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Bristol Memorandum,
TH A T on the *Twenty-seventh* Day of *April* In the *21st* Year of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second by the Grace of GOD of *Great-Britain, France & Ireland* KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Personally appeared before me *Thomas Bowen* Esq; One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Bristol*. *Charity Allen of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol single Woman; Jeremiah Allen Yeoman or Blacksmith, and Richard Tree Gentleman; all of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol* and acknowledged themselves to be severally Indebted to Our said Lord the KING, in the respective Sums following, viz. the said *Charity Allen* as Principal, in the Sum of *five pounds*. And the said *Jeremiah Allen & Richard Tree* as Sureties in the Sum of *fifty Shillings* each, to be Levied on their Goods or Chattels, Lands or Tenements, and in want thereof upon their Bodies, to the Use of Our said Lord the KING, His Heirs or Successors, if Default be made in the performance of the Condition here Under-Written :

TH E Condition of the above-Written Recognizance is such, That if *above Bounden Charity Allen* shall personally appear before the Justices of Our said Lord the KING, at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace next, to be holden at *Tanton* for and within the said County of *Bristol* on the *second Tuesday of June Next then & there* To Answer to such Matters and Things as shall be Objected against *her* on His Majesty's behalf *and More especially for her being with child of a Crafted Child*

And shall do and receive that which by the said Court shall be then and there enjoyned *her* and not depart without Licence : Then the above Written Recognizance to be void and of none Effect, otherwise to abide in full Force, Power and Virtue.

Recognized before me *Thomas Bowen*

1. [Allen, Charity, single woman.] **Bowen, Thomas, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the county of Bristol.** *Memorandum, that on the 27th day of April in the 21st year of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second ... personally appeared before me, Thomas Bowen ... Charity Allen of Rehoboth in the county of Bristol, single woman. Jeremiah Allen, yeoman or Black Smith, and Richard Tree, gentlemen; all of Rehoboth...* Taunton, [Mass.], 1748.

\$400

Pro-forma document (approx. 6¼" x 7½"), accomplished in ink in a neat and legible hand, concerning Charity Allen, a [single woman], evidently with child, and who, with her presumed father, a blacksmith, and one Richard Tree acknowledge themselves to be severally indebted

to the King for [five pounds] (Charity) and [50 shillings] each (Jeremiah and Richard), "to be levied on their goods and chattels, lands or tenements, and in want thereof upon their bodies ... the condition of the above Written Recognizance is such that if" [above bounden Charity Allen] "shall personally appear before the Justices ... to be holden at" [Taunton] "in the County of" [Bristol] ... "on the" [second Tuesday of June next] ... "to answer to such matters and things as shall be objected against her on His Majesty's behalf," [and more especially for her being with child of a bastard child]."

I take this to be a subpoena, of sorts, obliging the pregnant Charity, together with her father, to appear before the court ... but why? Birth records for Rehoboth show Charity was born July 5, 1729 (so at the time she would have been almost 19), and that she gave birth to a boy named Thomas in June of 1748, the "reputed son of Thomas Peck and Charity Allen."

2. [America's Cup Races.] **Kemp, P. K., Lieutenant-Commander.** *Racing for the America's Cup.* London: Hutchinson & Co., [1937]. \$250

First edition, 8vo, pp. 304, 16 (ads); frontispiece and 32 illustrations on rectos and versos of 16 plates; fine copy in a near fine dust jacket with the rare publisher's promotional wrap-around band. One of the few British histories of the greatest of all sailing events.

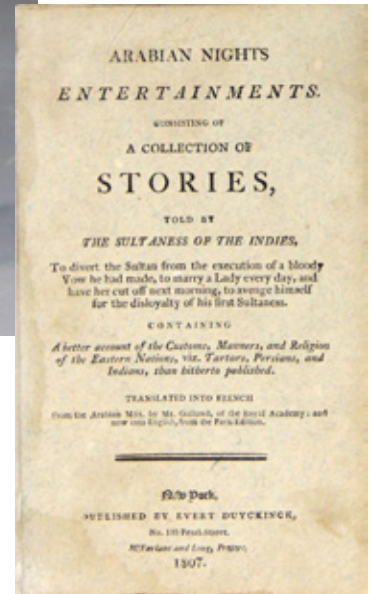


3. **Arabian Nights.** *Arabian nights entertainments. Consisting of a collection of stories, told by the Sultanness of the Indies, to divert the Sultan from the execution of a bloody vow he had made, to marry a Lady every day, and have her cut off next morning, to avenge himself for the disloyalty of his first Sultanness ... Translated into French from the Arabian MSS. by Mr. Galland, of the Royal Academy; and now into English, from the Paris edition.* New York: published by Evert Duyckinck, no. 110 Pearl-Street. McFarlane & Long, printers, 1807.

\$750

16mo, pp. 142; contemporary marbled paper-covered boards backed in calf; upper joint neatly restored, text sound and clean despite poor production quality.

Two copies in OCLC, at Cornell and the University of Florida. Not in *American Imprints*.

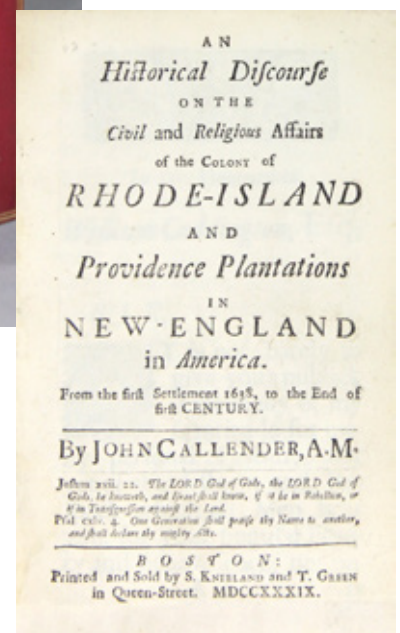
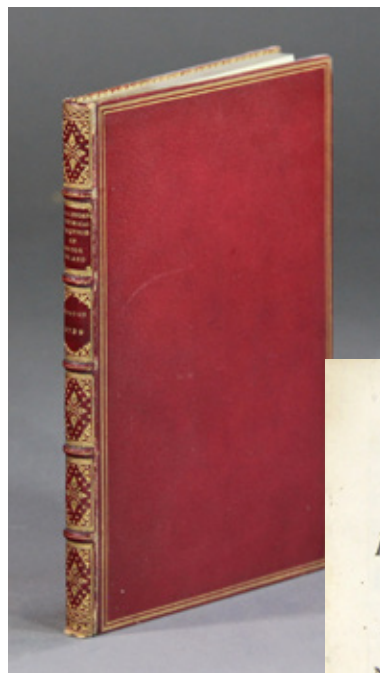


THE BRAYTON IVES COPY

4. **Callender, John.** *An historical discourse on the civil and religious affairs of the colony of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations in New-England in America. From the first settlement 1638, to the end of the first century.* Boston: printed and sold by S. Kneeland and T. Green in Queen-Street, 1739. \$2,000

First edition of the first history of Rhode Island, 12mo, pp. [2], 14, 120, [2]; woodcut headpiece and initial; full red morocco by Bedford, triple gilt rules on covers, gilt decorated spine in 6 compartments, gilt-lettered direct in 2, a.e.g.; slight rubbing, neat professional repair to the lower margin of the title page; near fine. The Brayton Ives copy, with his bookplate.

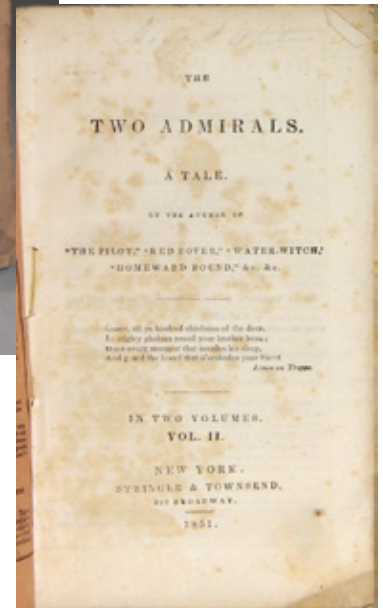
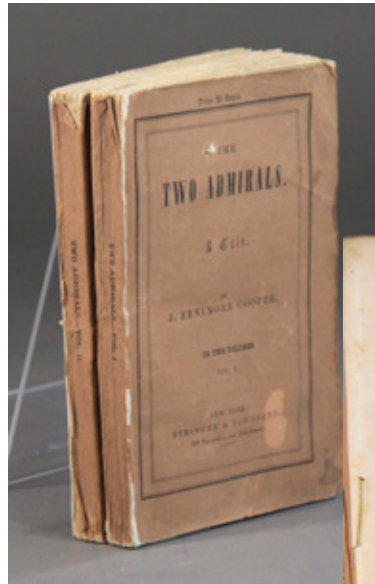
Bartlett, p. 71; Evans 4347; Howes C-74; Sabin 10074; Streeter Sale 677.



5 **Cooper, James Fenimore.** *The two admirals. A tale.* New York: Stringer & Townsend, 222 Broadway, 1851. \$275

2 volumes, 12mo, pp. [7], x-xii, 13-326, [4] ads; 253, [4 (ads), [8] blanks; original printed copper wrappers; edges slightly chipped and curled, spines slightly chipped, tiny hole in the upper wrapper of volume I, front wrapper on volume I and rear wrapper on volume II professionally reattached; all else generally very good.

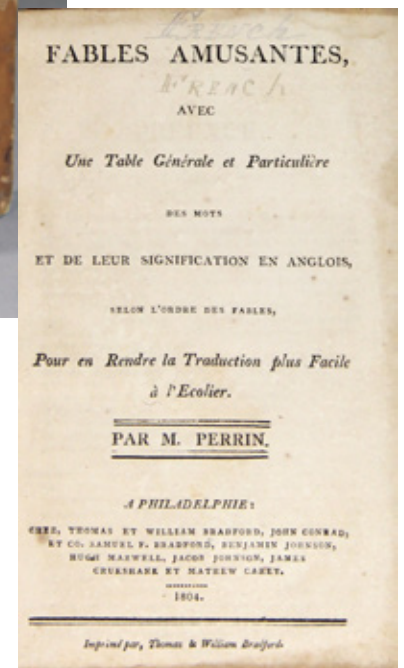
A rare edition. Not noted in BAL and not in OCLC.



6. **[Fables in French.] Perrin, John.** *Fables amusantes, avec une table générale et particulière des mots et de leur signification en anglais.* A Philadelphie: chez Thomas et William Bradford [et al.], 1804. \$200

First American edition, 8vo, pp. xii, 13-188; original full calf; multiple pencil inscriptions and pen trials on front and rear pastedowns and endsheets; headcaps chipped down to text-block; corners scuffed; boards neatly and professionally rehinged.

Likely used as a textbook for French students at University of Pennsylvania. First published in London in 1798. *American Imprints* 7028.



7. [Masonry.] **Sprague, William, Jr.** *An official report, by William Sprague, Jr. one of the Committee of the House of Representatives of Rhode-Island, upon the subject of Masonry.* Providence: printed at the office of the Daily Advertiser, 1832. \$350

First edition, 8vo, pp. 23, [1]; self-wrappers, stitched, as issued; light chipping and text toned; all else very good.

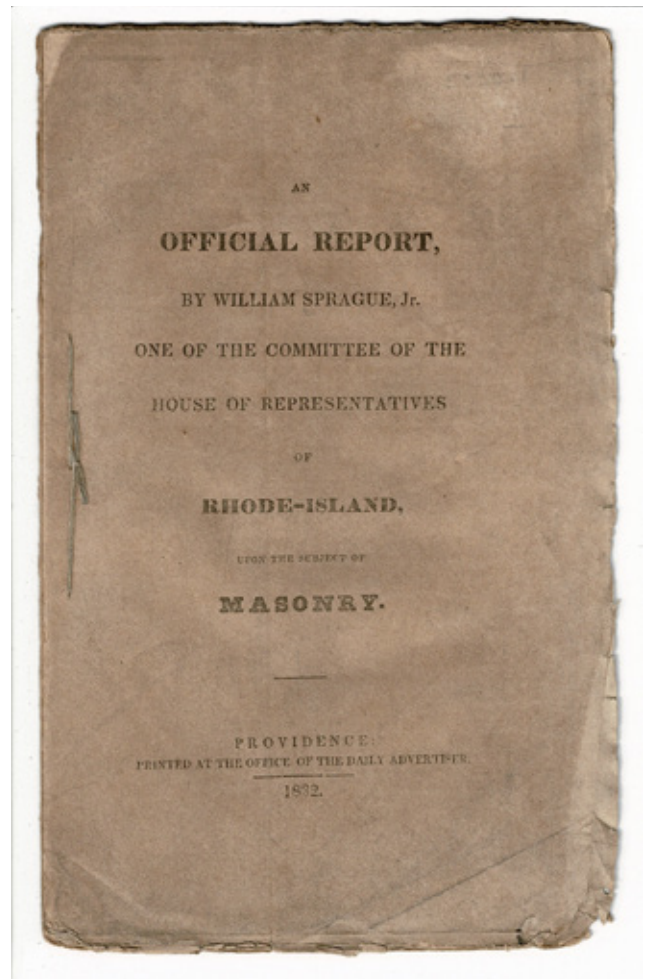
"Sprague was a dissenting member of the [Legislative] Committee. The Committee held that Masonic secrets, such as signs, grips, words, etc. were of no importance, while Sprague insisted that such secrets should be made public. His report is also interesting as showing the result of the coalition between the Democrats and Anti-Masons of Rhode Island."

In an appendix, Sprague claims that the Committee learned that there was a new order of Masonry, not previously revealed by Bernard or Allyn.

Boston Public, AAS and NY Historical in OCLC; *American Imprints* 14513; Bartlett, p. 244; Sabin 89720.

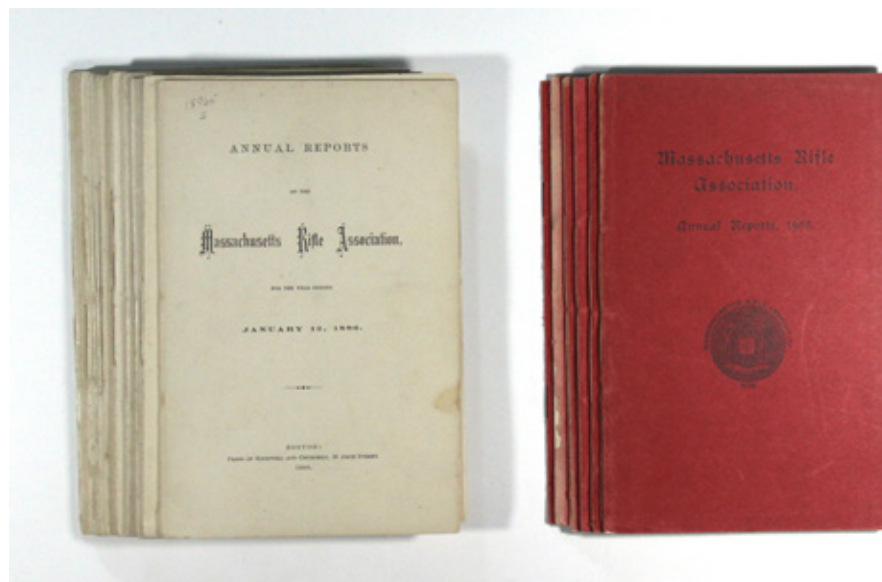
8. **Massachusetts Rifle Association.** *Annual reports of the Massachusetts Rifle Association [1886-1908].* Boston: Press of Rockwell and Churchill, 1887. \$250

A substantial run of reports from 1887-1908, lacking only 1899 and 1905; 12mo, printed paper self-wrappers



and red printed wrappers; generally, 20pp. per issue with the extremes at 24 and 6 pages; occasional illustrations; lower wrapper of the 1887 issue detached, else near fine.

The results of match competitions and member lists. The MRA is the oldest active gun club in the United States.



9. **Merwin, Samuel K.** *My favorite club.* New York: reprinted from the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, 1933. \$450

4to, pp. [6]-30, [2]; frontispiece and a few illustrations throughout; original brown wrappers; slight general wear, a bit of insect damage to last couple leaves, but overall very good.

Warm inscription from the author on the title page reads: "Copy no. 189 / Samuel Merwin [crossed out] - All this is much too formal! Here is your copy of my book, Webbie, it is a pleasure and a privilege to give you my best wishes - also my admiration and esteem. And I hope you'll find the little book readable. Sam Merwin" and "To that most austere and pungent and poignant of our graphic philosophers - H.T. Webster - God love him!" With a drawing, presumably of "Webbie," by the author.

Webster (1885 - 1953), a prominent American cartoonist, was sometimes referred to as "The Mark Twain of American cartoonists."

Merwin describes the Players Club in detail, covering the pool room, the card room, the library, the Booth room (named for Edwin Booth),

10. **[New Bedford High School Newspapers.] Remington & Bonney, editors and publishers.** *The High School Squib.* Volume 1, no. 2 thru volume II, no. 20. New Bedford: May 21, 1883 thru June 16, 1884. \$450

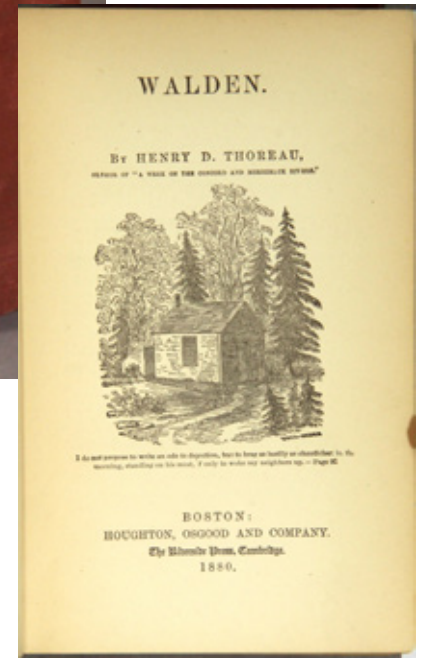
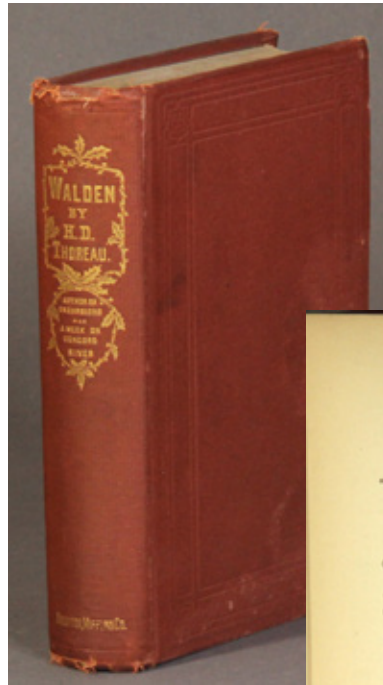
16mo, 8vo, and 4to, issues generally 4 pages each; many local advertisements; a semi-monthly containing feature articles ("Ice Loading on the Kennebec"; "Our Cadet Goes to the Circus"; "Lake George"; "Our Girls in Europe"; "Sketch of a Young Peoples' Party"; "Visit to a Chinese Theatre"; "One Year at a Convent"; "Slang;" "Encounter with an Iceberg"; "The High School Girl", etc.); student poetry; short prose; conundrums; letters to the editor; regular columns (Vacation Rambles, Squibs, Base Ball, Foot Ball); no record found in OCLC.

Bound with: *The Amateur Herald*, volume. 1, no. 1 thru volume. I, no. 3 (also New Bedford High School), October thru November, 1883. A semi-monthly edited



11. **Thoreau, Henry David.** *Walden*. Boston: Houghton, Osgood, & Company, The Riverside Press, 1880. \$150

First edition, approximately the fifteenth printing, 12mo, pp. [2], 357, [1]; vignette title page; original terracotta cloth; spine ends cracked, the binding slightly skewed, the text slightly toned; all else very good. Borst A2.1.o: "150 copies printed."

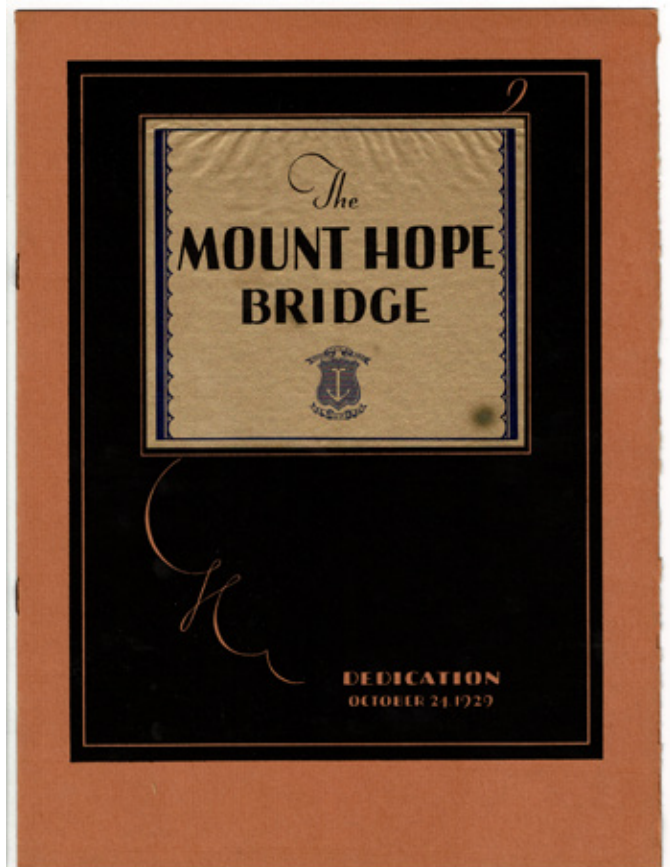


12. **Vanderbilt, William H., Senator & Chairman of the Mount Hope Toll Bridge Celebration Committee.** *Dedication ceremonies of the Mount Hope Bridge. On the Mount Hope Bridge connecting the Providence and Newport highways at Bristol and Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Thursday, October twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.* [Providence: Hayley & Sykes Co., 1929.] \$125

Folio, pp. [8]; double-page artist's rendering of the span; original terracotta wrappers printed in black with a gilt and black label tipped on; fine, in the original mailing envelope which is brittle.

With a program of events, specifications, lists of contractors, and engineers. Laid in, as issued, is an octavo broadside, "Dedication Exercises," with 2 illustrations. At the time the bridge was built it was the third largest suspension bridge in the world.

Brown, Redwood Library, and Roger Williams only in OCLC.



13. **Whiteley, Henry.** *Three months in Jamaica, in 1832: comprising a residence of seven weeks on a sugar plantation.* London: J. Hatchard and Son, 1833. \$250

First edition, first issue, 8vo, pp. [2], 24; removed from binding and text-block disbound; manuscript edits to the page numbers, likely from when it was in a bound tract collection, pages clean and bright.

A scarce and influential anti-slavery pamphlet. Whiteley describes the conditions on the plantations and concludes: "I left England with a persuasion that the general condition of East India slaves was, on the whole, much preferable to that of the children in our factories ... But between the cases of the factory child and the plantation slave there can be no just comparison. The former is very bad: the latter is INFINITELY WORSE."

It was one of the last anti-slavery publications before the British Empire abolished slavery that same year.

Afro-Americana 11162; Sabin 103669.

