

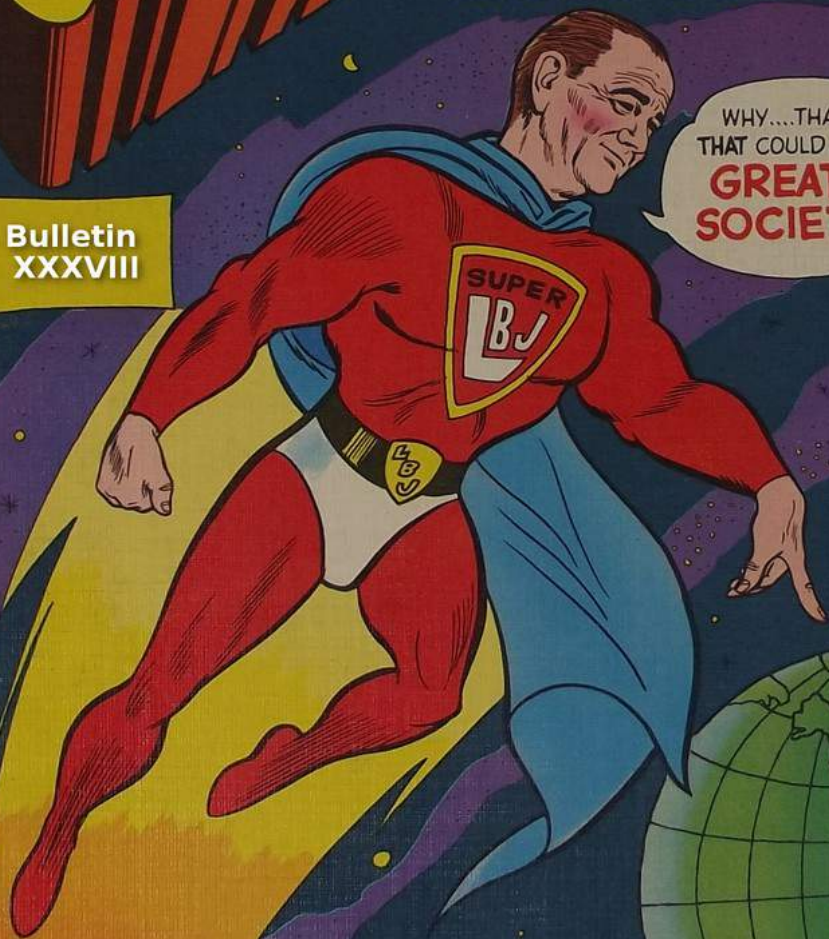
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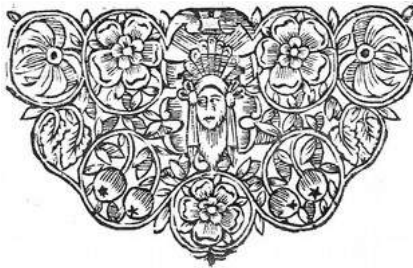
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[01] [Anti-Communism] Five Anti-Communist Pamphlets.
London: Various, First Edition. 8vo. Card Covers. Pamphlet.
Good. Five pamphlets - 1. Bailey, Jack, *The Zig Zag "Left"*, Co-Operative Party, 1948, 24pp; 2. W.F.T.U., *Communists in the Trade Unions*, W.F.T.U., 1954, 46pp; 3. Toke, Leslie A. St. L., *Why the Pope Has Condemned Communism*, Catholic Truth Society, 1936, 8pp; 4. Hyde, Douglas A., *Communism From the Inside*, Catholic Truth Society, 1949 (reprint), 22pp, [2] and 5. Wyatt, Woodrow, *The Peril In Our Midst*, Phoenix House, 1956, [9], 10-70pp, [2]. All in original card or paper covers, generally slightly rubbed, staples rusted, one or two with previous owners names [003501] **£25.00**





[02] [Coaching and Duty Evasion in Northumberland]
Collection of Letters Relating to a Stamp Office Case of Non-Payment of Coaching Taxes. Various: No Publisher, First Edition. Various. Unbound. Letters. Good. Collection of letters and a couple of copy documents, dated between 1821 and 1824, (sixteen items in total), relating to a Stamp Office case against a coachman who wasn't paying his taxes, and was therefore able to charge lower fares, possibly brought to light due to a complaint by Robert Pocock, a rival coachman. All creased from folding, with a couple a little roughly opened and lightly browned, but generally in good order. There are five letters and a draft letter from Stephen Wilkinson, writing from Morpeth to Robert Thorpe at the Stamp Office in Alnwick, six letters from Godfrey Sykes at the Stamp Office in London to Robert Thorpe, two letters from John Riddell to Robert Thorpe, promising to pay his debts, a copy of the ?summons of John Riddell and a copy of Robert Thorpe's out of pocket expenses for the trial of Riddell (*The King v. Riddell*). It appears that Riddell had been in financial trouble for some time, Wilkinson first mentions him in his first letter dated April 7th, 1821, noting that Riddell had "paid up the last, but is again in arrears £14,

he has promised from time to time as usual, but has not paid anything up to this date", a few weeks later on June 11th, 1821, Wilkinson notes that "with respect to Riddell's Coach Duty, 13 weeks were due on Friday last", and by December 1822, Wilkinson has got an affidavit against Riddell's arrears, noting that he has "reason to think he is poor, altho' he has had much the advantage of Peacock [probably Pocock] who has always paid his Coach Duty pretty regular, and who has told me that Riddell was carrying passengers for very low fares, which he has been enabled to do from paying so little Duty". On January 3rd, 1823, Wilkinson informs Thorpe that Riddell "was arrested about 12 days ago, and is now in the Gaol - he did not pay any Duty subsequent to my making the affidavit and his being arrested". Wilkinson's final letter to Thorpe of September 22nd, 1823, tells Thorpe that Riddell has made no further payment, that Riddell is fifty years of age, with a wife and two children, "and no other person liable for the Duty as he has had no Bondsman for many years, nor do I think he will be able to find good security for the Debt - He was committed to prison on the 21st of December 1822 - This is the second time he has been imprisoned for nonpayment of Duty". In a letter from Sykes, Riddell is calculated to owe nearly £82. Godfrey Sykes was the Solicitor to the Stamp Office [003514] **£125.00**



A V I S O.

Atento á que algunos soldados dependientes del ejército de S. M. B. que tengo el honor de mandar en xefe , desertan de sus banderas, y puede se olviden de su deber hasta tal grado , que prefieran mas bien pasarse á las huestes del enemigo comun , que bolver á reunirse á las de su legítimo Soberano ; por tanto convido y exórto á todos los ciudadanos y paisanos españoles amantes de su patria y de la libertad nacional, se presten á perseguir á dichos desertores del ejército británico , en inteligencia de que ademas de lo recomendable que será para con S. M. las Cortes y S. A. la Regencia del Reyno de las Españas un servicio de esta naturaleza, se les gratificará con la cantidad de doce pesos fuertes por cada transfuga ó desertor de los sobre dichos que presenten en mi quartel general ó á los gefes de las divisiones del expresado ejército de mi mando.

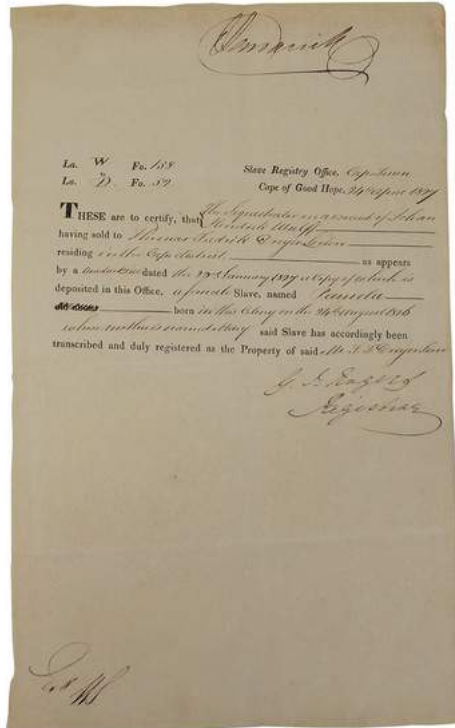
En nombre y con orden de S. E. el general en xefe Sr. D. Juan Murray. Quartel general , Castalla 30 marzo 1813.

George D'Aguilar,
Secretario Militar.

[03] [Peninsular War Deserters Broadside] Aviso [Notice].
Castalla [Spain]: No Publisher, 1813. First Edition. Folio.
Unbound. Broadside. Good+. Single sided printed broadside, approximately 220mm x 315mm in size. Slightly creased, faint pencil line through top left hand corner of text, couple of tiny chips, undeciphered note in ink to reverse, but generally fairly clean. Desertion during the Peninsula Wars was a serious problem, Lynch in his *Desertion from the British Army during the Napoleonic Wars* finds that "between 1803 and 1815 there

were 77,696 cases of desertion", though "desertion from British corps primarily occurred in the British Isles". A rough translation follows: "Notice. Attentive to some soldiers dependent on the army of S.M.B. that I have the honour of commanding in chief, they desert their flags, and may forget their duty to such an extent, that they prefer to go to the host of the common enemy, rather than ?bolver to meet those of their legitimate Sovereign; Therefore, all Spanish citizens and civilians who love their homeland and national liberty are invited and exhorted to come forward to persecute these defectors of the British army, on the understanding that in addition to what is recommended for S.M. Las Cortes and S.A. the Regency of the Rayno de las Espanas, a service of this nature, will be rewarded with the amount of twelve heavy pesos for each ?transfuge or deserter of those on those who present in my ?cuartel general or to the managers of the divisions of the expressed army of my command . In the name and with the order of S.E. the general in general Mr. D. John Murray. Quartel General, Castalla, March 30, 1813". Lieutenant General Sir John Murray (c.1768-1827), 8th Baronet, defeated Suchet at the Battle of Castalla on the 13th of April, 1813 (see ODNB); Sir George Charles D'Aguiar (1784-1855), eventually became a Lieutenant General and was knighted (see ODNB). Spanish text [003512] **£250.00**





[04] [Registering the Sale of a Ten Year Old Slave Girl]
Document to Register the Sale of a Slave. Cape Town: No Publisher, 1827. First Edition. Folio. Unbound. Document. Signed by Registrar. Good+. Single sided, part printed, part manuscript document, approximately 190mm x 310mm in size, n.p. but probably Cape Town. Lightly creased from old folds, slightly browned to edges, faint blind stamp to top right hand corner (tax?), otherwise fairly clean. Dated the 23rd of January, 1827, a document noting the sale by ?Johan Hendrick Wulff to ?Phineas Frederik Dreyer Senior of a "female slave named Pamela, born in this colony on the 24th August 1816 whose mother is named Mary, said Slave has accordingly been transcribed and duly registered as the Property of said Mr. P.F. Dreyer Senr" [003513] **£195.00**

FIVE GUINEAS REWARD.

WHEREAS some Person or Persons did about the middle of January last, kill a Sheep and take away the Carcass, leaving the Head and Skin, the Property of Mr. William Marsh, of Hyde, in the Parish of Minchin-Hampton, also on the 14th instant, another Sheep, the Property of the said Mr. Marsh, was taken away: both of which Depredations were committed at Coaley, on Lands in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Seaborn.

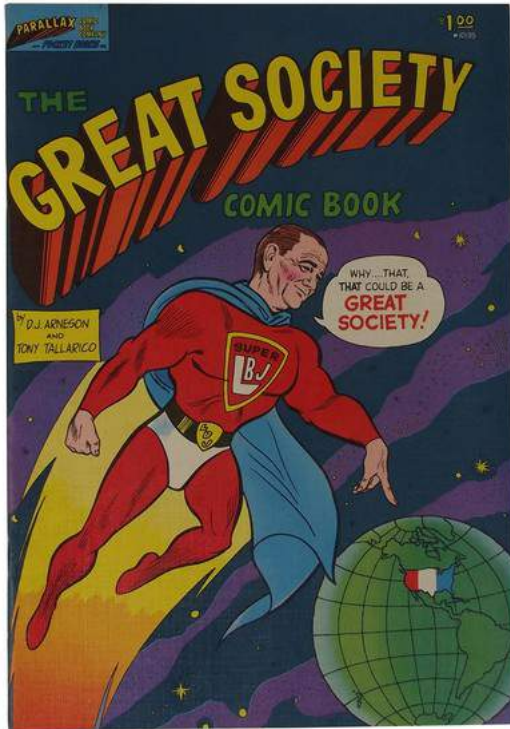
Whoever will give information so that the Offender or Offenders may be convicted, shall be entitled to the above Reward, on application to the above-mentioned Mr. Marsh, of Hyde, or Mr. Seaborn of Coaley.

N. B. An Accomplice making a discovery, shall be entitled to the same reward, and every means used to obtain a Pardon.

COALEY, February 17, 1810.

Hand Bills, Cards, &c. Printed at only One Hour's Notice by W. Rickards, Long-Street, Dursley.

[05] [Reward Notice] **Five Guineas Reward.** Dursley: W. Rickards [Printer], 1810. First Edition. 8vo. Unbound. Leaflet. Good. Single sided printed leaflet, approximately 175mm x 220mm in size. Lightly stained to head, especially to reverse (possibly from glue), rubbed and creased. Reverse has the details in ink of the sheep stolen, detailing four instances over a couple of months in 1809 and 1810. Hand bill offering a substantial reward for information leading to the conviction of the offenders, one of the sheep mentioned was stolen, whereas the other was killed and the carcass stolen, "leaving the head and skin". Dursley is in Gloucestershire. The printer was W.[illiam] Rickards of Long Street, who advertises hand bills, cards etc. "printed at only One Hour's Notice". The BBTI has him at Silver Street between 1830 and 1842, and his press was registered in 1831, but clearly he had been printing for some time before then [003511] **£45.00**

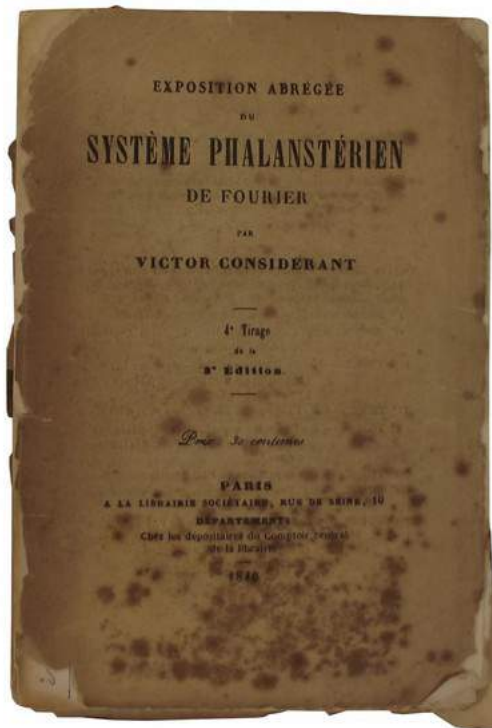


[06] Arneson, D.J. And Tallarico, Tony. **The Great Society Comic Book**. ill. Tallarico, Tony. New York: Parallax Comic Books and Pocket Books, 1966. First Edition. 4to. Card Covers. Magazine. Good+. [32]p, original card covers. Pages very slightly browned, otherwise clean. One in *The Great Society* series produced by Arneson and Tallarico, starring famous politicians in superhero attire, another featured Robert and Edward Kennedy as Batman and Robin (see Davidson, *The Penguin Book of Political Comics*, page 28) [003499] **£10.00**

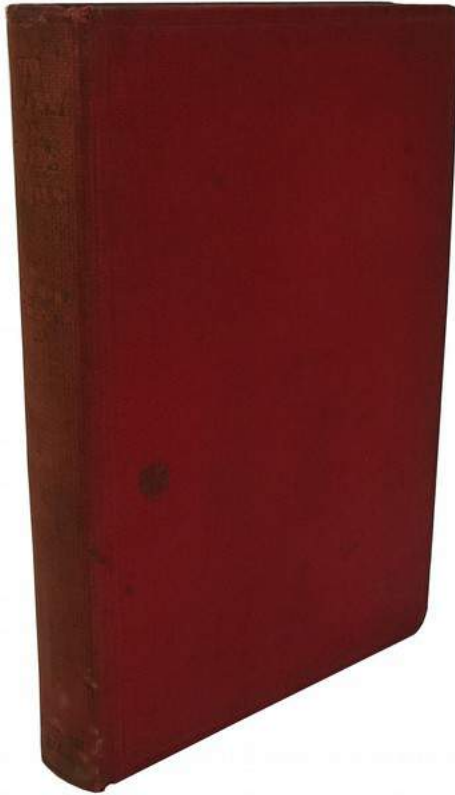


[07] Brunazzi, Cecilia; Fogel, Linda; Fox, Norma; Leita, Carole; Levin, Sarah; Rieder, Ines; Shaw, Merle and Zoefel, Adelheid (Eds). **Second Class, Working Class - An International Women's Reader**. Oakland, CA: People's Translation Service, 1979. First Edition. 4to. Card Covers. Journal. Good. 64pp, original card covers. Rubbed to extremities, internally quite bright and clean [003500] **£15.00**

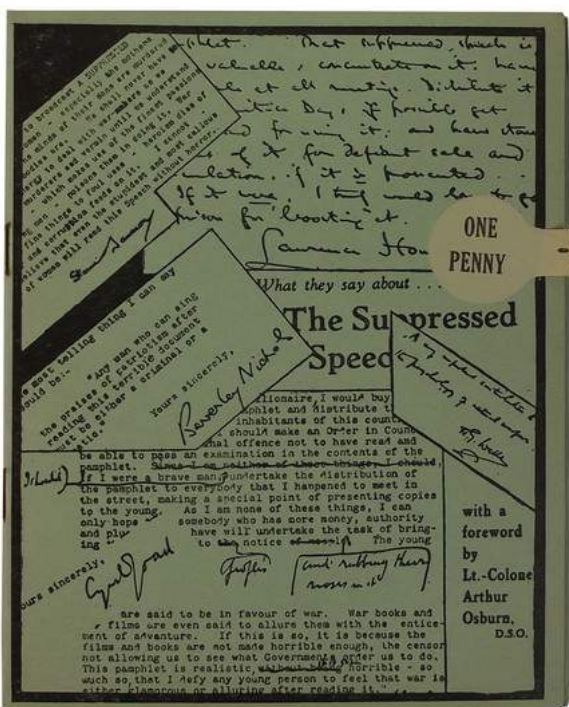




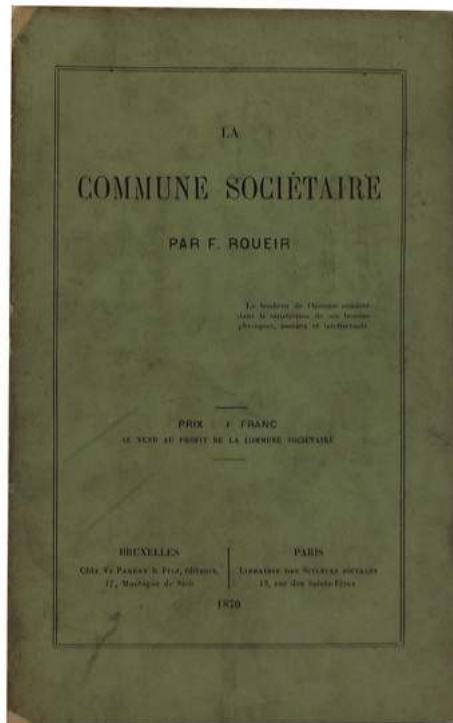
[08] Considerant, Victor. **Exposition Abregée Du Systeme Phalansterien De Fourier.** Paris: La Librairie Societaire, 1846. Reprint. 16mo. Paper Covers. Pamphlet. Fair. [1], 2-64pp, original paper covers. Stitching broken and absent, covers detached, foxed and chipped, pages detached in sections. Previous owner's name to head of title, some light foxing, otherwise internally quite bright and clean. The fourth printing of the third edition, see Stammhammer I:55:13 for other editions; Goldsmiths 34900. Victor Prosper Considerant (1808-1893) was a follower of Fourier and founded a colony in Texas in the 1850's, based on Fourier's principles. French text [003509] **£20.00**



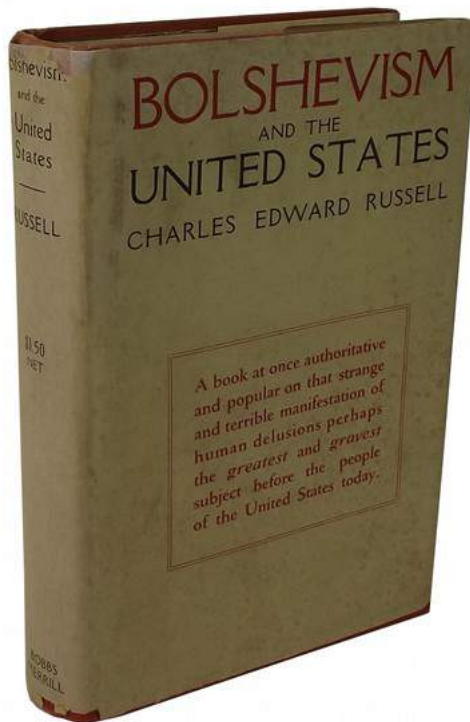
[09] One Who Resents It. The Tyranny of Trade Unions.
London: Eveleigh Nash, 1912. First Edition. 12mo. Hardback.
Good / No Jacket. [10], 3-246pp, [2], original cloth. Blocking to
spine faded, spine dulled, rubbed to extremities, corners
bumped. Internally text lightly browned with some light foxing,
but generally fairly clean. Anti 'new' unionism, "misled by the
twin evils of Socialism and Syndicalism", the author states that
he has "no quarrel with genuine Trade Unionism" [003510]
£20.00



[10] Osburn, Arthur. The Suppressed Speech. Rochester: Stanhope Press for the No More War Movement, First Edition. 16mo. Paper Covers. Pamphlet. Good. 12pp, original paper covers, n.d. c.1935. Staples slightly rusted, otherwise quite bright and clean. With small price sticker to covers which acted as a clasp to prevent the pamphlet being read before purchase. JISC shows at three locations, Society of Friends (dating it to ?1932), Oxford (1934) and Bishopsgate (1935) [003506] **£15.00**



[11] Roueir, F. *La Commune Societaire*. Bruxelles and Paris: Ve Parent et Fils and Librairie Des Sciences Sociales, 1870. First Edition. 12mo. Paper Covers. Pamphlet. Fair. [2], 36pp, original paper covers. Covers lightly soiled, chipped to corners and detached with back strip largely absent and pages largely loose, pages lightly browned with occasional light patches of foxing, but generally clean. Roueir's proposal for a community in response to the aim of 'relieving and curing misery', he proposes a joint venture company, composed of up to one thousand eight hundred people, for a duration of twenty years, paid for by subscription, with work to be free and voluntary. Three locations in JISC (Ox, LSE and St. Andrews); Stammhammer II:285. French text [003508] **£75.00**



[12] Russell, Charles Edward. **Bolshevism and the United States**. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1919. First Edition. 8vo. Hardback. Good / Fair. [10], 341pp, [1], original cloth in DJ. DJ browned, lightly foxed, chipping to spine ends with small amount of loss, large closed tear at head to joint between front panel and spine, tape 'repairs' to reverse, book with fading to spine where DJ was chipped, a few spots of foxing to edges of text block, otherwise fairly clean. Seidman notes that "Chapter 12 (pp. 296-326), devoted to the rise and progress of American Bolshevism, lists socialists, pacifists, labor sympathizers, liberal intellectuals, anarchists, and the IWW as potential Bolsheviks here. To combat Bolshevism, Russell proposes fairer distribution of the product of industry and fairer recognition of labor in government". Seidman R239 [003502] **£45.00**