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- fly - the first free blank page
- foxing - brown spots on pages
- p., pp. - page, pages
- pl(s). - plate(s)
- ptg. - printing
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~ Bradford Lyon and Joanne Fuccello

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1. Barnard, Charles - $2000 A YEAR ON FRUITS AND FLOWERS; Or, My Ten-Rod Farm and How I became a Florist. To Which is Added: "$550 a Year from the Strawberry Garden," "Farming by Inches and with Brains," "The Flower Garden and How to Manage It." Four works bound in one, pp. 345 [five works]: 76 [4th work], (8-book ads.). Grey cloth stamped with farm scene and flowers, gilt lettering. Philadelphia, PA & NY [circa 1901]. John E. Potter & Co. The first work, $2,000 a Year on Fruits & Flowers, is told from the perspective of a widow and encourages other women to grow fruits for profit. The other three works also give horticultural information in a fictional format. Cloth worn with corners bumped, 19th century name and date on endpaper. VG. $40.00

2. Barry, P. - THE FRUIT GARDEN; A Treatise Intended to Explain and Illustrate the Physiology of Fruit Trees, the Theory and Practice of All Operations Connected with the Propagation, Transplanting, Pruning and Training of Orchard and Garden Trees... the Laying Out and Arranging of Orchards and Kind of Gar- dens... Gathering and Preserving Fruits, Treatment of Diseases... First edition, first printing. 157 text figures showing trees, designs, various orchard operations, etc. pp.xiv,(1),398,(1-advert. for Ellwanger & Barry). Original green cloth, blind-stamped on covers and gilt-stamped on spine. NY 1851. Charles Scribner. Binding somewhat faded, approximate 1” tear in rear joint. This was a popular work written to address the growing numbers of people cultivating fruit trees for ornamental purposes. A revised edition appeared in 1883. Along with George Ellwanger, Patrick Barry was a proprietor of the Mount Hope Nurseries in Rochester, NY, one of the largest of the Rochester nurseries at the time. Charles Dana Gibson's copy with his engraved armorial bookplate and signature on the front endpaper. Gibson (1867-1940) was an accomplished American artist and magazine illustrator best known for his pen and ink work portraying fashionable society figures of the day including images of “the Gibson Girl,” a popular and iconic early 20th century feminine idol. First edition of an interesting association copy in very good condition. $175.00

3. Barton, William P. C. - A FLORA OF NORTH AMERICA. Illustrated by Coloured Figures, Drawn from Nature. 3 volumes bound in one. Contains all 106 hand-colored numbered plates (two fold out). Plates are engraved (some stipple); some are printed using colored ink. The stipple plates were modeled after the technique used for the plates in Michaux's Histoire des Arbres. The plates were taken from drawings by Barton and engraved by various engravers including G. B. Ellis, F. Kearney and Cornelius Tiebout. pp.(1-title), (1-half-title), (1-dedication leaf), (v-xix), (2-advertisement), 138: (1-title), (v)-xv, 107: (1-half-title), (1-title), (v)-yiii, 100. Bound together in one volume, green buckram with red leather gilt-tipped spine label. Quarto (8.5” wide by 10.75” tall). Dunthorne #26; Staffle #326; Johnston #850; MacPhail (Benjamin Smith Barton & William Paul Crillon Barton) #19. Philadelphia, PA 1821-1823. M. Carey & Sons (Vol.1); H. C. Carey & I. Lea (Vols. 2 & 3). Some pages are misnumbered (details on request). Does not contain the “To Subscribers” leaf as is sometimes found in Vol.2 (a facsimile of the list of subscribers’ names is laid in). Vol.1 lacks half of pp.127/128 (full pages supplied in facsimile) and Vol.2 lacks the half-title. Overall oval worm and fork mark measuring 1.5” wide by .75” tall noting “J. W. Sewall, Old Town ME” on front fly with penciled name “George T. Sewall II” beneath. Sewall name also penciled on title to Vol.1 and Vol.2. Nicely repaired tears on nine leaves. Plate #83 missing corner (1” x .5”) not affecting image. Plates and text are somewhat wrinkled (not creased, but not flat), with scattered light foxing and Browning throughout. Photos available upon request. One of the highspots of early American color plate botanical works. Barton’s Flora of North America was originally published in 36 parts between Aug. 1, 1820 and Dec. 31, 1823. The text provides a botanical description for each plant, synonyms, habitat, locations found, flowering time and color, and for some plants their history, uses, cultivation and other notes of interest. Plates are bound in the body of the text opposite the plant’s description. Bennett describes the plates as “clear, soft and lovely.” A good copy of a desirable early U. S. horticultural title. $3,500.00

4. Blith, Walter - THE ENGLISH IMPROVEMENT IMPROVED OR THE SURVEY OF HUSBANDRY SURVEYED DISCOVERING THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALL LANDS... ALL CLEARLY DETAILED FROM PRINCIPLES OF REASON, INGENUITY, AND LATE BUT MOST REAL EXPERIENCES... THE THIRD IMPRESSION, MUCH AUGMENTED... Engraved title showing a battle scene and headed “Vive la Re Publick”, with letterpress continuation of the title on the next leaf. Dedicated to Oliver Cromwell. Two plates of spades and ploughs, fold-out plate of wind- and water-mill, decorative initial letters, pp.(11),274,(8). Full calf with gilt colored inner panel, later leather re-backing with paper spine label, marbled endpapers. Square Svo. (5.25” wide x 7.13” tall). London 1653. John Wright. Verso of title signed “Stephen Middleton, Kempston, 1706.” Armorial bookplate of Sir Robt. Shafio Adair, who was a lord of Wingfield Manor from 1836-1856. Catalogue description tipped in on fly. The author’s name stylized as “a la lr 19th century.” The title page, was the author of two books: The English Improver (1649) and this one, The English Improver Improved (1652), which is essentially an expanded edition of the former. This third impression of 1653 follows the 1652 edition. Bligh, who was an early advocate of improving crops through field drainage, focuses on twelve areas of land improvement in this work: watering, draining, enclosures, tillage, (4 - cont.) analysis of soils, and expanding the planting of trees, followed by sections on clover, ploughs, dyes plants, hops, hemp, and the care of orchards. A very good copy. $500.00


Small name stamp inside cover, name in early hand crossed out on top margin of title, some foxing on plates. VG.

Moses Cook, who died several years prior to the publication of this edition of his work, was the gardener to Arthur Capel, Earl of Essex, where his skillful accomplishments there utilizing geometry and mathematics in his plantings were praised by John Evelyn, author of the influential Syva, or a Discourse of Forest-Trees (1664). Cook was also one of the founders, along with Henry Wise and George London, of the Brompton Park Nursery. This popular work on raising forest trees was first published in 1676 and contains much detailed information on cultivation, planting and raising of various kinds trees as well as their use in designing walks and avenues. A third edition was published in 1724. $800.00

6. Dobyns, Winifred Starr - CALIFORNIA GARDENS. Limited edition reprint. Foreword by Myron Hunt. With a New Introduction by Carol Greentree. 208 full-page b&w photos of various Californiagardens identified by owner, location and designer. 231pp. Cloth. 4to. Edition limited to 1,000 numbered copies. Santa Barbara, CA, 1990. Dobyns’ The text is comprised of 20pp. of text followed by the plates; the remaining 11pp. contain an index, a biography of Dobyns and of selected garden designers, and a bibliography. Fine new copy in fine DJ. $40.00


Some moderate soiling to binding, spine darkened, light foxing. Early 20th century bookplate on front past-down endpaper, bookplate of Cornelius J. Hauck on front free endpaper. INSCRIBED on half-title: “Ronald from A.B.F. Mitford, Batsford, July 11, 1897.” Freeman-Mitford (1837-1916) served as a British diplomat in Japan and was also responsible for making improvements to the gardens of Buckingham Palace. He took a keen interest in bamboo, which he grew at his estate in Batsford. He was also the paternal grandfather of the famous Mitford sisters. In The Bamboo Garden Freeman-Mitford describes hardy bamboo species cultivated in Brit- ain from China, Japan, North America and the Himalayas and gives information on history, growing habits, cultivation, etc. In addition to the descriptions, other chapters include: the bamboo garden; propagation; etymology; siting and culture; and uses, customs and superstitions. $300.00

9. Fuller, Andrew S. - THE GRAPE CULTURIST: A Treatise on the Cultivation of the Native Grape. First edition, first printing, 105 text figures. pp.262,(1-advert.). Decorative cloth with gilt-stamped image of grape leaf on cover and spine. NY 1864 (c.1864). Andrew S. Fuller. Printed for the author by Davies & Ken. The first printing of the first edition of this popular and practical work derived from the author's experience. Fuller's collection of small fruit was one of the most complete in the country at the time. He wrote the book to de-scribe current cultivation practices for beginners and includes chapters on planting, propagation, transplanting, trellises, garden culture, etc. Small stain on lower front margin of first 11pp. and some penciling on rear endpaper, otherwise a VG copy. $75.00
10. (Goodrich, Richard Griswold) - THE GARDEN; or Familiar Instructions for the Laying Out & Management of a Flower Garden. (Copyright by S. G. Goodrich). Frontispiece wood engraving showing a large-flowered Mexican poppy plus 16 other full-page wood engraving of flowers and garden scenes. pp.xii,(15)-208 [complete]. Original brown stamped cloth with gilt spine decoration. Square 12mo. Philadelphia, PA 1854 (c.1834). Lippincott, Grambo & Co. Designed as an instruction manual for children arranged in the form of monthly letters describing monthly garden operations. Binding somewhat faded, foxing to front and rear leaves, scattered light foxing through text. VG. $50.00


14. Hibberd, Shirley - HANDY-BOOK FOR THE RAMBLING BOTANIST; Suggesting What to Look for and Where to Go in the Out-Door Study of Field Flowers and Ferns. Containing "Field Flowers," "The Fern Garden." 16 chromolithographs (the first 8 each showing four wildflowers, the last 8 each showing a single fern), a number of text illustrations in the second work showing ferns, fern cases, etc. pp.iv,156; (iii-vi),148,(2-ads.). Complete. Elaborately gilt and black stamped cloth. All edges gilt. London [circa 1870's]. Groombridge & Sons. Joints worn (front joint partially frayed), spine soiled, rear hinge cracked, somewhat shaken, bookseller's ticket from "C.W. Wood Books, Copemish, Mich." Plates clean. Good. This is a combination of two of Hibberd's popular works: "Field Flowers," first published in 1870, and "The Fern Garden," first published in 1869. $40.00

15. Huish, Robert - BEES: THEIR NATURAL HISTORY and General Management: Comprising a Full and Experimental Examination of the Various Systems of Native and Foreign Apiculturists; with an Analytical Exposure of the Errors of the Theory of Huber; Containing, also, the Latest Discoveries and Improvements in Every Department of the Apiary, with a Description of the Most Approved Hives Now in Use. Several text illustrations showing hives. pp.xxvii, (9)-458 with two leaves of contents misbound at rear. Half calf, marbled boards and edges, nicely backed with raised bands, tooled panels and red leather spine label. 12mo. British Bee Books #176. London 1842. Sherwood, Gilbert & Piper. (15 - cont.) Sides scuffed, name of R. F. Weitbree, 1903, on fly. VG. This is the new edition of A Treatise on the Nature, Economy, and Practical Management of Bees first published in 1815, with a second edition appearing in 1817. There were actually two "new editions" of the one offered here, published in 1842 and another in 1844. The 1842 edition is less common. Robert Huish (1777 - 1850) was a prolific author, primarily of histories, but his treatise on bee culture stands as his major work as he had much experience as a bee keeper and corresponded with the British and European beekeepers of the day. In this book he argues vigorously (though at times erroneously) against the Swiss apiculturist Francis Huber's theories regarding the behavior and management of bees. $250.00


Spine ends and corners bumped. Name of "Louisa B. Flanders, Malone, NY" in 19th century hand on front blank. Plates are for the most part clean, with occasional foxing; one is cropped close affecting a small portion of the plate. VG. The work contains chapters on 44 flowers and fruits, giving botanical information, origin, history, name derivation, habitat, bloom period, cultivation in the U.S., uses, and a brief reference to the plant's sentiment. The author was an illustrator and engraver. There are two chapters at the rear of the book (each 6pp.) listing plants alphabetically with their associated sentiment and listing sentiments with their associated plant. John Keese (1805-1856) was a publisher, book auctioneer, and appraiser in New York City. He edited a number of collections of poetry. Bennett (Practical Guide to American 19th Century Color Plate Books) notes this title was first issued in 1845, Other editions followed in 1850 and 1851 (both with 46 colored plates). This 1854 edition contained 30 colored plates. VG copy of a popular color plate gift book. $450.00


Pencil name on title. A nicely preserved copy.

This is the first American edition of a popular British work which was first published in 1850. The landscape designs are taken from the author's own practice as a landscape gardener. The publisher has added instructions the reader in the preface that not all of the plants suggested in the work are adaptable to North American conditions, but hopes that the examples of good taste illustrated by Mr. Kemp's treatise will justify its being published here. It was later revised by F. A. Waugh adapting it to our climate and published under the title Landscape Gardening. VG+. $60.00
18.  LEAF & FLOWER PICTURES, and How to Make Them.  First edition.  Preface is signed “H. B.” 8 hand-colored lithographs (including frontispiece).  58pp.  12mo.  Blind-stamped paneled blue cloth with gilt title lettering on front cover.  NY 1857.  Anson D. F.  Randolph.  The plates are quite attractive and show various arrangements of pressed flowers, leaves, mosses, etc.  The text describes methods for producing them.  A later edition was published in 1859 but contained only seven color plates.  Hinges beginning to crack but text block tight, early pencil name of Helen Schell on title; her name in ink on dedication leaf.  VG copy.  $150.00


21.  McCormick, Harriet Hammond - LANDSCAPE ART Past and Present.  Introduction by Louisa Y.  King tracing the development of landscape gardening in the U.S.  56 photographe plates of historic gardens about half European and half American, most of the latter being of the author’s home “Walden” on Lake Michigan.  Plus two small engravings.  pp.xxi,(1),31 and plates.  Beige linen back, grey paper over boards.  Top edge gilt.  4to.  Edition limited to 1,200 copies.  NY 1923.  Charles Scribner’s Sons.  Originally written for a meeting of the Friday Club of Chicago in February 1899, this was issued in pamphlet form by the American Park & Outdoor Art Association.  In 1923 it was reprinted in this current limited edition.  In original slipcase (small tear at top edge).  A nicely produced work.  Near fine.  $100.00


Robert Manning (1784-1842) ran a “polynomial garden” in Salem, Mass., which contained over 2,000 varieties of tree fruits, about half of which were pears.  His book, notable for its systematic descriptions of varieties, superseded Coxe’s View of the Cultivation of Fruit Trees (1817) and established the authoritative work on fruit varieties until Downing’s Fruit & Fruit Trees of America (1845).  In 1844 John M. Ives, who had a nursery next to Manning’s polynomial garden, enlarged Manning’s book and it was published by W. & S. B. Ives under the title The New England Fruit Book; it contained a colored frontispiece and 84 outline drawings of fruits.  A third edition titled The New England Book of Fruit was published in 1847, also by W. & S. B. Ives.  $200.00


A detailed work describing how to use various bonsai training techniques.  Includes charts for soil mixtures, chapters on daily and monthly care, etc.  This printing added a 7pp. Index to the work not included in the first printing.  VG+ condition.  $75.00

24.  Philadelphia Rose Society, Affiliated with the American Rose Society – THE ROSE.  Lot of 140 issues from 1949 – 1965.  The run lacks the issues for 1949 and 1950 (not in author’s subscription request) but still provides a good record of the history of rose interest around Philadelphia during the post-war period.  This periodical was issued in two formats and with two corresponding series of volume numbers which, oddly, overlap.  Published in Philadelphia.  The run is as follows:

For the years 1949 – 1956, each issue was 8pp.  and was printed on coated paper, stapled.  12 issues/year.  From this series:

Vol.11 #12 Dec. 1949 – Vol.18 #12 Dec. 1956, a total of 81 issues (lacking 4 issues)
For the years 1958 – 1965, each issue was 16pp.  and was mimeographed, with 10 issues/year.  From this series:

Vol.11 #2 Feb. 1958 – Vol.18 #3 Mar. 1965, a total of 59 issues (lacking 14 issues)

The Philadelphia Rose Society was formed as an offshoot of the American Rose Society in 1947.  These issues contain articles on rose growing, flower shows, flower arrangements, etc., as well as notes on the travels and health of members.  A scarce publication.

The lot of 140 issues - $75.00


This periodical was issued in two formats and with two corresponding series of volume numbers which, in the United States.


The author, an historian and horticulturist, meticulously researched primary source material including nursery and seed catalogues to tell the story of how the daffodil made its way from Europe to American gardens, and the cultural period beginning in Europe in the Middle Ages, moving through the colonial period in America, the 19th century, and ending in 1940.  Also included are chapters on daffodils in cemeteries and in historic gardens.  $45.00


Warder was the editor of the Western Horticultural Review, and President of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society.  Initial chapters discuss the reasons for using hedges and the selection of hedge plants for various purposes (e.g., barrier, screening, wind-breaks, etc.).  The book concludes with a 60pp. section on evergreens.  $40.00


Upper corners slightly bumped, plates very lightly yellowed at marks.  VG.  VG+ in VG DJ.  Willis' detailed and scholarly work on Bridgeman's life and work includes a 13pp. “Catalogue of Bridgeman Drawings,” a 29pp. bibliography, 25pp. of appendices, and a 16pp. index.  Charles Bridgeman (1690-1738) was a key figure in the 18th century movement toward less formality in landscape design and in the establishment of “le Jardin Anglais” in Europe.  Best known for the creation of Stone in Buckinghamshire, he worked as Royal Gardener to George II as well as for private patrons.  The definitive work on Bridgeman.  $80.00