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**The earth is hollow. Where the poles are supposed to be there are great openings, both at the north and the south. In the interior are vast continents, high mountains, deep valleys, wide rivers and lakes. There may be three times as much land surface ABOVE SEA LEVEL as there is on the exterior. Vegetable, plant and animal life excell anything ON earth. It is indeed a vast paradise of great beauty and grandure. It is peopled by BOTH holy and evil angels. (See references in this book).**

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The items are here arranged loosely by subject, from anthropology to sexuality. (See the broad subject index on the inside rear wrapper.)

**On the cover:** An illustration adapted from number 25, an early version of Theodore Fitch's arguments in favor of a hollow earth; the illustration on the rear wrapper is taken from number 20, an investment prospectus for the dry swimming suit.



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**Anthropology**

1. Davis, A[sahel]. *Antiquities of Central America, and the Discovery of New-England by the Northmen, Five Hundred Years Before Columbus. A Lecture, Delivered in New-York, Washington, Boston, and Other Cities; also, in Some of the First Literary Institutions of the Union . . . Eighth Edition from Last Boston Edition—with Additions*. Rochester: Clarendon Morse, 28 Buffalo-Street, William Alling, Printer, 1841. 8vo, removed pamphlet (no wrappers), Stated eighth edition; the earliest noted in Sabin and on OCLC is styled the “Third Edition” (New York, 1839). The text of a popular lecture on the role of the Vikings in the discovery of North America, notable for its pleasantly entertaining mish-mash of magpie antiquarian appropriation from various sources and speculation, viz. “The traces of an extinct race of men about 9 feet in length, are to be found in various parts, as in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and New-York. Such may have been contemporary with the larger animals. And is it strange it should have been said in the Sacred Volume? ‘And there were giants in those days.’” An indefatigable lecturer on the subject of the Viking discovery of North America, Davis has been described by at least one scholar as an oddly flourishing branch of the contemporary Gothic revival in American thought. Noted under Sabin 18794. Foxed and a bit soiled; a good, sound copy. \$85.00

2. Davis. *Antiquities of America, the First Inhabitants of Central America, and the Discovery of New England by the Northmen, Five Hundred Years before Columbus . . . 21st Edition, with Important Additions*. Buffalo: Jewett, Thomas & Co., 1849. 8vo, original printed wrappers (lacks rear wrapper), 32 pages. Stated 21st edition. A reworking of Davis’s ersatz antiquarian history, with some additional matter from Schoolcraft and other contemporary historians. Includes on the front wrapper an endorsement from the ornithologist and artist John J. Audubon (who it must be noted was by 1848 showing signs of senility). Noted under Sabin 18793. Wrappers worn and somewhat soiled; a good, sound copy. \$40.00

3. Tappan, Benjamin. *A Discourse Delivered Before the Historical & Philosophical Society of Ohio, at the Annual Meeting of Said Society, in Columbus, December 22, 1832*. Columbus: J. R. Emrie Printer, 1833. 8vo, removed pamphlet (lacks wrappers), 16 pages. First edition. From the founding president of this pioneering midwestern historical society, which had been established in 1831, comes an outline of the ideals of historical and scientific inquiry in the newly-settled regions of the U.S.—a healthy mix of proto-anthropology, geology, local history, botany and chemistry. With extensive mention of the need to make sketches and more research on the mounds and the aims of the Mound Builders; Tappan suggests they were defenses against the depredations of the Mammoth. A few odd light inky splashes to the lower corners of a few leaves, suggesting the sheets were marred before folding and binding. Somewhat browned and dust-soiled; a very good copy. \$125.00

4. Totten, Charles A[diel] L[ewis]. *The Hope of History. The Millennium. Letters and Lectures on Prophetic Topics, Revised and Reprinted with Editorial Comments*. New Haven, Conn.: The Our Race Publishing Co., 1892. 8vo, original printed white wrappers over thin card stock, 289, [12] pages. Inserted folding chart. First edition thus, revised and reissued as a number in the quarterly *Our Race*, Series II., No. 7. One of the many works in support of Anglo-Israelism from this retired U.S. military man, with much in the way of prophecies concerning the second advent, the disposition of the Middle East, and the role of America

as the descendent of the lost tribes, here published in this quarterly format, no doubt to take advantage of second-class postage rates and widen the reach of Totten's ideas. Small later private library ink stamp on the front free endpaper. (For kindred works, see "Race and Religion," below.) Wrappers worn, spine cracking; some light soiling and browning; a good, sound copy of a fragile item. \$125.00

### *Calendar Reform*

5. [Brandel, Henric Gottfrid]. *Série des Jours que Renferme L'Année 3802 de la Myriade. Avec les Principales Fêtes religieuses des Chrétiens, des Juifs & des Mahometans & Diverses connoissances Chronologiques pour l'usage de l'Histoire Ancienne & moderne*. Gotha: De l'imprimerie de la veuve Reyher, [1801]. Small 8vo, contemporary plain wrappers, [32] pages. A few symbols highlighted in red ink. The only Gotha edition of the short series of annual almanacs published under Brandel's invented calendar system, published privately for Brandel as a mark of esteem by Ernest II, Grand Duke of Saxe-Gotha. Brandel's *Serie des Jours* was first published in year 3796 of "La Myriade" (otherwise known as 1795) and issued annually from the press of J. P. Lindh (and later Lindh's widow) through the year 3824 (i.e. 1823) for distribution to Brandel's family and friends. Brandel (1739-1828) had long served as Swedish Consul to Algiers, where he developed his passion for astronomy and chronology; it was there he first began his ambitious project to reform the calendar, a project he was to pursue from his return to Stockholm in 1793 until the end of his life "avec une persévérance et une assiduité infatigables." Brandel's 10,000-year system included 30 unique day names (Alsé, Bemai, Cevi, Dalos, etc., for which Benda notes helpfully "Ne craignons point qu'une suite de trente noms soit difficile à retenir") and a series of new month names from Natal to Xamor. An account of Brandel's pursuit is neatly summarized by Frans Anton Ewerlöf in the *Avant-Propos* to the best account of Brandel's system, *La myriade, système chronologique pour une période de dix mille ans* (Copenhagen, 1853, assembled from Brandel's published works and his notes), where Ewerlöf explains, "Mais le désir de perfectionner son système — qu'il intitula la Myriade, comme embrassant une période de dix mille ans — et d'y mettre toute l'exactitude et la clarté possibles, retarda la publication de son ouvrage, et l'empêcha même de terminer la rédaction de ses nombreux manuscrits. Il avait seulement fait imprimer quelques tables astronomiques et quelques feuilles, formant le commencement d'une 'Exposition de la Myriade,' mais il n'y avait pas donné suite. Au reste, il avait fait imprimer tous les ans, depuis 1796 jusqu'en 1824, un petit Almanac Myriadique, qu'il distribua uniquement à ses enfans et à ses amis. Un de ses Almanacs, étant tombé entre les mains du célèbre astronome Baron de Zach à Gotha, qui l'avait porté à la connaissance du Grand Duc, Ernest Louis, ce Prince, grand amateur des sciences astronomiques, prit tant de goût à la chronologie de M. Brandel, qu'il l'adopta dès l'an 1802 dans le cercle intime de sa cour, et fit remettre à M. Brandel un Almanac Myriadique imprimé à Gotha, comme marque de son estime." This attractive Gotha edition not otherwise located. Small later ink numbered stamp to the lower portion of the title page. Some trifling soiling; a fine copy of a curious work. \$450.00

6. Cotsworth, Moses B[ruine]. *The Rational Almanac, Tracing the Evolution of Modern Almanacs from Ancient Ideas of Time, and Suggesting Improvements . . . with Years, Half-Years and Quarters Equated. 13 Months to the Year. Holidays and Festivals, also Week Days Fixed on Permanent Dates to Gain Much More Public Convenience. 180 Illustrations*

*Explaining the Mystery of the Pyramids, Sphinx, Obelisks, Druidical Circles, Mounds, Vertical Stones, etc.* [Acomb, England: Cotsworth, 1904]. Slim 8vo, original gilt pictorial blue cloth, [6], 16, 64, 16, 1-154, 154a-154p, 155-471 pages. Illus. First edition. An engaging work of rational calendar reform from Moses B. Cotsworth of Yorks. (1859-1943), who proposes a return to the lunar calendar—a system which will in turn bestow great economic and social benefits upon the human race. (Cotsworth suggests rational sex education will follow the 28-day month as a matter of course; the benefits to wool production are also laid out.) Cotsworth also plumbs in great detail the mysteries of the pyramids (their proportions relate to the arc of the sky), the myriad uses of obelisks as calendars, etc. The insertions and erratic pagination suggest a restless intellect. Somewhat bumped and rubbed; a very good copy. \$225.00

7. Joyce, James Avery. *Now is the Time: The Case for Calendar Reform.* [London:] Published by the Author through the Courtesy of The World Calendar Association, (1951). 8vo, original pictorial wrappers, 13, [3] pages. Illus. First edition. “NOT for a Year, but for ALL TIME.” An argument from this barrister for the adoption of his reformed World Calendar on January 1, 1956—a reform over the present calendar in that each date falls on the same day of the week every year. Joyce additionally argues for two new holidays: “Worldsday” to fall each year on “365th Day,” was well as “Leapyear Day” on 31st June every four years. A little worn and soiled; a very good copy. \$40.00

### *Conspiracies*

8. 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 Bavarian Illuminati (here portrayed as a blasphemous revolutionary arm of the Free Masons covertly active in America). Morse owes much to Robison’s *Proofs of a Conspiracy* (1797 et seq.) but also includes material from various other sources (such as 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 per 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 bit spotted and soiled; a very good copy. \$225.00

9. [Morse, Samuel F. B.]. *Foreign Conspiracy Against the Liberties of the United States. The Numbers of Brutus* [pseud], *Originally Published in the New-York Observer; Revised and Corrected with Notes, by the Author.* New-York: Leavitt, Lord & Co. [et al.], 1835. 12mo, original blue moiré cloth, printed paper label, 188 pages. First edition. “The writer entertaining these views has deemed it an imperative duty, at any sacrifice, to warn his countrymen, of a subtle enemy to the democracy of this country, and to conjure them as they value their civil and religious institutions, to watch the Protean shapes of Popery, to suspect and fear it most when it allies itself to our interests in the guise of a friend. *Mistrust of all*

*that Popery does, or affects to do, whether as a friend or foe in any part of the country, is the only feeling that true charity, universal charity, allows us to indulge.*" An important early work of American Nativist conspiracy mania. The son of the similarly conspiracy-minded Jedediah Morse (see above), the painter and inventor of the telegraph Samuel F. B. Morse was in his youth relatively neutral on the question of papists—at least until a visit to Rome in 1830 changed his views, when during a papal procession a soldier struck Morse's hat from his head and (as Ray Allen Billington notes) the "episode changed Morse's point of view. Heretofore his artistic nature had led him to admire the beauty of Catholic ceremony; now he saw only the harshness of a despotic religious system. His trampled hat was to make him a life-long opponent of Rome." Morse returned to America to find the Leopold Association—an Austrian-Hungarian missionary organization—hard at work undermining the foundations of the American way of life and thus "[f]eeling that his own European experiences had fitted him to speak with authority on this so-called Catholic plot, he wrote a series of twelve letters under the pen name Brutus. . . . The importance of the disclosures contained in these letters was immediately recognized. . . . Morse performed the important task of linking immigration and Catholicism and making both equally objectionable in American eyes" (Billington). Sabin 50961. Spot of damp to the upper board and bleeding through to lightly stain the first six leaves; spine a bit sunned; cloth a little worn; lightly foxed throughout; a very good copy. \$275.00

10. Phelps, Gen. J[ohn] W[olcott]. *Secret Societies, Ancient and Modern. An Outline of their Rise, Progress, and Character with Respect to the Christian Religion and Republican Government.* Edited by . . . Chicago: Ezra A. Cook, 1873. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 240 pages. Stated second edition on the wrappers, with a wrapper imprint date of 1874, though almost certainly a remainder issue of first edition sheets. A lengthy argument against the Masons and kindred secret societies from this contrarian Vermont native and Civil War general Phelps (1813-1885), who would run for president in 1880 on the American Party anti-Masonic ticket—a race in which he would finish dead last, with 1085 votes. Amid what might strike today's reader as a moderately crack-pot sensibility, Phelps makes some telling points on the corruption underlying Gilded Age dealings with railroad bonds, the pernicious influence of Tammany Hall, etc. Wrappers somewhat dust-soiled and a bit worn; a little occasional light dog-earing; a very good copy. \$125.00

11. [Simpson, George B.]. *The National Capitol, the National Archives, and the National Government, Saved. January, 1861.* Washington: n. p., 1865. 8vo, removed pamphlet (lacks wrappers), 18 pages. Illus. First edition. A remarkable compilation of Civil War-era conspiracy theory—Simpson (a sometime inventor of waterproof gutta percha telegraph cable insulation) here collects various letters he had sent to or received from public persons between 1855 to 1861, all tending to point up his theories that the South had plotted to assassinate Buchanan (and Winfield Scott) and put Breckinridge in the Executive Mansion to bless secession and bring European powers to America's shores to put down republican sentiment. Happily, news of this plot had fallen into Simpson's hands and he had warned Buchanan in time to avert disaster. With additional suggestions that Jefferson Davis had armed Brigham Young in 1853 and that Seward had allowed the security of the government's telegraph lines to be compromised. Somewhat soiled and a bit worn; a very good copy. \$225.00

*The Descent of Man*

12. King, Jessie. *The Mosaic Account of the Creation Affirmed and Silent Monitors of the Past Described and Illustrated, with Object Lessons of Each Day's Part of the Creation, Together with the Formation and Coloring of Rocks, and the Coloring of Different Kinds of Coal, Supported by the Sciences as Taught and Understood at the Present Day, from the Creation to the Present Time*. Philadelphia: Jesse King, 1892. 8vo, original gilt pictorial blue cloth, 250 pages. Five plates, illus. First edition. A Pennsylvania man turns his study to local geology in support of the Biblical account of creation; he rejects glacial theory and evolution in favor of the effects of the deluge upon the Earth and its minerals. Hinges just cracking (but sound); a fine, bright copy. \$50.00

13. [Pennock, Rev. Ames Castle]. *Fragments of Thought*. Omaha, Neb.: Douglas Printing Company, [ca. 1901]. 8vo, original blue cloth, silver lettering, title page mounted on the verso of the bound-in portrait of Pennock, [276] pages + one mounted folding broadside on the rear paste-down, all edges sprinkled in red. First collected edition of Pennock's works, a presentation copy inscribed on the front free endpaper and dated Omaha, Aug. 24th, 1901. "We send this little production forth with its peculiar, and as we know condemned thoughts upon geology, simply because we are confident that science is with the bible, and that scientists must come to the bible, sooner or later, and lay down all their boasted opposition and caviling." And thus does Pennock (b. 1815) launch one of his sundry attacks on science (modern geology, the nebular theory, philology, etc.)—indeed, the greater part of modernity seems to come under attack from the censorious pen of this long-time Midwestern clergyman.

This volume collects the original sheets and wrappers of Pennock's various controversial pamphlets, with interesting imprints scattered throughout the volume; Pennock hews to the rock of old-time religion and kept various presses across the Midwest busy defending these otherwise self-evident truths: [1] *The Fall and Rescue of Man*. Waupun, Wis.: Printed at the Times Office, by E. Hooker, 1867. [2] *Equality of the Divine Dealing* [wrapper title]. Madison, Wis.: M. J. Cantwell, Book and Job Printer. [3] *Geology and Geneses; a Discourse* [wrapper title]. Madison, Wis.: M. J. Cantwell, Book and Job Printer, 1881. [4] *Criticisms upon the Work, Titled "Beyond the Grave," Written by Rev. R. S. Foster* [wrapper title]. Madison, Wis.: M. J. Cantwell, Book and Job Printer, 1881. [5] *The Problem of Evil. (Abridged.)* Madison, Wis.: M. J. Cantwell, Book and Job Printer, 1882. [6] *Human Depravity; Its Cause, Consequences and Off-Sets* [wrapper title]. Madison, Wis.: M. J. Cantwell, Book and Job Printer, 1883. [7] *Mistakes of the Lowell Lectures* [wrapper title]. Iowa City, Iowa: Republican Publishing Company, 1886. [8] *Laws of Life Both in the Natural and Spiritual Realm, Opening with the Query, Is Life the Cause of Organization?* [wrapper title]. Iowa City: Republican Publishing Company, 1886. [9] *The Deeds and Doom of Rum* [wrapper title]. Iowa: n. p., 1887. [10] *The Immortality of Man; or, The Certainty of Life after Death* [wrapper title]. Iowa City: Republican Publishing Company, 1887. [11] *Christian Water Baptism. A Discourse* [wrapper title]. Glenwood, Iowa: Printed at the Opinion Office, by W. T. Robinson, 1889. [12] *Why Weepest Thou?* [caption title, broadside, ca. 1890]. [13] *The Wealth of the Mind and the Power and Province of the Human Will* [wrapper title]. Glenwood, Iowa: Mills County Tribune Print, 1892. [14] *The Birth Day of Written History;*

or, *The Five Questions—What Were the First Words of Written History, By Whom Written and When and Where Written, and Who Wrote the Book of Job?* [wrapper title]. Omaha, Nebraska: The Douglas Printing Co., 1896. [15] “*Light from Egypt*” [caption title, 4-page unbound pamphlet]. Omaha: n. p., 1896. [16] “*Honor to Whom Honor is Due, or Rather, Is Not Discrimination in Favor of Moses and Aaron, as Against God in the Liberation of the Jewish Nation from the Bondage of Egypt, both Dishonorable to God and Essentially Infidel in Fact?*” Omaha: The Douglas Printing Co., 1896. [17] *The Lifted Curtain or A Glance into the Spirit Realm* [wrapper title]. Omaha, Nebraska: The Douglas Printing Co., 1896. [18] *The Issue Between the “Old and New,” or Rather, The Immensely Interesting Fact, that the Old and Deeply Rooted Belief, that the Six Days of Creation were Each, Simply Twenty-Four Hours Long, Really Seems to be Not Only Historically but Scientifically Correct* [wrapper title]. Omaha: The Douglas Printing Company, 1897. [19] *Eternal Salvation* [wrapper title]. Omaha: The Douglas Printing Company, 1897. [20] *Light; More “Light Sought.” And is there a Skeptic Alive that can Furnish it? If So, Let Him Try His Hand in Place of the Fallen One?* [caption title]. [Omaha: n. p., 1899]. [21] *How to Gain Moral Health* [caption title]. (Glenwood, Iowa: n. p, 1889.). [22] “*Faulty Church Creeds, or The Faultless and the Faulty Items in Church Creeds, and How to Cling to the First While Weeding Out the Second*” [caption title]. [N. p., but Omaha? ca. 1900?]. [23] “*Is Anybody Happy? Are Married Persons Happier than Unmarried, as a Rule?*” [caption title]. [N. p., ca. 1900]. Small obituary clipping on Pennock (dated in autograph June 13, 1908) mounted on the front paste-down. Cloth somewhat spotted and darkened and a bit worn and a trifle shaken; a very good copy of an uncommon batch of American imprints. \$300.00

14. Schultz, Alfred P[aul Karl Eduard]. *The End of Darwinism. Not Change but Persistence is Characteristic of Life. Every Change is Essentially a Persistence; Only What Persists Can Change.* Monticello, Sullivan Co., N.Y.: Alfred P. Schultz, (1911). 8vo, original printed wrappers, [ii], 19, [1] pages. First edition. Schultz argues in part that culture has grown debased since the ancient Greeks, thus proving that evolution cannot be true; Schultz also holds to the idea that evolution of species would produce an insuperable Heraclitian dilemma. With a typed presentation letter to an editor of *The Congregational and Christian World*, signed by Schultz; also laid in is a circular advertising his “*Race or Mongrel*” (Boston 1908), including its many favorable reviews. Small ink pricing schedule stamped on the title page. McIver, *Anti-Evolution Bibliography*, 1464. Some offset and browning to two leaves from the circular (which is also browned; a bit dust-soiled; a very good copy. \$50.00

15. Thompson, Joseph P[arrish]. *Man in Genesis and in Geology: or, The Biblical Account of Man's Creation, Tested by Scientific Theories of his Origin and Antiquity.* New York: Samuel R. Wells, Publisher, 1870. 12mo, original gilt pictorial green cloth, 149, [1] pages + 2 pp. ads. First edition. Despite his generous claim “We are not warranted in pitting Science and the Scriptures one against the other,” the indefatigable Pennsylvania-born clergyman and Egyptologist Thompson (1819-1879) here takes up creationism, refutations of Darwin, the justice of denying the ballot to women—all this wrapped up in pseudo-scientific rationale, “originally given in a series of Sunday-evening lectures, largely extemporaneous in form, and purposely popular, almost colloquial, in style.” Of the natural relations between men and women, Thompson notes, “Even if the ballot could raise Woman politically, the nation can

not afford so to degrade its men by divesting them of the sentiments and delicacy, of honor, of loyalty—in a word, of chivalry, and arraying the sexes in the contest of numbers.” With a leaf of ads of books from this publisher of material on phrenology and other interesting subjects. Not noted in McIver. As is often the case with this sort of material, much neat early pencil underlining. Front free endpaper neatly excised. Some scattered foxing; cloth a bit sunned; a very good copy. \$100.00

16. Vahey, J[ohn] W[illiam]. *The Visible and Invisible Worlds. By Rev. J. W. Vahey, Ridgeway, Wis.* Milwaukee, Wis.: Hoffmann Bros., 1890. 8vo, original purple cloth, gilt lettering, 276 pages. First edition. “I was further induced to write [this book] from the force of negative judgments I more than once expressed in controversies against conclusions deduced from speculation, which affirmed that, not only the bodies which form our solar system, but those that compose star systems, are inhabited by human beings. I was still further induced to write it, in order to furnish some of my readers with philosophical arguments through which they could refute the silly systems of agnostics, evolutionists, positivists, atheists, pantheists, materialists, communists, socialists and anarchists, which deny the existence of God, the omnipotent fiat that created the universe, complex man, the animal and vegetable kingdoms. After writing a few pages, I determined to give up the undertaking, owing to the difficult nature of the subjects I had to treat, but through perseverance I succeeded in my project.” Creationism with an American Roman Catholic bent. A presentation copy, inscribed on the verso of the front free endpaper, “Dr. McDonald with Compliments of the Author.” Slightly later owner’s red ink signature below that. Not noted in McIver. Cloth showing some light damp-staining; small flaw to the corner of the front free endpaper; cheap paper browning; a very good copy. \$125.00

17. Young, Geo[rge] A. *Whatever Is, Was. In Nature, There are No Such Things as Cause, Effect, Generation, Growth, nor Death . . . A Critical Examination into the Foundation on which Rests the Philosophy of Herbert Spencer, and the Theories of Charles Darwin . . .* San Francisco: A. J. Leary, Printer and Publisher, 1887. 8vo, original green cloth, gilt lettering, xv, [1], 481 pages. First edition. An oddly sprawling and caustic satirical book that purports to overturn Darwin by means of a series of lectures from Professor Jubal (he argues for man’s descent from the ant)—though with evidently earnest references to Haeckel, Spencer, Huxley, etc., throughout, the whole liberally sprinkled with lengthy satirical sections in racist Black dialect. Includes a fictional meeting and dialogue with Professor Darwin himself, and an address spoofing Ingersoll (“Bob Bangyoursoul’s Lecture on Nothing”). A little bumped and worn; some occasional light foxing; a very good copy. \$100.00

### **Engineering**

18. Cox, James E. *The Space Drive Handbook.* (Pomona, California: James E. Cox, 1972). 8vo, original printed pictorial wrappers, wire stitched, 114 pages. Illus. First edition. Perpetual motion meets the space age: the physics lecturer explores the feasibility of time warps, inertia neutralizers, force field propulsion, etc. The halftone image on the front wrapper is taken from a photo with the engaging caption (suggesting as it does perhaps a juvenile fiction series), “Bob Jones and his Entropy Engine.” With a bibliography. Wrappers somewhat foxed, staples a bit rusty; a very good copy. \$50.00

19. Larvaron, M[aurice]. *La Radio-Tellurie appliquée à la Recherche de l'Eau. Par M. Larvaron de Rennes*. Rennes: En vente chez l'auteur, (1930). 8vo, original printed pictorial yellow wrappers, 32 pages. Illus. First edition. The study of water-witchery and dowsing placed on a semi-scientific footing. OCLC and CCFr each note only copies at BNF & Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève, though the Library of Congress copyright catalogue (whence cometh M. Larvaron's given name) would suggest a copy was sent to DLC. Wrappers a bit worn and soiled; small red pencil underlining to price; a very good copy. \$125.00
20. (Nautical Safety). *The World's Greatest Safety Device. It May Save Your Life, or the Life of a Relative or Friend. It May Make You a Fortune* [wrapper title]. (Tacoma: The Pacific Printing Company), [ca. 1915-1920?]. 16mo, original printed self-wrappers, [16] pages. Illus. First edition. The investment prospectus for a "dry swimming suit," an elaborate rubber and canvas contraption intended as a personal floatation suit for victims of shipwreck; the enterprising (and unhappily for prospective investors, anonymous) inventor includes a table of the royalties one might have expected had the ill-fated *Lusitania* but carried this novel invention—some \$30,000. The inventor also includes a few appropriate quotations from such titans of industry as John D. Rockefeller (who says "Don't delay; get in while you can"—though whether Rockefeller meant this observation to apply specifically to the dry swimming suit is ambiguous at best). With illustrations of the complicated suit and its features (condensed food packets, roman candles) as well as the dark admonition, "WE ALL REMEMBER THE TITANIC." A little soiled and worn. Not found on OCLC. \$100.00
21. (Perpetual Motion). *Idee und Beschreibung einer fortwährenden Bewegung oder eines sogenannten Perpetuum Mobile. Auf mechanische Principien gegründet und mit beigesuegten Zeichnungen und Berechnungen erläutert fuer Liebhaber der Physik von einem Liebhaber derselben*. Quedlinburg und Leipzig: Gottf. Basse, 1833. 8vo, unbound pamphlet with the original strip of green paper reinforcing the spine, 16 pages. One folding plate. First edition. A rare pamphlet from the pen of one lover of physics to others of same, this explanation of a perpetual motion machine (with an illustration). The inventors of such devices of course took great care to guard against misappropriation, thus specific examples of the technology (as here) tend to be fugitive. OCLC notes two locations (both in Germany). First and last page a bit darkened; some light foxing and soiling; a very good copy. \$450.00
22. Warner, S[amuel] A[lfred], "Captain." *Fair Play's a Jewel: A Narrative of Circumstances Connected with my Mode of National Defence Against the Whole World*. London: J. & W. Robins, Printers, Tooley Street; Sold by John Ollivier, [1849]. 8vo, modern boards and printed paper label, viii, [3]-154 pages. First edition. "I now submit my Narrative to the candid perusal of my readers. In it I have not advanced one word which I cannot substantiate and prove, if necessary. I have deemed it right to lay before the world, that my country may not have to say they were unacquainted with the facts previous to whatever course I may now think proper to adopt, so as to realise that for my inventions which I think I am entitled to, and which I was offered years ago, could I then have brought my mind TO DESTROY MY COUNTRY. Ingratitude may, however, wean even Patience and Patriotism." The self-styled Captain Warner (1793/4-1853—he assumed the dignity of rank after a brief stretch of service with Dom Pedro in the defense of Oporto) is aptly described by the DNB as a charlatan (though monomaniac might also be admitted as an apt characterization). The

captain long maintained that he had secretly developed a novel “invisible shell” capable of immense destruction, the formula for which he was willing to allow the War Department to have in exchange for a mere £200,000. Numerous select committee hearings were held before Warner was persuaded to demonstrate the power of his weapon; thus in Brighton in 1844 did he have a target vessel towed out into the harbor before a large crowd of interested official spectators, where the ship was blown up to great effect. “Members of parliament could not, however, agree on the value of what they had seen, for there was no clue as to where the charge had been laid or how it had been fired” (DNB). Warner also claimed to have developed a “long range” shell based on balloon technology, but in spite of all these innovations was never able to convince Parliament of his merits to the nation. This account of his travails of course casts Warner in a favorable light and hints darkly at the consequences should his valuable innovations be ignored. When Warner died suddenly in 1853, a fund was established for his widow and children—though, true to form, it turned out this widow was the relict of a bigamous marriage and the legal Mrs. Warner was living on parish relief in Kent. Small flaw to one leaf with the loss of several letters but not affecting the sense; some ink blotting to one page; some general light soil; a very good copy. \$275.00

### ***Geology and Cosmology***

23. Campbell, George. *A Revolution in the Science of Cosmology: The Keystone to the Arch of Science*. Topeka: Crane & Company, 1902. 8vo, original gilt-pictorial blue cloth, white lettering, 210 pages. Second edition, preceded by Campbell’s 157-page privately printed Oswego, Kansas edition of 1900. A convoluted and somewhat muddled attempt to take what Campbell understands to be modern scientific thought and reconcile it to the Mosaic account the creation. Campbell touches in part on the Symmes hollow-earth theory, evident Martian writing on a meteorite in Rochester, N. Y., electricity as the basis of all weight (supported by his experience of being borne aloft in a tornado), etc. With a publisher’s 20-page pamphlet folded in half and laid in, an advance “reviewer’s copy” with extracts from Campbell’s work. Some soiling and slight wear to the cloth; cheap paper of the reviewer’s pamphlet a bit browned; a very good copy. \$50.00

24. Carpenter, W[illiam]. *One Hundred Proofs that the Earth is Not a Globe. Dedicated to R. A. Proctor, Esq. . . . “Upright, Downright, Straightforward.”* Baltimore: Printed and Published by the Author, 1885. 8vo, original printed front wrapper (lacks rear wrapper), 28 pages. Stated third edition; at least four editions were issued with an 1885 publication date. “That the Earth is an extended plane, stretched out in all directions away from the central North, over which hangs, for ever, the North Star, is a fact which all falsehoods that can be brought to bear upon it with their dead weight will never overthrow: it is God’s Truth the face of which, however, man has the power to smirch all over with his unclean hands.” A splendidly detailed example of Zetetic astronomy from one of the leading figures in the movement, the English emigrant and Baltimore resident William Carpenter, who here takes especial aim at the manifest errors of the English-born astronomer and spherical-earth apologist Richard A. Proctor. This copy with a couple of early Scottish Rite lodge library stamps on the title page and the early ownership signature of Thos. E. Hatch across the top of the front wrapper. Front wrapper detached (despite the early attempt at clear-tape reinforcement of the spine) and chipped and sunned; generally worn and soiled; a fair copy only. \$50.00

25. Fitch, Theodore. *Our Paradise Inside the Earth* [wrapper title]. [Council Bluffs, Iowa?: Theodore Fitch, ca. 1950]. Small 8vo, original pictorial glazed white wrappers, 64 pages. Illus. First edition? An uncommon work from Brother Theodore Fitch (1893-1991) of Council Bluffs, a zealous gospel worker evidently allied with the Oneness Pentecostal movement. Fitch offered his extensive stock of pamphlets for sale at 80 cents or a dollar retail, clergy rates 25 cents; he also ran something of a mail-order lending library, the sum of his efforts tending to advocate his various heterodox views. Fitch argues here—with much Biblical support—that the earth is hollow and open at the poles, and with a habitable interior peopled by a pre-Adamic fallen race of small brown men who pilot the flying saucers which were then plaguing the nation. “Before the flood these very angels and their offspring worshipped Satan and sex. They have never changed one bit. The things we hear about the little brown men and women are not fit to print.” Happily, the saints shall soon possess this interior Kingdom—to the obvious betterment of the human race: “Let us suppose that YOU will be preaching a revival in St. Louis. . . . Now adays, it usually takes 30 to 60 minutes to travel from home to our work. But, in a flying saucer you **could travel to your home in the New Jerusalem** in less than 30 minutes.” The terminal ads in this pamphlet have largely been marked through in slightly later ballpoint ink, with prices changed on a number of items and a few removed from sale—likely in the hand of the author-publisher. Some light soiling and wear; a very good copy. \$50.00

26. Fitch. *The Exact Location of Heaven, also Paradise. Sub-Title, Jesus said, “I go to prepare a place for you,” a glorious Paradise now ready for His saints. Another World—a New World, a World Within This World* [wrapper title]. [Council Bluffs, Iowa?: Theodore Fitch, ca. 1970?]. Small 8vo, original glazed white printed wrappers, 64 pages. Illus. First edition? Another uncommon pamphlet from Brother Fitch, a reworking of his hollow-earth paradise theories, here elaborating much upon the lives and loves of the fallen pre-Adamic race currently inhabiting the interior. Fitch draws on his usual battery of pseudo-scientific exploration accounts and Bible verses to explain the truths being hidden from the public: “Admiral Byrd, employed by the U.S. Government, actually discovered **another world, a new world, a world within this world**. His two flights were a far greater achievement than walking on the moon. In fact they were **the most important expeditions** in the history of the world. Yet they were HUSHED UP then, and they still are. Perhaps the U.S. government thought best NOT to publish Byrd’s reports in order to keep Russia, England, France and other countries from making such flights.” A little browned and soiled; a very good copy. \$50.00

27. [Hampden, John]. *Is Water Level or Convex After All? The Bedford Canal Swindle Detected and Exposed. The Controversy Ended, as All Such Impious Frauds Must End, In Victory for the Truth, and the Defeat and Disgrace of Those Who Oppose It*. Swindon: Alfred Bull, Printer, 1870. 8vo, original self-wrappers (stitching perished, two gatherings complete but unbound), 17, [1] pages. First edition. A typically contentious and uncommonly detailed salvo fired off in the wake of the Bedford Level experiment, a test originally carried out along the Old Bedford River in Norfolk by the Flat Earth Society president Samuel Birley Rowbotham, who purported to show that the mast of a boat rowing away from him remained visible for six miles—thus suggesting to the rational mind that the earth is not curved. Rowbotham’s experiments made nary a ripple in the scientific world until his supporter John Hampden offered a wager of £1000 that he could reproduce Hampden’s experiment to demonstrate that the earth was flat. Famed naturalist (and trained surveyor) Alfred Henry

Wallace—at that period somewhat hard up for cash—perhaps foolishly took Hampden up on the offer. Wallace of course won the wager but made a lasting enemy of Hampden, who persecuted Wallace over the next two decades. As Wallace recounts in his memoir *My life: a record of events and opinions* (1905), “One day about this time we happened to have several friends with us, and as we were at luncheon, I was called to see a gentleman at the door. I went, and there was Hampden! I was so taken aback that my only idea was to get rid of him as soon as possible, but I afterwards much regretted that I did not ask him in, give him luncheon, and introduce him as the man who devoted his life to converting the world into the belief that the earth was flat. We should at least have had some amusement; and to let him say what he had to say to a lot of intelligent people might have done him good. But such ‘happy thoughts’ come too late. He had come really to see where I lived, and as our cottage and garden at Godalming, though quite small, were very pretty, he was able to say afterwards that I (the thief, etc.) was living in luxury, while he, the martyr to true science, was in poverty. . . . And this man was educated at Oxford University! Seldom has so much boldness of assertion and force of invective been combined with such gross ignorance. . . . The two law suits, the four prosecutions for libel, the payments and costs of the settlement, amounted to considerably more than the £500 I received from Hampden [the balance of the stakes Hampden withheld, alleging fraud], besides which I bore all the costs of the week’s experiments, and between fifteen and twenty years of continued persecution—a tolerably severe punishment for what I did not at the time recognize as an ethical lapse.” Small tear to the fore-edge of the entire pamphlet, with no loss of text; some light wear and light soiling; a very good copy. \$225.00

28. Hodgman, Stephen A[lexander]. *The Fallacies and Follies of ‘Science, falsely so-called.’ Rationalists Challenged. With an Appendix.* Philadelphia: [Thomas Bryce?, 1882?]. 8vo, original printed wrappers, 14, 14 pages. First edition? OCLC notes two evident editions, one of which is dated 1882, the other 1884. The indefatigable contrarian author of such works as *Moses and the Philosophers* (Philadelphia 1881, et seq.) and *A Discourse on the Days of Creation: They are Not Geological Periods, but Natural Days of Twenty-four Hours Each* (n.d.), Hodgman here once again levels his understanding of divine revelation against rationalism and its cognate perils, evolution and the nebular theory of the solar system. “When Richard A. Proctor lectured last in New York, as reported in the *New York Herald*, he stated that 500,000,000 years, in round numbers, have elapsed since the earth was nothing but a mass of heated Nebulous matter. I met this statement with a challenge in the same paper, to the effect that he had no scientific fact or argument to prove that the earth is ten thousand years old, and, that, if he would consent to discuss the question, I would demonstrate the truth of the statement before any audience. He, knowing that he had no facts or arguments, prudently avoided a discussion.” Wrappers rather chipped; a few small marginal tears; in good condition. \$125.00

29. Housman, [Catherine]. *Observations on a Volume Recently Published, Entitled “Perfect Peace;” or Letters-Memorial of the Late John Warren Howell, Esq., of Bath, M.R.C.S. By Mrs. Housman.* London: Printed by W. Hughes, 1844 [i.e., 1845]. 8vo, contemporary (likely original) blind-stamped green morocco, a.e.g., 110, [1] pages. Frontis portrait, six plates (one hand colored). First edition, evidently privately printed. An uncommon and eccentric Victorian attack on Newton and the heliocentric system. Mrs. Housman of Bath published several other titles on similar themes, including her *Writing or Declaration from the Law*

*Book, to Obliterate the House of the Revolver, or Solar System* (1821) and *Letter to Dr. Spry in Vindication of the Word of God Against Every Specimen of Scientific Opposition* (1839). Mrs. Housman here emerges as something of a prototype of Lady Hope, taking issue with the posthumous collection of correspondence from John Warren Howell, *Perfect Peace: Letters-Memorial of the late John Warren Howell* (1844, compiled by David Pitcairn), which evidently lent credence to the controversial contention that Howell *may have supported the idea of the solar system*—a view Mrs. Housman disputes, claiming she had evidence that Howell had supported her views of the Biblical cosmology, though she does aver that “we have found by experience, that the clergy, in general, are more strenuously devoted to the theory of Newton than any other class of society.” Morocco slightly rubbed; a little light foxing in the prelims; a very good copy. \$450.00

30. Loomis, William Isaacs. *The Anti-Newtonian. Incidents and Facts in My Life*. New York: Thomas Holman, Printer, 1869. [Bound with as published:] *Discovery of the Origin of Gravitation and the Majestic Motive Force which Generated the Diurnal and Yearly Revolutions of the Heavenly Bodies*. Martindale Depot, N.Y.: (Thomas Holman, Printer), 1866. 2 vols in 1, large 8vo, original green cloth, gilt lettering, 59, [1], [vi], 130 pages. Frontis portrait. Second edition of the first title, which was originally published in 1867 as *Incidents and Facts in My Life*, and first edition of the second title. From the pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church on Bleecker Street—who on God’s direct verbal command had assumed the title of “the American Astronomer”—comes this splendid attack on the Newtonian-Copernican system; his autobiography segues nicely into accounts of his experiments to refute Newton’s theories of gravitation. As expected from one with a divine mandate, Loomis brooks little opposition: his chapter “Astronomical Epoch of Moses, Versus Newton’s System of the World and the American Bible Union,” includes the telling observation, “Permit me now to say to the infidel Ha! ha!-ists who have concluded that they know more by the teachings of Newton than Moses ever learned of God: To the front, gentlemen, and learn that the narrative of Moses, in respect to the construction of the solar system, is in the most perfect accordance with Natural Astronomy.” See Kaplan 3581. Cloth somewhat nibbled and rubbed and worn, and a bit fly-specked; a good sound copy of an uncommon work. \$225.00

31. Neupert, Karl. *Unser Wissen vom Sein. (Das Weltall im Erdball) (Die wahre Beschaffenheit des Kosmos). Populärwissenschaftlich dargestellt von Johannes Lang*. Magdeburg: Aquarius-Verlag, (1926). 8vo, original color pictorial wrappers, [2], 117, [1] pages, 10 inserted leaves of plates and text, [6] pages. To judge from the copyright page, the second printing of a thousand copies. Neupert became the leading Nazi theorist of the inverted earth model (the variation on the hollow-earth model that posits we are already living on the inside of a globe); he had as early as 1901 been publishing counter-Copernican cosmologies (viz. *Mechanik des Himmels und der Moleküle: Aufbau eines Weltsystems aus dem Aether mit Beweis der Unrichtigkeit der Kopernikanischen Anschauungen sowie Nachweis der zusammengesetzten Struktur der chemischen Elemente*). Speculation abounds that his work influenced Hitler’s world view. The original publisher (Aumann) here canceled on the title and front wrapper with mounted printed slips. OCLC notes three locations (all in Germany). Wrappers spotted and slightly worn; some scattered light foxing; a very good copy. \$50.00

32. Patterson, Rowley. *Rowley Patterson’s Grand Theory of the Progression of Mankind, Animals & Planets*. Dansville, N.Y.: Bunnell & Oberdorf, 1885. 8vo, original printed wrap-

pers, 52 pages + tipped-in printed leaf. First edition. An argument that man was first created on a lesser planet in the solar system and that progressive evolution will lead our species from planet to planet until the coming of the final judgment on Jupiter. Patterson draws in part on the literature of Agassiz, Steele, and Dana (among other contemporary savants) in support of his arguments, coming to the inevitable conclusion that, "My firm belief is that the three rings of and eight moons of Saturn are Paradise, the place that Christ and the thief went after their crucifixion, and the place where the good folks stay till they are wanted on another planet." Patterson (who died in 1893 "at an advanced age") is given a brief notice in an early local history of Dansville as "the astronomer of Poag's Hole," where he evidently spent his nights peering through a \$500 telescope and his days formulating this grand cosmological theory; indeed, as *Dansville; historical, biographical, descriptive* (1902) diplomatically notes, "He was entirely sincere, and some of his theories were remarkable, to say the least." The tipped-in sheet at the end reprints a sermon by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, with Patterson's note suggesting that Beecher based his text on Patterson's "Grand Theory." The front wrapper offers a \$100 to the first person demonstrating the falseness of Patterson's theory, a challenge which likely remains uncollected. OCLC notes four locations. A little soiled and lightly spotted; a very good copy. \$225.00

33. Prescott, B[artholomew]. *The Inverted Scheme of Copernicus; with the Pretended Experiments upon which His Followers Have Founded Their Hypotheses of Matter and Motion, Compared with the Facts, and With the Experience of the Senses: And the Doctrine of the Formation of Worlds Out of Atoms, by the Power of Gravity and Attraction, Contrasted with the Formation of One World by Divine Power, as it is Revealed in the History of the Creation. Book the First. To Which is Prefixed a Letter to Sir Humphrey Davy . . .* Liverpool: Printed by J. Lang [etc.], 1822. [Bound with:] *The Motion of the Sun in the Ecliptic, Proved to be Uniform in a Circular Orbit; and Tables of the Equations . . . with Preliminary Observations on the Fallacy of the Solar System.* London: Published by C. & J. Rivington, and by G. Riebau, [1825]. 2 vols in 1, 8vo, contemporary blind-stamped calf (perhaps a presentation binding), gilt spine, [1-4], [vii]-xliv, [1]-216 & [1]-70 pages. First edition of each title; the second part of the first title (not included here) was separately published in 1823. "But, to come more immediately to the subject of my letter;—it is to ONE GREAT ERROR in public education that I particularly wish to call your attention; and I consider *this*, in its tendency, of greater importance than all the rest put together. This error, which has been considered the glory of our nation, holds a conspicuous place in the course prescribed to the students at all our universities and public schools;—THE MODERN SYSTEM OF PHYSICS; or, in more precise terms,—the modern system of astronomy—the Solar System; which combines the Copernican, Keplerian and Newtonian hypotheses. I do not hesitate to say, that, to hold a firm belief in this system, and, at the same time, in the sacred records, is an incongruity that cannot rationally exist in any intelligent and reflecting mind." Thus does the Liverpool accountant (his occupation per *Notes and Queries* 10th ser. IV, Aug. 12, 1905)—whose true avocation was to dismantle the obvious follies of the Copernican system—here fling down the gauntlet to Sir Humphrey Davy. Prescott had early taken up the defense of the divine model of the universe, a task that brought him into early conflict with not only the scientific establishment but the prophet and amateur astronomer Richard Brothers (cf. the entry on Brothers in the DNB). A presentation copy, inscribed on a front blank, "Captain Robert Garrick with the compliments of the Author, Liverpool, 30th July 1826." The dedicatee then made a gift of this volume, with an inscription on the verso of

the blank and the recipient's signature at the head of the title. Appears to lack a half-title. Some penciling in the text. Publication date of the second title taken from the final page of text. Rather rubbed, hinges a bit tender; dust-soiled and a little foxed throughout; a good, sound copy. \$375.00

34. Reed, William. *The Phantom of the Poles*. New York: Walter S. Rockey Company, 1906. 8vo, original dark green cloth, gilt lettering, 283 pages. Frontis portrait, illus., plates. First edition. The contemporary hollow-earth volume possessed of perhaps the greatest appearance of scientific even-handedness—though Reed's conclusions (arrived at after a careful collation of then-existing accounts of visits to the polar regions and cited by many later hollow-earth enthusiasts) of course can be summed up best in his own caption to a schematic plate of the hollow earth: "The earth is hollow. The poles so long sought are but phantoms. There are openings at the northern and southern extremities. In the interior are vast continents, oceans, mountains and rivers. Vegetable and animal life are evident in this new world, and it is probably peopled by races yet unknown to the dwellers upon the earth's exterior." Rough penciled score sheet or household accounts on the rear paste-down. A bit rubbed and bumped; a very good copy. \$275.00

35. Sanborn, Arthur. *The Long Lost Land by Arthur Sanborn Billerica Massachusetts. Private Copy* [wrapper title]. [Billerica, Mass.?: n. p., before 1939]. 8vo, original printed wrappers, [2], 46 pages. Map. First edition. "If the question is put—'Where, in all the world, is the spot most favorable to the existence and development of the human race?' the answer must be, without a dissenting voice—'The region of the Great Lakes of America.'" The four-part river of Eden is identified as the Great Lakes, Adam and Eve were resident on the shores of Lake Huron, the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge was the wild American grape, the flaming sword was a natural gas vent near Saginaw, the Deluge was caused by the gravitational influence of the planet Vulcan (now in the asteroid belt), etc. As Sanborn sagely notes while he dispenses with the numerous commonly-received errors in Biblical interpretation, "It is almost impossible for truth to enter this world, or survive in it, altogether unmixed with error." With several lines of text inked through, as well as the author's Billerica location on the front wrapper, likely in authorial autograph. An editorial from noted Southern journalist W. J. Cash in the August 16, 1939 issue of the *Charlotte News* refers to Sanborn (who had written to various newspapers to offer for a mere \$50,000 the right to publish his proof of the Oxford solution to the Shakespeare authorship mystery), noting, "Our favorite correspondent just now is Mr. Arthur W. Sanborn, of 124 Newton Street, Boston, Mass. For reasons we can only surmise, Arthur is not to be found in 'Who's Who in America.' But he is by his own confession a noted author. Among his books are those well-known titles: 'Men of Merchant's Row' and 'The Long Lost Land.'" This title not found on OCLC. A couple of smudgy fingerprints to the front wrapper; some light soil; a very good copy. \$225.00

36. Scott, David Wardlaw. *Terra Firma: The Earth Not a Planet. Proved from Scripture, Reason, and Fact*. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, & Co., 1901. 8vo, original green cloth, xvi, 288 pages. Folding frontis "Map of the World as a Plane," illus. in the text. First edition. "It may be that these pages may meet the need of some, who have not altogether been misled by unprovable fancies, and who will rejoice to find that the Biblical account of Creation is, after all, the only one which can be depended upon, and that Modern Astronomy, like its kindred theory of Evolution, that dangerous and degraded form of Bud-

dhist metempsychosis, is nothing but ‘a mockery, a delusion, and a snare.’” The capstone of Scott’s long career in the Gospel and a classic of the flat earth canon, erected upon a Zetetic foundation of the Bible and buttressed with Rowbotham, Carpenter, Winship and Hampden, the whole otherwise embroidered with much in the way of logical argument and rhetorical scorn leveled against the follies of modern astronomy—or, as Scott would have it, “It is truly painful to contemplate the results of Modern Astronomy—its rejection of the Word of God with respect to the revolution of the Sun, and its consequent tendency towards infidelity—its abandonment of reason and its denial of the proper use of our senses as to the observation of actual facts—its brazen effrontery in teaching without proof the most ridiculous fallacies—fill the minds of the thoughtful and devout with real sorrow, knowing that so many have already beguiled, and so many are still being beguiled under its baneful influence.” Small Weiser ticket on the front paste-down. Some light traces of damp to the front and rear endpapers and staining to the verso of the final leaf; a little rubbed and worn; a very good copy. \$250.00

37. Warren, William F[airfield]. *Paradise Found: The Cradle of the Human Race at the North Pole. A Study of the Prehistoric World.* Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1885. 8vo, original brown cloth, gilt letting, xxiv, [2], 505 pages. Frontis, two plates, illus. First edition. “Given a prehistoric circumpolar continent at the North Pole as the cradle of the race, what must have been marked and memorable features of that primitive abode?” And in answer to that grand question, Warren suggests days that lasted six months (the better to conform to Genesis), massive floral and faunal development due to the magnetic forces, a lost continent since submerged, universal themes in mythology, etc. etc. The president of Boston University erects a massive eight-fold apparatus of astronomy, paleontology, geology and other disciplines (including judicious extracts from a sheaf of newspaper clippings and accounts of putative polar explorers) to place the cradle of mankind at the North Pole. One can only admit the justice of the contemporary review that appeared in *Harper’s* of August, 1885, which noted, “Dr Warren’s discussion of the subject is conducted with utmost candor and dignity, combined with great earnestness and sincerity, and also an affluence of recon-dite learning and a beauty and lucidity of style that enhance the interest of the engrossing problem which he has undertaken to solve.” Occasional neat pencil underlining. Neat bold ink ownership signature across the head of the title and to the front free endpaper. Some slight darkening, wear and a little spotting to the cloth; a very good copy. \$250.00

38. Warren. *Paradise Found: The Cradle of the Human Race at the North Pole . . . Sixth Edition.* Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1885. 8vo, original cloth, gilt letting, xxiv, [2], 505 pages. Frontis, two plates, illus. Stated sixth edition, a reprint of the first that appeared the same year—some measure of the book’s contemporary renown. Occasional neat pencil underlining. Neat bold ink ownership signature across the head of the title and to the front free endpaper. Some slight wear to the cloth; a very good copy. \$100.00

39. Sullivan, J[ames] C., M. D. *Celestial Physics.* Cairo, Ill.: Press of the Citizen Company, 1892. 8vo, original printed blue wrappers, 31, [1] pages. First edition? There was also a 51-page edition with four plates dated 1892—presumably an expanded edition. “It must then be the force of the Sun’s rays that gives to the planets their weight, as well as govern their motion and place in space.” Yet another uncommon bit of detailed iconoclastic cosmology from the Mississippi Valley, Sullivan explains that the figure-eight mathematics of the

Sun's rays (as well as various other forces too abstruse for summary here) are responsible for earth's storms; a little calculation will suffice to remove uncertainty from our weather predictions and explain away the tornado and hurricane. "As a solar eclipse is only possible at new moon when at or near a node, it follows that the Moon during many of her phases while describing her orbit is capable of impinging her centrifugal and centripetal as well as either of her two polar adynamic cones, on our atmosphere *only*, and may consequently give location and direction to many of the minor wind and rain storms," etc. Ex-library copy with a small blind-stamp to the front wrapper. Wrappers somewhat soiled and worn, with chipping along the spine; a very good copy. \$150.00

40. Walker, William L. *The Rotation of the Earth and Planetary Bodies, Considered as the Product of a Change of Motion, under the Mechanical Theory of Heat*. New York: S. W. Green, 1877. Small 8vo, original printed gray wrappers, 64 pages. Illus. First edition. An uncommon, extensively argued, and moderately confused bit of amateur physics. Walker appears to have some bones to pick with the nebular theory of the formation of the solar system, as well as with the conservation of angular momentum; he instead posits (at great length) that the heat from the sun transforms the earth's atmosphere into something of a "Barker's mill," which pushes the earth along its diurnal course. Wrappers quite soiled and stained, with some minor chipping; light damp-stain to the upper margin of the text block; a good, sound copy. \$125.00

### **Medical**

41. Health Appliance Co. *Health . . . A Treatise for Men Only. Showing How to Restore Complete Manhood, in all That Term Implies, by a Single Natural System of Home Treatment*. San Francisco: Health Appliance Co., 1904. 8vo, original orange-printed brown wrappers, 94 pages. Illus. First edition, ex-Library of Congress duplicate with their deposit accession stamp on the verso of the title and light stamps to the front wrapper. "It is a well established scientific fact that all our great statesmen, orators, ministers, musicians, financiers, pugilists, etc., are men of STRONG SEXUAL POWERS. Well developed sexual organs manifest themselves in the clear, ringing voice, the glossy hair, the sparkling eye, personal magnetism, and force of character." An uncommon and extensive advertisement and trade catalogue for penis enlargement, impotency treatment and prostate health, all easily obtained from the Health Appliance Co. with any of its various models of Dr. Lawrence's Improved Vacuum Developers (now with the "Perfect Diaphragm"). Includes many pertinent quotations from great men (including Havelock Ellis, who notes "It has been scientifically proven that men with small penises have no power to excite the female"), as well as graphic illustrations on the proper use of the company's products. Small flaw to the second leaf, with the loss of one small word ("disease") and a few letters; a very good copy. \$125.00

42. Mellott, S. H. *Telepathy by S. H. Mellott, Professor of the Theory and Practice of Magnetic Healing, and Diagnostician of the American School of Magnetic Healing*. Nevada, Missouri: American School of Magnetic Healing, 1899. 16mo, original printed blue glazed wrappers, wire stitched, 63 pages. Illus. First edition. "Thoughts being thus, of transitory origin, are relatively transitory in duration, but the impressions they create upon the etheric substratum of mind are immortal, because mind is immortal." An apparently unrecorded guide to telepathy from the institution primarily associated with the work of Professor

Sidney Weltmer (see below) and his Weltmer Method of Absent Treatment (this pamphlet includes ads for Weltmer's works on the rear wrapper). Of Mellott—whose portrait bears both the kindly face and the luxuriant side-whiskers one would expect from a small-town metaphysician—little else is known, though he alludes in this text to further lectures on kindred subjects. Telepathy was evidently not Mellott's sole vocation; an issue of *Publisher's Weekly* in 1895 notes that Mellott turned over a Nevada, Mo., bookselling concern to one J.W. Bunn—a name with certain psychic reverberations considering Mellott's later appearance under a notice in vol. 32 of *The Baker's Review* (1915) as proprietor of a new bakery in Nevada, Mo. This pamphlet, printed according to the rear wrapper at the Foley R'y Printing Co. in Parsons, Kansas, is not located on OCLC or in the Library of Congress online catalog. Wrappers somewhat worn and soiled; a good, sound copy. \$225.00

43. (Phrenology). *A collection of phrenological readings for members of the Byxby family, 1849 & 1874*. New York, 1849 & 1874. 2 printed phrenological examination booklets (one published by Fowlers and Wells, "One Hundred and Eighty-Fifth Thousand," 1849, completed for Robert Byxbee on June 19, 1849, the other by Samuel R. Wells, copyright 1869, completed for Ida Byxbee on February 28, 1874) with a 7-page manuscript phrenological description of Robert G. Byxbee dated June 19, 1849, a 1-page manuscript phrenological chart for Howard S. Byxbee, a 1-page manuscript chart for Mrs. Byxbee, and a 1-page manuscript chart for Edith Lummer Byxbee, these last three dated February 28, 1874. "You have a very active brain one that will accomplish as much in a given sphere of time as if it were larger, that is with your size and strength of body." A nice small family phrenology archive. The phrenologist in 1849 was S. N. Parmelee, the practitioner in 1874 one Dr. F. J. Kreshel; the earlier session was given at Clinton Hall in New York—home of course to the rooms of Fowler and Wells. Some wear and soiling; generally in good to very good condition. \$225.00

44. (Phrenology). Wayte, John, M.D. *Anti-Phrenology; or, Observations to Prove the Fallacy of a Modern Doctrine of the Human Mind, Called Phrenology*. Lynne-Regis: Printed for the Author; Sold by Baldwin & Cradock, London [etc.], 1829. 8vo, removed pamphlet (no wrappers), 97 pages. First edition. "If Phrenology be so essentially important in unravelling the causes, and in determining the precise seats of insanity; likewise in bringing this malady to a more speedy and happy termination, why, for humanity's sake, have not some eminent Phrenologists afforded the world a practical proof of it, by establishing Lunatic Asylums upon their own system, and thereby given us examples of its superior value?" A detailed and well-documented attack on Combe, Spurzheim and kindred practitioners, and even at this early date a splendid tonic against the befuddling rigors of sustained engagement with the pseudo-sciences. A presentation copy, though trimmed along the top edge of the title page with loss to the inscription: "From the Author[?] with [—] great[?] / respect for the Professor's talents." Somewhat soiled and lightly damp-stained throughout; a good, sound copy. \$150.00

45. Simms, J[oseph]. *An Original and Illustrated Physiognomical Chart . . . This Work Presents a New and Complete Analysis and Classification of the Temperaments or Forms of Mankind, and Designates a Great Number of Faculties Heretofore Unrecognized, the Physiognomical Signs of Which Have Never Before Been Discovered*. (Glasgow, Scotland: Dunn & Wright, Printers), 1873. 8vo, original blind-stamped brown cloth, gilt lettering,

238, [2] pages. Illus. First edition. The science of phrenology writ large;—or, the reading of a person's character from various physical traits, with numerous examples drawn from life. Simms explains at length numerous features and their meanings, ranging from Salitiveness (illustrated with a cut of Mark Twain) to Physiodelectatiousness (or the dispensation towards and inclination for sensual delights; he counsels those cursed with an excess of this trait to combat their naturally outsized amativeness by letting “the works of Irving, Ruskin, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Sigourney, &c., be your study and pleasure”). Rather unfairly to this cataloguer's mind, Simms draws in part on physical traits from across the animal kingdom—thus in desecrating innate playfulness is one's forehead thrown out in comparison with that of the squirrel, while those who hope to find in their lineaments some trace of amicitiveness must compete with the features of that legendarily loyal canine, Greyfriar's Bobby. Simms also includes occasional instances of pseudo-criminology in anticipation of Lombroso. This copy with a physiognomical reading penciled into the rear of the book, the reading performed by Simms himself for E. W. Sawtelle of Sacramento, Calif., given on Feb. 11, 1879. Small modern address label mounted on the front paste-down. Small closed tear to one leaf; some light sunning and wear; a very good copy. \$125.00

46. Sizer, Nelson. *Forty Years in Phrenology; Embracing Recollections of History, Anecdote, and Experience*. New York: Fowler & Wells Co., 1884. 8vo, original gilt pictorial blue-green cloth, 413 pages plus [10], 8, [1] pages of ads. Frontis portrait, illus. An early reprint; the first appeared in 1882. One of the forgotten leading lights in American phrenology, the extensive memoirs of this associate of the Fowlers and Wells, with much on his travels, his lectures, his examinations—all tending to point up the efficacy of his profession. Also includes hints on bathing, the link between butter and malaria, etc. See Kaplan 5228. Spine splashed and a bit soiled; somewhat rubbed; a very good copy. \$85.00

47. Weltmer, Prof. S[idney] A[bram]. *The Weltmer Method of Absent Treatment* [wrapper title]. Parsons, Kansas: Foley R'y Printing Co., 1898. 16mo, original pictorial self wrappers, printed on peach paper, 16 pages, wire stitched. First edition. “The only method on earth that will cure sexual decline is the Magnetic or Mental Method of treatment. I have cured thousands of cases of the worst character, and after the persons had taken barrels of medicine and thus broken down their entire nervous systems. There is no good reason why a man should suffer with this kind of weakness and if he but knew it, he could cure himself much quicker than I can. If every man knew what I know, he need not suffer with weakness 24 hours.” The Nevada, Mo.-based Baptist preacher and magnetic healer here promotes his absent treatments for common illness and lost sexual vitality. Per Atwater (which notes other Weltmer titles but not this one), “He coined the term ‘Weltmerism’ to distinguish it from Christian Science and other New Thought schools of mental healing.” The terms for treatment here are \$5 per month, payable in advance. A trifle dust soiled; a fine copy. \$100.00

### *Men of Letters*

48. Griffin, Richard. *Bug House Poetry: The Complete Works of . . .* [New York: n. p.], (1919). 8vo, original green cloth, gilt lettering (uniform with his earlier works), [2], 367 pages. Six plates. Second edition, expanded, of the collected works of the eccentric Bug House poet (expanded over the 293-page edition of 1917). The latter-day discovery of Griffin as a sort of lunatic crusticidal Dadaist generally dates from the two brief appreciations

published by Eric Korn in the TLS in 1986 (indeed, it is Korn to whom we are indebted for that characterization), though later appreciations in scattered literary journals would suggest a small coterie of enthusiasts has existed since at least the early 1970s. Brief extracts do scant justice to this enigmatic poet who went forth with a facile pen and somewhat fevered imagination; his minor epic “The Lobster’s Gizzard” recounts the murky quest of one Mike O’Hara to scale the Hill of Tara at the behest of a wizard to consume the gizzard of a magical lobster, while other pieces touch (in Griffin’s strange way) on violence, political corruption, Mormons and fashion. Most, however, defy easy categorization—viz. “The Elm of Nax” (“The famous tree is spelled either Nax or Nacks. I use both ways,” notes Griffin) or “Notional Nimrod” (“Under the sod / Notional Rod / Nimrod poor clod / In his green pod— / Say—does he fry? / I don’t know, why, / Do You?”). Evidence abounds that Griffin spent time in an institution; the lengthy poem “Water on the Brain” makes detailed reference to life in “the captivating nuttury.” A bit rubbed and worn; a bit tender along the gutter between two leaves; a very good copy. \$125.00

49. Lovell, Tom. *Autobiography in Education by Dr. Tom Lovell* [wrapper title]. Ann Arbor: [n. p.], 1928. 8vo, original pictorial wrappers, [48] pages. Illus. with halftone portraits. First edition, evidently signed in pencil by Lovell on the front wrapper. The only substantial work published by the eccentric cobbler-poet and gadfly of Darwinism, Dr. Tom Lovell (1863-1930), collecting a memoir, literary squibs, and many of his verses (which had been published as slips over a number of years). Lovell had come to Ann Arbor from his native England sometime around 1907 and soon became a familiar figure of fun around “the Athens of the West, where I’ve distinguished myself as a poet, song writer, and a literary writer,” as well as a something of a soapbox orator. He here includes a poignantly earnest detailing of his myriad honors and honorary degrees (conferred upon him over the years by facetious undergraduates): A.W.O.L. (American Writer of Literature), D.U.M. (Doctor of Universal Music), Lieutenant Colonel of Archery, third greatest living man in history (by vote) behind Lincoln and Roosevelt, and D.D. (“How did I get my D.D.? Right from Jesus Christ himself.”); he also details his grudge against the theory of evolution, “which has ruined more boys and girls than all the gambling in the world put together.” With pertinent observations and advice on public speaking, which if followed would provide anyone with a firm basis for a career as a crank. Copyright holder’s name canceled in ink on the first page, with some bleeding of the ink to adjacent leaves and the front wrapper. Wrappers somewhat stained and soiled; a bit worn, with some occasional internal soiling; a good, sound copy of an ephemeral item. OCLC notes four locations (three in Michigan). \$150.00

50. [Samuels, Philip]. *Man v’ Ape in the Play of Ear-Ce-Rammed*. (Boston): Samuels-Bacon, ‘sam ls-ot, (1933). 8vo, original maroon cloth, gilt lettering. One portrait plate, one diagram in the text. Several ink annotations and ink stamps, presumably authorial, at the end of the text. First edition. A prime contender for the title of most eccentric entry in the annals of the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy, *Man v’ Ape* is Samuels’ heavily (even tortuously) annotated edition of Hamlet. Using a numeric cipher and a host of obscure symbolic, linguistic and Biblical interpretations, he here proves that Francis Bacon had prophesized the coming of Philip Samuels as the incarnation of Jehovah, and that Samuels is charged with leading the Jews to an independent state in Palestine. Among the many arguments one finds the attacks on Darwin that give this volume its name (“The image of God did bury Malthus-Darwin under a heap of dust never to rise again”), allusions to Hamlet’s encoded

attacks on the Roman Catholic Church (“Ham=21. Ham plus Pope=70,” etc.) and even perhaps the murky claim that Samuels is Bacon reborn. Just a trifle shaken and rubbed; some light foxing; a very good copy. \$225.00

### *Prophecy*

51. Irvine, William Weir (1863-1947). *An extensive collection of approx. 2000 early type-script carbons of letters from Jerusalem, from the Omega Message prophet and founder of the Two-by-Two sect.* [Largely Jerusalem, but likely typed in California], 1911-1945. 5 volumes of carbon typescripts in pasteboard binders (generally text on rectos only, though with occasional mimeographed letters—otherwise called by Irvine’s followers “The Mim-eographs,” a primer of the Omega Message—printed recto and verso), with occasional annotations or corrections in ink or red pencil. Some duplication.

Aside from the King James Bible and a few ephemeral printed hymn books, these letters stand as basic texts for the heterodox enigmatic fundamentalist Christian offshoot of the Two-by-Two movement, founded by the Scottish-born Irvine sometime after his split from the work of the Faith Mission in 1901; Irvine’s new group stressed the primacy of the Bible and sent its preachers out in pairs to establish home-based churches across America, Australia, New Zealand, China, South Africa, and Europe. Irvine spent much time from 1914 to 1919 in the United States, crossing paths in Southern California with some leading figures in the newly emerging Pentecostal movement, and formulating his prophetic ideas on the impending end of the world—the so-called “Omega Message” which he received in November, 1918, and in which Irvine—via the Book of Revelation—claimed that the original dispensation ended in August, 1914 and that the end of the world was nigh. Irvine moved to Jerusalem in 1919 and there established himself in prophetic study and settled into a long career of sending his message out to followers and otherwise engaging in epistolary sniping with schismatic figures and subsisting on small money orders from overseas.

The importance of the letters cannot be underestimated for Irvine’s followers (sometimes called “the Message People”); as Cherie Kropp notes in her study of the sect, *The Real Truth About ‘the Truth,’* “Since there is no single letter that gives the entire Omega Message, it must be assimilated from reading many of his letters. There is no central bank of Irvine’s letters, nor are they to be found on a website hosted by his followers. They have been copied and recopied. . . . The lack of public distribution is intentional, as Wm. Irvine firmly believed the Omega Message should be shared through individual contact, as Jesus and the Disciples gave the Message of their day. His followers have no printed material nor hymnal. . . . Current Omega followers keep their own files of letters and at their discretion, share them with others. . . . Message People do not freely distribute Irvine’s letters to outsiders, because they don’t believe in ‘casting pearls before swine.’”

The letters (many of them addressed to Willie Edwards, a follower who was in charge of disseminating Irvine’s message until Irvine broke with him in mid-1945) indeed show a varied and various approach to both life and theology alike—Irvine of course has much to say of signs and portents in light of Revelation (the death of Aimee Semple McPherson in 1944 inevitably evokes the Harlot of Revelation and elicits from Irvine recollections of his role in founding the Pentecostal movement in Southern California) but he also offers

counsel to his followers on diet and behavior, while blasting dissenters from afar. (Former Irvine follower George Linn comes in for special chastisement, Linn having declared himself John the Apostle returned in fulfillment of prophecy in mid-1937; Linn made the journey to Jerusalem, where he died in 1938—but not before Irvine had crossed paths with him: “A week ago I saw George in Post Office and advised him to go home. . . . All the 4 months and 4 days they were here I had not spoken more than 200 words to them, though they tried every way to force their attentions on me.”)

In addition to matters of theology, the letters stand as an uncommon eyewitness account of the tumult of life and politics in Jerusalem under the British Mandate, where a self-proclaimed prophet might fall into debate with a Hindu man at the post office or keep a worried eye on the state of the citrus crop; from his first arrival in 1919, Irvine notes, “Well, I like Jerusalem. It’s quite a study in all kinds of religions, buildings and people. . . . Soldiers guard all the especially Holy places to keep them from fighting with one another about who is to have possession of the Holiest ground,” and over the years his reports range from updates on the political situation (a letter in 1939 notes local sentiment on a British proposal to delay an independent Palestine for a decade and to allow the immigration of 75,000 Jews over a five-year period) to reports of clashes between Arabs and Jews.

Few studies of Irvine and his sects exist—most seem to have been written by disaffected followers of the original Two by Two group, viz. Kathleen Lewis’s *The Church Without a Name* (2004) and Kropp’s online book, or by those with an interest in exposing cults, viz. Brian Onken’s *Two by two; also known as: Go-Preachers, the Jesus way, Cooneyites* [ca. 1980-1990?] and of course William C. Irvine (no relation to the prophet) and his *Heresies Exposed*, 1917 et seq., which notes, “It is very difficult for anyone not initiated into their sect to get an official outline of their doctrines, for they purposefully refrain from printing books or tracts for private circulation.” Kropp publishes a number of Irvine’s letters online but a sample of the letters included in this collection suggest that many remain unpublished (while Kropp’s site includes 28 of the 30 letters from 1943 found in the most substantial volume of this collection, she publishes only three of the 64 letters from 1937, 14 out of the 24 letters from 1942, three out of the 24 from 1941, etc.). Melton’s *Encyclopedia of American Religions* discusses the larger Two-by-Two’s movement and hazards a guess of between “10,000 and 100,000 members in the United States, and possibly twice that number in other countries”—but given the secretive nature of the sect and its penchant for separation and schism, these numbers (like much about the group) will likely remain conjectural.

With labels on the covers in a few instances giving the names of the former owners, including one with an address in Hawthorne, California. Covers missing in three instances, some general wear to the onionskin and remaining covers, but overall quite legible and in very good condition. A remarkable window into both modern life in Jerusalem and the life of a charismatic religious figure. \$3,500.00

52. Southcott, Joanna. *Joanna Southcott’s Answer to Five Charges in the Leeds Mercury, Four of Which are Absolutely False; But as in the first Charge, her Accuser Might Have Some Room for Cavilling, She Wishes to Make Every Allowance; and Give a Clear Answer, How that was Misunderstood* . . . London: Printed by A. Seale, [1805]. 8vo, recent flexible boards, 24 pages. First edition. A controversial work from the odd charismatic English

religious fanatic Southcott (1750-1814), an answer to an attack in the public prints on five of her prophecies (including her prediction that France would invade England by the end of 1804); this pamphlet also includes one of her characteristic lengthy doggerel prophecies. Southcott's religious career met its end in 1814 when she predicted she was to deliver Shiloh the Messiah in accordance with prophecy; the date for delivery came and went (supporters alleged she was in a trance) and she died at the end of December. A fine copy. \$325.00

53. Wild, Rev. Joseph, D.D. *How and When the World Will End . . . Second Editon*. 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 typed 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

54. (Wilkinson, Jemima). [Hudson, David]. *Memoir of Jemima Wilkinson, a Preacheress of the Eighteenth Century; Containing an Authentic Narrative of Her Life and Character, and of the Rise, Progress and Conclusion of Her Ministry*. Bath, N. Y.: Published by R. L. Underhill & Co., 1844. 12mo, original sprinkled sheep (lacking spine label), 288 pages. Lithograph frontispiece portrait. Second edition (the first with the portrait) preceded by the Geneva, N.Y. edition of 1821. The uncommon Bath edition of this early memoir of the American prophet and Utopian leader Wilkinson (1752-1819), a birthright Quaker who had been disowned for attending New Light Baptist preaching during the Great Awakening. Wilkinson's career as a prophet and preacher was launched after an illness and a fever in October, 1776, when she declared that she had returned to Earth from the dead and renamed herself the Publick Universal Friend. She began a campaign of public preaching to large crowds throughout New England and by 1785 grew convinced that she needed to take her flock into the wilderness, eventually establishing Jerusalem Township in western New York. "We cannot say whether she was a deliberate charlatan who duped gullible disciples or a kindly pastor who genuinely cared for her followers. She preached only that people should forsake evil and prepare for divine judgment. Beyond urging others to follow the golden rule in daily affairs, she apparently made some attempts at faith healing, prophesying, and mystical interpretations of dreams. While enjoining pacifism and plain dress, she did not discourage people from saying that she was a messiah" (ANB). Sabin 33485 (this edition); noted under Howes H-761. A little light foxing; somewhat rubbed, with a small chip from the head of the spine; a very good copy. \$375.00

55. Wynn, Rev. Walter. *What Has and What Will Come to Pass: Events Fulfilled and Coming Events Predicted*. London: Rider & Co., [1933]. Small 8vo, original pictorial yellow wrappers bound into contemporary black binder's cloth hand-painted by an early owner

in red, green and white with the title and author and a pyramid motif. First edition. The Anglo-Israelite enthusiast and self-styled pyramid expert here decodes the secrets of these ancient structures to predict various apocalyptic scenarios. Wynn originally published *What Will Come to Pass* in 1926 and met with a certain amount of skepticism among the reading public; this updated work is not only intended to demonstrate the accuracy of some of his earlier predictions but “is also a pungent reply to comments made by certain papers during 1928.” Some penciled commentary in the book. An appropriately naive artistic binding for an eccentric work. Top edge of the half-title neatly excised. Bound a bit tight along the gutter throughout; a very good copy. \$75.00

### ***Race and Religion***

56. Brown, George W[ashington], M.D. *Researches in Oriental History, Embracing the Origin of the Jews, the Rise and Development of Zoroastrianism, and the Derivation of Christianity; to which is Added, Whence Our Aryan Ancestors? . . . Second Edition*. Rockford, Ill.: Printed and Published by the Author, 1890. 8vo, original brown cloth, gilt lettering, 407 pages + 3 pages ads. Stated second edition but likely the first edition, preceded by newspaper appearances. “This fading is common to all forms of animal life, including mammalia, birds and insects. Our white progenitors, thus accidentally called into being, with greater intellectuality than their kinsmen, and the sexes of the light-skinned people being attracted to each other, propagated their kind, just as albinos are doing to-day. These fair-hued people naturally withdrew from their tawny associates, and rapidly increased in numbers.” The famed early pioneer newspaper editor of Bloody Kansas here turns his hand to ersatz Nietzschean anthropology in the service of free thought, attacking both the historical and theological claims of the Jews and the origins of Christianity (i.e. the historical Jesus did not exist); Brown’s final section of racist white supremacist pseudo-science traces the progress of the Aryan race through Asia and Europe and its inevitable triumph over the lesser races. No editions earlier than this so-called second found on OCLC or in the Library of Congress catalogue; given the numerous times Brown refers to the appearance of earlier versions of this work in the columns of the *Ironclad Age*, it seems likely that he has styled this first book appearance of this work the second edition. OCLC (9/10) notes three locations. Spine a bit frayed at the foot; corners a bit rubbed; a very good copy. \$225.00

57. [Confederate Children’s Book]. *The First Reader for Southern Schools*. Raleigh: Published by the N. C. Christian Advocate Publishing Company, 1864. 12mo, original printed tan wrappers, 24 pages. First edition. An uncommon example of a children’s book for a Confederate audience—given the imprint, many of the reading examples are religious or domestic, though “tucked among the homey examples drawn from everyday life and the Bible stories of *The First Reader for Southern Schools* was lesson twenty-nine, which explained the usages of words such as ‘arm,’ ‘cut,’ ‘sad,’ and ‘war’: ‘The man’s arm has been cut off. It was shot by a gun. Oh! What a sad thing war is!’” (Marten, *The Children’s Civil War*, 1998); similarly, lesson forty-six notes “It is not a sin to own slaves. It is right. God wills that some men should be slaves, and some masters” (see Drew Gilpin Faust on the opportunities presented by secession and the Civil War for developing a pro-slavery elementary curriculum—with reference to this title—in *The Creation of Confederate Nationalism*, 1988). As with many Confederate imprints, the paper of this pamphlet is cheaply made and a bit brittle and browned; the scarcity of paper in the Southern states during the

war is proverbial. Parrish & Willingham 7725; Sabin 24412. Some discoloration to and a few chips from the wrappers; a bit worn; a good, sound copy. \$375.00

58. Kenrick, Clive and A. R. H. *A group of three prophetic British-Israelite pamphlets, viz. The True Economic System The Only Way Out . . . by Clive Kenrick. [With:] The National Choice: Communism or The Kingdom of God by C. K. [With:] The Economic System of the Kingdom of God.* London: The Covenant Publishing Co., [ca. 1933], 1931, 1932. 3 vols, each 8vo, original printed wrappers, [64], [48], [80] pages. Possible first edition of each pamphlet. The Great Depression flushed out a number Pyramid-linked economic prophecies, with criticisms here leveled against the gold standard, government economic controls, the timing of the London Economic Conference as a manifestation of the Great Pyramid symbolism prediction marking the 286-day displacement from life to death of the Testimony of the Two Witnesses, etc. With the expected references to the Anglo-Saxon lineage from King David and this descent as justification for the prophecies and economic policies here outlined. Some general light soiling and wear; all very good copies. \$100.00

59. Payne, N[eva] I[olanthe] E. *British Israel Deception Exposed.* Torrensville, South Australia: Hunkin, Ellis & King, Ltd., Printers, [1946]. Small 8vo, original printed brown wrappers, 96 pages. First edition. Ms. Payne, writing from an Adelaide suburb, here notes “The Covenant Publishing Co., have issued a challenge to anyone believing their teaching to be wrong, to prove it. Therefore, knowing it to be one of the many last day deceptions of Satan, to entangle men and women having a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge . . . I accept the challenge.” And thus begins a lengthy and detailed attack on the tenets of British Israelism, amply partaking of bold type, capital letters and skeptical quotation marks. While Payne’s sentiment is noble, her methodology seems to rest on a quaking bog of textual conjecture nearly as unstable as that of her avowed opponents. OCLC notes one copy, at the National Library of Australia. A trifle sunned and dust-soiled; a very good copy. \$100.00

### **Reform and Reformers**

60. Goodwin, Rev. T[homas] A. *The Duty of Literary Men. An Address Before the Indiana Branch of the Society of Alumni of the Indiana Asbury University* [wrapper title]. New York: Burnz & Co., Publishers of Phonographic and Phonetic Books, 1878. Small 8vo, original printed blue wrappers, 16 pages. First edition. And what is the great duty of the literary men of the Mississippi Valley? Spelling reform—or as Goodwin would have it, “a more formidabl rong than African Slavery ever woz.” A rousing address to the alumni of what would become DePauw from the Indianapolis author, investment advisor and notary public, published entirely in the reformed orthography adopted by the Spelling Reform Association in 1870. The publisher, Eliza Burnz, is an overlooked figure in American reform—an English-born American abolitionist, woman’s suffrage activist and pioneer stenographer, she was so wedded to the cause of spelling reform that she named her daughter Foneta. Old light vertical crease; a couple small spots and some light soiling; a very good copy. \$100.00

61. Jewett, [William Cornell]. *Mediation Position of France in Connection with a Congress of Nations. Mr. Jewett’s Telegram to His Majesty Napoleon III . . . Also—Letters to Governor Horatio Seymour, and President Lincoln, as Published in the “Toronto Leader.”* (London: Savill and Edwards, Printers), [1863]. 8vo, original printed orange wrappers, 32 pages. First

edition. One of the several uncommon and ephemeral pamphlets published on behalf of the eccentric millionaire and peace activist William “Colorado” Jewett, whose dogged efforts as a sort of free-floating peace delegate (he styled himself the Representative from Pikes Peak and had petitioned Congress to be recognized as such) would have been a thorn in Lincoln’s side throughout the Civil War but for the fact that (according to John Hay) the president never bothered to read Jewett’s nearly numberless epistles on the proper prosecution of the conflict. Jewett did manage to make an impact on other public figures with his plans for mediation, entangling Horace Greeley in the so-called Niagara Conference in 1863. This pamphlet reproduces in part Jewett’s further efforts to drag the European governments and New York Governor Horatio Seymour to the peace table in Canada. One old light crease; a fine copy. \$225.00

62. Jewett. *National Appeal, in Connection with the Independent Peace Mission of William Cornell Jewett to the Courts of Europe, Showing the Motives of Europe and America, as Connected with Mediation and the American War; questioning the Motives of W. H. Seward; declining the Government-tendered Hospitalities of Fort La Fayette. With Appeals to J. G. Bennett, Esq., and the Press, Napoleon III, Emperor of France, European Governments, President Lincoln, Governors of Northern States, Representative Vallandigham. Concluding with a National Prayer.* [London:] (Savill & Edwards, Printers), [1863]. 8vo, unbound, 8 pages. First edition. Further correspondence with the world’s leaders from that hidden cog in international affairs, Colorado Jewett. A bit sunned and dust-soiled; a fine copy. \$225.00

### **Reports from Beyond**

63. Fuller, G[eorge] W[ashington] and F. Corden White. *Ardetha, the Teacher. A Series of Lessons Given through the Mediumship of F. Corden White to G. W. Fuller.* Prescottville, Penn.: Published by G. W. Fuller, (1902). 8vo, original maroon cloth, gilt lettering, 154 pages. Frontis portrait of Ardetha. First edition. “The name of the Author is Ardetha. She was one of the inhabitants of the Continent of Atlantis, which was sunk beneath the Atlantic Ocean by some great cataclysm, many thousand years ago. I first met her in July 1898, when she materialized at a seance given by Mrs. Effie Moss, and said she was my guide.” The wisdom of Atlantis counsels a move away from a materialistic society and towards a vegetarian diet, etc. Printed at Sunflower Print, Lily Dale, N.Y. Early violet ink owner’s stamp partially erased from the front free endpaper and the margin of the title page; unerased stamp (“From Langdon’s Villa, Sunnyvale Postoffice, California”) on the rear paste-down. Front hinge just a trifle tender; spine a bit darkened; a very good copy. \$150.00

64. Guldenstubbe, L[ouis], Baron de. *Pneumatologie Positive et Expérimentale. La Réalité des Esprits et le Phénomène Merveilleux de leur Écriture Directe . . .* Paris: Libraire A. Franck, 1857. 8vo, contemporary quarter black morocco, black cloth sides, gilt spine, xxxvi, 216 pages. 15 folding plates of lithograph facsimiles of spirit writing, boasting examples from such figures as Caesar, Cervantes, and Juvenal, as well as magic symbols, Greek inscriptions, etc. First edition; though noted at the foot of the text as “Fin du Premier Volume,” this title is complete—the projected second volume was never published. A splendid argument in defense of spiritualism based on the Estonian native’s experiences with spirit writing. Realizing from his first tentative experiments that establishing the authorship of most spirit messages was problematic at best, Guldenstubbe hit upon the idea of depositing paper and

pens at the feet of statues and the tombs of historical figures around Paris; his efforts were rewarded by hundreds of responses—all appropriate to the monument selected and (to further bolster Guldenstubbé's claims) all written in the native language of the subject in question. Caillet, *Manuel bibliographique des sciences psychiques ou occultes*, 4873. Some traces of light damping to the sides; a little dusty and musty; a very good copy. \$375.00

65. Simkins, W[illiam] W[ashington]. *Spiritualism from its Own Source, and Through its Own Channels*. Monroe, Iowa: Betzer & Jarnagin, Printers, 1877. 16mo, original printed green wrappers, 64 pages. First edition. “What means all those church sociables, church lotteries, church minstrels, church exhibitions, celebrations, spellings, &c.? Why is the general church silent as to the doings of Spiritualism? Why are some of her leading preachers and many of her members turning in with that institution and trying to reconcile it with the Bible? Such things portend the near approach of the fullness of the Gentiles and the reign of the Man of Sin!” A fugitive and fairly eccentric bit of millennial anti-Spiritualist polemic, drawing in part on the testimony of contemporary Spiritualists as well as such figures as Mother Ann Lee and Joseph Smith. Perhaps curiously, Simkins has no problem conceding the appearance of other-worldly beings—he testifies that he has seen both angels and devils, felt the presence of departed spirits (“I have had invisible somethings to lean against me, as persons would lean on one; to **lay**, as it were, a **hand** or arm on my head, and to lightly **rap** me on my arm”); he also freely admits to having seen apparitions: “At another time I saw the same appearance standing by me. It was in a field at the edge of a wood, in the evening; and the same night, on going through that wood, I stopped three times, and each time there was a circle of bright light, ten feet in diameter, in which were each time, the perfect appearance of the same man and three young women who I could recognize; and each time the light and they would disappear on my starting. All the persons represented were dead. Another man was with me. Such appearances would come before imminent danger before me.” OCLC notes a copy at Columbia University only. Wrappers a bit rubbed and worn; some light soiling and scattered creasing; a very good copy. \$250.00

### *Sexuality*

66. Armand, E. [i.e. Ernest Juin]. *Nos Associations, ce qu'elles sont, ce qu'elles veulent dire, comment elles fonctionnent* [caption title]. Limoges: Imp. F. Rivet, [after 1933]. Single sheet, printed recto and verso on peach stock, approx. 12-1/2 x 6-1/4 inches. First edition. The individualist anarchist Ernest Juin—known as E. Armand—was a free love activist dedicated to the theory and practice of “camaraderie amoureuse,” which decried the incomplete hospitality of bourgeois interaction without sexual intercourse; one female acquaintance (quoted by Manfredonia & Ronsin, see below) would later recall, “Armand was quite extraordinary, but what a nuisance! Whenever he was invited to dinner, he would answer: ‘Thank you, but I do not dine with members of the bourgeoisie. If I share your bread and your wine, I must share your bed as well!’” In his journal *L'en dehors* and numerous polemics and pamphlets he argued for years for a cooperative association of sexual relations and even established several such collectives—this broadsheet outlines the three that were then in effect, including *l'Union Mixte Atlantis*, “une union de camarades qui ne se contentent pas de theories, cree sous le signe de la prise au serieux des theses de l'en dehors.” The logistics of such associations were of course formidable and required constant attention on the part of E. Armand, as the numbers of men wanting to join always far outstripped the numbers

of willing women; that the Atlantis Association was at this time accepting only couples from the Paris region places this sometime around 1933. (See Manfredonia & Ronsin, "E. Armand and 'la camaraderie amoureuse,' Revolutionary sexualism and the struggle against jealousy," 2000.) Professionally encapsulated in archival mylar. In fine condition. \$100.00

67. [Cooke, Nicholas Francis]. *Satan in Society. By a Physician*. Cincinnati and New York: C. F. Vent; Chicago: J. S. Goodman & Co., 1871. 8vo, original green cloth. 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 clap-trappery 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

68. Houser, J[ames] A[lfred], M.D. *Sparkling in the Dark*. Arcadia, Ind.: n. p., 1878. 8vo, original printed blue-green wrappers, 26 pages. First edition. The moderately slangy title of Houser's work is perhaps best explained by his contention that "society would be far better, morally, if calls upon young ladies, by gentlemen, were made in daylight, or when in the evening would end at ordinary bed-time, there can be no doubt." A curious work of marriage reform, dress reform (he has sharp words on tight lacing) and divorce reform ("As long as persons are dissatisfied with their husbands or wives they will ask divorces and have them, and so they should") from this phrenologist, lecturer and proto-eugenicist (cf. the short list of his published works on OCLC). While Houser seems resigned to the foibles of human sexuality ("There is nothing more reasonable than that every man and woman wants some person to love and caress, and if that person is not the husband or wife it *will be another*") he certainly wastes no sympathy on those who are the ruin of young women: "I once met a man that *had* slain the seducer of his innocent daughter, and as I shook his hand with the warmest grasp of friendship, I took off my hat to do him especial honor for his noble deed. The State should give that man a golden medal, with engraved upon it '*Hero!*' and when he dies should build him a monument, and upon it place a majestic lion, by his side a torn and bleeding lamb, and near by a dead tiger." Houser closes his work with an advertisement: "The author will go to any city or town, with his entire museum, which is very large and attractive, and deliver a course of both public and private lectures, paying all the expense himself, if any society or committee of leading citizens will make proper arrangements, and give their influence to assist in securing an audience. First lecture will be free; small admission for the rest." Printed in Indianapolis at the Journal Company. Wrappers somewhat soiled and a bit worn; some light foxing; a very good copy. OCLC notes two copies (both in Indiana). \$150.00

69. Ware, John, M.D. *Hints to Young Men, on the True Relation of the Sexes*. Boston: Tappan, Whittemore & Mason, 1850. 16mo, original blind-stamped green cloth wrappers, gilt lettering, 64 pages. First edition. "There is another form of sensuality, far more common

among the young, it is to be feared, than that of which we have been speaking, and equally demanding notice—the solitary indulgence of the same propensity. This is resorted to from different motives. . . . Could it be arrested, the task of preventing the more open form of licentiousness would be comparatively easy; for it creates and establishes, at a very early age, a strong physical propensity, an animal want of the most imperious nature. . . . The deleterious, the sometimes appalling, consequences of this vice upon the health, the constitution, the mind itself, are some of the common matters of medical observation. . . . Among the effects of this habit, in ordinary cases, we notice an impaired nutrition of the body; a diminution of the rotundity which belongs to childhood and youth; a general lassitude and languor, with weakness of the limbs and back; indisposition and incapacity for study or labor; dulness of apprehension; a deficient power of attention; dizziness; headaches; pains in the sides, back, and limbs; affections of the eyes.” On the need for early reform among the sensually corrupt youth of the Republic, this work standing as the capstone to a series of meetings held in Boston over the winter of 1847-1848 “to consider what means might be employed to lessen immorality, and promote the well-being of the young.” Purity in word and deed were broadly understood to be the solution—a subject Ware handles (not without some compassion) here. Atwater 3687. A bit sunned and worn; some minor occasional internal spotting; a very good copy. \$225.00

70. Willard, Mrs. Elizabeth Osgood Goodrich. *Sexology as the Philosophy of Life: Implying Social Organization and Government*. Chicago, Ill.: Published for the Author by J. R. Walsh, 1867. 8vo, original blind-stamped cloth, gilt lettering, 483 pages. First edition. “Nature teaches us that the generative function is not one of daily or weekly necessity . . . We know that a daily, or even a semi-weekly habit of sexual indulgence must produce a constant rush of blood and nervous energy to the sexual organs, because, according to good authority, it takes at least three days to recuperate from an orgasm, so as to produce again healthy, living sperm cells. . . . In this way, by the demands of lust, all the energy of the system is sometimes turned into the sexual channel. Not enough is left for the digestive system to keep up the supply, and the man becomes a miserable, diseased imbecile, losing all sexual power. . . . *A sexual orgasm is much more debilitating to the system than a whole day's work*” (italics added by the cataloguer). The suffragist and women's rights activist Willard here coins the term “sexology,” and lays out at length in her well-known work her prescription for proper natural sex relations. *Ante-fire Imprints* 1269; not noted in Atwater, nor in the deHartington [i.e. d'Arch Smith] & Weiss catalogue of onanism. Cloth faded and worn; some internal staining; some dog-earing at strategic points in the text; a good, sound copy only. \$250.00

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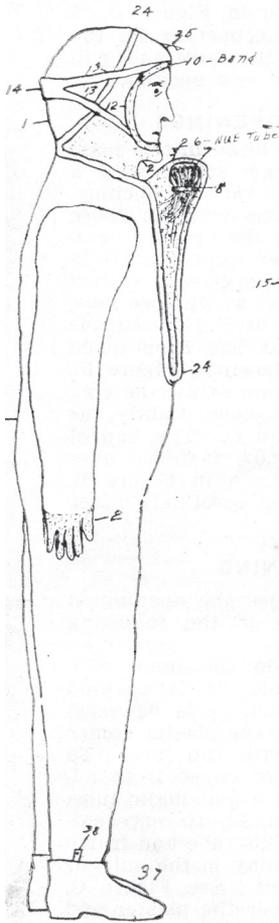


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