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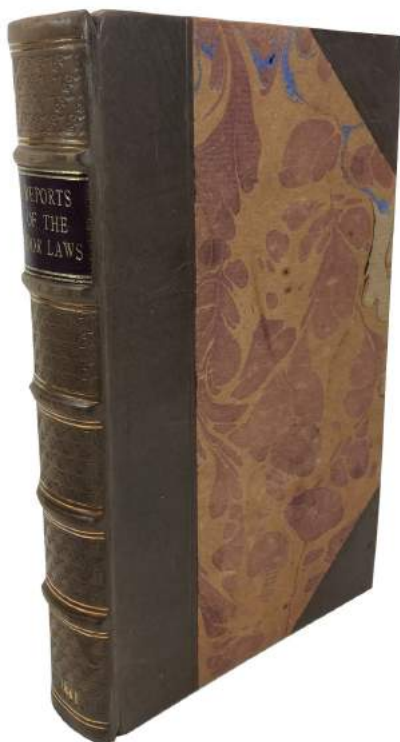


[01] [Alternative Nottingham] Citywise - Nottingham's Alternative Paper. Nottingham: Bromar Press. First Edition. 4to. Paper Covers. Journal. Good. Eight issues, numbers one to eight (of ten?), between 16 and 24 pages in each issue, n.d. the first issue is 1983, the rest 1984. Original paper covers. Each with a small hole punched to top left hand corner, occasionally catching the odd letter or image but with no loss of sense. Uncommon, one issue (first issue) at Nottingham University in Library Hub, the Sparrows Nest (an anarchist library in Nottingham) holds issues 1-10 (lacking number 3) and a couple of free supplements. Containing articles on asbestos, the miner's strike, Raleigh, Greenham etc. etc. [003801] **£35.00**

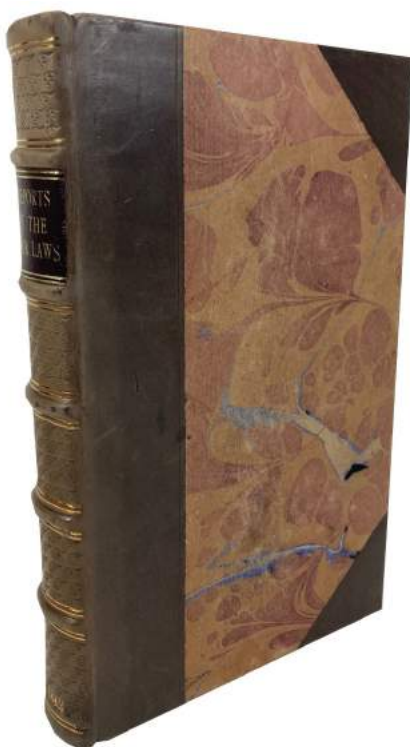


[02] [Cato Street Conspiracy] **The Execution and Dying Behaviour of A. Thistlewood and His Unhappy Associates Who Suffered at the Old Bailey on Monday Last, May the 1st, for High Treason.** London: Printed By P. Hondy for W. Byers. First Edition. Folio. Unbound. Broadside. Fair. Single sided printed broadside, approximately 230mm x 345mm in size, n.d. but 1820. Lightly browned and lightly creased, a couple of small holes to text catching letters but with no loss of

sense, three words replaced in neat manuscript to first line of text, and date added beneath second column of title, otherwise good. Woodcut illustration to head. Neither the printer or publisher appear in the BBTI. Execution broadside relating the deaths of five of the Cato Street conspirators, who were hanged and then decapitated. The Cato Street conspiracy was a plan to assassinate the whole British cabinet at its monthly dinner. Thistlewood had already been tried for high treason after the Spa Fields riots, but was acquitted because of the exposure of an 'agent provocateur'. The Cato Street conspiracy was similarly exposed to state machinations, the government spy George Edwards, (his memoirs were published later the same year), instigated many aspects of the plot and informed the state about every element. For an excellent modern look at the conspiracy, see Gattrell, *Conspiracy on Cato Street - A Tale of Liberty and Revolution in Regency London*. No copies located in Library Hub [003804] **£1,250.00**



[03] [Education of Pauper Children] Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, from the Poor Law Commissioners, of the Training of Pauper Children; with Appendices. ill. Standidge & Co.. London: W. Clowes and Sons for H.M.S.O., 1841. First Edition. 8vo. Half Calf and Boards. Good. [3], ii-xii, [1], 2-421pp, [1]. Modern half calf and marbled paper over boards, raised bands, spine in six panels, title label to second panel, double rules in copper to either side of bands, date to foot, remaining panels with repeated small volute tool in blind. Front board slightly splayed, otherwise externally quite bright and clean. Internally lightly browned throughout, occasional light foxing, a few corners creased, but generally clean. Book label of Peter Crofts to ffepp. With two folding lithographed plates of school buildings by Standidge and Co. Goldsmith's 32342 [003794] **£125.00**



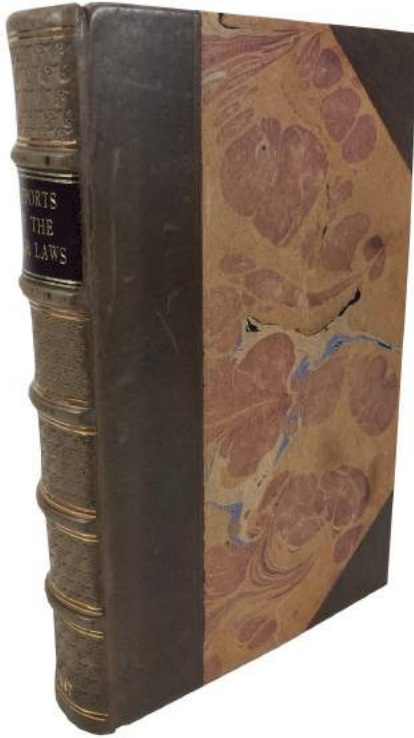
**[04] [Employment of Women and Children in Agriculture]
Reports of Special Assistant Poor Law Commissioners on
the Employment of Women and Children in Agriculture.**

London: W. Clowes and Sons for H.M.S.O., 1843. First Edition. 8vo. Half Calf and Boards. Good+. [3], iv-xiv, [2], 2-378pp, [2]. Modern half calf and marbled paper over boards, raised bands, spine in six panels, title label to second panel, double rules in copper to either side of bands, date to foot, remaining panels with repeated small volute tool in blind.

Externally very good. Internally lightly browned throughout, a few corners creased, small tear to top corner of M⁶ and M⁷.

The reports of Alfred Austin, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Stephen Denison and Sir Francis Doyle to Sir James Graham.

Goldsmith's 33401 [003795] **£75.00**



[05] [Irish Famine]
**Thirteenth Annual Report
of the Poor Law
Commissioners: with
Appendices.** ill. Standidge
& Co. London: W. Clowes
and Sons for H.M.S.O.,
1847. First Edition. 8vo.
Hardback. Good. [3], iv-xii,
[1], 2-408pp. Modern half
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double rules in copper to
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tool in blind. Externally very
good. Internally lightly
browned throughout. One
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stained to folds, three with a closed tear where joining the mount. With five folding coloured lithographic plans, one uncoloured, and two folding tables. The folding plans include a plan of drains in Irish workhouses, a plan and sections of temporary fever wards, a drawing for an economical bedstead, a temporary dormitory in an Irish workhouse, birds eye view of the Limerick Union workhouse and the ground plan of the Limerick Union workhouse. The report, signed by George Nicholls, George Cornwall Lewis, Edmund Walker Head and E.T.B. Twistleton to Sir George Grey, covers the recent years up to 1846 and the first couple of months of 1847. It does include England (including cases of potato blight there), but for obvious reasons Ireland and the Irish take up much of the report. Two physical copies in Library Hub (National Trust and Cambridge) [003798] **£400.00**



[06] [Lawrence, John] The Modern Land Steward; in Which the Duties and Functions of Stewardship are Considered and Explained, with Their Several Relations to the Interests of the Landlord, Tenant, and the Public.

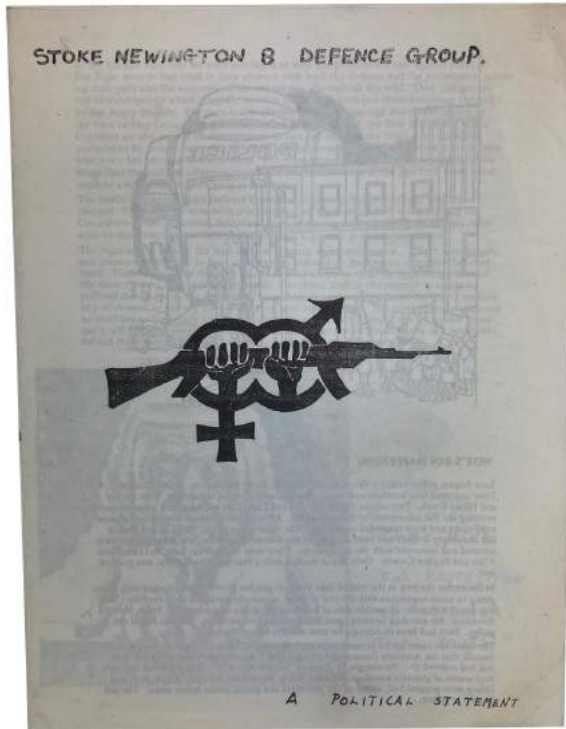
London: H.D. Symonds; Vernor and Hood and J. Wright, 1801. First Edition. 8vo. Hardback. Good. [5], vi-xiii, [4], 2-415pp, [9].

Contemporary full tree calf, smooth back, divided into six panels by gilt double rules, title label to second panel. Front joint with Japanese tissue paper repair, title label chipped with loss to lettering, head and tail caps slightly

chipped, corners bumped and worn, rubbed to extremities. Internally lightly browned throughout, occasional spots of foxing, two instances of pen lines to margins, but generally fairly clean. Lawrence was a vet, "industrious to the point of desperation ... He produced *The Modern Land Steward* ... In it he advertised himself as being open to employment as a steward - oddly enough perhaps" (Fussell III, page 27).

Goldsmith's 18175; Rothamsted, page 75 (for the second edition of 1806, but noting this edition); Fussell III:27 [003803]

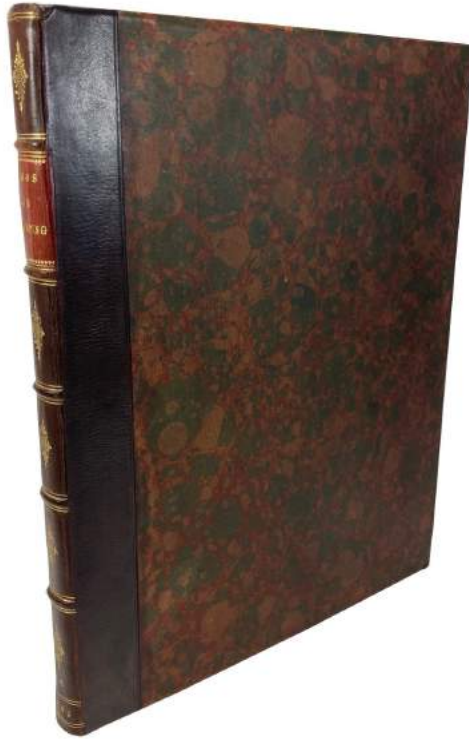
£100.00



[07] [Stoke Newington Eight] Stoke Newington 8 Defence Group - A Political Statement. London: Beaverbrook Publications Ltd., First Edition. 8vo. Unbound. Pamphlet. Good+. [2], 3-7pp, [1], n.d. but 1972, the imprint is obviously spurious. Original wrappers. Slightly creased, one or two small spots of soiling, otherwise quite bright and clean. Not in Library Hub [003799] **£40.00**

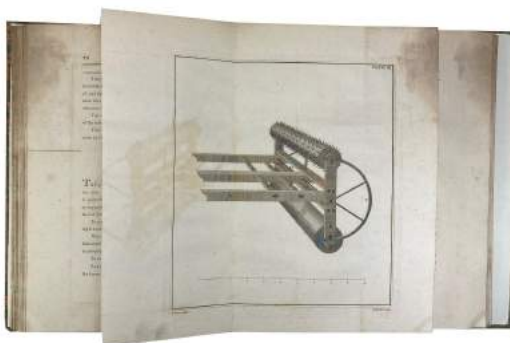
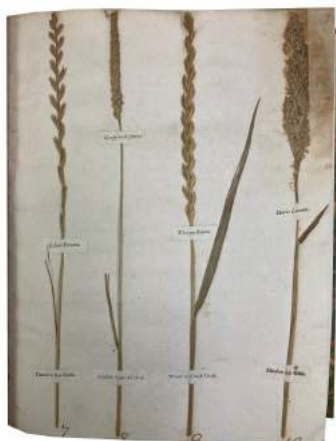


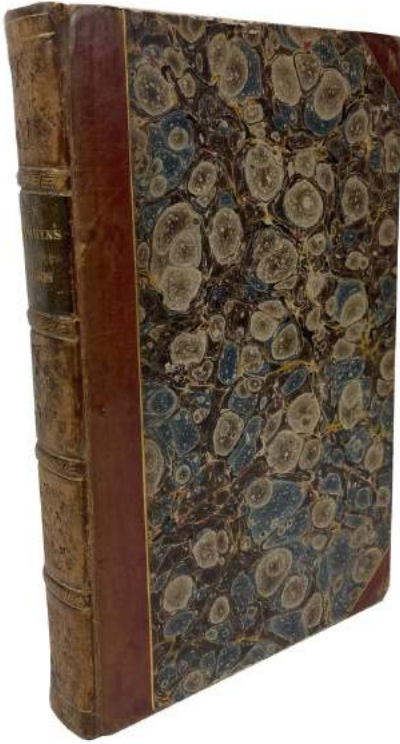
[08] [Up Against the Law Collective] A Benefit in Aid of Up Against the Law. First Edition. Elephant Folio. Unbound. Poster. Good. Single sided printed poster, approximately 335mm x 430mm in size, no publisher (Up Against the Law Collective?), no place, but probably London, and no date, but probably 1972. Single punch hole to head, couple of small splashes of ?tea across the word 'poly', otherwise fairly bright and clean. Noyce calls the magazine they produced "a radical legal rights magazine, with very good coverage of police corruption. Also details of court procedure and legal representation", this is a poster for a benefit concert to raise funds for the group. See Noyce, *The Directory of British Alternative Periodicals 1965-1974*, 1161 [003805] **£75.00**



[09] Amos, William. **Minutes in Agriculture and Planting.** ill. Howlett, B. [Engraver]. Boston: J. Hellaby, 1804. First Edition. 4to. Quarter Calf and Boards. Good. [v], vi-viii, [1], 2-92pp. Modern quarter calf and marbled paper over boards, raised bands, spine in six panels, title label to second panel, remaining panels with central lozenge gilt device, gilt double rules either side of cords, date to foot, all edges marbled. Spine very slightly faded, bottom corners slightly bumped, otherwise externally very good. Internally some light browning, foxing, and damp staining to text, with some minor surface abrasion to engraved plate numbers, the top part of the fore edge margin has been reinforced throughout, occasionally catching text or image, but with no loss. With ten real grass specimens on three leaves, two hand coloured plates and

seven folding engraved plates by B.[artholomew] Howlett (1767-1827) (for Howlett see Alexander, *A Biographical Dictionary of British and Irish Engravers, 1714-1820*, pages 483-484, noting an 1810 edition of this work with nine plates). William Amos was a "steward to John Cartwright of Brothertoft ... he said he was induced to write the book because farmers had asked him about laying down to grass and machines were then only known in the locality where they were used. The machines he described were a sward dresser, thistle cutter, compound roller, tree transplanter, a scuffler, a couch drag and rake" (Fussell III: 11-12). Goldsmith's 18817; Lowndes 37; Wilson, *Food and Farming*, page 3; Perkins 42; Rothamsted, page 9 [003788] **£450.00**

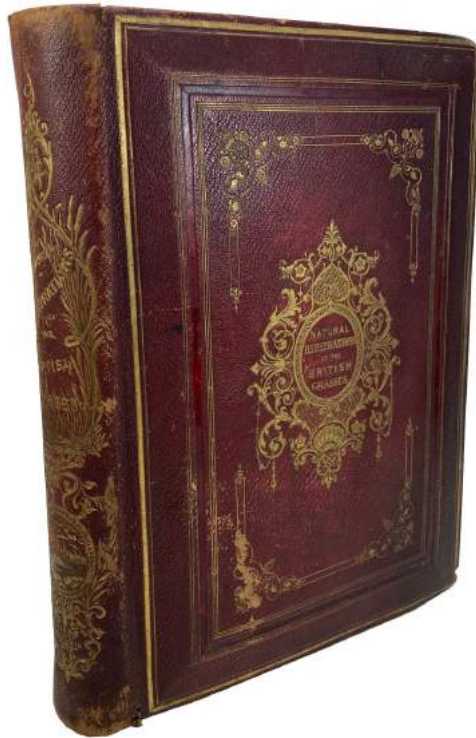




[10] Curwen, J.C. Hints on the Economy of Feeding Stock, and Bettering the Condition of the Poor.

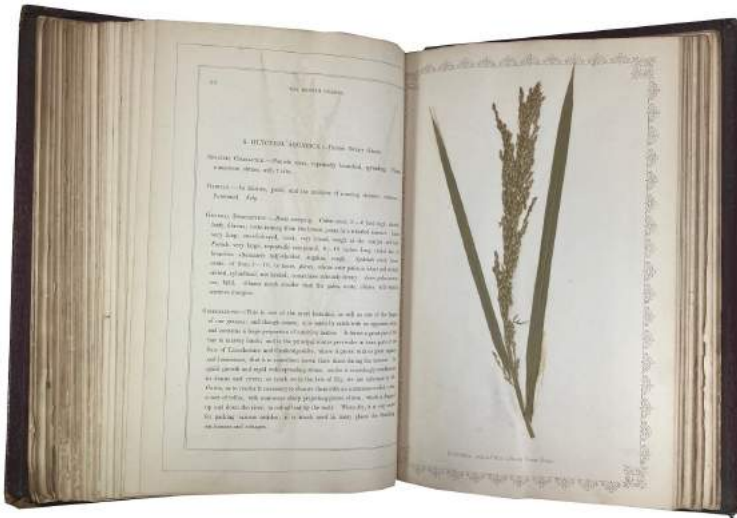
London: Printed for B. Crosby and Co. By Robert Wilks, 1808. First Edition. 8vo. Half Calf and Boards. Good. [3], ii-xvi, [3], 4-364pp, 2pp. Slightly later half calf and marbled paper over boards, raised bands, spine in five panels, title label to second panel, remaining panels with small quadrilobe device in gilt to the centre of a rectangular volute and fleuron panel in blind, shell patterned marbled endpapers, all edges marbled. Spine slightly faded and rubbed,

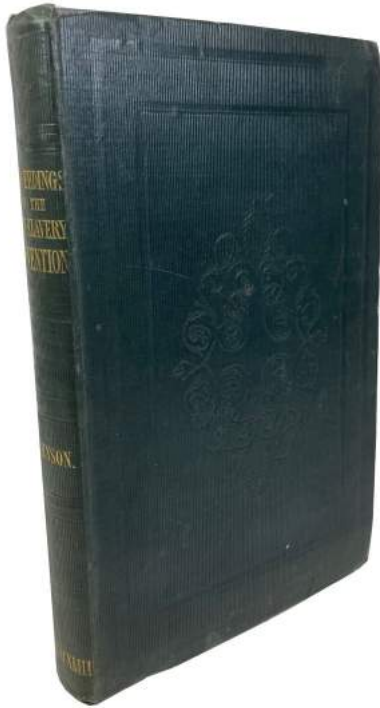
extremities rubbed and bumped, especially corners. Title browned from offsetting from frontispiece, lightly browned throughout, with some offsetting from other engravings, one or two corners of pages missing, signature 2A is stained to bottom corner. Syston Park armorial bookplate to front pastedown, with smaller monogrammed book label beneath, modern book label of Peter Crofts to ffep. With a frontispiece by Gash, five engravings on four leaves, and three folding tables as called for. Largely agricultural, but includes about a hundred pages on Friendly Societies. Goldsmith's 19591; Wilson, *Food and Farming*, page 30; Perkins 440; Rothamsted and Wellcome have the second edition (page 34 and II:422 respectively); Fussell III:73 [003792] **£195.00**



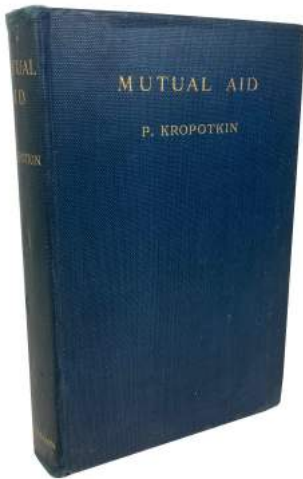
[11] Hanham, Frederick (Ed) *Natural Illustrations of the British Grasses*. Bath: Binns and Goodwin, 1846. First Edition. 4to. Hardback. Good. [5], vi-xix, [2], xvii-xx, [2], 3-130pp and sixty-two leaves of grass specimens. Original publishers morocco, bevelled boards, smooth back, spine with title and publisher in gilt within a decorative cartouche, covers with a thick and thin line border, an inner frame made up of a double fillet, a thick blind line and an inner triple fillet with volute and flower head corner pieces and an elaborate foliate and volute centre piece with the title to its centre (lower cover without the title). Quite heavily rubbed to extremities and lower cover, chipped to spine ends with small amounts of loss, bumped bumped and worn. First section of text slightly loose with sewing broken but holding well, some light browning and dust staining to edges, and occasionally to sample pages. One

sample has worn through the opposite page of text leaving a series of small holes but with no loss of text, a few small closed tears to page edges. Samples are generally in good order, some off setting as usual, one or two have slight elements of loss (seed heads, leaves etc), but all are present and correct. The nature of the book means that few survive in good states of preservation, though this morocco edition tends to survive in a better state than the watered silk binding more commonly found. The publishers seemed to have specialised in these types of book, also publishing *Wildflowers and Their Teachings* and *Ocean Flowers and Their Teachings* "each containing dried specimens, literary extracts and poems" (Wakeman, *Victorian Book Illustration*, page 65). The book was published at two guineas, and the "publishers were proud enough of their process to display *Natural Illustrations of the British Grasses* at the 1851 Exhibition in London" (Cave, *Impressions of Nature*, page 69). The binder's were Astle and Sons, see Ramsden page 31 and Packer, page 9. Perkins 747 [003790] **£650.00**





[12] Johnson, J.F. Proceedings of the General Anti-Slavery Convention, Called By the Committee of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, and Held in London, from Tuesday, June 13th, to Tuesday, June 20th, 1843. London: John Snow, 1843. First Edition. 8vo. Hardback. Good+. [3], iv-viii, [1], 2-360pp. Original blind stamped ribbed cloth, smooth spine with title, author and date in gilt, primrose endpapers. Spine very slightly faded, very lightly rubbed, fore-edges of boards and corners bumped. Internally lightly browned, with a few small nicks to fore edge of a few pages, but generally clean. "In America there has been a growing feeling, that a country, boasting of the popularity of a constitution, the fundamental principles of which are, 'That all men are created equal' ... and yet retaining in bondage nearly three millions of the human family, tends to excite the contempt of the civilized world" (Page iii). Goldsmith's 33458 [003793] **£500.00**



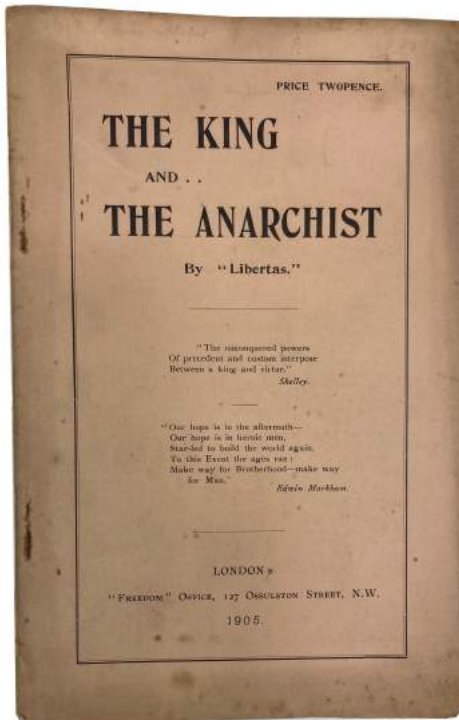
[13] Kropotkin, Peter. **Mutual Aid - A Factor of Evolution.** London: William Heinemann, 1902. First Edition. 8vo. Hardback. Good / No Jacket. [5], vi-xix, [2], 2-348pp. Original cloth, title, author and publisher in gilt to spine, with title and author in gilt to upper cover, blind stamped device of publishers to centre of lower cover. Rubbed to extremities, some probable colour retouching to spine ends, with small dent and tiny hole towards the centre of the spine, edges of text block browned and lightly foxed.

Front endpapers browned, probably from a newspaper cutting, pages with the usual light spotting and foxing to margins, a few pencil lines erased, but text is generally fairly clean. Previous owner's name and date to ffeep, with another owner's name and date to title. First English edition of Kropotkin's important contribution to the evolutionary debate. Huxley's *The Struggle for Existence in Human Society*, prompted Kropotkin to write a series of replies in *The Nineteenth Century* magazine, which developed into *Mutual Aid*. For Kropotkin, rather than competition, natural selection, "generated a historical tendency toward cooperation in nature, including human society before the emergence of the modern state. In both realms mutual aid was the chief source of evolutionary progress" (Todes, page 132). Stephen Jay Gould, in his essay, *Kropotkin Was No Crackpot*, notes that Kropotkin "did not deny the competitive form of struggle, but he argued that the cooperative style had been underemphasized and must balance or even predominate over competition in considering nature as a whole". For an excellent look at Kropotkin's idea of mutual aid and the Russian intellectual background from where it developed, see Todes', *Darwin Without Malthus*. Adams, *Radical Literature*, page 59; Stammhammer III:181:24; Piro 267; Nursey-Bray 512 and Hug 1.7 [003796] **£450.00**



[14] Laurence, Edward. *The Duty of a Steward to His Lord, Represented Under Several Plain and Distinct Articles; Wherein May be Seen the Indirect Practices of Several Stewards, Tending to Lessen, and the Several Methods Likely to Improve Their Lords Estates.* ill. Burton, J. [Engraver]. London: John Shuckburgh, 1727. First Edition. 4to. Hardback. Good+. [12] ix-xv, [1], 212pp. Original polished calf covers, later rebacked, spine in six panels, new title label to second panel, gilt double rule to either side

of cords, covers with gilt double rule border. Covers rubbed with a couple of small scrapes to leather, corners worn with some loss to leather. Internally, some light browning to the double page plate, but generally fairly bright and clean. Two book labels to front pastedown, 'Milton, Peterborough' and Earl Fitzwilliam. With double page map frontispiece, engraved by J. [ohn] Burton after the author, of Dun Boggs Farm in Herefordshire, and one double page plate of a hedge. The engraver John Burton (fl. 1725-1727) also engraved the proposal for Batty Langley's 'Pomona' (see Alexander, *A Biographical Dictionary of British and Irish Engravers, 1714-1820*, page 175). Edward Laurence (d. 1740?) was the brother of John Laurence (d. 1732), himself the author of several books on gardening. Edward was a writer "who was in the spirit of the times, if he was not indeed prophetic of the spirit of the future developments that were to take place more and more speedily as the eighteenth century advanced ... Laurence was a strong advocate of inclosure ... He also believed in consolidating smallholdings into larger farms and suggests means of getting rid of tenants" (Fussell, *The Old English Farming Books*, pages 103-104). Goldsmith's 6510; Perkins 949; Rothamsted, page 74 [003787] **£500.00**



[15] Libertas; [Davies, Ann A.] **The King and the Anarchist - A Tale of the Times.** London: Freedom Office, 1905. First Edition. 8vo. Paper Covers. Pamphlet. Good. [1], 2-32pp. Original paper covers. Covers lightly dust stained, staples rusted, a few spots of foxing, spine slightly chipped and split. Pages browned. Printed and published by T.H. Keell at the 127 Ossulston Street Address. *Libertas* was Ann A. Davies (see Falk (Ed), *Emma Goldman Vol. 1: Made for America*, pages

526-527). Slienger Checklist 25; Burazerovic 844. Uncommon, BL only in Library Hub [003800] **£150.00**

[16] Mordant, John. **The Complete Steward: Or, the Duty of a Steward to His Lord. Containing Several Methods for the Improvement of His Lord's Estate and Shewing the Indirect Practices of Stewards, Tending to Lessen Any Estate. Also a New System of Agriculture and Husbandry.** London: W. Sandby, 1761. First Edition. 8vo. Hardback. Good. Two volumes complete - Volume One - iv, [5], 2-496pp, [14]; Volume Two - [5], 2-202, 217-432pp. Contemporary speckled calf, raised bands, spines in six panels, title label to second panel, volume number lettered direct in gilt to third panel, old paper labels to first panel, gilt double rule either side of cords.



Bindings rubbed, volume label to volume one slightly chipped with loss to three letters, slightly chipped to spine ends with small amounts of loss to head and tail caps, corners bumped, second volume with central vertical crease down spine corresponding with the placement of the folding table, but holding well. Lightly browned internally, especially to edges, with a couple of small marginal stains, but generally fairly clean. Armorial bookplate of Sir Gervase Clifton to front pastedowns. Half-title to

volume two. Folding plate to volume two is creased, chipped and browned to top edge with old tape repair to reverse. The register and pagination of the second volume is strange, running to page 202 (Dd¹), then the folding plate (Ee¹), then page 217 (Ff¹), but this appears to be correct, with the catchword on the folding plate being correct for page 217, and this all corresponds with the digital copy in ECCO. Mordant "of whose life nothing is known, makes the usual excuse for issuing his book, though why an excuse should be necessary puzzles me; there was no recent good book on the subject ... Mordant cast his own book in alphabetical form, and includes trees, animals, crops, buildings &c., making an effective and useful dictionary for landowner and steward alike. The second volume contains a large number of diverse tables for ready-reckoning areas, timber, board measure &c. and a comprehensive set of specimen documents like leases, releases, and so on" (Fussell, *More Old English Farming Books*, page 51). Goldsmith's 9662; Higgs 2439; Perkins 1225; Rothamsted, page 95 [003789] **£500.00**