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DAN SIEGEL ON TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019

### NOTE TO OUR READERS

All but two of the items in this list (nos. 6 and 7) are from the recently purchased inventory of M & S Rare Books in Providence, RI. Many more M & S books will be offered over the ensuing months by me and my four partners, Lorne Bair, Dan De Simone, Garrett Scott, and John Thomson of Bartleby's Books. The proprietor of M & S, Dan Siegel, had a large backlog of uncatalogued items, as well as about 7500 books, manuscripts, and ephemera in his existing inventory. I think I can safely say that Dan had an extraordinary eye for interesting material, and I hope that my partners and I can do the material justice over the months and years ahead. The material in this catalog was at the top of the first box I opened and may or may not be representative. / Rob Rulon-Miller

Will you read this, and keep it till it shall be called for?

Knowledge is power.—Lord Bacon. To this should be added, "If it includes the knowledge of one's own language, by which, chiefly, that power is to be wielded."

ENGLISH GRAMMAR—POPULAR LECTURES.

The Subscribers, authors of the Grammar of the English Language, respectfully announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of New York, that his Lectures on the English Language—its uses and abuses—are now to be commenced, and will be continued during the next winter.

The popular course of 12 lectures, for adults, will be given in the evening, in three adjacent places, as follows:—The first lecture will be given in the College Room, corner of Grand and Chalmers-street, on Monday evening, January 4th, at 7 o'clock; the second lecture, corner of Hudson and Grove, on Tuesday evening, and in the hall of the Park Grammar School, corner of Broadway and Chambers, on Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock.

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defects in early education may be remedied, without being exposed to the anxiety and distress which may be occasioned by the use of language, as in the case of the deaf-mute, who, by the use of signs, is enabled to acquire a knowledge of his own language, and to be understood by his countrymen.

PARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The subscribers announce to his fellow-citizens, that having labored for a term of years a large and commodious Hall, at the corner of Broadway (111) and Chambers' Street, entrance from 74, Chambers, will, on Monday, January 15th, open the "Park Grammar School," for the instruction of young boys, in the philosophy of the English Language, and in the science of speaking, writing, and reading.

As he believes the lessons of teaching as a profession to be the most important, and the most difficult, he has taken to his department of instruction, the science of teaching, which has hitherto been left to the chance of the parents, and the will and caprice of the teacher and scholar. He has, on the first, had the aid of the philosophy of the language, and the science of teaching, and has the method of imparting a knowledge of its principles. To this he would say—You read your own

MANUSCRIPT, Nov. 1, 1836.—In the course of a series of Lectures on English Grammar, delivered by Mr. B. Pierce, Esq., in the Lecture Room, at the corner of Broadway (111) and Chambers' Street, the meeting was organized by the subscription of Mr. B. Pierce, Esq., Secretary of the Association, and the following conditions were adopted:—That the meeting should be held on Monday, January 15th, at 7 o'clock, in the Park Grammar School, at the corner of Broadway (111) and Chambers' Street, entrance from 74, Chambers.

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1. [Broadside.] Pierce, Oliver B. Will you read this, and keep it till it shall be called for? Knowledge is Power. - Lord Bacon. To this should be added, "If it includes the knowledge of one's own language, by which, chiefly, that power is to be wielded." English Grammar - popular lectures... New York: Jan. 4, 1841.

\$1,750 Folio broadside, approx. 19" x 13", text

in triple column, to top half of the broadside announcing a series of lectures on English grammar in various locations in New York, and classes "for a term of years" on grammar at the Park Grammar School. Dates, times, and terms are discussed. The bottom half of the broadside contains testimonials from eight other grammarians, educators, and newspaper editors. Not found in OCLC or American Imprints. Likely unrecorded.





3. [Catechism in Burmese.] Comstock, Sarah D. *Catechism of scripture history, published by the Religious Tract Society, translated into Burmese by Sarah D. Comstock.* Maulmain: American Baptist Mission Press, 1842. \$600

First edition, 1500 copies printed; 12mo, pp. [218]; title page in English and Burmese, the text in Burmese throughout; wood-engraved frontispiece and several small wood engravings in the text; contemporary and likely original full sheep, worn at the extremities, upper joint cracked; all else good or better.

From Rhodes, *The Spread of Printing... India, Pakistan* [et al.]: “Moulmein [where printing began in 1830] became the most important printing center in Burma...” From the *Maulmain Almanac* for 1844, from which Rhodes quotes extensively: “There are two printing establishments connected with the [American] missions

[in Burma]; one at Maulmain, and the other at Tavoy. In the Maulmain establishment there are seven presses, and fonts of type for printing in Burmese, Peguan, and English...It is devoted almost exclusively to books printed in the native languages, for gratuitous distribution...In the Tavoy establishment there are two presses, and fonts of type for printing in Karen, Burmese, and English...It is chiefly devoted to books for gratuitous distribution in the Karen language, of which about two millions of pages were printed during the last year” [i.e. 1843]. Rhodes, pp. 83-86.

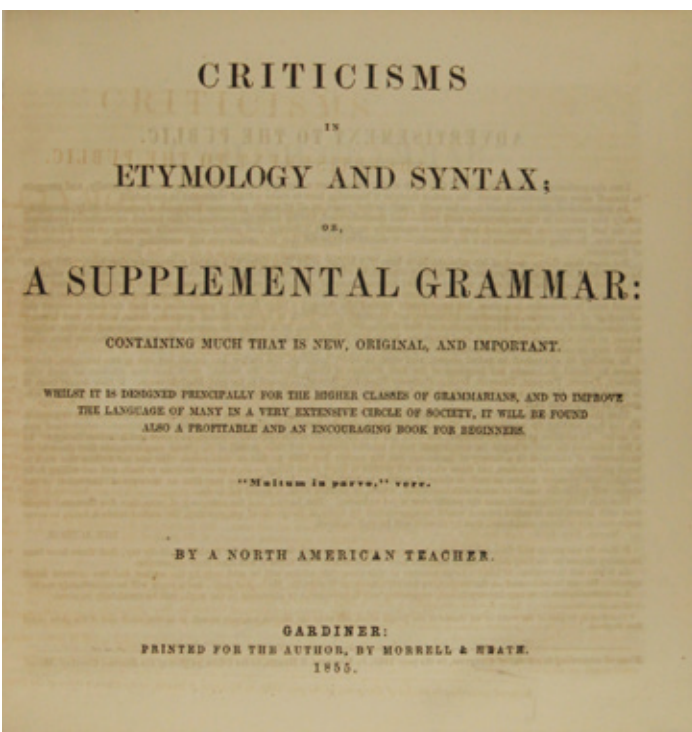
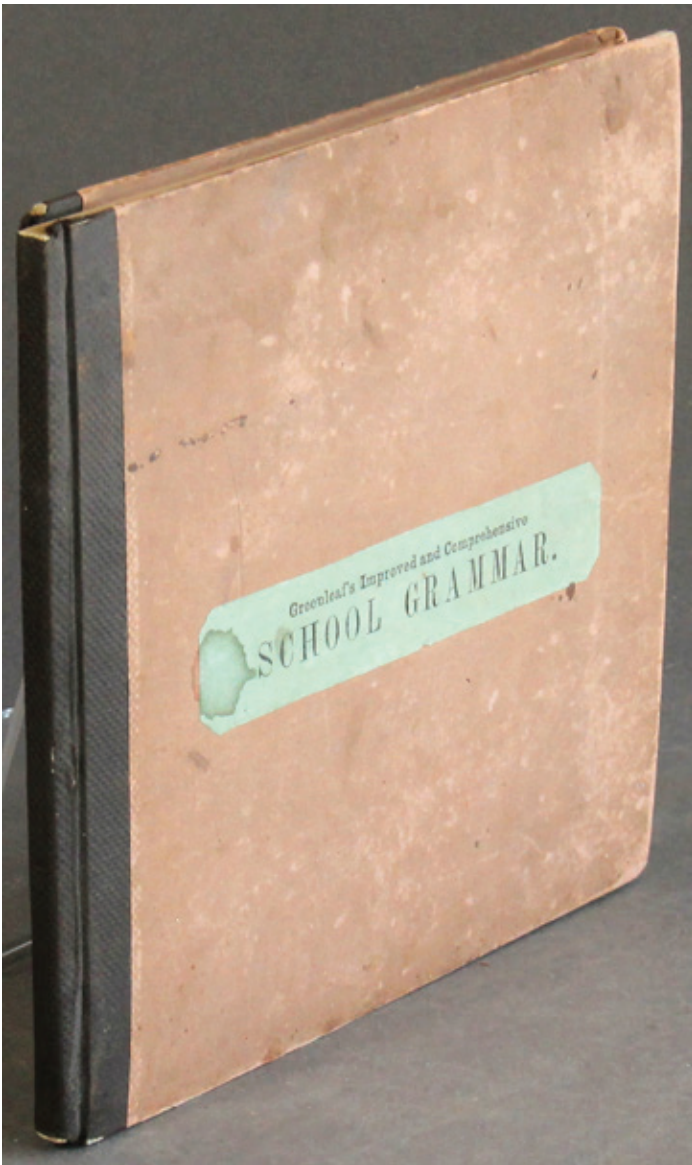
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## UNCOMMON MAINE GRAMMAR

5. [Greenleaf, Charles Edward.]. *An improved and comprehensive school grammar; in which are equally regarded both the wants of the beginner and those of the advanced and critical student ... by a North American teacher.* Gardiner, [Maine]: printed for the author by A.M.C. Heath, 1856. \$600

Square 8vo, pp. 24; bound with, as issued: *Criticisms in etymology and syntax: or, a supplemental English grammar...*, Gardiner: printed for the author by Morrell & Heath, 1856, pp. 48 (cancel slip pasted at the bottom of the verso of the last leaf); bound with, possibly as issued: *An Appendix in English grammar*, Gardiner: printed for the author by A.M.C. Heath, 1858, pp. 24; original brown cloth-backed orange paper-covered boards, printed green paper label on upper cover; math calculations in pencil on the front free flyleaf, some light staining but on the whole very good and sound. Of the first title, Trinity, Library Co., and Nebraska only in OCLC; of the second no copies found; and of the third, only Trinity, Michigan, and the Library Co. These three titles have likely always been together from the time of publication given the nature of the binding.



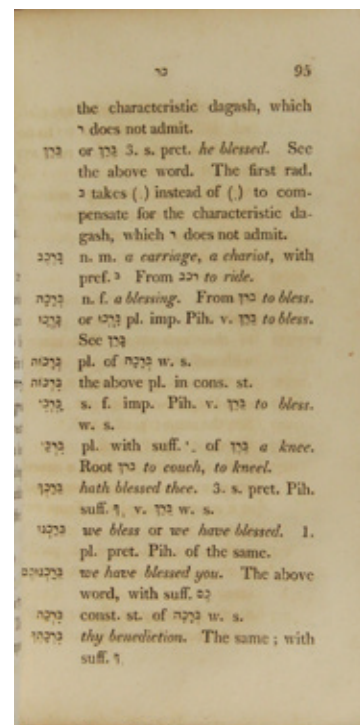
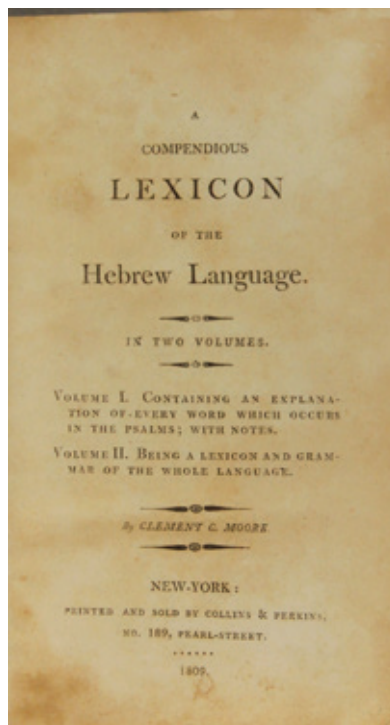
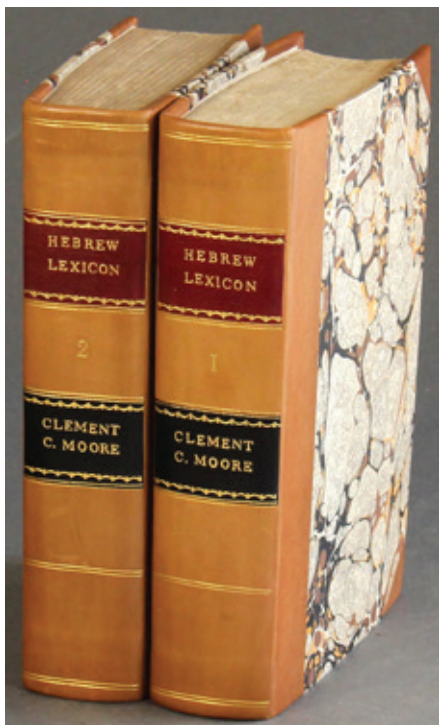
6. **Maret, Russell.** *Roma abstract. An alphabet.* n.p., n.d. [New York: 2017.].

\$600

Edition limited to 116 copies, folio, [28] leaves of translucent paper on which a title, 26 letters, and a colophon; original stab-sewn black printed wrappers, original frosted acrylic slipcase; fine. Original prospectus, which offers Maret's only text, is laid in. A geometric alphabet based on Greek, Etruscan, and Roman letterforms, this visually exciting book is also a wry political statement "echoing the absurd mockery of statehood in which we find ourselves living."



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**THE FIRST HEBREW LEXICON  
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7. **Moore, Clement C.** *A compendious lexicon of the Hebrew language. In two volumes. Volume I. Containing an explanation of every word which occurs in the Psalms; with notes. Volume II. Being a lexicon and grammar of the whole language.* New York: printed and sold by Collins and Perkins, 1809. \$1,500

First edition of the first Hebrew lexicon published in the Western Hemisphere, 2 volumes, 8vo, pp. xiv, blank leaf, 474, [1] errata; [2], 541, [1]; half tan calf antique, marbled boards, red and black morocco labels on gilt-paneled spines; nice copy.

BAL 14338 noting that some copies have the blank leaf b2 excised; the blank is present in this copy; but blank leaf a2 in volume II is excised. Although Moore

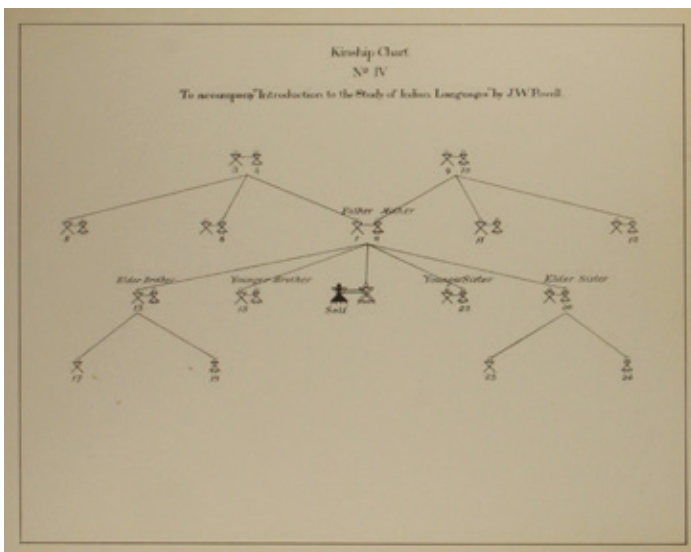
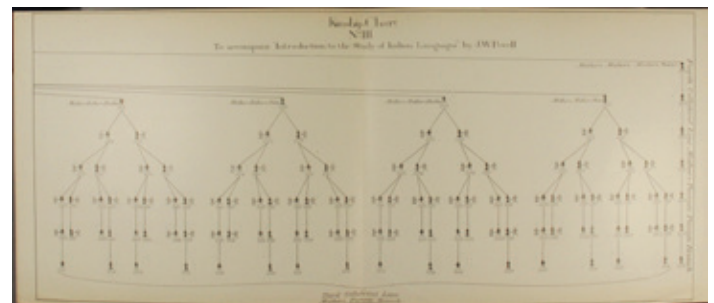
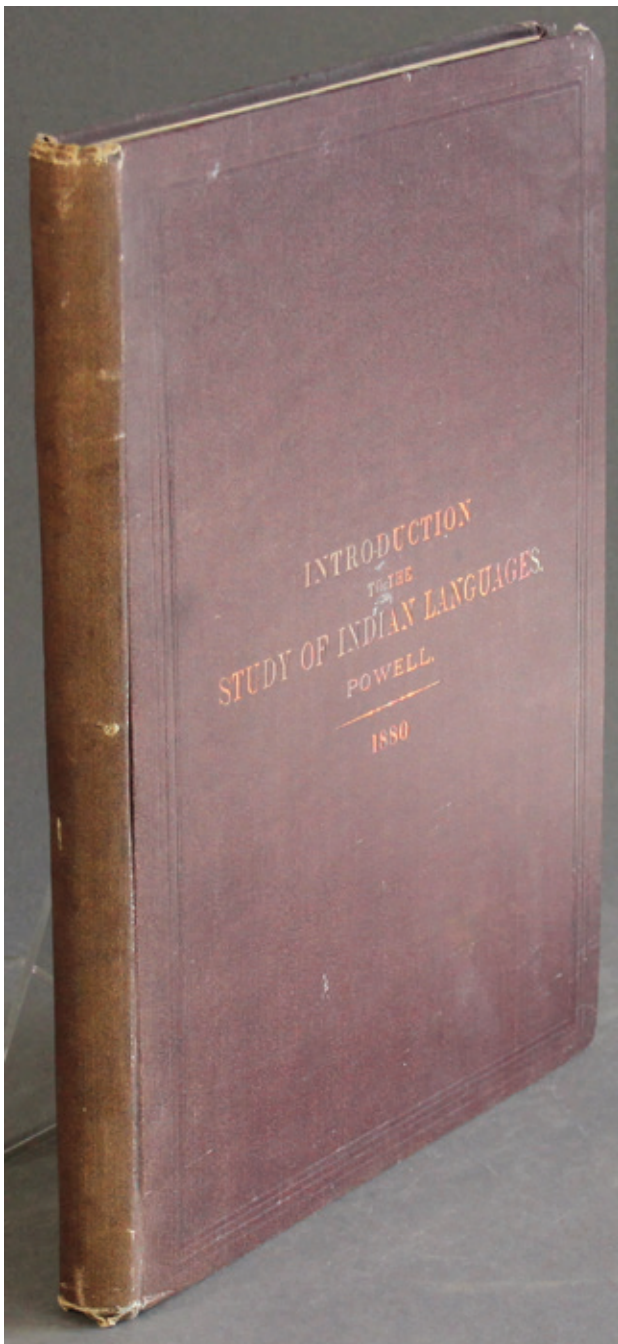
(1779-1863) is best remembered today for his immortal poem “’Twas the Night Before Christmas,” he was highly regarded in his day as a Hebrew scholar. It was largely through his generosity that the establishment of New York’s General Theological Seminary was made possible, and it was here that he taught literature and languages until his retirement in 1850. His *Lexicon of the Hebrew Language* is described as “a credible piece of work which fulfilled his hope that the young countrymen would find it of some service as a sort of pioneer, in breaking down the impediments which present themselves at the entrance of the study of Hebrew” (see DAB). It is significant that it appears in the same year that the Psalms in Hebrew were first published in America, and it was doubtless designed as a companion volume. Rosenbach 153; American Imprints 1811.



8. **Powell, J. W.** *Introduction to the study of Indian languages with word phrases and sentences to be collected.* Washington: GPO, 1880. \$275

Second edition, "with charts," 4to, pp. xi, [1], 228; 4 charts in pocket (3 folding); original maroon cloth, gilt lettering on upper cover; minor wear; very good and sound.

A workbook for field study of Indian languages. Introductory chapters on charting phonology and on grammar. Powell explains in the Preface: "[This book] is simply a series of explanations of certain characteristics almost universally found by students of Indian languages--the explanations being of such a character as experience has shown would best meet the wants of persons practically at work in the field on languages with which they are unfamiliar."



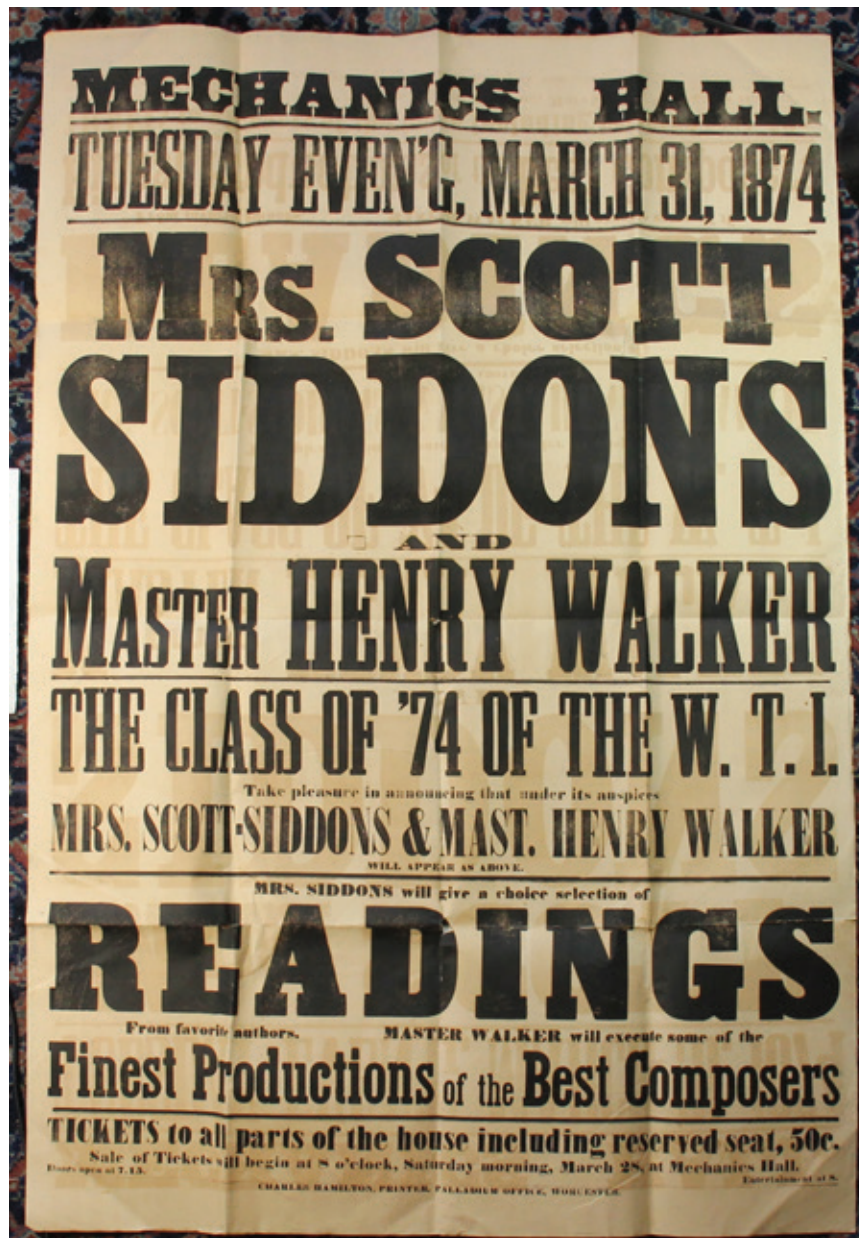


9. [Silhouettes.] **Edouart, Auguste Amant Constant Fidèle.** *Chauncey A. Goodrich / professor Yale College / Mrs. Goodrich the former Julia / Francis daughter of Noah Webster. Augst. Edouart fecit.* Saratoga: Aug. 27, 1841. \$2,500

A pair of fine cut silhouettes, captioned, signed, and dated by the artist, on a lightly drawn background, lightly toned, else fine. Overall approx. 13½" x 9¾".

Specializing in silhouette portraits, Edouart (1789-1861) left France in 1814, and established himself in London, where he

began his career making portraits from hair. In 1825, he began work as a silhouette portraitist, taking full-length likenesses in profile by cutting out black paper with scissors. Edouart spent fifteen years touring England and in 1829 arrived in Edinburgh. He remained there for three years, during which time he produced some 5,000 likenesses. Edouart traveled in the United States ca. 1839-49, visiting New York, Boston, and other locales. He later returned to France, where he worked on smaller silhouettes.



10. [Theatrical Broadside.] *Mechanics Hall Tuesday Even'g March 31, 1874. Mrs. Scott Siddons and Master Henry Walker. The Class of '74 of the W. T. I. take pleasure in announcing that under its auspices Mrs. Scott-Siddons and Mast. Henry Walker will appear as above. Mrs. Siddons will give a choice selection of readings from favorite authors. Master Walker will execute some of the finest productions from the best composers. Worcester, [Mass.]: Charles Hamilton, printer, 1874.* \$450

Large folio broadside approx. 43" x 28", previous folds, some toning, bottom fold rather split (but no detachment); all else very good. Mary Frances Scott-Siddons (1844-1896) was a British actor and dramatic reader. Presumably, Walker was a student at Worcester Technical Institute (now WPI). Not found in OCLC.