

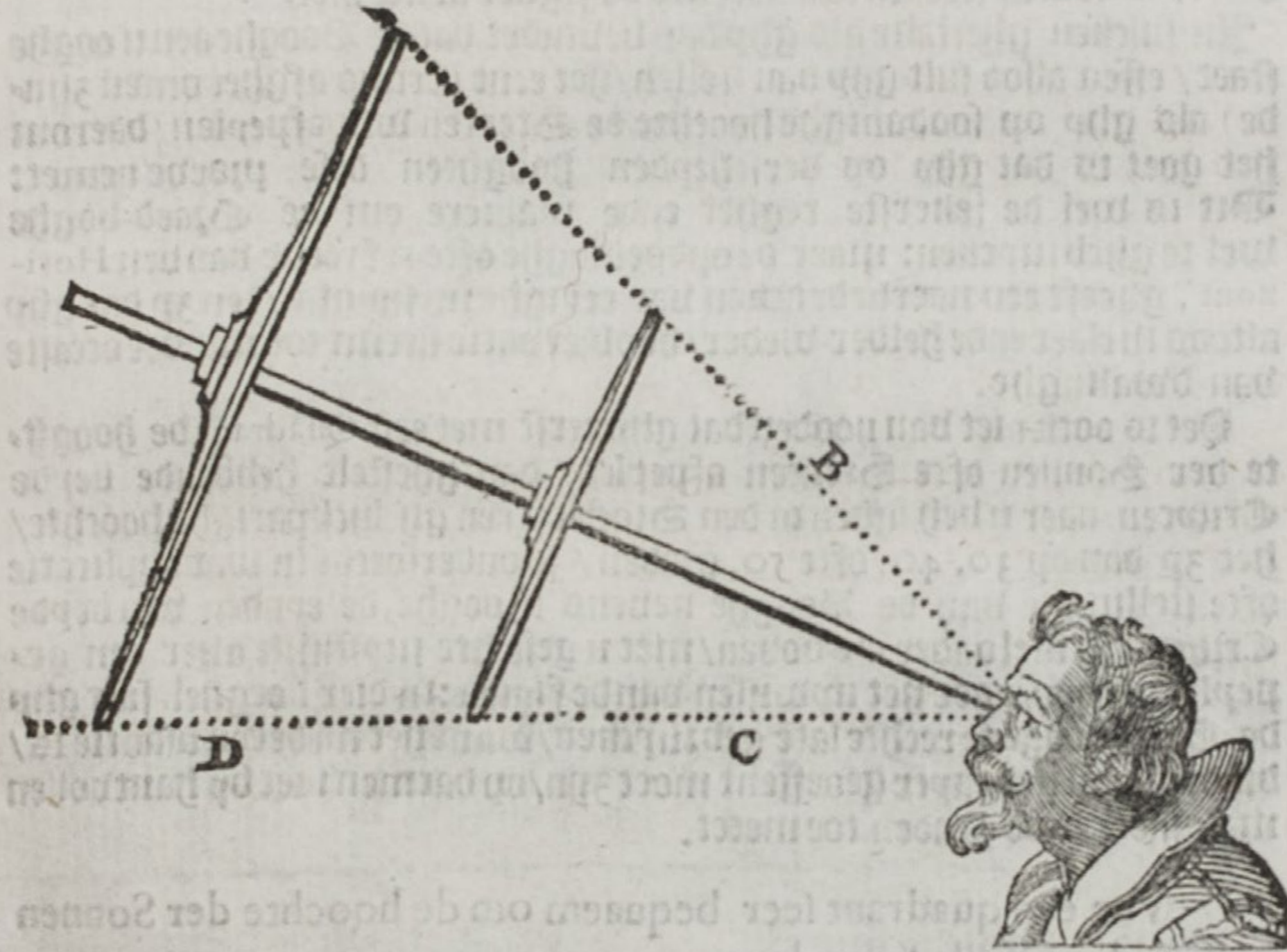


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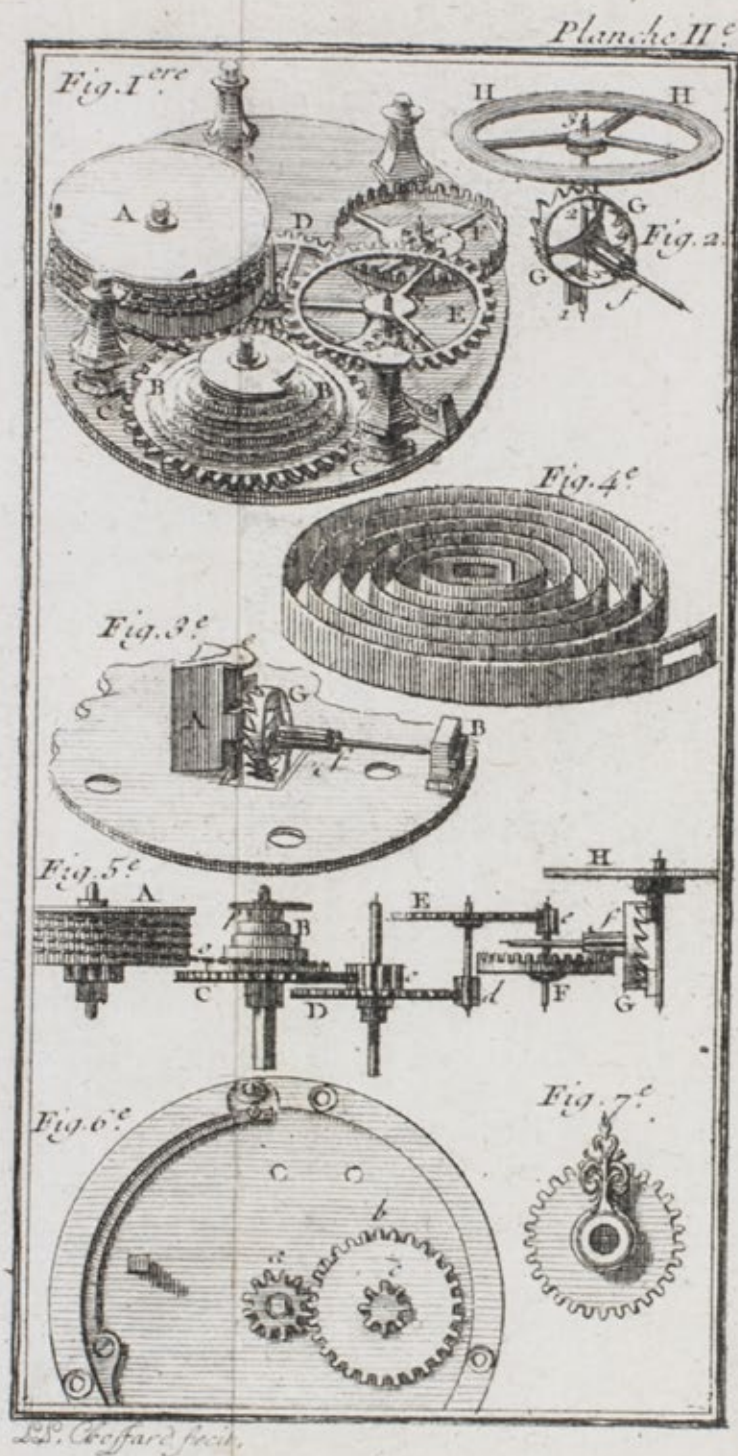
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## *A basic instruction on clocks and watches*

**2. BERTHOUD, Ferdinand.** *l'Art de conduire et de régler les pendules et les montres: a l'usage de ceux qui n'ont aucune connoissance d'horlogerie.*

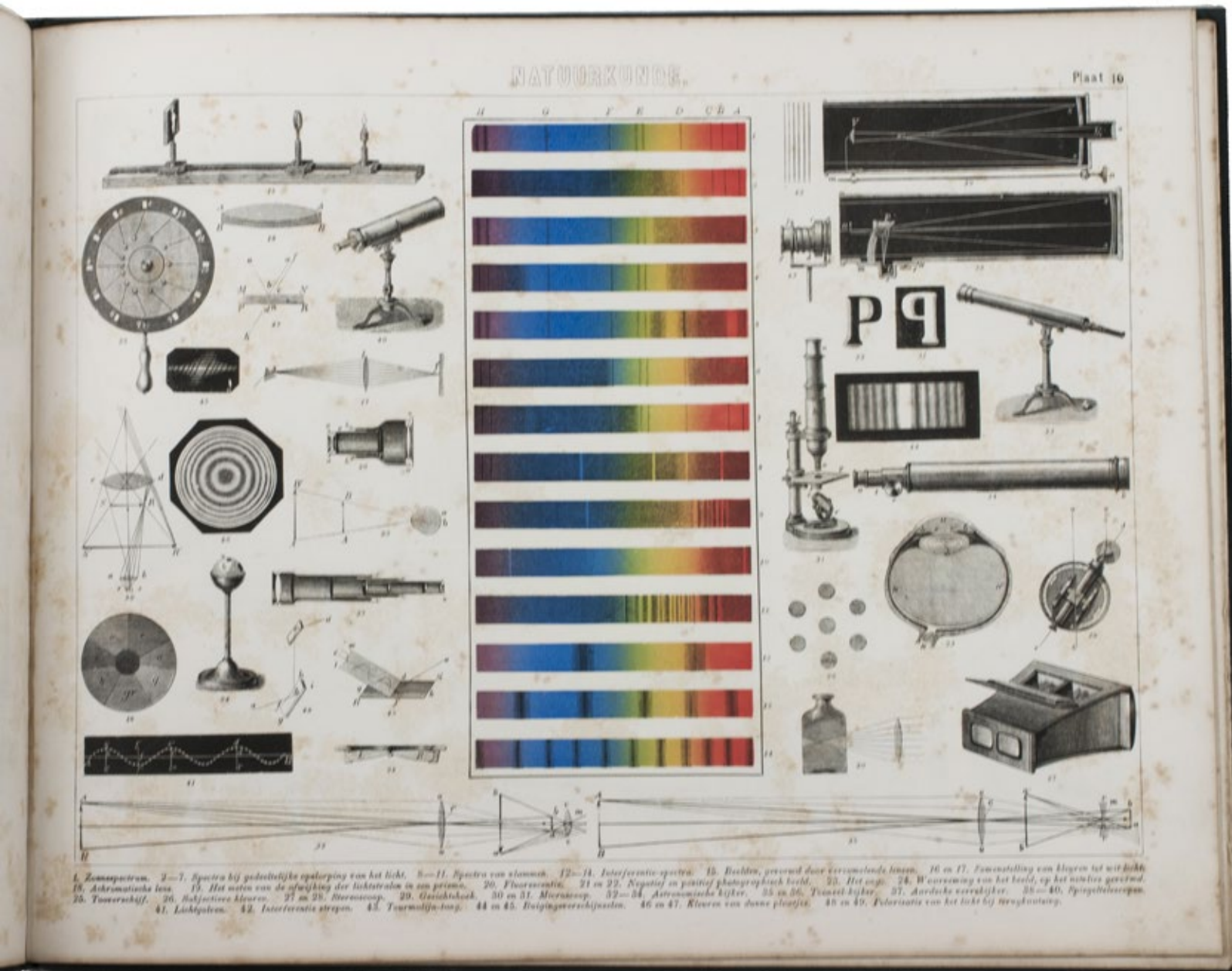
Paris, for the author and Michael Lambert (colophon: printed by H.L. Guerin and L.F. Delatour), 1759. 12°. With illustrations on 4 folding engraved plates. Contemporary mottled calf, gold-tooled spine. € 1600

First edition of a basic instruction on clocks and watches for beginners in the profession or trade and for all owners of clocks and watches in general. Ferdinand Berthoud (1725–1807), was a famous Swiss mechanic of clocks, watches, chronometers and the like who lived and worked at Paris since 1745. He was the inventor of the marine clock, and together with Pierre LeROI he was considered the best in his field. Berthoud was a member of the Institut de France and of the London Royal Society. He wrote a considerable number of esteemed books on his specialty, of which the present is the primer on the subject, teaching the very first beginners in the field. The book was also published in Dutch.

With the bookplate of Renato Rabaiotti. Binding slightly rubbed near the edges. Very good copy.

*Poggendorff I, col. 168; Tardy, Bibliogr. Mesure du Temps 30; not in Bibl. Horlogère de Monsieur R.P.*

*750 scientific instruments  
and geometrical figures*



3. **BRUTEL DE LA RIVIÈRE, Carel Johan Emerentius.** Atlas voor de meet- en natuurkunde, omvattende ruim 700 afbeeldingen, met een korte verklaring.

Leiden, A.W. Sijthoff, [ca. 1870]. 2 volumes. Oblong folio. With almost 750 figures on 15 steel engraved plates (1 partly printed in colour), depicting instruments and geometrical figures. Original publisher's gold- and blind-blocked dark green cloth. € 950

Very rare first, undated, edition of an “atlas of geometry and physics”, giving illustrations and descriptions of almost 750 scientific instruments and geometrical figures, including microscopes, telescopes, quadrants, pantographs, pumps, polygons, cones, prisms etc. etc. The design of this work by Carel Johan Emerentius Brutel de la Rivière (1835–1912) is adapted from a German work by Johann Müller and W.A. Weiske, but the contents are almost completely new. We could locate only one other copy of the present first edition, and only a few more of following editions appearing in 1872 and 1873.

Slightly browned, mostly in the margins, plates foxed, but otherwise in good condition.



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*Lector in de Wis-, Bouw-, Toegepaste Werktuig-  
en Zeevaart-kunde, aan de Akademie  
Minerva, te Groningen.*

Tweede verbeterde en met antwoorden vermeerderde uitgaaf.



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1846.

*The principles of navigation*

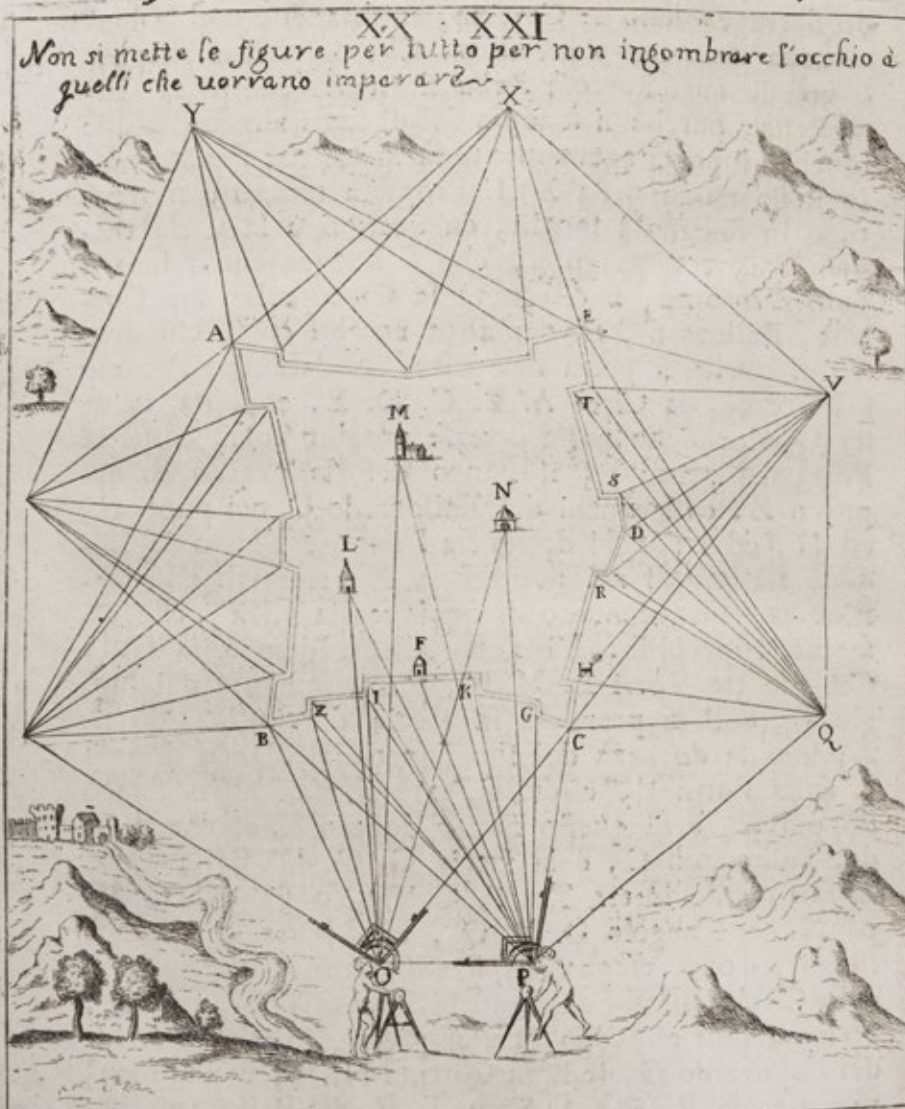
4. **CLEEFF, Jacob van.** Catechismus der zeevaartkunde, of vragen en oefeningen over het beschouwende en werkdadige der stuurmanskunst; ... Tweede verbeterde en met antwoorden vermeerderde uitgaaf.

Groningen, M. Smit, 1846. 8°. With woodcut vignette on title-page. Original publisher's stiff printed paper wrappers, with at the back an advertisement for 6 other works by Van Cleeff. € 950

Very rare second revised and enlarged edition of a schoolbook on navigation in the form of questions and exercises by Jacob van Cleeff (1788–1862), lecturer of mathematics, engineering and navigation at the maritime academy at Groningen known as the Academie Minerva. The work is in this edition enlarged with the answers. The work was meant to be used together with Jan Carel Pilaar's *Handleiding tot de beschouwende en werkdadige stuurmanskunst* first published in 1831.

With owner's inscription on title-page. Spine tattered, last leaves slightly waterstained. A good copy.

*Bierens de Haan 874; cf. Cat. NHSM, p. 694 (third ed.); Crone Library 844 & 916 (first & third ed.); this edition not in NCC; WorldCat.*



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## Classic of surveying & instrument-making

5. **FABRI, Ottavio.** L'uso della squadra mobile, con la quale per teorica, e pratica si misura geometricamente ogni distanza, altezza, e profondità; ... accresciuta in questa terza edizione di parecchie istruzioni, ..., ec. da Giovanni Vettori.

Trent, Stamparia Vescovile Paroniana [= Giambattista Parone, printer to the Diocese of Trent], 1753. 4°. With engraved architectural title-page, 1 unnumbered folding and 3 numbered illustration plates, 25 engraved illustrations in the text, engraved arms of the dedicatee. Richly gold-tooled contemporary tanned sheepskin, silk ties, gilt edges. € 3500

Ninth copy located of the "third" (actually fifth) and last edition, revised, expanded and extensively illustrated with new plates, of a classic work on surveying and mensuration, with instructions and patterns for making a theolodite. The large folding plate (19.5 × 27.5 cm) showing the theolodite was probably designed to be cut up by the person who wished to make one, the paper scales, pointers, etc. being pasted on the surface of the instrument, which might be made of metal, wood or cardboard. The theolodite is shown again in the first plate in the text, and other plates show its use for measuring height, distance, depth, etc. in a wide variety of circumstances, both on land and aboard a ship. The book covers the theory as well, and the 3 numbered plates at the end show plane and solid geometrical figures, and scales of inches ("oncie") for 25 Italian cities.

With bookplate. In very good condition, with only occasional minor spots or stains. The binding is good, though the spine is slightly damaged and the finisher apparently used a poor grade of gold for the tooling, as much of it has oxidized or even rubbed off, though the tooling itself remains clear. A very rare expanded and extensively illustrated edition of a classic of surveying.

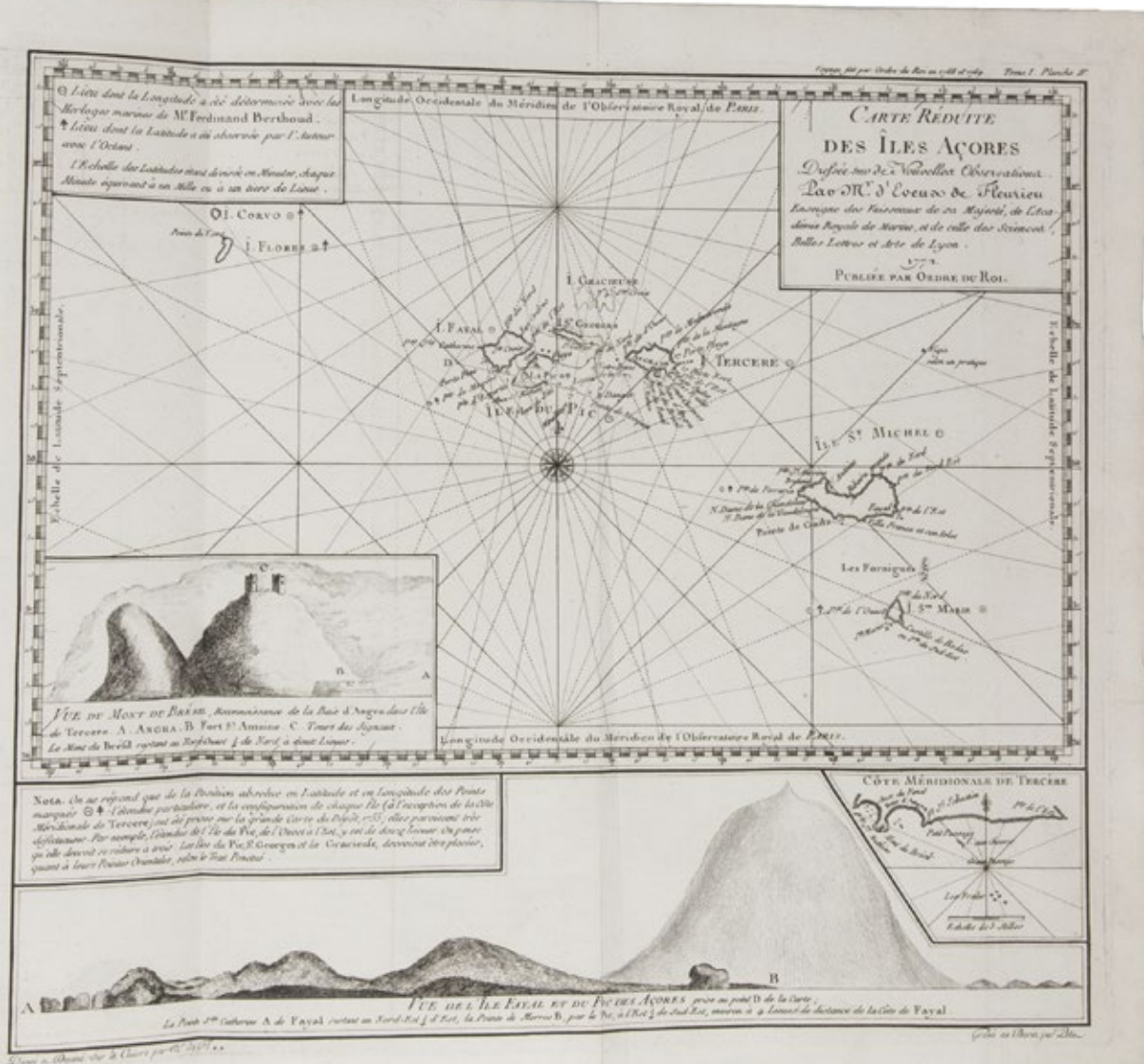
Riccardi I, F-col. 434; KVK (2 copies); WorldCat (same 2 copies); Cat. Bibl. Trentino (6 copies in 3 Trento libraries); cf. Ist. Cent. Cat. Unico (other editions).



## Testing chronometers by Harrison's leading French rival

**6. FLEURIEU, Charles Pierre Claret, Count d'Eveux de.** Voyage fait par ordre du Roi en 1768 et 1769, à différentes parties du monde, pour éprouver en mer les horloges marines inventées par M. Ferdinand Berthoud. Première[-seconde] partie, ...

Paris, Imprimerie Royale, 1773. 2 volumes. Large 4° (27 × 20.5 cm). With 5 numbered folding engraved plates in volume 1 (4 maps of the Atlantic Ocean, the Canaries, the Azores, etc., and 1 plate with topographic diagrams), 1 folding engraved plate with geometrical figures illustrating the determination of latitude[!], and 5 folding letterpress tables in volume 2. Contemporary gold-tooled mottled calf. € 9500



First edition of an account by Charles Pierre Claret, Count Fleurieu (1738–1810), of the first voyage made to test the chronometers invented by his mentor, Ferdinand Berthoud (1727–1807). They were developed to keep accurate time at sea in order to solve the problem of the determination of longitude, to make it possible for ships to easily determine their position. Berthoud closely followed the work of Harrison in England, who had already proven the efficacy of his chronometer no. 4 in 1761, but refused to allow Berthoud and others to examine it. During the voyages described in the present work, Fleurieu tested Berthoud's chronometers as well as his own instruments on board the ship *Isis*, travelling to Cadiz, the Canaries, the Antilles, Santo Domingo, the Atlantic Ocean, Madera, and several other places. The results showed their success even beyond his own expectations. The present work is complete with the appendix.

With an owner's inscription on both title-pages. With only some minor, mostly marginal water stains at the beginning of volume 2. 2mos e2 and e3 misbound at the end between 4I1 and 4I2. In very good condition.

*Bibl. horlogère de Monsieur R.P. 196; Chadenat 2617; Gould, p. 96 note; Tardy, p. 99.*



## How to make a sundial, with 40 plates

**7. GAUPP, Johannes.** *Gnomonica mechanica. Oder: Mechanische Sonnen-Uhr-Kunst.* In welcher den Anfängern ein besonderer, leichter, und wolverständlicher Weg gezeiget wird, auff alle ebene Flächen Sonnen-Uhren zu verzeichnen, und solche recht zu gebrauchen. Samt einer Zugabe von etlichen in Kupffer gestochenen bereits verfertigten Universal-Uhren, und zur Gnomonie dienlichen Instrumenten.

Lindau, Johann Conrad Gaupp for Johannes Gaupp, 1708. With elegantly engraved frontispiece of two men making a large sundial, 40 numbered engraved plates of mathematical figures and sundials, and 1 folding letterpress table printed in red and black.

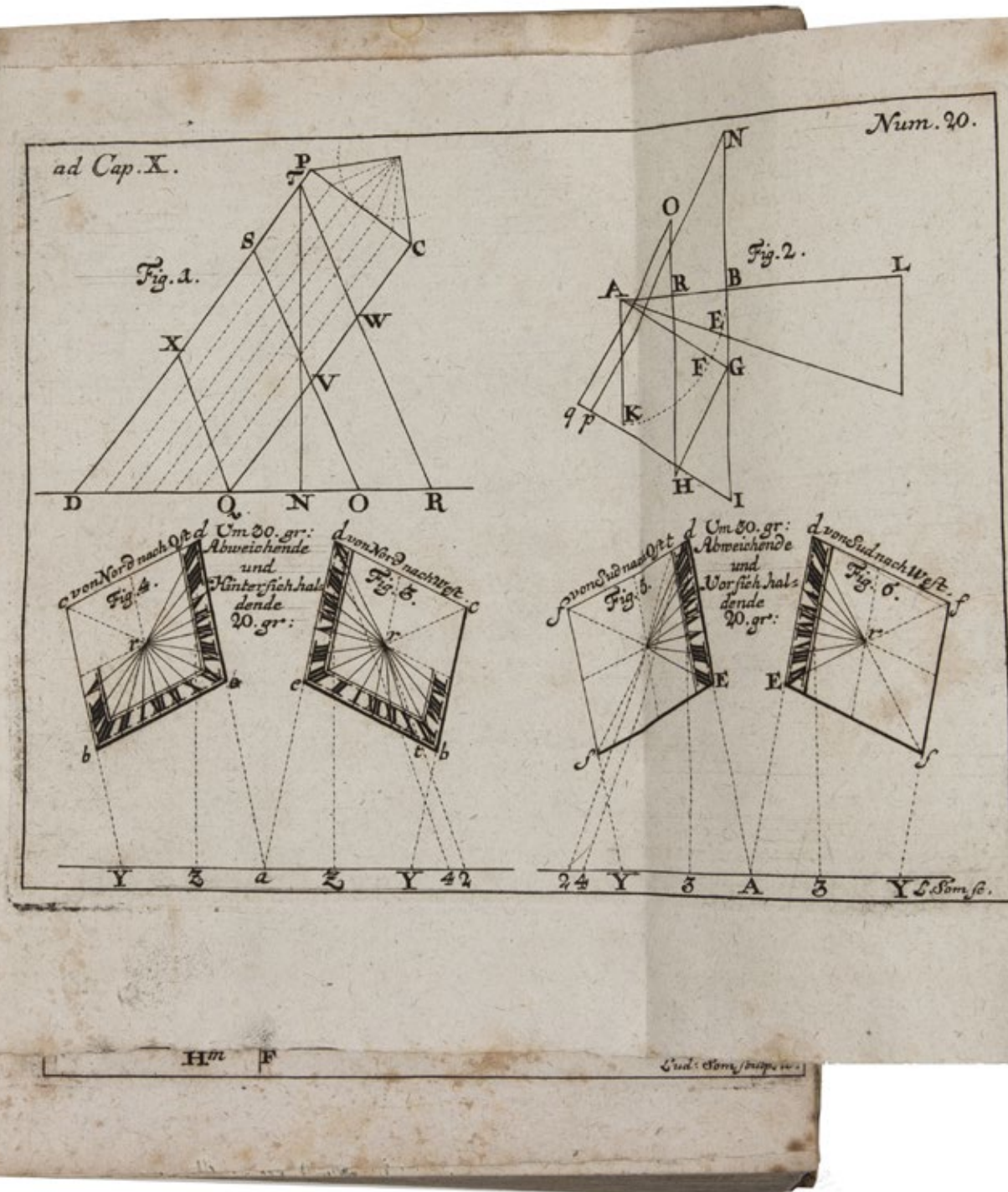
*With:* **(2) GAUPP, Johannes.** *Tabulae Gnomonicae, oder: Tafeln zur mechanischen Sonnen-Uhr-Kunst.* Durch welche auff eine ganz leichte Weise, alle vorkommende Sonnen Uhren am allerichtigsten verzeichnet, auch andere nützliche Auffgaben aufgelöset werden können.

Lindau, Johann Conrad Gaupp for Johannes Gaupp, 1708. 2 works in 1 volume. 4°. Late 18th-century half vellum. € 5000

First edition, first issue, of an important handbook for making and using sundials, by Johannes Gaupp in Lindau. The 1711 and 1720 issues are less rare. The history, use and fabrication of sundials is very accurately and extensively described, profusely illustrated with many detailed and expertly engraved plates. The last two pages of the first work contain addenda and corrigenda. Although Zinner calls for the present 40 numbered plates and 9 unnumbered plates, the latter do not usually appear in the 1708 issue and were probably added to some copies later.

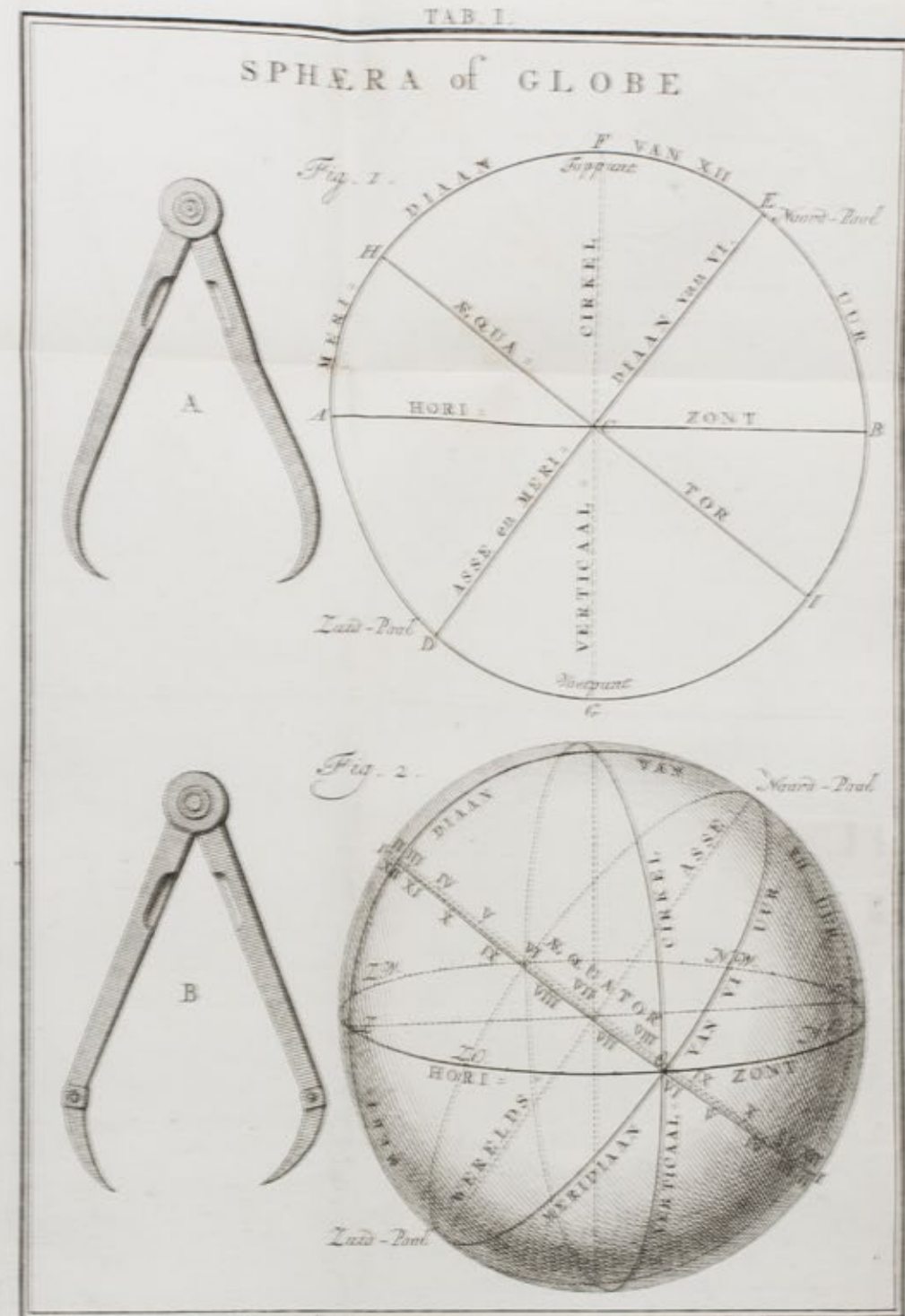
With library stamps. Some insignificant foxing and spotting. In good condition, with the title-page of the second work very slightly shaved (with the loss of one hyphen). The vellum of the spine is torn and repaired, but the binding is also generally good.

*Bibliogr. générale de la mesure du temps*, pp. 106–107 (ads 1 & 2); *Berlin Kat.* 1750 (ad 2), cf. 1749 (1720 issue of ad 1); *Houzeau-Lancaster* 11576 (ad 2), cf. 11579 (1711 & 1720 issues of ad 1); *Zinner*, p. 319 (ads 1 & 2).









*How to construct sundials,  
with 21 engraved plates*

**9. KNOOP, Johann Hermann.** *Verhandeling van de sphærische of klootsche zonne-wysers; namelyk, hoe men op een sphæra convexa, of ronde kloot, allerley zonnewysers meetkonstig beschryven kan.*

Leeuwarden, Jacques Alexandre de Chalmot, 1761. 8°. With 50 figures on 21 folding engraved plates by Jan Caspar Philips. Later half vellum, made from early materials. € 1250

First and only edition of an important work on spherical sundials by the Dutch mathematician Johann Hermann Knoop (1700–1769). It describes how to measure and construct different types of sundials, including one inside a hollow half sphere and a “gnomic” armillary sphere. The plates, engraved by Jan Caspar Philips (1690–1775), depict these sundials. They are bound at the end of the text and can be folded out while consulting the text. Knoop was curator of the gardens of Princes Maria Louisa in Leeuwarden, and teacher in mathematics in the same city.

With two small stamps and a shelf label on title-page. Title-page browned and thumbbed, with a waterstain in the lower margin, margins slightly browned throughout, with a few small spots. Otherwise in good condition, wholly untrimmed and with most bolts unopened. Binding also in very good condition.

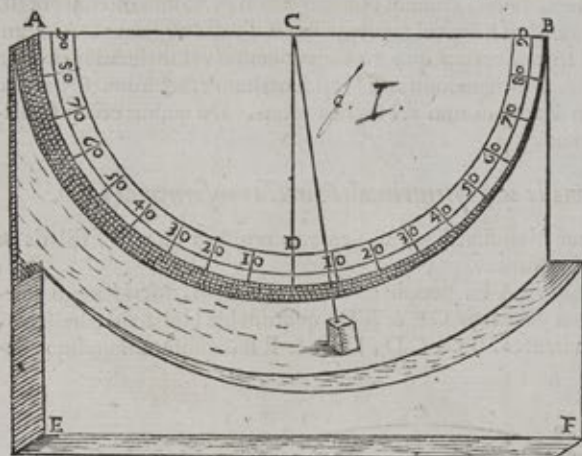
*Bierens de Haan 2521.*



# Philippi Lansbergii Horologiographia Plana.

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Ex ligno, vel alia quavis materia ad hoc apta, tabella crassiuscula A B E D quadrangula, altero ferme longior quam latior paratur, eique semicirculus, quam potest maximus, A D B inscribitur, qui lineâ C D in duos quadrantes, & hi in partes nonagenas dividuntur. Semicirculi autem peripheriam sulcus ambire debet, digiti unius minimum, latitudine; in quo



perpendicularum, filo ex cus-  
pide stili centro infixi sus-  
pensum, liberè circumagi  
possit. Regula deinceps G  
H fabricatur, stili cuspidi  
quando opus fuerit, ita affi-  
genda, ut notandis semi-  
circuli partibus, non aliter  
quam filum idonea sit, quam  
regulam Arabes Albidadam  
appellant. Tandemq; huic  
regulæ libella quædam sim-  
plicissima I K normaliter  
adaptatur.

Parato autem hoc instru-  
mento, si soli Horologici  
situm ad Horizontem exa-  
minare libeat, oportet alter-  
utrum laterum A B vel E F  
solo applicare; semperque  
id latus solo adhibendū est,  
quod perpendicularum in sul-  
cum cadere permittit. Jam  
si E F latus solo applicatum  
fuerit, & perpendicularum ad  
hemidiametrum C D qua-  
draverit, oblatū solum Ho-  
rizontale est. Sin perpendi-

culum exatē dependeat secundum semidiametrum C B vel C A, solum verticale, vel  
erectum est. Quod si verò perpendicularum peripheriam alterutrius quadrantis A D vel B D  
pertransierit, solum reclinatum est: peripheria autem à semidiametro C D, & perpendi-  
culo comprehensa, soli reclinationem indicat. Si tandem E F latus solo ita applicari nequit,  
ut perpendicularum in sulcum incidat, solum reclinatum est, & tunc latus A B solo adhiben-  
dum est, arcusq; notandus inter C D semidiametrum, & perpendicularum contentus; hic  
enim soli inclinationem manifestat.

Et hoc quidem artificio soli situs ad Horizontem expenditur. Situs autem soli ad Meri-  
dianum hoc modo exploratur. Ablato perpendiculo, regulaq; quam Albidadam Arabes no-  
minant, centro affixa, latus A B solo ita adhibetur, ut tabella tota prorsus Horizonti paral-  
lela sit, quod ipsum libellæ operâ regulæ normaliter insistentis efficitur. Regulæ quoque  
Compassum probatum apponitur, eaq; cum Compasso, huc illuc tantisper transfertur, donec  
mobilis Compassi lingua, subtus impresso characteri respondeat. Tunc si regula semidia-  
metro C D incubuerit, solum meridionale directum est; sin semidiametro B C aut A C,  
orientale aut occidentale. Si verò regula peripheriam B D vel A D secuerit, solum à meri-  
die tot gradibus versus ortum aut occasum declinat, quot inter semidiametrum C D, & re-  
gulam comprehensi sunt. Eodem modo septentrionalia sola, & quæ à Septentrionali plaga  
declinant explorantur, nisi quòd Compassi lingua, oppositum hic locum comonstret.

## HOROLOGIGRAPHIÆ PLANÆ

Pars secunda.

Atque ita primam Horologiographiæ partem de superficierum planarum situ examinan-  
do expeditimus: sequitur altera de horariarum linearum in planis iisdem projectione;  
B quæ

*Well-illustrated treatise on sundials,  
by a Dutch defender of Copernicus*

10. LANSBERGE, Philip van. Horologiographia plana: in qua omne  
genus sciotericorum horologiorum, quæ plano cuilibet inscribi possunt, certis  
evidentibusq[ue]; . . .

Middelburg, Zacharias Roman, 1663. Small folio (28.5×17.5 cm). With 61 woodcuts  
in the text (1 repeated on the title-page, illustrating a sundial), many more than  
half-page, including both sundials and diagrams illustrating how they work. With  
extensive 19th-century manuscript notes on the back of the title-page. Lacking 2  
leaves containing Roman's dedication. Modern paper-covered boards. € 3500

Rare first (and only Latin) edition of Van Lansberge's detailed and well-illustrated treatise  
on sundials, posthumously published by Zacharias Roman in Middelburg, who had  
published most of his works. Roman says he found this text in manuscript among the  
papers of Van Lansberge's estate. Planning the publication of the complete works, he  
decided to publish this text as well. The present treatise was designed to be bound with the  
*Opera omnia*, published in the same year.

From the library of Christopher St. John Hume Daniel, author of several recent books on  
sundials. Lacking folios A2-3, containing Roman's dedication to Nicolaas Blanckaert and  
brief note to the reader, and with a few of the figures shaved by the binder, but otherwise  
in very good condition.

Bierens de Haan 2675; STCN (5 copies); not in Poggendorff; for Lansberge: DSB VIII, pp. 27-28; NNBW II, cols.  
775-782.



€ 4500

The image shows the front cover of an antique book. The cover is decorated with a complex, repeating pattern of stylized flowers and scrolling vines. The primary colors are a dark, mottled green for the background and a light cream or off-white for the floral motifs. There are also small, scattered gold-colored flecks or accents. The pattern includes large, multi-petaled flowers, smaller five-petaled blossoms, and various types of leaves, some with serrated edges. The overall style is characteristic of 18th or 19th-century decorative arts. The book's spine is visible on the left edge, showing a similar patterned material.

*Riccardi, col. M-109; not in Inst. Cent. Cat. Unico; De La Lande; Norman Library; Waller; KVK (2 copies plus 1 of Navigazione alone); WorldCat (2 copies); Poggendorf II, col. 44.*



## *First and only editions of 3 Dutch astronomical works, 1 apparently unique*

**13. MOOLEN, Symon van de.** *Astronomia of hemel-loop-kunde*, . . .

Amsterdam, Joannes Loots, 1702. With engraved frontispiece, 13 numbered folding engraved plates and 63 pages of letterpress tables with 5 part-titles.

*With:*

**(2) SLIKKER, Dirk Jacobsen.** *Klaar bewys over het onmogelyk der Oost en West-vinding*, . . .

Amsterdam, Joannes Loots for the author, 1703. With 4 folding engraved plates. Incomplete: 4 text leaves removed.

**(3) LUCHTENBURG, Andreas van.** *Mathematice, astronomice, en theologice aanmerkingen, over d'eeuwige en volmaakte tafels van de sons cirkel*, . . .

Delft, Henrik van Kroonevelt, 1699. With a folding letterpress table. 3 works in 1 volume. 4°. Contemporary calf, with the boards recovered in old mottled tanned sheepskin. € 8500

First and only editions of three rare and interesting Dutch mathematical and astronomical works, one known only from the present copy and an 18th century reference.

Ad 1: An astronomical work with information on the orbits of the sun, moon and planets, the positions of the stars and dates of solar and lunar eclipses. It includes new calculations of the orbit of Mercury, based on the work of the famous astronomers Petrus Gassendus and Hevelius making use of data from its 1677 transit of the sun. An appendix gives instructions for constructing various astronomical dials for calculating the positions of the moon and planets and the times and extents of eclipses.

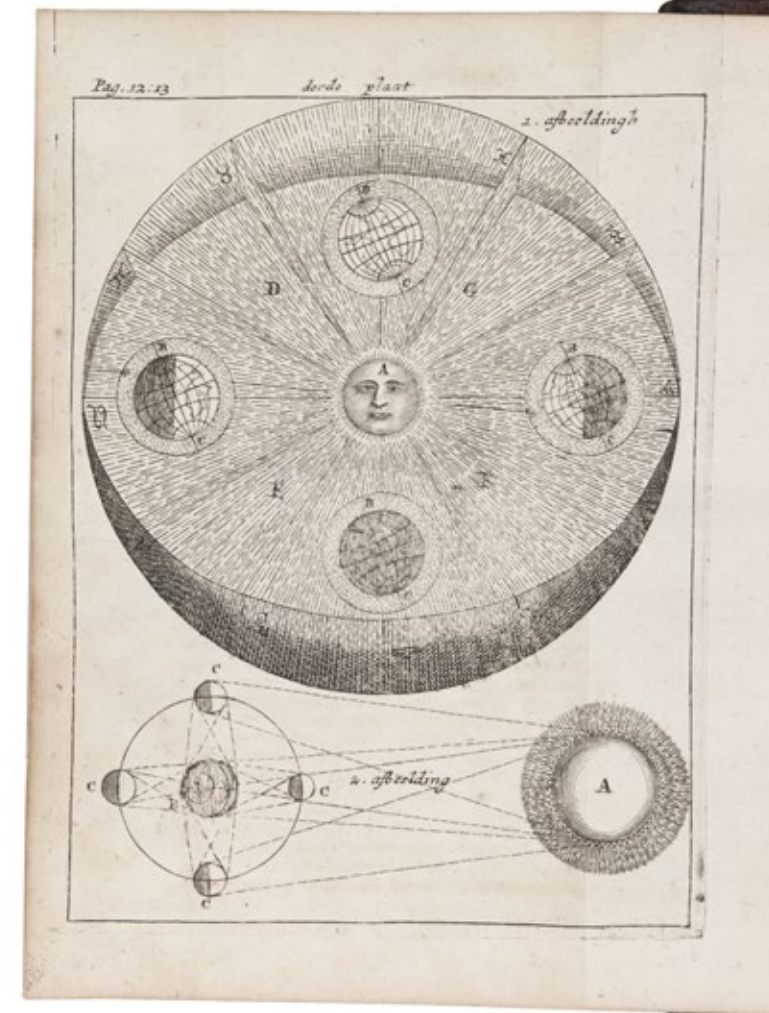
Ad 2: A fascinating work challenging the possibility of calculating longitude at sea, whether using the position of the moon, a pendulum clocks, an hourglass or the magnetic declination. Determination of longitude was one of the greatest problems of the science of navigation and Slikker argues that the problem is insolvable. While not literally true it proved impractical for navigators until John Harrison in England developed an accurate marine chronometer, described in a 1767 publication. Measuring the exact position of the moon proved too difficult for most navigators with simple instruments.

Ad 3: Only copy located of an astronomical and astrological work on the calculation of the orbit of the sun and its position in the twelve constellations: it was known to Arrenberg in 1788 but the 19th-century references may have known his description or the present copy (then in the Royal Library in Berlin). Luchtenburg (active ca. 1684–1706) taught astronomy, geography and navigation in Rotterdam. In the present work he criticizes calculations published in almanacs for the year 1699.

With stamp of the Royal Library in Berlin and the bookplate of the Mexican bibliophile José G. Herrera Alcala.

Ad 2 incomplete (pp. 145–152 have been torn out) and the plates in ad 1 and folding table (with a tear repaired) in ad 3 slightly browned. Otherwise a good copy. The binding is worn.

*Ad 1: Bierens de Haan 3356; STCN (3 copies); ad 2: Bierens de Haan 4341; STCN (2 copies); WorldCat & KVK (6 copies); ad 3: Vander Aa XI, p. 693; Arrenberg, Naamreg., p. 265; Bibliogr. Adversaria IV, p. 84; Bierens de Haan 2894; WorldCat & KVK (this copy only); not in STCN.*



## *Essay on chronometry resulting from Roquemaurel's circumnavigation*

**14. MOUCHEZ, Amédée Ernest Barthélemy.** Observations chronométriques faites pendant la campagne de circumnavigation de la corvette La Capricieuse, commandée par M. Roquemaurel, capitaine de vaisseau.

Paris, Firmin Didot frères, 1855. With 4 folding plates.

With:

**(2) MOUCHEZ, Amédée Ernest Barthélemy.** Longitudes chronométriques des principaux points de la cote du Brésil, rapportées au premier méridien de Rio-Janeiro.

Paris, Paul Dupont, 1863.

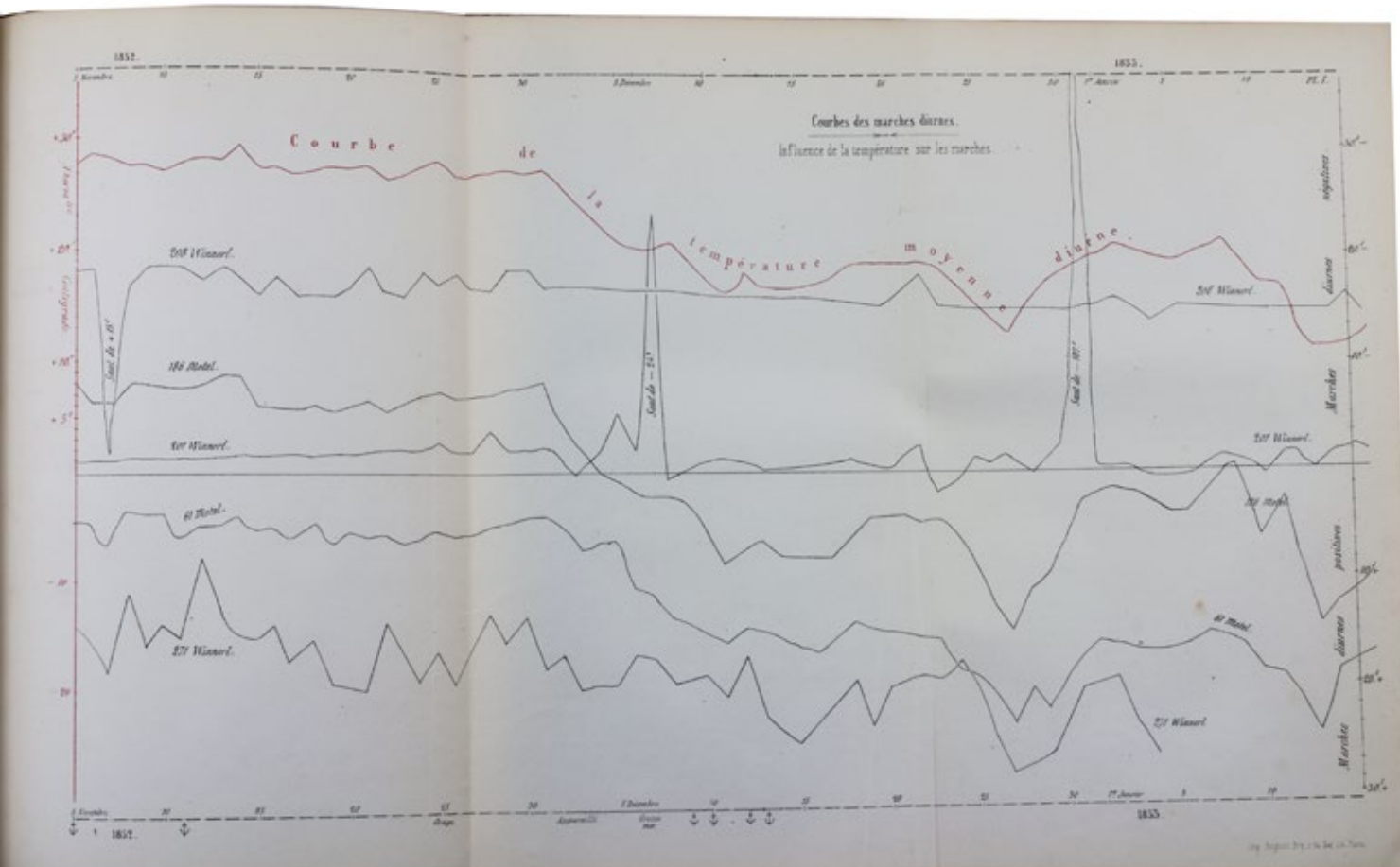
**(3) MOUCHEZ, Amédée Ernest Barthélemy.** Positions géographiques des principaux points de la cote orientale de l'Amérique du Sud comprise entre la Guyane Française et le Paraguay.

Paris, Paul Dupont, 1868. 3 works in 1 volume. 8°. Contemporary grained red half sheepskin. € 3500

First edition of an important treatise on chronometry by Ernest Barthélémy Mouchez, who sailed as astronomer in the *Capricieuse* commanded by Roquemaurel. The work contains extensive technical and methodological information on chronometry and the use of chronometric instruments, followed by observations made during the *Capricieuse's* circumnavigation with detailed notes on the Pacific (Marquesas Islands, Tahiti), CochinChina, the Sunda Islands, and the coasts of China and Korea. Bound with two other valuable essays resulting from scientific expeditions along the coast of South America, notably Brazil.

In very good condition

Ad 2-3: Garraux, *Bibliographie brésilienne*, pp. 202-3; cf. DSB IX, p. 551; not in Borba de Moraes; Sabin.





*Richly illustrated monograph on surveying*

**15. PENTHER, Johann Friedrich.** raxis Geometriae, worinnen nicht nur alle bey dem Feld-Messen vorkommende Fälle, mit Stäben, dem Astrolabio, der Boussole, und der Mensul, in Ausmessung einzeler Linien, Flächen und gantzer Revier, welche ... eine Land-Card ausmachen, auf ebenen Boden und Gebürgen, die Abnehmung derer Höhen und Wasser-Fälle, nebst beygefügtten practische Hand-Griffen, deutlich erörtert... Neunte Edition.

Augsburg, J.M. Probst, 1788–1790. 2 parts in 1 volume. 2°. With 2 engraved frontispieces, second title-page with half-page engraved town view, and 39 folding engraved plates. Contemporary half calf. € 500

Ninth edition of “one of the most popular German works on surveying” (Sotheran). Johann Friedrich Penther (1693–1749), professor of mathematics and economy at the university of Göttingen) deals with geometry and its application in surveying. He discusses the instruments used, such as rules, compasses, graphometer, geometrical circle, geometrical table, surveyor’s level pole, and shows how to calculate the size of differently shaped surfaces, circles, cones and cylinders, how to draw multiple-angled surfaces, circles, etc., how to calculate distances in flat areas and mountainous terrain, how to divide a piece of land, how to draw a fortification, etc. The *Zugabe* deals with the calculation of the contents of cones and cylinders. This knowledge is applied to tunnels, architecture (sloping walls, arches, etc). Penther also includes his design for a surveyor’s level pole. Each subject is accompanied by a folding engraved plate showing measuring instruments, geometrical figures, maps of lakes, roads, estates, architectural structures, etc. Penther’s lucid style and the attractive illustrations made his work very popular and it went through nine editions (see Sotheran, who states there were eight editions).

*Cf. Berlin Kat. 1735; Honeyman 2444, 2445; Poggendorf II, cols. 399–400; Sotheran, Second suppl. 2158–2159.*

*Extensively annotated and illustrated edition of a classic treatise on astronomy,  
with further manuscript annotations and illustrations*

**16. SACROBOSCO, Johannes de (John of HOLYWOOD).** Opus sphericum magistri Joa[n]nis de Sacro Busco natione Angli figuris verissime exculptis et i[n]terp[re]tatione familiari ad co[m]moditatem desiderantiu[m] iucundissima Artis Astronomice callere principia pulcherrime et iterata recognitione illustratum.

(Colophon: Cologne, sons of Heinrich Quentell, “Anno supra Jubileu[m] Magnu[m] Quinto ad finem Januarii” [= January 1505]). Small 4° (21 × 14.5 cm). With a full-page woodcut armillary sphere held by angels above and below, 27 half-page astronomical and cosmological woodcuts in text, 3 large (23–35 mm) woodcut decorated initials, and 1 smaller initial. The main text and commentary are set in a single size of Schwabacher type, the widely spaced lines of the main text distinguishing it from the commentary. The title-page and headings use 2 larger textura types. Modern grey boards. € 7500

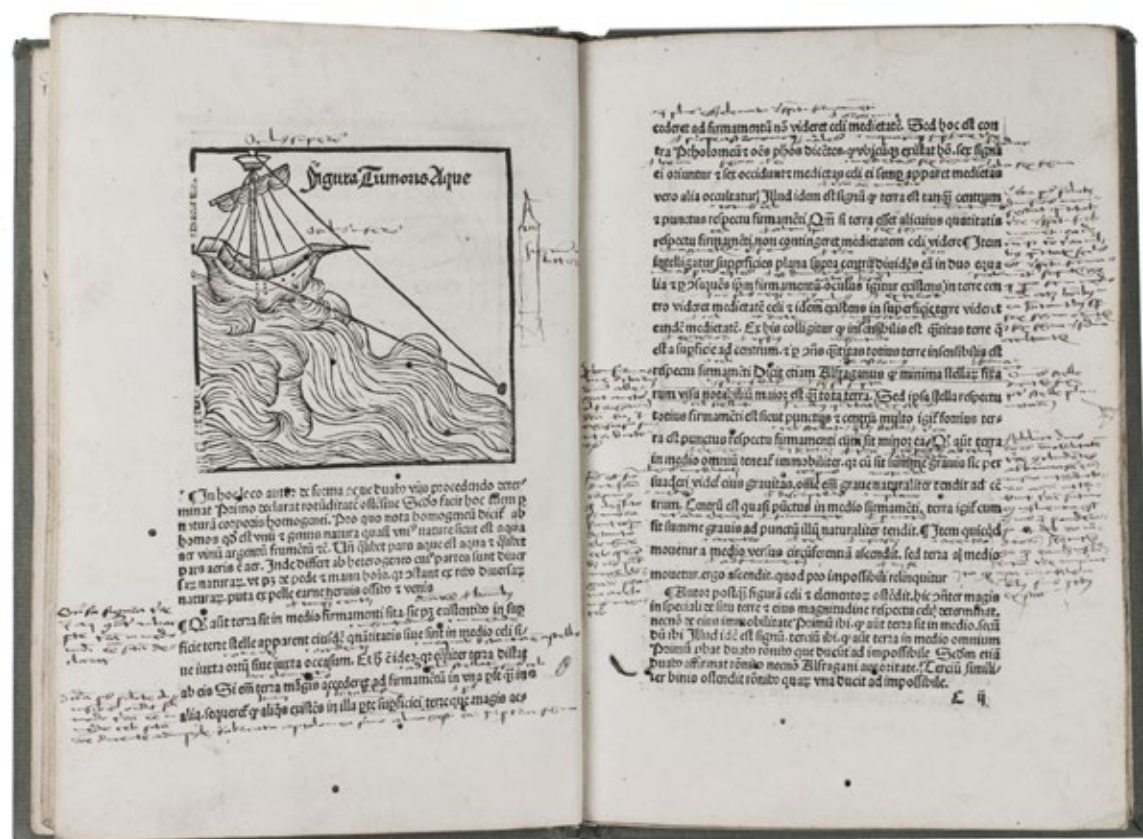
Fourth Quentell edition, extensively illustrated, of Sacrobosco’s classic 13th-century treatise on astronomy *De sphaera mundi* (“On the sphere of the world”), with extensive commentary by the Czech astronomer Wenceslaus Fabri de Budweis (1455–1518). Two of the diagrams clearly explain a solar and a lunar eclipse. The present copy is extensively annotated by a (near) contemporary hand, adding even some further illustrations, including an astronomical diagram. The book is divided into four chapters treating the definition of a sphere; the various circles and their names; the cosmic, chronic, and heliacal risings and settings of the constellations; and the movements of the sun, moon and planets.

“Sacrobosco’s fame rests firmly on his *De sphaeria*, a small work based on Ptolemy and his Arabic commentators, published about 1220 [...] It was quite generally adopted as the fundamental astronomy text, for often it was so clear that it needed little or no explanation.” (DSB). Sacrobosco was the first European scholar to use Arabic sources for his astronomical studies, helping to spread Arabic knowledge to the Western world. He describes the earth as a sphere, opening the way for the Renaissance astronomical revolution of Copernicus and Galileo. The work had a great impact on the science of astronomy in the following centuries.

Alden & Landis cites the present edition as, “The earliest edn to refer to America, on verso of lf 33.” This page contains the “Tabula Climatum”, an addition between chapters 3 and 4. It is described as “rectificata 1491”[!] and does appear in a few editions before the present. The reference remains somewhat ambiguous.

With several small wormholes throughout, sometimes slightly affecting the text. Good copy, including the final blank leaf.

Alden & Landis 505/8; BMC STC German, p. 772; JCB I, pp. 40–41; Proctor, *German Books 1501–1520*, 10386; VD16, J-712 (4 copies); cf. Adams H-714 (1501 Quentell edition); DSB XII, pp. 60–63.





## Richly illustrated work on sundials

**17. SCULTETUS, Bartholomäus.** Winckelige-wyzer, van de sonnevolgen, of leeringe van de uytwerckinge des derden deels der sterrekunst van alderley sonnevolgen. Dat is, hemelsche circulen en uuren-linien, hoe men de selve aen de opgerichte plattingen of muren... afteyckenen en vertoonen zal.

Amsterdam, Johannes van Ravesteyn, 1670. 4°. With a small woodcut device on title-page and 84 mostly engraved mathematical figures in the text. Modern grey paper boards. € 1750

First edition of the Dutch translation of a well-known work on sundials by the German astronomer Bartholomäus Schultz (1540–1614). The original German, entitled *Gnomonice de Solariis ... Von allerley Solarien, dast ist, Himmlischen Circuln und Uhren...* was first published in 1572 at Leipzig. Schultz discusses sundials on flat surfaces, on the insides of cubes, prisms (six-sided ones) and pyramids, and, finally, on the insides of spheres, cones and cylinders. According to Sotheran, the work is especially interesting for Scultetus's transversal division on the circle, which was afterwards applied by Tycho Brahe on his quadrant. The engraved illustrations were made especially for the present Dutch translation, the German edition was illustrated with woodcuts.

With a few faint, marginal water stains, otherwise in very good condition.

*Bierens de Haan 4267; Poggendorf II, col. 883; Sotheran, Second Suppl. 4207; Zinner, Astron. Instrumente, pp. 532–533.*

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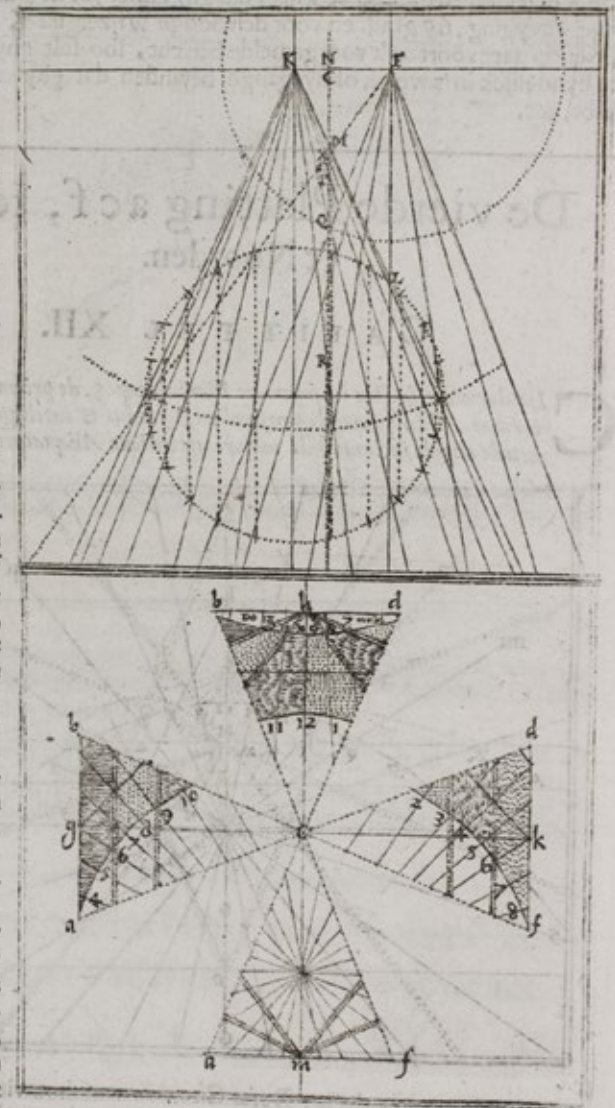
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*On the refraction of light  
and interesting optical instruments*

**19. SPENGLER, Joseph.** Optick, Catoptrick und Dioptrick in zween Theilen.

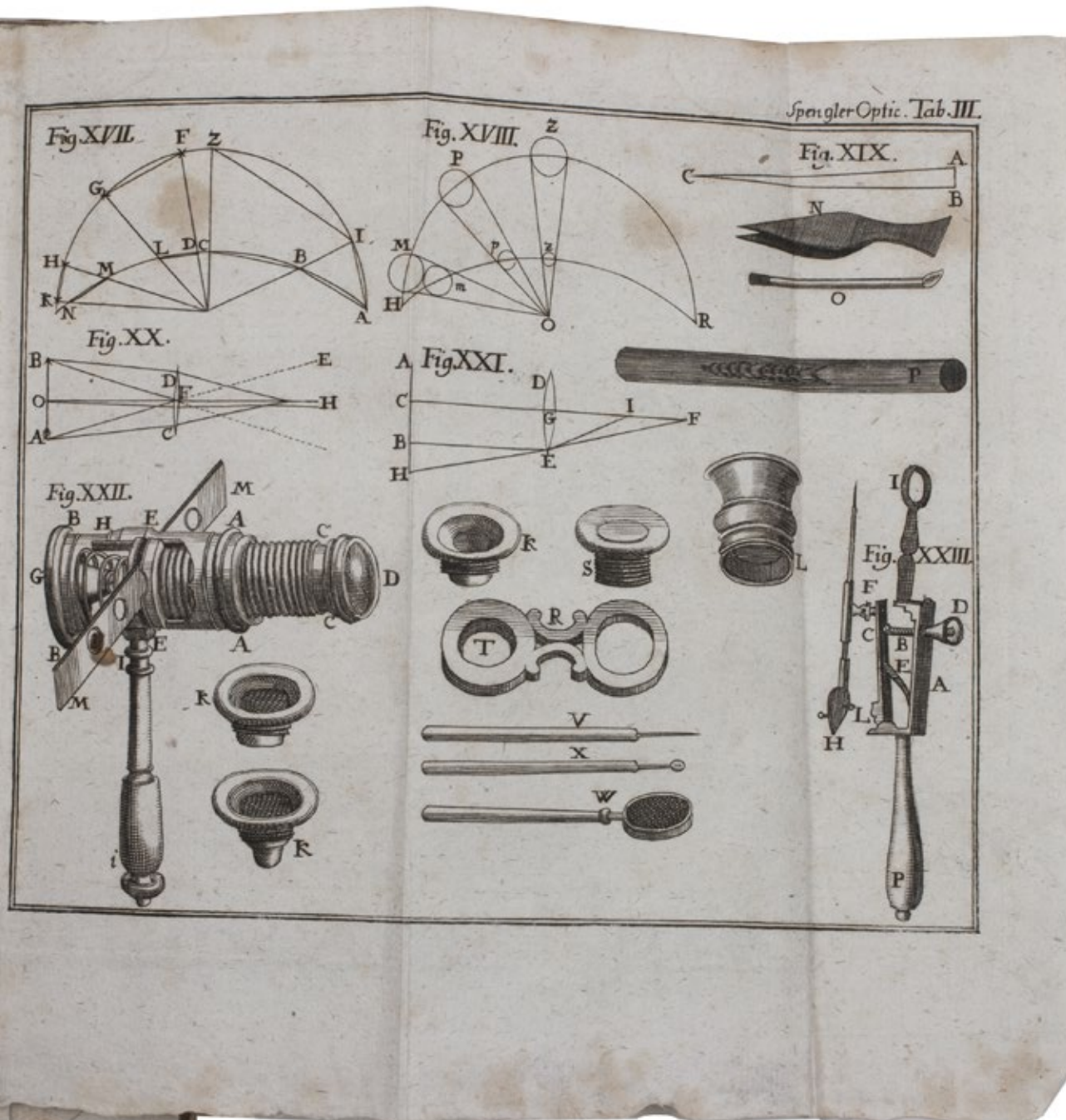
Augsburg, Matthäus Rieger & sons, 1775. 8°. With 14 numbered folding engraved plates with 68 figures (ca. 15.5 × 19.5 cm), some tables in text. Contemporary paper boards. € 12500

First and only edition of a work on optics, catoptrics (the optical qualities of the mirror) and dioptrics (refraction of light), illustrated with 14 folding plates showing detailed geometrical figures and all kinds of very interesting optical instruments. The work is divided into a theoretical part (pp. 1–131) and practical part (pp. 132–347) and contains chapters on microscopes, telescopes, magic lanterns and the camera obscura.

Joseph Spengler (Constanz 1736–Dillingen 1776) was a Jesuit and teacher of mathematics at the university of Dillingen.

With a contemporary owner's name, the purchase price and the cost of binding. Entirely untrimmed, giving generous margins. The first few quires with some worm holes in the head margin near the gutter, rarely touching the text (and a couple tiny holes in the plates rarely touching the image). In good condition.

*De Backer & Sommervogel VII, col. 1435; Clay & Court, History of the microscope, p. 211; Poggendorf II, col. 970.*





## On the art of navigation

**20. STEENSTRA, Pybo and Jacob FLORYN.** Grond-beginzels der stuurmans-kunst. Bevattende in zes boeken, met een aanhangzel, de voornaamste zaaken, die elk stuurman noodzaakelyk weeten moet... Derde druk.

Amsterdam, Gerard Hulst van Keulen, 1791. With a folding engraved plate and many woodcut figures in text.

*With:* (2) [DOUWES, Bernardus Johannes]. Tafelen bevattende de sinussen, tangenten en secanten, van minuut tot minuut voor ieder boog van het quadrant, ... benevens derzelver logarithmen; als mede de logarithmen der gewoone getallen, ...

Amsterdam, Gerard Hulst van Keulen, 1800. With numerous letterpress tables. 2 works in 1 volume. 8°. Contemporary mottled calf, richly gold-tooled spine (with a charming tool of a bird on a vase surrounded by floral tools). € 2500

Ad 1: Very rare third edition of a guide to the art of navigation for novices by the Dutch mathematician Pybo Steenstra (d. 1788) and improved and enlarged by Jacob Floryn, also a mathematician. It is divided into six books, explaining among other things how to keep course, the calculation of the tides, navigating to the wanted longitudes and the use of globes, maps, compasses etc.

Ad 2: Third edition of a mathematical work consisting of tables of the sinus, tangent, secant as well as the logarithms of countless numbers by the mathematician Bernardus Johannes Douwes (d. 1808). This work is usually bound together with an edition of *Grond-beginzels der stuurmans-kunst* or other texts on mathematics or navigation.

Slightly browned with some occasional foxing or small spots, engraved plate creased and with a tear, otherwise in good condition. Binding rubbed along the extremities, slightly damaged at the top of the spine, corners bumped.

*Ad 1: Bierens de Haan 4527; Crone lib. 680; STCN (2 copies); WorldCat (3 other copies); ad 2: STCN 303805706; cf. Bierens de Haan 1414 (1812 edition); Cat. NHSM, p. 686 (1815 edition).*

te;  $BC = 13^{\circ} 40'$  de Zons Declinatie, en de hoek B is regt. bygevoeg om AC te vinden, wederom S.  $\angle A$ : Sin.  $BC = R : S. AC$ . Zie 8 Voorbeeld pag. 80: het welke  $AC = 17^{\circ} 50'$  geeft, zo dat de Zon 17 graaden 50 minuten bezuiden het Oosten moet opkomen, en bezuiden het Westen ondergaan.

3. Op de Zuider Breedte van  $21^{\circ} 30'$  zynde, te vinden den waaren opgang van *Sirius*, de Groote Hondsterre; welkers Zuider Declinatie is  $16^{\circ} 26'$ . Laat ZN de Horizon zyn, PZ de Zuider Polus hoogte, SE de Dagcirkel van *Sirius*, welke den Horizon in C snydt, dan is AC zyn waare Opgang, die gezogt moet worden. Daarom LAF de Evennagtcirkel zynde, en de Meridiaan PCB getrokken, is in den reghoekigen klooischen driehoek ABC bekend als vooren: de  $\angle A = 68^{\circ} 30'$ , het Complement der Polus hoogte; de hoek B regt; en  $BC = 16^{\circ} 26'$  de Sters Declinatie: derhalven wederom S.  $\angle A$ : S.  $BC = R. : S. AC$ . welke  $AC = 17^{\circ} 42'$  gevonden wordt; weshalven *Sirius* aldaar  $17^{\circ}$  graaden 42 minuten bezuiden het Oosten opkomt, en bezuiden het Westen ondergaat.

4. Op  $25^{\circ}$  Zuider Breedte wordt gezogt den waaren Opgang van het hart van den Leeuw, het welke  $12^{\circ} 59'$  Noorder Declinatie heeft. Laat in deezen ZP de Zuider Polus hoogte zyn, LF de Evennagtcirkel, SE de Dagcirkel van het hart van den Leeuw, welke den Horizon ZN in C snydt; PBC een stuk van een Declinatie Cirkel zynde, is van den reghoekigen driehoek ABC bekend; de  $\angle A = 65^{\circ}$ ,  $BC = 12^{\circ} 59'$ , de  $\angle B$  regt; en AC, de waare opgang der Ster, moet gezogt worden, aldus: S.  $\angle A$ : Sin.  $BC = R. : S. AC$ . wanneer men vind  $AC = 14^{\circ} 21'$ : zo dat het





## *An extensively illustrated introduction to sundials*

**21. STENGEL, Johann Peterson.** *Gnomonica universalis, sive praxis amplissima geometricè describendi horologia solaria, stabilia quidem juxta omnes species, in quâcunque superficie planâ intra sphaeram rectam & obliquam, tum reflexa, et portatilia, in figuris 233 [= 232].*

Ulm, Matthäus Wagner, 1679. 4 parts in 3 volumes. Small 8° (16 × 9.5 cm). With engraved frontispiece, title-page printed in red and black, 105 engraved plates, showing 232 sundials and related mathematical and astronomical figures (designated 1–CCII & A–2G), 9 woodcut tailpieces and several decorations built up from cast fleurons. 19th-century boards covered with marbled paper, in matching marbled box. € 2250

First edition of the Latin translation of Stengel's extensively illustrated *Gnomonica universalis*, originally published in German in 1675. The work gives a detailed introduction to sundials, the measurement of time and other astronomical data, and is divided into four parts, treating the regular and vertical declining dials, reclining dials, horizontal dials, and portable dials respectively. The work proved very popular going through six editions in the original German and six in the present Latin translation.

Some occasional slight browning, minor stain on first half-title, one tiny restoration in the margin, and one plate detached. Binding slightly rubbed. Very good copy, complete with all plates.

*De la Lande, p. 293; Houzeau & Lancaster 11525; VD 17, 23241626V (2 copies, incl. 1 incomplete); Zinner, Astron. Instrumente, p. 541.*



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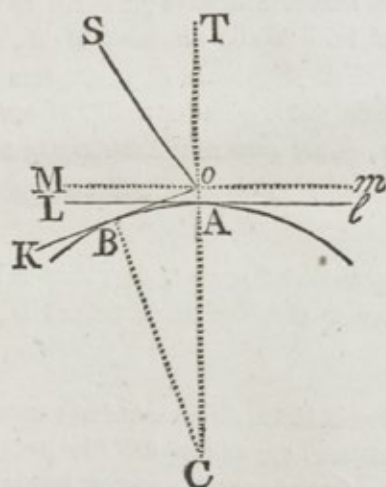
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Men noemt *waare Kim* of *Horizont*, eene regte lyn, die vooronderfteld word uit het oog des waarneemers loodregt te ftaan op de lyn, welke door het Top-punt en het middelpunt der Aarde gaat.

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zal de lyn LA, die loodregt ftaat op TAC, en dus de oppervlakte der Aarde in A raakt, de *waare Kim* of Ho.

*How to calculate longitude at sea*

23. SWINDEN, Jan Hendrik van, Pieter NIEUWLAND and Gerard HULST VAN KEULEN. Almanach ten dienste der zeelieden voor het jaar 1788.

*Including:*

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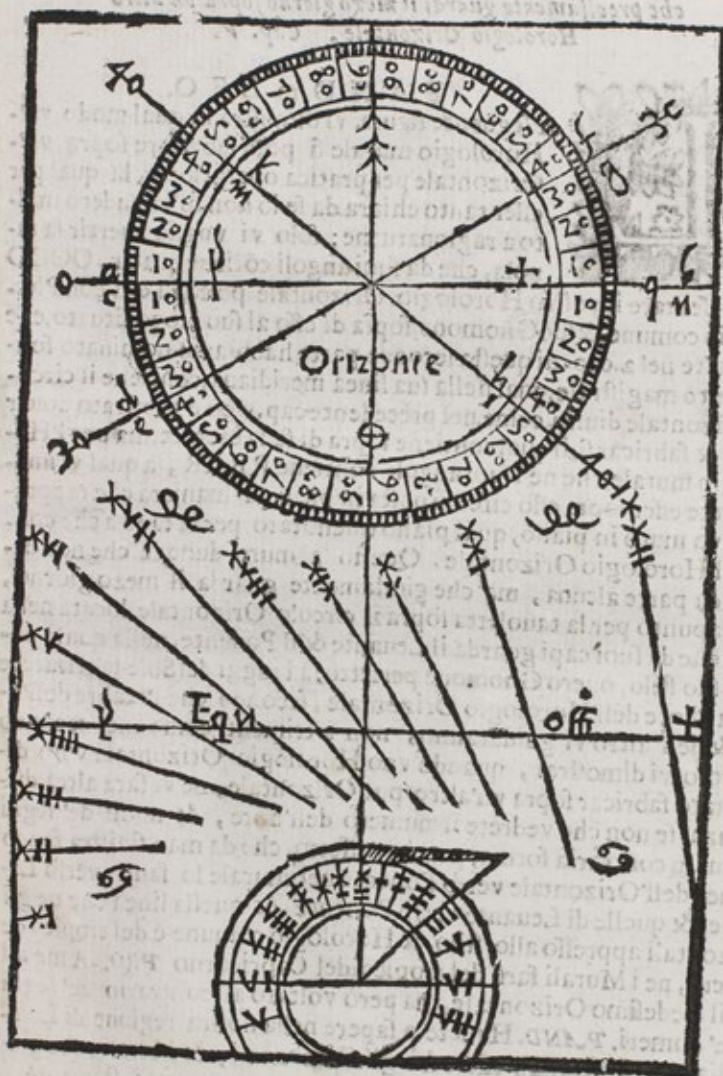
(3) Van tafelen, ten dienste der zeelieden, en voor al ter bevordering van het bepaalen der lengte op zee, door de afstanden van de maan tot de zon, of de vaste sterren; ...

Amsterdam, Gerard Hulst van Keulen, 1787–1788. 3 parts in 1 volume. 8°. With three title-pages with woodcut printer's device, mathematical figures in the text, letterpress tables, and 4 large printed folding tables. Contemporary half vellum. € 1500

First edition of an almanac for the use of seamen in three parts, published by order of the board of the Amsterdam Admiralty by the Committee for the establishment of longitude at sea and the improvement of nautical charts, in which committee Van Swinden played a leading role. The almanac is based on the English *Nautical almanac* and includes everything that can be of use for seamen, including a separate part on the calculation of longitude at sea and a part with letterpress tables necessary for the calculations.

In very good condition, only slightly browned around the margins. Binding worn along the extremities, sides chafed but otherwise good.

*Bierens de Haan*, 4789 (1), 4791 (2), 4793 (3); *C.A. Davids*, *Zeewezen en wetenschap*, pp. 188–190; *Poggendorf II*, col. 1058.



*Last edition of a 16th-century manual on sundials*

**24. VIMERCATO, Giovanni Battista.** Dialogo de gli Horologi Solari ... Nel quale con ragioni speculative, e pratiche facilmente s'insegna il modo di fabricar tutte le sorti di horologi. Novamente ristampo con le sue figure ... & con un aggiunta di un horologio da servirsene al lume della luna.

Padua, [after the Venice edition by Giolito, 1585], 1672. 4°. With a large woodcut publisher's device on the title-page, 3 large folding woodcut plates, more than 30 woodcuts in the text, nearly all full-page, and numerous woodcut decorations. 18th-century stiff plain wrappers. € 2500

Rare last edition of one of the most popular and best illustrated 16th-century accounts of sundials and their manufacture, with a new chapter describing and illustrating a moondial. After briefly explaining the principles and the various kinds of sundials, it discusses their manufacture. Included are horizontal and wall sundials, and the affect of the location. The last chapter, apparently unique to the present edition, is devoted to the moondial, a sort of nocturnal for telling time at night, but using moonlight rather than the position of the stars. The three large folding plates (about 32 × 38 cm) and the dozens of large woodcuts provide numerous diagrams to aid the reader in both understanding and constructing sundials.

*Riccardi I, B-col. 603; Sotheran 15399; Ist. Cent. Cat. Unico (3 copies, 1 possibly a variant).*



*Rare second edition of a standard guide for ships' pilots,  
using the copperplates and woodblocks of the first edition*

**25. VRIES, Klaas de.** Schat-kamer ofte konst der stuur-lieden; ... tweeden druk verbeterd ... en vermeerderd ...

Amsterdam, Joannes Loots, "171 " (changed to "1707" by stamping with printing types). With woodcut illustration of a ship's pilot with a plumb line and navigational instruments by Adriaan Le Duc (1693–1729) on title-page, 4 engraved plates (3 folding and 1 full-page). Further with many woodcut illustrations (mostly diagrams), and letterpress tables of tides and solar and lunar positions.

*Including:* (2) **SCHOOTEN, Frans van and Adriaen VLACQ.** De tafelen der sinuum, tangentium, en secantium, ofte der hoekmaten, raaklynen en snylynen, ... achter de selve de logarithmi ...

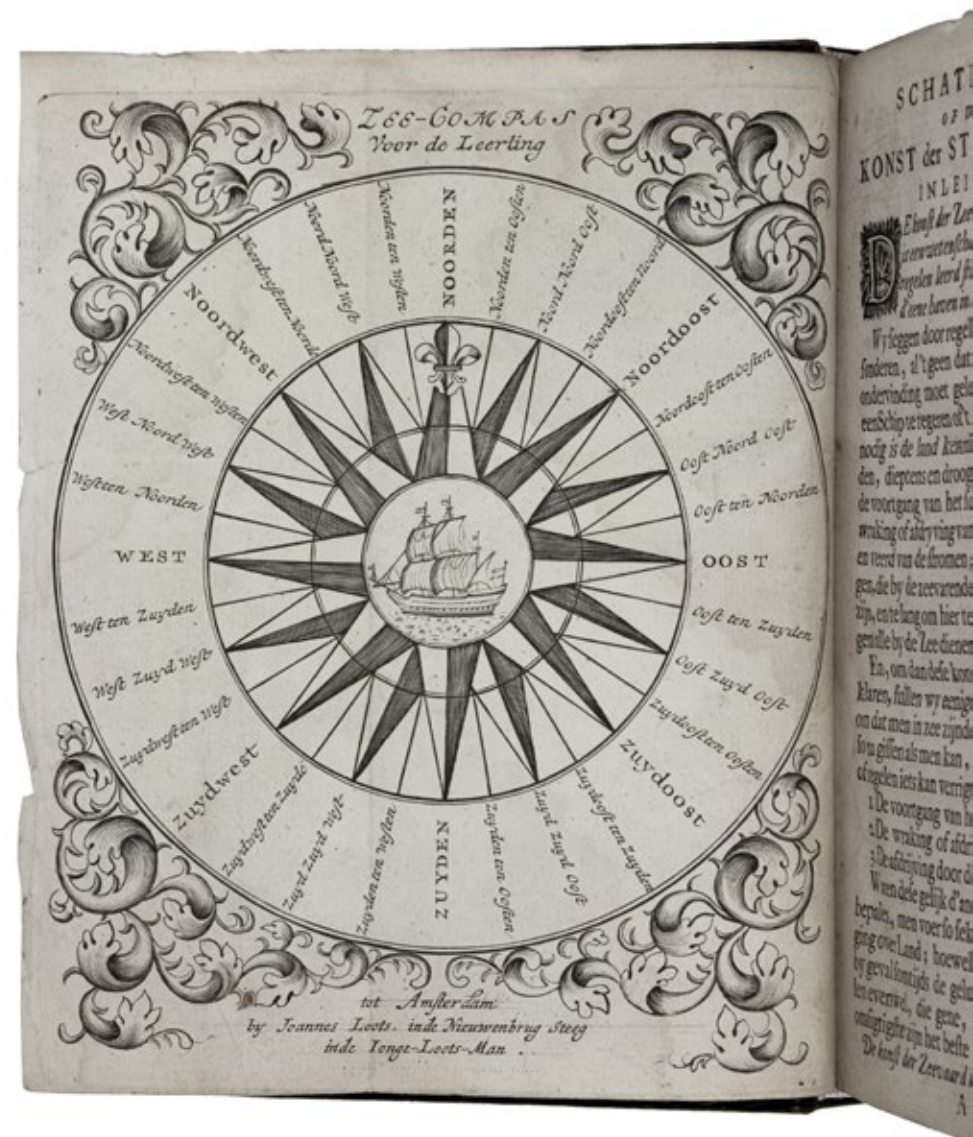
Amsterdam, Joannes Loots, 1707. With letterpress tables of logarithms and trigonometric functions. 2 parts in 1 volume. 8°. Modern brown goatskin morocco. € 4750

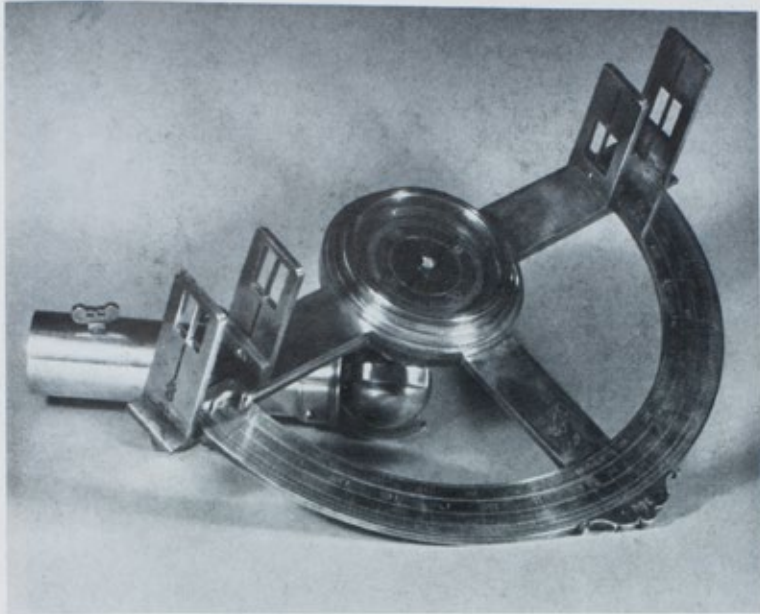
Very rare second edition, with additions and corrections, of a standard practical manual on the art of navigation, by the virtually unknown Klaas de Vries, teacher of mathematics in Amsterdam. Its illustrations are printed from the copper plates and woodblocks of the first edition of 1702, also published by Loots, and it repeats the 1701 dedication of that edition, to the famous Amsterdam burgomaster and one of the directors of the Dutch East India Company (voc), Nicolaas Witsen, but now dated Amsterdam, 12 June 1706. In the preface De Vries summarises the content of the book, which is profusely illustrated (mostly with diagrams) and includes letterpress tables of the tides, the time lag between the positions of the sun and moon for the years 1707–1716, the declination of the sun, etc., as well as 4 engraved plates of a compass rose, the Jakob's staff and other navigational instruments, the "Platte Paskaart" and the "Wassende graadige paskaart". The work concludes with sections on the winds one can encounter on the journey from Holland to the Dutch East Indies; how to sail to the East Indies in autumn, during monsoons, etc.

Ad 2: Second Loots edition of tables of trigonometric functions and logarithms. The note to the reader in the first Loots edition, published with the *Schat-kamer* in 1702, explicitly stated that the tables were based on those published by Adriaen Vlacq in 1665 (*Tabulae sinuum* ...), but that they had been corrected, in part based on comparisons with the folio editions of Pitiscus for the trigonometric functions and Henry Briggs for the (simple numerical) logarithms.

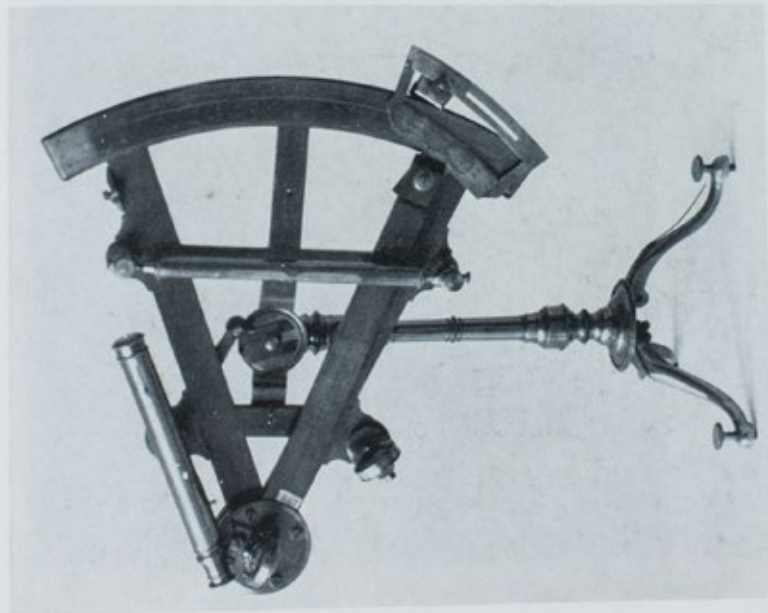
In good condition, with owner's inscription on title-page and another cut out and replaced by a blank paper slip.

Ad 1: cf. Cat. NHSM, p. 672 (2nd ed., 1713); Crone Library 409 (2nd ed., 1713); STCN (1727 ed.); WorldCat (1 copy of 2nd ed., 1710);  
ad 2: Cat. NHSM, p. 671; Crone Library 387; STCN (1 copy).





2. Halbkreisgerät



1. G. F. Brander, Spiegelsextant

## *Standard work on astronomic instruments*

**26. ZINNER, Ernst.** Deutsche und Niederländische astronomische Instrumente des 11.–18. Jahrhunderts.

München, C.H. Beck'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung, 1956. With 80 numbered plates.  
Half cloth. € 250

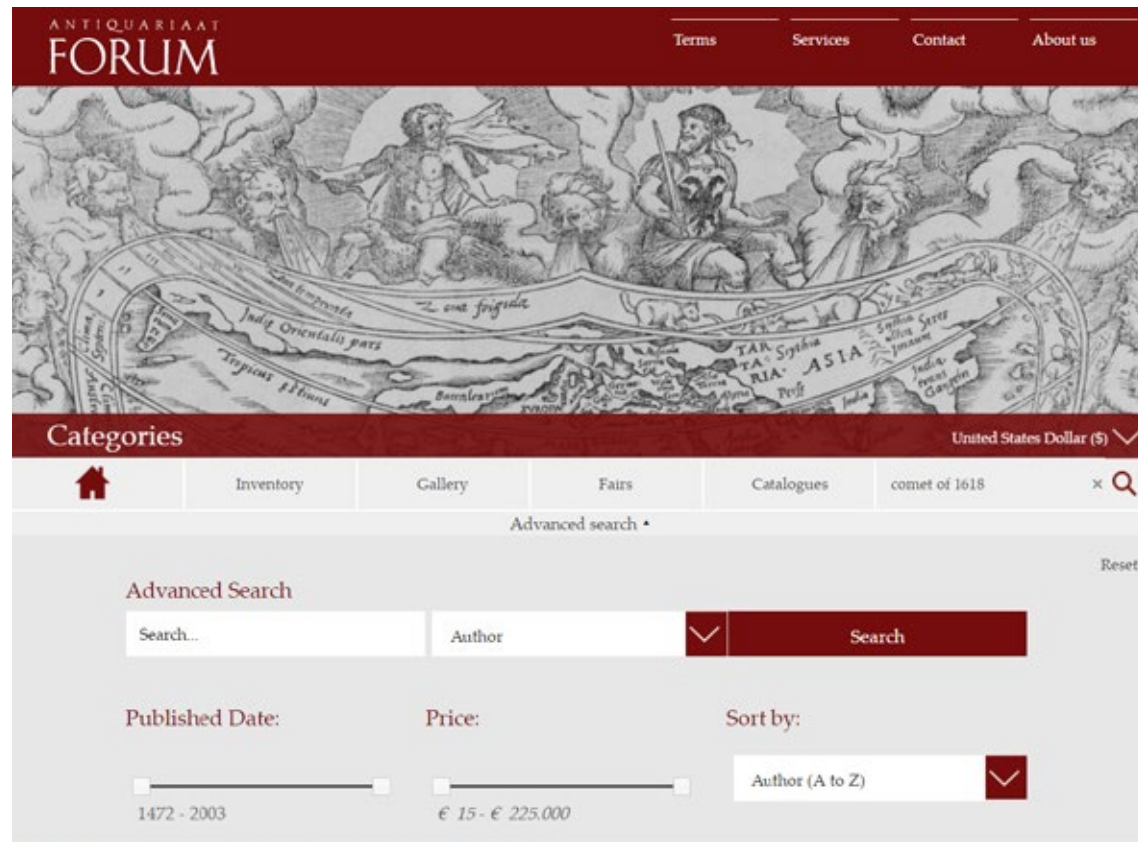
First edition of a standard work on astronomic instruments from Germany and the Netherlands by the noted historian of astronomy Ernst Zinner (1886–1970).

Very good copy

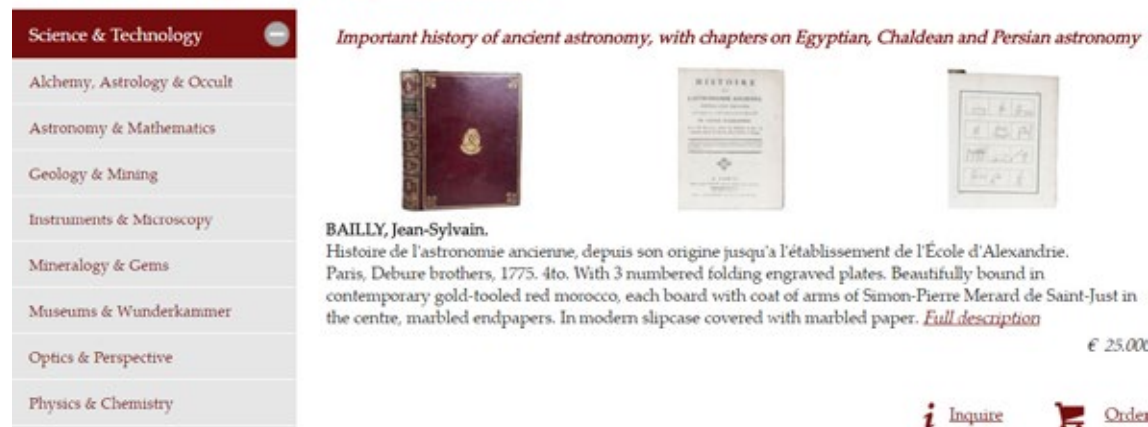


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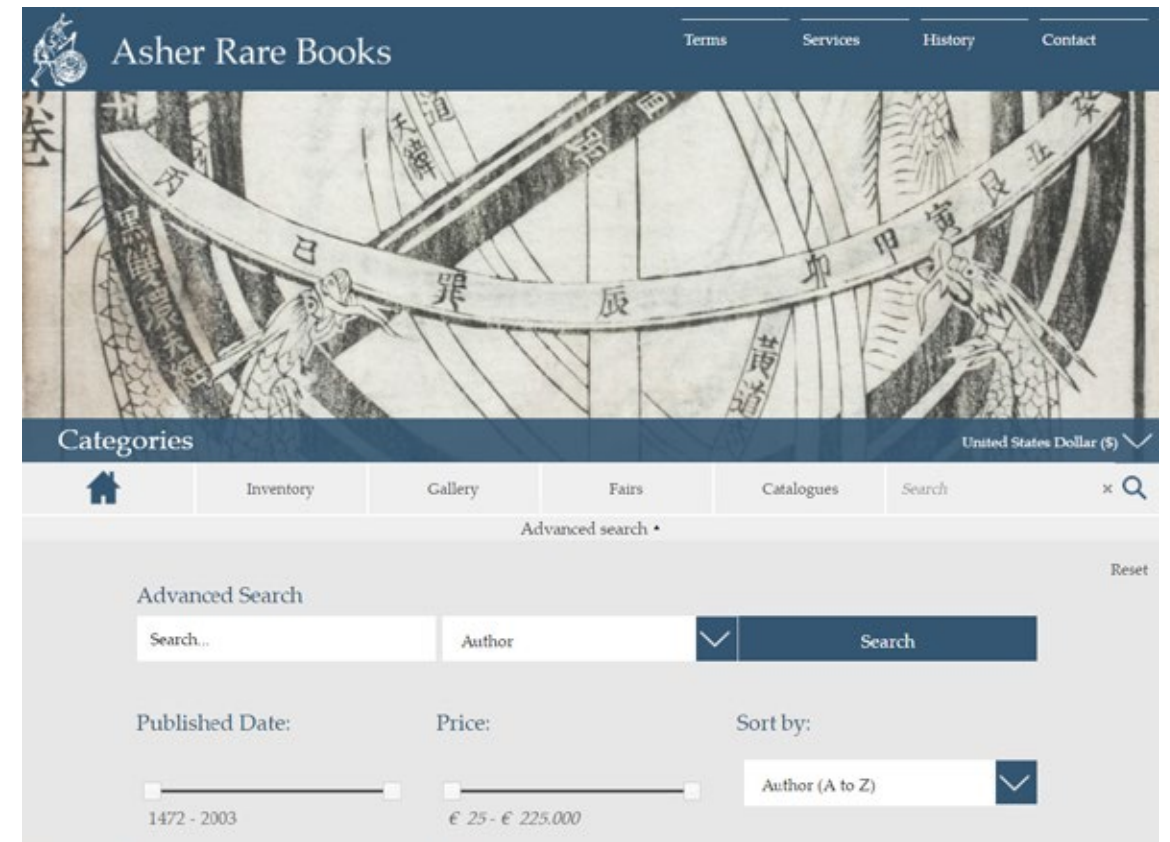
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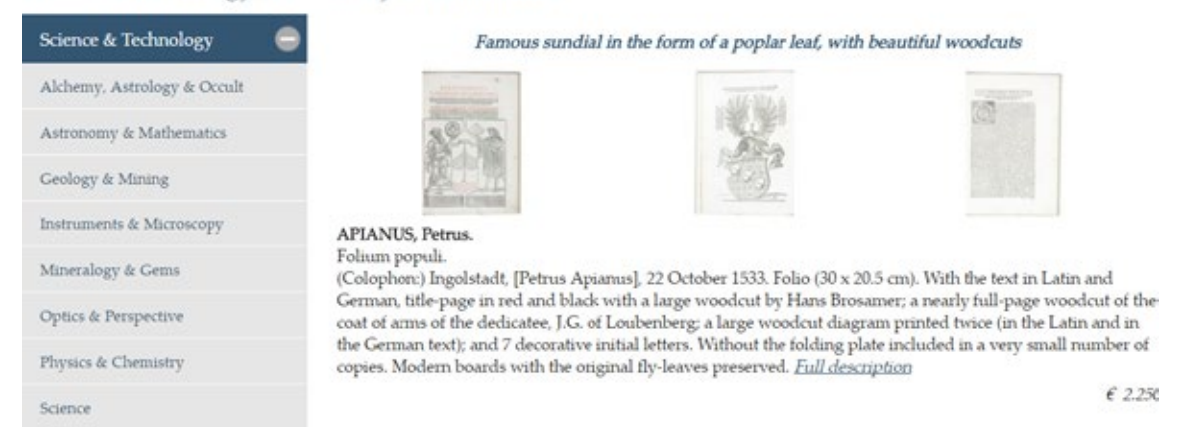
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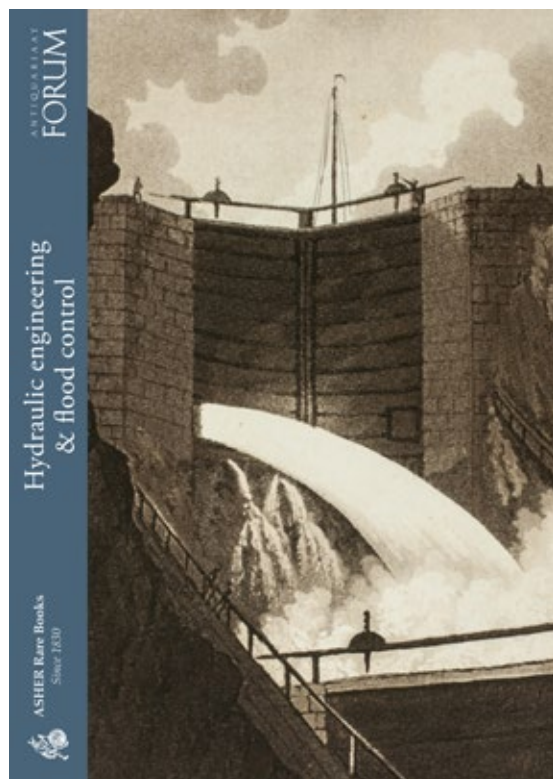
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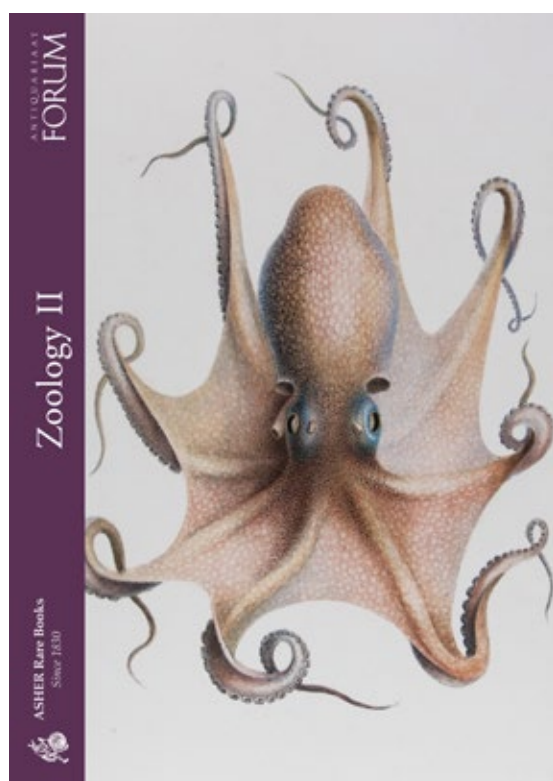


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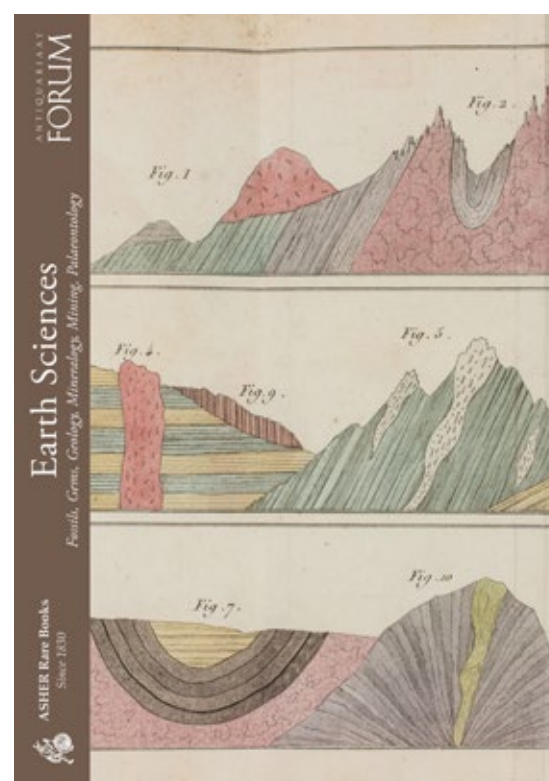
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