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## Early Printing



**Rare first Dutch edition of a controversial work criticising the arts and sciences**

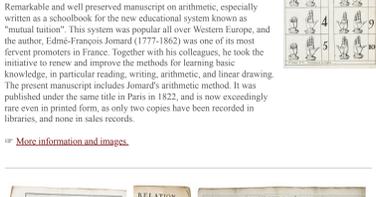


**AGRIPIA VON NETTESHEIM, Heinrich Cornelis and Joachim OUDAEN (translator).**  
Van de onzeckerheyd ende ydelheyd der weenschappen en konsten. Ikerende niet goet en vast bewijst velenreeren tegen 'n gemeen gevoelen in menigderleye zaken. Uit Latijn in Hollantsch overgezet. Door I. Oudae, 1650.

Haarlem, Thomas Fonteyn for Jacob Aertsz, Colon, 1651.

Very rare first Dutch edition of a highly controversial but popular work on the vanity and uncertainty of the arts and sciences. The text is critical of those who hold social power, primarily church officials and nobility, which made it especially popular in humanist circles, but also caused it to be placed onto the *Index*. Although this did not affect its popularity negatively, the work was redacted and a number of passages were expurgated. Curiously, however, it appears that the present Dutch edition was able to evade censure, as some of these passages have still been included.

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**How to teach arithmetic according to the 19th-century educational system of mutual tuition**

**JOMARD, Edmé François.**  
Arithmétique élémentaire ou tableaux d'arithmétique composés selon les principes et assujets aux procédés de l'enseignement mutuel, par M. Jomard, secrétaire de la Société de l'enseignement élémentaire.

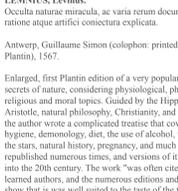
[France?, ca. 1822].

Remarkable and well preserved manuscript on arithmetic, especially written as a schoolbook for the new educational system known as "mutual tuition". This system was popular all over Western Europe, and the author, Edmé-François Jomard (1773-1862) was one of its most fervent promoters in France. Together with his colleagues, he took the initiative to renew and improve the methods for learning basic knowledge, in particular reading, writing, arithmetic, and linear drawing. The present manuscript includes Jomard's arithmetic method. It was published under the same title in Paris in 1822, and is now exceedingly rare even in printed form, as only two copies have been recorded in libraries, and none in sales records.

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**A presentation copy of the account of the first scientific exploration of the Amazon River**

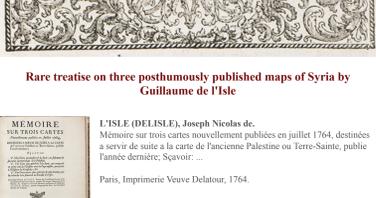


**LA CONDAMINE, Charles Marie de.**  
Relation abrégée d'un voyage fait dans l'intérieur de l'Amérique Méridionale, depuis la Côte de la Mer du Sud.

Paris, the widow of Pissot, 1745. 2 parts in 1 volume.

First edition of the account of the first scientific exploration of the Amazon River. After an expedition in Peru and Ecuador, Charles Marie de la Condamine (1701-1774) returned to Europe by crossing Brazil by boat. His account of this journey, included in the present work, was "of great importance, because for the first time the long course of the Amazon was traversed by a man of science capable of making astronomic observations, and determining longitudes" (Borba de Moraes). The included map of the Amazon River indicates, for the first time, the course of the Araguaia River. The present, very wide-margined, copy was sent in name of the author to Baron Cloots (dates unknown), who was most likely a close family member of the infamous Anacharsis Cloots (1735-1794).

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**The secret miracles of nature revealed**

**LEMNIUS, Levinus.**  
Oculi naturae miracula, ac varia rerum documenta, probabili ratione atque artificio coniectura explicata.

Antwerp, Guillaume Simon (colophon: printed by Christoffel Plantin), 1567.

Enlarged, first Plantin edition of a very popular work of the secrets of nature, considering physiological, physical, medical, religious and moral topics. Guided by the Hippocratic Corpus, Aristotle, natural philosophy, Christianity, and the four humors, the author wrote a complicated treatise that covers reproduction, hygiene, demonology, diet, the use of alcohol, the influence of the stars, natural history, pregnancy, and much more. It was republished numerous times, and versions of it were read well into the 20th century. The work "was often cited by subsequent learned authors, and the numerous editions and translations of it show that it was well suited to the taste of the time" (Thornthike).

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**Rare treatise on three posthumously published maps of Syria by Guillaume de l'Isle**



**L'ISLE (DE L'ISLE), Joseph Nicolas de.**  
Mémoire sur trois cartes nouvellement publiées en juillet 1764, destinées à servir de suite à la carte de l'ancienne Palestine ou Terre-Sainte, publiée l'année dernière. Sçavoir: ...

Paris, Imprimerie Veuve Delatour, 1764.

First and only edition of a rare treatise on three maps of Syria by the famous cartographer Guillaume de l'Isle (1675-1726). Namely *Carte particulière de la Syrie comprise entre les villes d'Antioche et Alep* (1764), *Carte générale de la Syrie, de la Palestine, et de l'Isle de Chypre* (1764), and *Parallèle terrestris* (1764). The maps were published posthumously by his brother, Joseph-Nicolas de l'Isle (1688-1768), who had found them in Guillaume's belongings, and considered them to be of significant importance. In the present work he explains why. The treatise is very rare, as we have only been able to trace one other copy in sales records and seven in libraries.

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**Detailed eye-witness account of one of the first hot-air balloon flights in history, by the Montgolfier Brothers**

**PINGÉRON, Jean Claude.**  
L'art de faire soi-même les ballons aérostatiques, conformes à ceux de M. de Montgolfier.

Amsterdam, for Hardouin, Libraire à Paris, [1783].

Rare first edition of a letter describing one of the first hot-air balloon flights in history, written by a spectator. The flight took place in Versailles on the 19th of September 1783 in front of the king and queen, and was only the second time this particular type of hot-air balloon was used. The present account was written a few days after the flight and is quite rare. Only seven copies have been recorded in libraries, and we have not been able to find any copies in sales records since 1986.

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**Four collections of statutes from Jan van Hout's Raadhuispers at Leiden, printed in civilté**



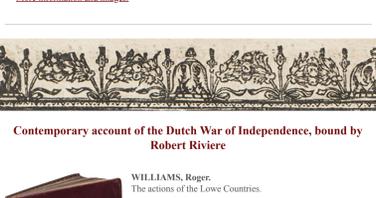
**[RAADHUISPERS - JAN VAN HOUT (publisher)].**  
Nieuwe keuren tot vorderisse van de gestimmenten ende bouwen van huizen binnen dezer stad Leiden. Ten bevelen van die vande Gerechte der voorschrevene stede.

Leiden, gedruet opt raedhuys alder [= Jan van Hout], 1586. 4 works in 1 volume.

With:  
(2) [IDEM]. Keuren opt ampt vande craemverzoerchers, innemen vande craemvrouwen, tangt vande actioensmenten, generale verdedginge, ende misbruyde der acmissen. Leiden, Raadhuispers [Jan van Hout], 1586.  
(3) [IDEM]. Provisioenle oedonmantie gemaect by Schout ende schepenen dezer stede, op throuwen vande zovate bieren (including the Aenhang vande burgerlicke keuren). Leiden, Raadhuispers [Jan van Hout], 1587.  
(4) [IDEM]. Oedonmantie gemaect by die van de Gerechte dezer stad Leiden ten dagen hier naer genom, opt wijden vande wateren ende grachten, daer naer hem elc eenen van in voortsien zal hebben te gedingen int maken, verstedt, ende vernieuwen van haer platingen. Leiden, Raadhuispers [Jan van Hout], 1588.

Four very rare and very finely produced collections of statutes and ordinances, for the greater part printed in civilté type. They were produced by the famous Raadhuispers (the official press at the Town Hall in Leiden), which was active from 1576-1609. The statutes are on the building of houses in Leiden, midwives and chaplains, the houses in the beguinage, the brewing of strong beers, and the width of the canals in the city. Although similar collections of Raadhuispers ordinances are known, we have not been able to find another copy in sales records with these four statutes.

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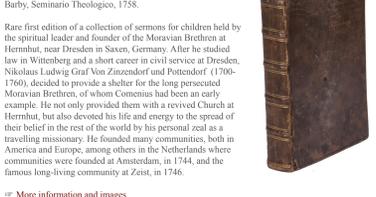
**An important source on 18th-century Japan**

**TITSINGH, Isaac.**  
Bijzondereheden over Japan, behelzende een verslag van de havelijckse plegtigheden, begravingen en feesten der Japanzen. De Gedenkschrijffen der laatste Japanseke keizers en andere merkwandigheden noepens dat Rijk.

The Hague, the widow of J. Allart, 1824-1825. 2 volumes.

Rare Dutch edition of a beautifully illustrated work on the Japanese festive ceremonies and customs. The work was written by Isaac Titsingh (1745-1812), then Head of the Dutch Factory at Desima, the only place in Japan from where connections with the rest of the world were maintained until far into the 19th century. Titsingh was allowed to visit the Japanese court several times, and is therefore one of the very few European observers and eye-witnesses of Japanese culture and customs in the 18th century.

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**Perspective and Scheele's green: teaching the basics of painting**



**VERGNAUD, Armand Denis.**  
Manuel de perspective, du dessinateur et du peintre, contenant les éléments de géométrie indispensables au tracé de la perspective, la perspective linéaire et aérienne, et l'étude du dessin et de la peinture spécialement appliquée au paysage.

Paris, Roret (colophon: imprimerie de Craplet), 1826.

Revised and enlarged edition of a practical manual on perspective, one of the popular encyclopedic manuals of Roret. The work discusses both linear and aerial perspective, as well as the study of design and painting specifically applied to the landscape. The final chapter describes and explains the use of various colours, such as cobalt blue, Naples yellow, carmine, and Scheele's green, which had not yet been forbidden by this time. The work contains 8 large, folding plates, which illustrate the theory on perspective.

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**Best edition of an extensive manual on agricultural architecture**

**VOIT, Johann Michael.**  
Handbuch der landwirtschaftlichen Baukunst.

Augsburg, Von Jenisch und Stäegische Verlagshandlung, 1840. 2 volumes.

Third and best edition of an extensive manual on agricultural architecture, with additions in both the text and the plates. The work was written by Johann Michael Voit (1771-1846), royal engineer and building-inspector in Augsburg. The first volume concerns the architecture and furnishing of farms, stables, farm-outhouses etc, as well as the architecture of agricultural industrial buildings like breweries, distilleries, tile-works, brick-yards, etc. The second volume is entirely devoted to building materials and the practical construction of the buildings.

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**Contemporary account of the Dutch War of Independence, bound by Robert Riviere**



**WILLIAMS, Roger.**  
The nations of the Lowe Countries.

London, Humphrey Lownes, for Mathew Lownes, 1618.

First edition of an eye-witness account of the beginning of the Eighty Year's War in the Low Countries. The author, Sir Roger Williams (ca. 1539-1595) fought under Prince William of Orange, from whom he claims to have received much information. The present work is considered a valuable and objective account. "As a fador historian, Sir Roger is virtually unique. Few of his contemporaries could claim Sir Roger's extensive knowledge of military science, his intimacy with the leading political and military figures of the age, and his personal experience as a soldier." (Eliavans). The present copy was bound by Robert Riviere after 1880.

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**Educational sermons for children**

**[ZINZENDORF, Nikolaus Ludwig Graf von].**  
Sammlung einiger von dem Ordinaro Freimaurer whrend seines Aufenthalts in den Deutschen Gemeinen von Anno 1755 bis 1757 gehaltenen Kinder-Reden.

Barby, Seminario Theologico, 1758.

Rare first edition of a collection of sermons for children held by the spiritual leader and founder of the Moravian Brethren at Herrnhut, near Dresden in Saxen, Germany. After he studied law in Wittenberg and a short career in civil service at Dresden, Nikolaus Ludwig Graf Von Zinzendorf und Pottendorf (1700-1760), decided to provide a shelter for the long persecuted Moravian Brethren, of whom Comenius had been an early example. He not only provided them with a revived Church at Herrnhut, but also devoted his life and energy to the spread of their belief in the rest of the world by his personal zeal as a travelling missionary. He founded many communities, both in America and Europe, among others in the Netherlands where communities were founded at Amsterdam, in 1744, and the famous long-living community at Zeist, in 1746.

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