



Dear Friends & Clients,

First of all, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you health, happiness and lots of good books in this new year!

For our first newsletter of 2026 we have selected 12 fine bindings from our stock. Most of these were recently catalogued. The books within these bindings were printed between 1538 and 1842 and cover many different subjects, including Art, Classical Antiquity, History, Poetry, Religion and Voyages.

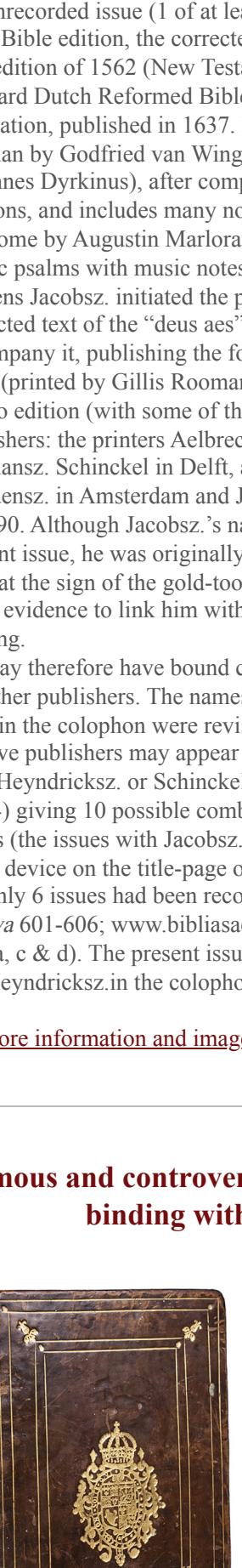
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Fine bindings

A history of Flanders and a 'Fürstenspiegel' on Alfonso V of Naples in a spectacular early 16th-century Flemish panel stamped binding



MEYER, Jacques de.
Compendium chronicum Flandriae, per
Iacobum Meyerum Balliolum. Opus nunc
recessum aeratum, anno 1538. Fol. D.XXXVIII.
Nürnberg apud Ioh. Petrum.
Neurenberg, Iohanna Petrus, 1538.

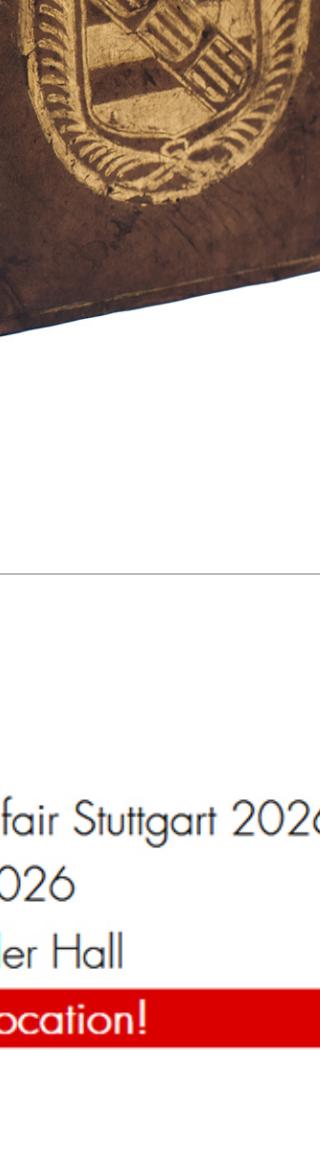
With:
PARAGOMITA, Antonius (Antonio
BECCADELLI).
De dictis et factis Alphonsi Regis Aragonum
libri quatuor. ...
Basel, Ex officina Hervagiana (Joannes
Hervagus & Joannes Erasmus Froben), 1538.

2 works in 1 volume, 4to.

Ad 1: First edition of the early Flemish history of Flanders from 870 to 1715, in a beautiful contemporary, likely Flemish, binding with exceptionally clear impressions. The work covers the genealogy and highlights of the Counts of Flanders, as well as important historical events. The author had a critical mind and did not work on historical documents rather than folios to make his contemporaries. Because of this, he is considered the "father of Flemish history".
Ad 2: Second edition after the incombustible edition of 1485 (Pisa, Gregorio de' Gante) of this panegyric on King Alfonso V of Aragon (1396-1458) residing at Naples, by Antonio Beccadelli (1394-1471), poet, scholar, diplomat who entered the service of Alfonso V in 1434.

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Unrecorded issue of important 1590 edition of Dutch "deux aes" Bible in a magnificent contemporary panel-stamped binding with engraved silver furnishings



[BIBLE - DUTCH].
Biblia. Dat, en gantsche H. Schrift, grondelick ende
trouwelick verduytsched.

Delta, Bruyn Harmanus. Schinckel (colophon): printed by
Aelbrecht Heydricksz., 1590. 4 parts in 1 volume, 4to (23.5 x
17.5 cm).

An unrecorded issue (1 of at least 7) of a rare and important
1590 Bible edition, the corrected "deux aes" Bible, based on the
first edition of 1562 (New Testament), which remained the
standard Dutch Reformed Bible until the official Dutch States
version was printed in 1637. It was based on Martin Luther's
German by Egidius van der Werf, the New Testament by
Johannes Duyckius, after comparison with several other
versions, and includes many notes, some also taken from Luther
and some from Augustin Marforat, as well as Petrus Danthenus's
metrical psalms. The Amsterdam bookseller
Laurens Jansz. initiated the printing of the present
corrected text of the "deux aes" Bible and arranged to
accompany it, publishing a folio edition with maps himself in
1590 (printed by Gillis Roosman in Haarlem), but sharing the
quarto edition (with some of the same maps) with four other
publishers: Petrus Heydricksz, Aelbrecht Heydricksz, and Petrus
Harmansz. in Amsterdam; and the bookseller Bartem
Adriaensz. in Schiedam and Jacob Adriaensz. in Leiden, also
in 1590. Although Jacobsz.'s name does not appear in the
present issue, he was originally trained as a binder, operated his
shop at the sign of the gold-tooled Bible and Fontaine Verwey
gave credence to link him with the panel stamp on the present
binding. He may therefore have bound copies (or had them bound) for
the other publishers. The name and addresses in the imprint and
even in the colophon are identical to the first edition. Any of
the four publishers may appear in the imprint (in part) while
only Heydricksz or Schinckel may appear in the colophon (in
part 4) giving 10 possible combinations in the simultaneous
issues (the issues with Jacobsz.'s imprint also have his oval
publisher's mark on the back-paste of part 1, in a different cartouche),
but only 6 issues had been recorded in the literature (Bla
B15a 601 606; www.bibliotheek.nl 1590.B.dut.11b-c &
B15a 4 & D). The present issue, with Schinckel in the imprint
but Heydricksz in the colophon, is otherwise unknown.

[More information and images.](#)

Famous and controversial work on the Council of Trent, in an armorial binding with the arms of king Charles I of England



POLANO, Pietro Soave (pseudo. of Paolo SARPI) and
Nathaniel BENTEN (translation).
The history of the Council of Trent. Containing eight Books.
In which (besides the ordinary Actes of the Councils are
declared many notable Occurrences.

London, Bonham Norton and John Bill, 1629. Folio.

Beautifully produced work on the history of the Council of Trent
(1545-1563), in an armorial binding with the arms of king
Charles I of England (1600-1649), to whom the work is
dedicated. Written by "Father Paul of Venice", the work
appeared in 1629 and was immediately successful and
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