By tenderness and

endearment, the husband develops a response in the wife through her love nature, which thrills every fiber into action and is a radiating tonic to every nerve." A fairly explicit work of spiritual sex reform from the early American woman physician, suffrage activist and New Thought writer Alice Bunker Stockham (1833-1912), an 1854 graduate of the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati. Karezza is the name Stockham gives to her technique of transcendent sexual intercourse without male ejaculation; she argues for Karezza as a means of both spiritual connection between the partners as well as the only way to insure a superior generation of children who will be born without the weakening effects of lusts and unequal social relationships. Includes some anti-masturbation asides (the "Corroboration" section includes an anonymous letter from a female missionary to China who has fallen prey to "a bad, secret habit") and ads for kindred reforming works. A trifle rubbed; some light foxing to the edges of the text block; a fine copy. \$200.00

144. Stall, Sylvanus. *What a Young Man Ought to Know*. Philadelphia, U.S.A.: The Vir Publishing Company, London England; Toronto: William Briggs, (1897). Small 8vo, original maroon cloth, gilt lettering, [20], xvi, [21]-281, [1], [10] pages. Frontis portrait. First edition. Stall (1847-1915) was a Lutheran minister and "author of books on topics as diverse as parish finance, devotions and sex education" (Atwater). This work includes advice on diet and physical culture as well as the usual admonitions to the young man to harness his "sex nature" through pure thought and company. Includes warnings against the dangers of self-abuse in the chapter on "Physical Weakness," as well as three lengthy chapters on "Evils to be Shunned and Consequences to be Dreaded," with much on venereal diseases and the awful ends of sexual transgression. The ads indicate that this title was intended as a companion to Dr. Wood-Allen's *What a Young Woman Ought to Know* (see item 155). At the head of the title, "Purity and Truth. Self and Sex Series." Atwater 3319. Some light rubbing; a fine copy. \$45.00

145. Weltmer, S[idney] A[bram]. *Regeneration: A Discussion of the Sex Question from a New and Scientific Standpoint*. Parsons, Kansas: Foley Railway Printing Company, 1899 12mo, original rose cloth, black lettering, 121 pages. Frontis portrait. Stated second edition at the head of the title, preceded by the 126-page Nevada, Mo., edition of 1898. "The creative force in the human mind and body is sex force." On the healing properties of healthy sexuality, an early work from the Baptist preacher turned hypnotic healer S. A. Weltmer, principal of the Weltmer Institute of Suggestive Therapeutics in Nevada, Missouri. Among other startling claims, Weltmer asserts that a child's growth begins with the production of sexual fluid in the genitals, which is then taken up by "absorbent glands" and distributed throughout the body. Spine faded; a bit soiled; a very good copy. \$75.00

146. Edholm, Charlton. *Traffic in Girls and Work of the Rescue Missions*. Oakland, Cal.: Sierra Printing Co., 1900 8vo, original printed red wrappers, unpaginated. Frontis portrait. Perhaps the third edition of Mrs. Edholm's account of her work with prostitutes (though the first published in California); she published works under slightly variant titles in 1893 and 1899. A wealth of detail on urban mission work with prostitutes and kindred efforts to stop human trafficking and limit the sale of liquor. Evidently ex-library with a small light ink number stamped on the front wrapper and a small shelfmark label on the front wrapper Cheap paper browned, wrappers chipped, sunned and worn; a good, sound copy only. \$45.00

147. Gulley, Dr. Calvin D. *The Secrets of Life Unveiled* [wrapper title]. [Guthrie, Oklahoma?: n. p., ca. 1900-1910?]. 16mo, original

printed wrappers, 24 pages. First edition? Designed for polite portability, the front wrapper notes, "N.B.—Keep this book in your pocket—for men only." A miscellany of sex education intended to steer a young man away from the race suicide of venereal disease and to the discreet purchase of female contraceptives. (In addition to the usual pitch for mail-order venereal disease treatments and a restatement of the "four myths," Gulley includes instructions for the use of his patent post-coital vinegar douche.) Gulley, operating in Guthrie under the trade name Twentieth Century Health Association, appears to have been a moderately prolific quack, though his ephemeral publications are uncommon—OCLC notes one location for one other title only. Rather worn and soiled, with browning to the first and last leaves; a good, sound copy. \$100.00

148. Riddell, Newton N. *A Child of Light or, Heredity and Prenatal Culture Considered in the Light of the New Psychology*. Chicago: Child of Light Publishing Company, 1900. 8vo, original pictorial green cloth, gilt lettering, 350, [1] pages. First edition. An extensive treatise built upon the premise that positive Christian thinking influences prenatal development, with much additional matter in the way of misapplied Darwinian theory: "Women who resemble their fathers are usually—but not always—masculine, and therefore should marry men who resemble their mothers, and vice versa. In hundreds of observations I have made I do not recall a single instance where the husband and wife both strongly resembled the father or both the mother in which the union was a truly happy or their children really well born," etc. Early ink ownership inscription on the front paste-down. A little rubbed and frayed; hinges just a trifle tender; very good. \$25.00

The perils of cruising in New York.

149. Macfadden, Bernarr. *Superb Virility of Manhood: Giving the Causes and Simple Home Methods of Curing the Weaknesses of Men*. New York: Physical Culture Publishing Co., (1904). 8vo, original printed stiff wrappers, xi, [1], 391, [3], [10] pages. First edition? The physical culture and publishing magnate here publishes one of his myriad self-help books of diet and exercise—with substantial sections on healthy sexuality and avoiding "Sex Perversity." Includes much against masturbation: "And even the wretched victims of self abuse, while polluting their body and jeopardizing soul, usually allows the imagination to run riot sexually." Not surprisingly—for a man whose publication empire would eventually include *True Detective*, *True Romances* and the *New York Daily Graphic*, thus making Macfadden something of a latter-day muscle-bound Hearst—he also dwells at length (if also with substantial circumlocution) on "the aristocrats of their nauseous class," or male homosexuals: "Not so long since it was publicly reported that detectives of a certain precinct came to the conclusion that a certain ferry house was the rendezvous of a horde of these indescribable creatures. Within three days twenty-two arrests, all young men, were made, the evidence in each instance being of an irrefutable nature. Two of the prisoners, both members of wealthy families, committed suicide. A detective informed me recently there existed on Houston street in New York city a resort given over to the accommodation of the votaries of the vice. Slummers know it well, together with its crowds of unsexed things that spoke in falsetto voices and called each other by girls names. Further uptown were and for that matter still are 'clubs' whose members are all degenerates and whose semi-annual balls, at which the hosts and guests are men, three-fourths of whom wear women's dress, are familiar to New York 'rounders.'" Cf. Atwater 2332, which notes a version published with the imprint of Macfadden's short-lived utopian colony in New Jersey, Physical Culture City. Wrappers a bit sunned and worn; a very good copy. \$50.00

150. Oregon Social Hygiene Society. *Circular No. 18—For Parents and Other Adults. How One Boy was Instructed in Sex Matters and What Happened—Illustrated* [caption title]. Portland, Ore.: The Oregon Social Hygiene Society, [ca. 1911-1918?]. 8vo, unbound pamphlet, [12] pages. Illus. First edition. An uncommon and ephemeral example of sex education from a prominent social hygiene group based in Portland; the Oregon Social Hygiene Society (organized in 1908 as the Social Hygiene Society and given its regionally-appropriate name in 1911) took a reformist view of educating young men about venereal diseases. The Society here presents in 10 captioned cartoons—done in characteristic period style (the illustrations are signed with an “LP” device and suggest Gordon Grant’s Penrod)—of a sort of juvenile Pilgrim’s Progress tracing a boy’s haphazard sex education from his mother’s claim that babies arrive in baskets, to the purchase of obscene postcards, the consultation of a quack pamphlet and ultimately the physician’s bleak statement, “You were not cured, your wife may be an invalid for life.” The Oregon Social Hygiene Society was an important early proponent of frank, sensible sex education, though it was criticized by some in the medical community for allowing non-physicians to handle such matters; see Susan K. Freeman’s *Sex Goes to School* (2008) and *The Social Emergency* (1914), edited by Reed College’s William Trufant Foster. Not found on OCLC. A little rust-stained from the staples; a bit soiled; a very good copy. \$85.00
151. Hall, Winfield Scott, M.D. *Father and Son. John’s Vacation: What John Saw in the Country* . . . Chicago: American Medical Association, (1913). 8vo, original printed blue-gray wrappers, 48 pages First edition? Sex education aimed at boys from 10 to 15. John visits the country and observes animals of various orders engage in reproduction; his father helps him extrapolate from there. With hints on nutrition and exercise, though Hall waits until page 47 to deliver the expected lecture on the perils of toying with your own sex organs and imperiling yourself through the loss of sperm: “Thus a boy has largely in his own power the making or marring of his manhood.” Hall’s sex education pamphlets priced 10 cents apiece in the ads on the inside rear wrapper. Wrappers a bit stained and darkened; some foxing; a very good copy. \$30.00
152. Hall. *Father and Son. John’s Vacation: What John Saw in the Country* . . . Chicago: American Medical Association, (1913). 8vo, original printed tan wrappers, 48 pages Likely a later printing, with the ads on the inside rear wrapper listing Hall’s sex education pamphlets at 25 cents apiece. With some marginal scratching (as with a thumbnail) marking particularly key passages of the anti-onanism section. A little worn and stained; small marginal ink stain to the front wrapper and the front blank; some foxing and rusting from the staples to the gutter of the middle two leaves; a very good copy. \$25.00
153. Shannon, Prof. T[homas] W[ashington]. *Perfect Womanhood: Vital Information for Young Women Containing Facts Suited to Ages from Sixteen to Matured Womanhood with a Series of Questions and Answers Making Plain and Simple the Young Woman’s Problems*. Marietta, Ohio: S. A. Millikin Company, (1913). 8vo, original pictorial green cloth, 162, [4] pages. First edition. Counsel on exercise and health, with hints on avoiding the effects of impure thinking and a rather frank chapter on the sexual double-standard, with hints on how best to deal with maintaining your social standing even if you have borne a child out of wedlock: “If to avoid the scorn, sneers and jeers of an unChrist-like social condition, and as an aid in securing honorable employment while she supports her child and struggles to live a pure life, who would dare blame a wronged girl, if she would choose to call herself ‘Mrs.’ and let widowhood be inferred?” Stain on the rear cover; spine a bit darkened; a very good copy. \$40.00
154. Shannon. *Self Knowledge and Guide to Sex Instruction. Vital Facts of Life for All Ages* . . . Marietta, Ohio: Published Exclusively by the S. A. Millikin Company, (1913). 8vo, original textured leatherette, gilt lettering, a.e.g., 629, [2] pages. Charming color frontispiece. Possible first collected edition of this omnibus edition of Shannon’s educational works. Published with the approval of the World’s Purity Federation, a substantial home sex education book for mothers, covering everything from puberty pimples to the threat of white slave traffickers, with moderately allegorical tales of capons intended to teach the rudiments of physiology to boys. Rubbed and shaken; a good, sound copy only of a relatively fragile chestnut of the subscription trade. \$30.00
155. Wood-Allen, Mary, M.D. *Almost a Man*. Cooperstown, N.Y.: The Arthur H. Crist Co., 1913. 8vo, original blue cloth, white lettering, 99, [3] pages. Frontis portrait. A later edition, likely revised, with a copyright date of 1907; the first appeared in 1895. Sex education for the mothers and teachers to pass onto boys, cast as a series of dialogues with a kindly doctor: the basics of physiology, the sex impulse may be denied with no ill effects, manual labor is an excellent corrective to sexual thoughts, the boy encouraged to pursue interesting books (*Treasure Island*, *Plutarch’s Lives*), etc. Wood-Allen had been a publisher of works on sex education out of her Ann Arbor Wood-Allen Publishing house in the 1890s. A trifle shaken and worn; a very good copy. \$25.00
156. Mann, Charles H[olbrook]. *Spiritual Sex-Life: A Study in Swedenborg*. Elkhart, Indiana: James A. Bell Company, 1914. Small 8vo, original blue cloth, gilt lettering, 64 pages. First edition. The New Church minister and author takes on “conjugal love” and the Swedenborgian belief that “within the sex-love of this world there is an unsuspected spirituality and hence that after the death of the body man enters into other-world sex relationships. . . . What can we make of the idea of married angels, especially when characterized by the further thought that in their marriage is found their chief happiness?” With glances on questions of the relative sinfulness of various sexual relationships and reconciling past Biblical practice (polygamy, concubines) with contemporary mores. Small later Brooklyn New Church Press ticket on the front free endpaper. Some trifling rubbing; a small marginal snag to a couple of leaves; a fine copy. \$45.00
- Margaret Sanger and family limitation.**
157. Sanger, Margaret. *Family Limitation* . . . Price 50 cents. [N. p.: n. p., ca. 1914-1920?]. Small 8vo, original printed wrappers, 16 pages. Illus. An undated edition of the pamphlet that Sanger first published in defiance of Comstock laws in 1914 while she was on her way into exile in England. “It is only the workers who are ignorant of the knowledge of how to prevent bringing children in the world to fill jails and hospitals, factories and mills, insane asylums and premature graves, and who supply the millions of soldiers to fight battles for the financiers and the ruling classes. The working class can use direct action be refusing to supply the market with children to be exploited, by refusing to populate the earth with slaves.” This radical contraception pamphlet—Sanger is said to have ordered 100,000 distributed—offered “the most precise evaluations and graphic descriptions of various contraceptive methods then available to American women” (ANB). The discretion of publishing this

pamphlet without an imprint would suggest it dates from before the government dropped the charges against Sanger after her daughter's death in late 1916. Some browning and offset from the wrappers; a very good copy. \$225.00

158. Sanger. *Woman and the New Race . . . with a Preface by Havelock Ellis*. New York: Brentano's, (1920). 8vo, original printed red cloth, [xiv], 234 pages. Partially unopened. First edition, Brentano's issue. A presentation copy, inscribed on the front free endpaper, "New York. Jan. 28. 1921. To Mrs. Garty, with admiration and appreciation. Margaret Sanger." Published the year Sanger founded the American Birth Control League, with much on her ideas of the social and political benefits of family planning. Integral title page. Krichmar 976. A little bumped and worn; a very good copy. \$450.00

159. Bureau of Social Hygiene. *Commercialized Prostitution in New York City, November 1, 1915. A Comparison Between 1912 and 1915*. New York: Bureau of Social Hygiene, [1915]. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 15 pages. First edition. A follow-up to George J. Kneeland's landmark 1913 work, the first publication of Rockefeller's Bureau of Social Hygiene. Includes much in the way of anecdote to suggest the earlier report had suppressed whoring and brothels in Manhattan: "The inmates no longer habitually sit about the parlor scantily clad, but are attired in shirtwaist and skirt, ready to leave the resort of engage in household work should the police enter," etc. Wrappers somewhat soiled; a very good copy. \$75.00

160. [Jones, John Williams]. *The Greatest Problem of the Race—Its Own Conservation*. (Columbus, O.: Ohio Board of Administration, 1917). Small 8vo, original printed tan wrappers, mounted label with a small printed red cross, 174 pages. Illus. First edition. The superintendent of the Ohio State School for the Deaf here compiles interviews and dramatized scenes to stress the importance of eugenics in preventing feeble-mindedness, congenital blindness, deafness, epilepsy, social degeneration, etc. Printed at the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, O. Pencil ownership signature on the front blank. Somewhat soiled and worn; a very good copy. \$25.00

161. American Bureau of Social Hygiene. *Marriage: Sex Facts and Conduct for Girls & Matured Women* [wrapper title]. [New York: Bureau of Social Hygiene, ca. 1920-1925?]. Small 8vo, original printed wrappers, wire stitched, 12 pages. First edition? Young girls are warned to shun questionable dance halls, vicious cabarets, jazz parties, wild joy rides, and the evil consequences of placing faith in unknown friends. An ephemeral guide to sexual good health with an eye to optimal eugenics from the Rockefeller-funded think tank, there is much here on diet, exercise and avoiding social diseases: "Many vile skin eruptions and venereal diseases are transmitted by kissing promiscuously." Small binding error, with an extra staple through the first three leaves of the pamphlet affecting a small portion of the text. Cheap paper worn and soiled; a good, sound copy. Not found on OCLC. \$25.00

162. Hubbard, S[amuel] Dana, M.D. *A set of seven sex-education pamphlets issued together in a printed envelope, Sex Facts \$1.00 per Set*. New York: The Claremont Printing Co., 1922. Seven volumes, 16mo, printed wrappers, various paginations. First edition thus? The publisher's envelope, densely printed in black and red, indicates that this set was being sold as a promotion for the sex-education film *The Naked Truth*, which was released ca. 1922-1924. The titles here include *Sex Knowledge for the Mature Mind*, *Facts About Marriage Every Young Man & Woman Should Know*, *Sex Facts for Young Boys*, *Facts About Motherhood*, *Sex Facts for Young Men*, *Truth About Quacks and Self Medication*, and *Sex*

Facts for the Adolescent and Matured Woman. Hubbard manages to inject some sensible advice amid sensationalist warnings against "auto 'he-vamps'" and masturbation. The New York dermatologist and public health specialist Hubbard appears to have been savvy in marketing across media: ads on the wrappers are for motion pictures based on scientific facts produced by Dr. S. Dana Hubbard: *Some Wild Oats* (originally released in 1919 as *Wild Oats*) and *The Naked Truth* (which appears to have been released in 1924). Envelope somewhat worn and showing some tears; wrappers sunned and dust-soiled in a few instances; in very good condition. \$125.00

163. Hubbard. *Sex Facts for Young Boys* [wrapper title]. New York: Claremont Printing Co., 1922. Small 8vo, original printed brown wrappers, [2], 29, [1] pages. Perhaps an early reprint. Sensible sex advice (gonorrhea is not in fact a token of manly initiation at "the 'Shrine of Venus;'" nocturnal emissions will not lead to insanity) pitched in a moderately perfervid just-us-fellows conversational tone: "But my chum, you are wrong. Your little companions have misinformed you and you are on the wrong road." A trifle soiled; a very good copy. \$25.00

164. Militz, Annie Rix. *Generation and Regeneration. Lecture No. I: Right Generation. [Lecture No. V: Sealed Unto the Lord]* [wrapper titles]. (Los Angeles: Master Mind Publishing Co., 1922). 2 vols, 16mo, original printed wrappers, 12 & 12 pages. First separate edition of each pamphlet; the six lectures were also collected in one volume. "From the moment that a human being appears upon the earth, the question of sex is involved." The pioneering New Thought leader Militz (her amalgam of Christian Science and Eastern thought led to great success in California) here publishes two of her lectures on the spiritual side of sexuality, with much frank talk on the pervasiveness of sex and its role in mystic insight (and her counsels to turn away from the endless cycle of generation). With tickets for the Home of Truth, Boston, Mass., tipped to the inner front wrappers. OCLC notes a single location for two different collected editions of the lectures, none for any of the separately published pamphlets. Some internal soiling and staining from the rusty staples; some sunning; in good condition. \$50.00

165. Stanton, Henry. *Sex: Avoided Subjects Discussed in Plain English*. New York: Social Culture Publications, (1922). 8vo, original gilt-stamped wrappers, 62 pages. First edition. A relatively frank look at sex and physiology for adolescents and young married couples, published as something of a rear-guard action during the earliest stages of the social changes of the 1920's; Stanton casts a wary eye on "young girls of the 'flapper' type" and the dangers of the auto, hooch and coeducational colleges, as well as the baleful effects of birth control. With the wrapper title *The Woman's Library: Plain Talks on Avoided Subjects*. A trifle rubbed; a fine copy. \$40.00

166. Bernard, Bernard. *Sex Conduct in Marriage (The Art of Maintaining Love and Happiness in Marriage)*. Chicago: Health and Life Publications, [ca. 1923?]. Small 8vo, original brown cloth, 121, [3] pages. Portrait. Evident second edition, with a "Preface to the Second Edition." Bernard, the "Editor, Author, Philosopher, Scientist, Idealist and Champion Wrestler," appears to have run something of a sexual health publishing concern in Chicago; whether he traded on the faint echo of his name to that of Bernarr Macfadden is unclear. Bernard dedicates his work to such pioneers as Edward Carpenter, Marie Stopes, Havelock Ellis, Ettie Rout and Margaret Sanger. Bernard counsels sane sex education for girls, warns against the perils of masturbation, and advocates contraception for all, all the while suggesting working men avoid "morbid" sex thoughts and cultivate a sort of transcendent limitation of the sex instinct. With

ads for related publications and serials from Bernard's publishing house. Cloth spotted; a very good copy. \$40.00

167. Bernard, Bernard. *Sex Conduct in Marriage (The Art of Maintaining Love and Happiness in Marriage)*. Chicago: Health and Life Publications, [ca. 1924-1925?]. Small 8vo, original brown cloth, 129, [7] pages. Portrait. Cloth spotted; a very good copy. Evident fourth edition, with a "Preface to the Fourth Edition" and a new special epilogue defending sex education and contraception as means to insure that the "refined and beautiful dreams of courtship days" may continue throughout marriage. Somewhat rubbed; a nearly fine copy. \$40.00

168. Bernard. *Sex Conduct in Marriage (The Art of Maintaining Love and Happiness in Marriage)*. Chicago: Health and Life Publications, 1929. Small 8vo, original brown cloth, 218, [7] pages. Portrait. Cloth spotted; a very good copy. Evident reprinting of the fifth edition, with a "Preface to the Fifth Edition," substantially reset from the earlier editions and with a copyright date of 1926. A later expanded version of Bernard Bernard's counsels for sexual health, with his specific recommendations for contraception. Somewhat rubbed; a nearly fine copy. \$30.00

169. Curtis, Leslie. *Reno Reveries*. Reno, Nevada: Armanko Stationery Co., (1924). 8vo, original orange-decorated blue cloth, 103 pages. Inserted leaf of illus., illus. Second edition; the 95-page first edition appeared in 1915. A collection of verse, one-liners, observations and prose sketches on the best-known industry in Reno: divorce. A bit rubbed and soiled; a very good copy. \$15.00

170. Meagher, John F[rancis] W[allace], M.D., F.C.A.P. *A Study of Masturbation and its Reputed Sequelae*. New York: William Wood and Company, 1924. 8vo, original maroon cloth, gilt lettering, 69 pages. First edition. "The fact is that if early masturbation produced all of the evil results ascribed to it, a large part of mankind would be in a bad way mentally and physically." That said, the psychiatrist Meagher suggests that left untreated after adolescence, masturbation "shows a failure of psychological development. It is a bad way to meet sex cravings. It increases his selfishness, and interferes with his social progress. And it is hardly necessary to say that if kept up, it will alter the later sex relations in marriage." Intended for a medical audience, Meagher discounts the myths that the solitary vice leads to consumption or insanity, though the general drift of the treatise however is of course against the practice. Meagher suggests that surgical and medical intervention is generally unnecessary, and that sympathy and encouragement from the physician are to be preferred to censure. Medical private library stamp on the front free endpaper. A little browned and worn; a very good copy. \$45.00

171. Eugenics Publishing Company. *A small collection of advertising material relating to the republication of William J. Robinson's Woman: Her Sex and Love Life*. New York: Eugenics Publishing Company, [ca. 1931]. Two-page printed circular on Eugenics Publishing letterhead, unused Business Reply Card order postcard, 4-page printed prospectus with a tipped-on slip on the offer of a free copy of Robinson's *Birth Control* ("Free book offer edition almost exhausted") and the original mailing envelope to Miss Emily Serex, Middlebury, Vt. "There is a chapter in which we read about husbands who demand that their wives satisfy them excessively. There is a whole page about men who are incapable of performing the sex act . . ." Publisher's puffery for mail-order sexology, noting that Robinson's work has gone through 21 editions (thus dating this to 1931); order now they note and you will get a free copy of

his book *Birth Control* (for more on Robinson see items 173 and 174). The original envelope includes the facsimile autograph notation "Personal," as well as a convenient flap in the rear for postal inspection. Some browning; in very good condition. \$35.00

172. Schroeder, Theodore. *Converting Sex into Religiosity*. [N.p.]: Reprint from the Medical Review of Reviews, 1933. 8vo, self wrappers, [ii], [407]-415 pages. First edition of this offprint. "Here it is proposed to exhibit the relationship of religion and sex. Incidentally this study will illustrate the antagonism between religiosity and mental hygiene." The radical free speech advocate, lawyer (he once defended Emma Goldman) and critic of the Mormons Schroeder here weighs in on the sublimation of sexual desire into religious ecstasy, with especial critical attention paid to the writings of the Benedictine Juann de Castaniza (d. 1598). Somewhat browned and soiled; a little rust to the binding staples; a very good copy. \$50.00

173. Robinson, William J[osephus], M.D. *Fewer and Better Babies. Birth Control or the Limitation of Offspring by Prevention*. New York: Eugenics Publishing Co., Inc., 1933. 8vo, original blue cloth, 257 pages. Original printed dust jacket. Stated forty-eighth edition. "There are millions of women nowadays who use preventives without and fear or worry. As long as they use the preventives they are sure of avoiding pregnancy. When they desire a child, the discontinuance of the use of the preventives and conception usually takes place. I said this before and I say it again. Certain things cannot be repeated too often. Some people are awfully thick-skulled." Some light wear and soiling to the jacket; a fine copy. \$20.00

174. Robinson. *The Safe Period or The Natural Method of Birth Control*. New York: Eugenics Publishing Company, (1935). 8vo, original self-wrappers, [15] pages. First edition. A late title on natural birth control from this early pioneer in healthy sexuality education. A trifle dust soiled; a fine copy. \$20.00

175. Bruce, James. *Cultural and Scientific Pictorial Studies in Sex Anatomy and the Technique of Coitus in Man, Woman, and in the Third and Fourth Sexes in 227 Photographs and Illustrations . . . Privately Issued, Rigidly Restricted to the Medical and Scientific World and other Cultured Adults*. New York: Falstaff Press, Inc., (1935). 8vo, original printed green wrappers, 32 pages. Illus. First edition. A moderately exploitative work bearing all the hallmarks of a hasty compilation of illustrations culled from the public domain: old engravings of conjoined twins, obscure anatomical diagrams of intercourse, views of syphilis victims, "Analyses of the Hymen in its Normal and Deflowered State," halftone views of nude women intended to demonstrate ideal proportions, etc. Wrappers worn and some general soiling; a good, sound copy. \$20.00

176. Callender, Mary Pauline [pseud]. *Marjorie May Learns About Life*. Chicago: International Cellucotton Products Company, 1936. 16mo, original pictorial green stiff wrappers with folded text flap, 12 pages. Evidently a later (but early) edition. One of a number of similar educational works on menstruation published by the company that manufactured Kotex napkins, a gentle dialogue between mother and daughter on reproduction and menstruation. Mary Pauline Callender was evidently the Kotex answer to Betty Crocker; as Sharra Vostral notes in her *Under Wraps: A History of Menstrual Hygiene Technology* (2008)—drawing on the work of Harry Finley, curator of the Museum of Menstruation, and the historian Roland Marchand—Callender was one of the contemporary "fictitious personal advisers" in the Crocker mold, and was used to endorse Kotex products as early as 1928; Vostral further notes,

“Her last name, Callender, must also reinforce the need to count ‘calendar days’ between menstrual cycles.” Light damp-stain to a lower corner; some slight browning and wear; a very good copy. \$25.00

Personal daintiness is the first rule of loveliness.

177. International Cullucotton Products. *Facts About Menstruation that Every Woman Should Know. By an Eminent Medical Authority.* Chicago: International Cullucotton Products Co., 1936. 16mo, original pictorial wrappers, [15] pages. Illus., ads. Evidently a later (but early) edition. From the makers of Kotex napkins, facts about menstruation presented with a somewhat different tone than the Marjorie May series. Includes ads for kindred products from the Cullucotton Products Co., including Quest: The Positive Deodorant Powder: “Personal daintiness is the first rule of loveliness.” Somewhat soiled, wrappers a little stained; a very good copy. \$25.00

178. Faulkner, Thomas, M.D. *The Book of Nature: A Full and Explicit Explanation of all that Can and Ought to be Known of the Structure and Uses of the Organs of Life and Generation in Man and Woman.* Chicago: The Stein Co., [ca. 1940?]. Small 8vo, original printed wrappers, 57, [9] pages on newsprint. One rather smudgy illus. of the internal organs. Evidently a later printing of this ever-green cheap sex education publication. The Max Stein Publishing House of Chicago could be counted on to provide early newsstand patrons with cheap dream books, series fiction reprints, picture postcards of actresses and baseball players, etc. and was apparently in business between 1900-1920 (see Cox’s *Dime Novel Companion*). Despite bearing the Stein Co. imprint, this copy appears to date from later in the 20th century; the type batter and wrappers would suggest another printer bought up the plates and simply chose to churn out copies under the Stein name. In any event, some measure of the enduring success of those works which somehow manage to include the word “explicit” in their titles for even the most clinical or anodyne works. Cheap paper browned; some minor wear and staining; a good, sound copy. \$20.00

Sex facts from a Golden Age science fiction author.

179. Keller, David H., M.D. *Picture Stories of the Sex Life of Man and Woman.* New York: Cadillac Publishing, 1941 8vo, original printed wrappers, illus. A later edition; there appears to have been a Falstaff Press edition of 1939 and an earlier edition with the 1941 copyright published under the Popular Medicine Co. imprint. What one might characterize as pulp science, the “picture stories” here are perhaps something of a bait-and-switch, being entirely devoted to the physiology of sexual organs; there are a few simple how-to sections (natural birth control, tips on the wedding night) and much to astonish the curious (the organs of the intersexed, the science of sexual attraction, etc.). Keller was a fairly prolific author of Golden Age pulp science fiction (under such pseudonyms as Monk Smith) and perhaps the first psychiatrist to turn his hand to that trade. Some wear and rubbing; cheap paper a little browned; a good, sound copy. \$25.00

180. Treacy, Rev. Gerald C., S. J. *Sex—Sacred and Sinful: The Sixth and the Ninth Commandments. With Discussion Club Outline.* New York: Paulist Press, (1941). 8vo, original printed pictorial wrappers

(two lilies entwined with a serpent), 31, [1] pages. First edition. “The Church advocates sex education. The Church stands foursquare against sex propaganda.” The tenor of the rest of the pamphlet is perhaps readily guessed. A bit soiled and worn; wrappers detached from text block and the single binding staple (but present and sound); a good, sound copy. \$25.00

181. [Anonymous]. *Hilda and Eric Tell You All About Love and Sex* [wrapper title]. [N. p.: n. p., ca. 1973?]. 8vo, self-wrappers pamphlet, 15 pages. First edition? “What follows is perhaps unique in the long history of publications about the sexual and physical side of love between men and women.” A fairly liberated manual for mutually satisfying sex, cast as a dialogue between two experienced lovers. Was the name Hilda meant to suggest a certain Scandinavian sexual liberation? With a suitably cryptic gift inscription in ink at the head of page 2, “Friend. Love, K. 3-9-73, Fri.” Not found on OCLC. Old light vertical crease; some soiling and wear; in good, sound condition. \$20.00

182. [Anonymous]. *How to Develop Your Sex Organs* [wrapper title]. [N. p.: n. p., ca. 1973]. 8vo, self wrappers, 15 pages. Illus of various sexual aids. First edition? On various stratagems for enlarging the penis and/or prolonging coitus, with a brief additional chapter on vaginal exercises. The typography and format suggest this ephemeral pamphlet issued from the same publisher as *Hilda and Eric Tell You All About Love and Sex*. Somewhat soiled and a little worn; in good, sound condition. \$20.00

183. [Anonymous]. *The Truth About Aphrodisiacs* [caption title]. [N. p.: n. p., ca. 1973?]. 8vo, unbound, 4 pages. First edition? “So there you have it. The most wonderful and powerful aphrodisiac ever discovered is right there in your own mind. A feeling of self-confidence and of your own true worth will communicate itself to the girl and will make her realize what a great conquest YOU would be!!!” A rather measured and entertaining pamphlet on seduction, with semi-feminist overtones. The typography and format suggest this piece may come from the same press as the similarly measured *Hilda and Eric Tell You all about Love and Sex*. Not found on OCLC. Somewhat soiled and worn; a good, sound copy. \$20.00

184. (Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood). *So You Don’t Want to be a Sex Object* [wrapper title]. [Denver]: Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood, (1973). Small 8vo, original pictorial green wrappers, 20 pages. Illus. First edition. A no-nonsense (but not scolding) primer on liberated living for women, with instructions on self-esteem, healthy relationships with men, establishing your reasons for having sex, avoiding a double-standard at work, how to demand respectful health care (“If he calls you Honey, you can call him Honey”), etc. Some stains to the rear wrapper; a very good copy. \$20.00

185. Boston Women’s Health Course Collective. *Our Bodies Our Selves: A Course by and for Women. New Printing of Women & Their Bodies* [wrapper title]. (Boston: New England Free Press, 1973). Large 8vo, unbound, three gatherings of stapled newsprint, 136, [2] pages. Illus. Eleventh printing, January 1973. Wrapper price of 40 cents; includes the terminal note from the authors on the decision starting in September, 1972, to publish an edition with Simon and Schuster, as well as the NEFP response opposing this decision. Cheap paper a bit browned; a very good copy. \$15.00

