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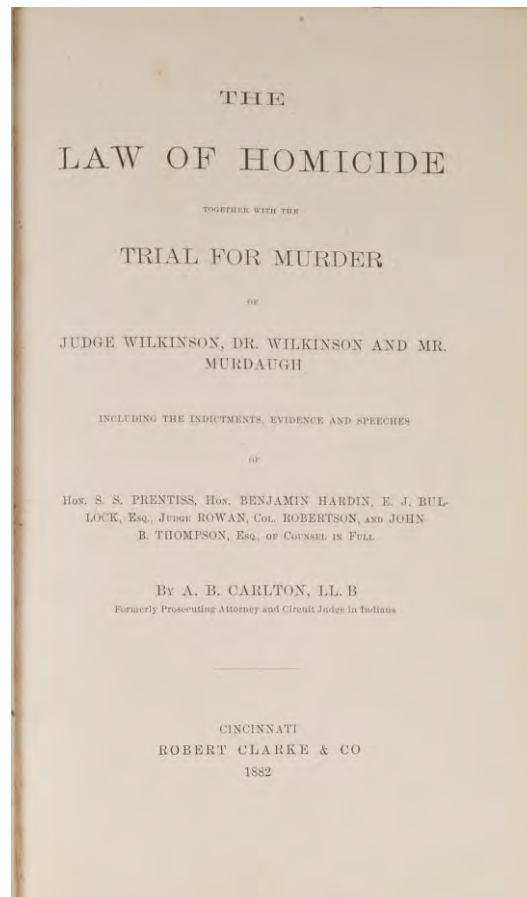
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1817–1901

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Account of a Kentucky Case that Explores the American Law of Homicide, This Copy Owned by a Notably Kentucky Judge

1. Carlton, A[mbrose] B[olivar] [1825-1901].

The Law of Homicide, Together with the Trial for Murder of Judge Wilkinson, Dr. Wilkinson and Mr. Murdaugh, Including the Indictments, Evidence and Speeches of Hon. S.S. Prentiss, Hon. Benjamin Hardin, E.J. Bullock, Esq., Judge Rowan, Col. Robertson, And John B. Thompson, Esq., Of Counsel in Full. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., 1882. 412 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Contemporary sheep, blind frames to boards, raised bands and red and black lettering pieces to spine. Light rubbing to boards, minor worming to rear board, moderate rubbing to extremities, front joint starting at foot, corners bumped and lightly worn, hinges cracked, "Property/ of/ D.N. Cull,/ Barboursville,/ Kentucky" to front pastedown, later bookseller stamp (Ben A. Maslan) to rear pastedown, moderate toning to interior. \$450.

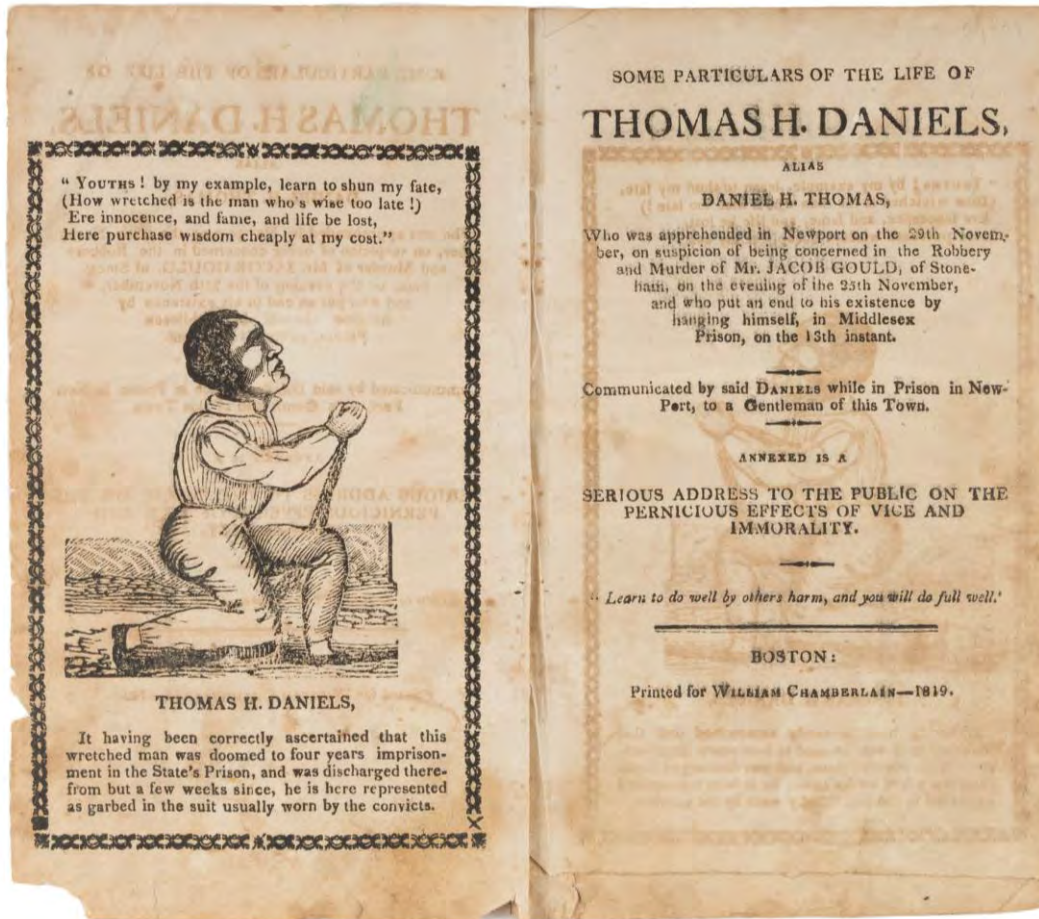
* Only edition. Carlton uses a detailed examination of a notable Kentucky case, which involved a dispute that ended in two murders committed in the name of "honor," to illustrate the principal features of the American law of homicide.

Newspapers.com and Ancestry.com identifies D.N. Cull as Daniel N. Cull [b.1844], a Kentucky judge. He became nationally famous in 1889 for his personal role, while a sitting judge, in the defeat of a criminal gang as the member of a posse. Maslan [1901-1979] was a prominent Seattle attorney and bibliophile who created an important collection of Bibles that was later donated to the American Jewish University, Los Angeles.

See McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1094 (summary of case). *Catalogue of the Library of the Harvard Law School* (1909) I:337.

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McDade 240: "How Wretched is the Man Who's Wise Too Late"

2. Daniels, Thomas H. [d. 1819].

Some Particulars of the Life of Thomas H. Daniels, Alias Daniel H. Thomas, Who Was Apprehended in Newport on the 29th November on Suspicion of Being Concerned in the Robbery and Murder of Mr. Jacob Gould of Stoneham on the Evening of the 25th November and Who Put an End to His Existence by Hanging Himself in Middlesex Prison on the 13th Instant. Communicated by Said Daniels While in Prison in Newport to a Gentleman of This Town. Annexed is a Serious Address to the Public, On the Pernicious Effects of Vice and Immorality. Boston: Printed for William Chamberlain, 1819. 24 pp. Woodcut portrait frontispiece. 12mo. (7" x 4").

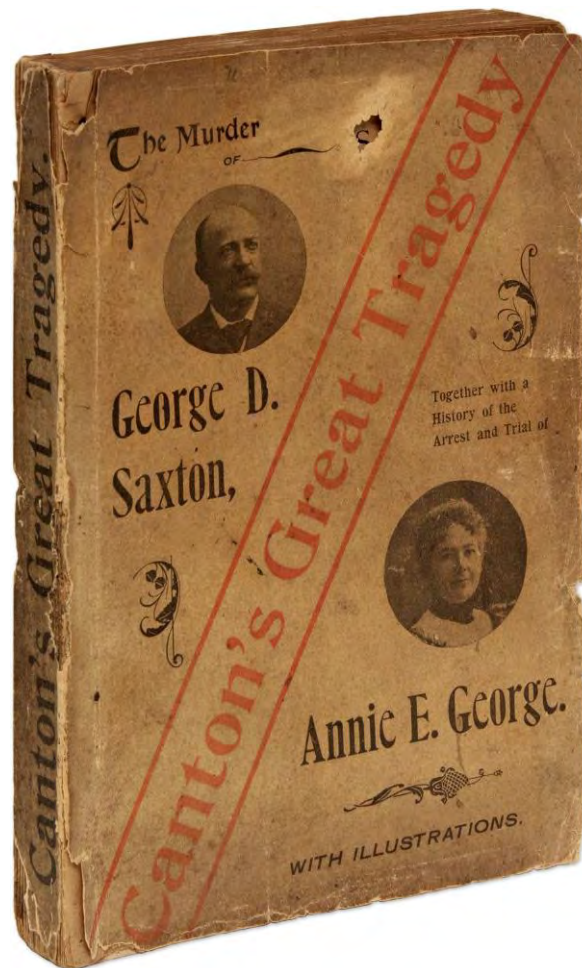
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light browning and dampspotting, a few minor chips and tears to margins of frontispiece. Rare. \$1,850.

* Only edition. Daniels, who took part in a robbery that ended in murder, had a criminal career that included convictions for horse-theft and counterfeiting. He hanged himself in his cell with a handkerchief. The frontispiece depicts Daniels kneeling in chains in his cell below a stanza of verse, which summarizes the message of the pamphlet: "Youths! By my example, learn to shun my fate, (How wretched is the man who's wise too late!), Ere innocence, and fame, and life be lost, Here purchase wisdom cheaply at my cost."

This title is rare in commerce; its last two auction sales were in 1991 and 1910. OCLC locates 10 copies, 1 in a law library (Harvard). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 240.

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The Murder of President McKinley's Brother: McDade 334

3. [Murder].

[Albaugh, Thurlow K. (1868-1937)].

George, Annie, E. [b.1859].

Saxton, George D. [1848-1898].

Canton's Great Tragedy: The Murder of George D. Saxton, Together with a History of the Arrest and Trial of Annie E. George, Charged with the Murder. With Biographical Sketches of George D. Saxton and Annie E. George. With Illustrations. [Wooster, OH: Press of Clapper Printing Co., 1899]. [ii], 308 pp. 14 leaves of plates. Illustrations. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-1/4").

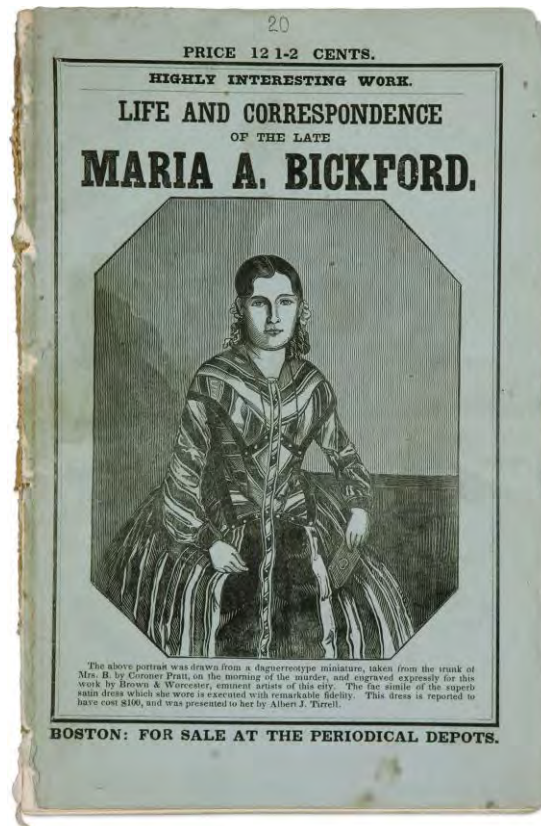
Softbound book in pictorial wrappers. Moderate soiling, rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, small hole to front wrapper, moderate browning to text, faint dampstaining to fore-edges of a few leaves near rear of text. \$750.

* Only edition. "Saxton, who was shot on October 7, 1898, was the brother of Mrs. William McKinley, wife of the President. Mrs. George was acquitted" (McDade). The title page ascribes this book to "Coe," which was the pen name of Albaugh K. Thurlow, a notable Ohio theater owner and manager.

OCLC locates 15 copies, 6 outside of Ohio, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 334.

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The First Use of Sleepwalking as a Defense in a Murder Trial

4. [Murder].

[Bickford, James, Compiler].

The Authentic Life of Mrs. Mary Ann Bickford, Who Was Murdered in the City of Boston, On the 27th of October, 1845. Comprising a Large Number of Her Original Letters and Correspondence Never Before Published. Boston: Published by the Compiler, 1846. 48 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, original pictorial wrappers retained (and securely affixed to text block). Light soiling and a few smudges and stains to wrappers, "20" in small hand to head of front wrapper, small library bookplate to its verso. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,500.

* Second edition, published the same year as the first. In 1845, Albert Jackson Tirrell [1824-1880] murdered Mary Ann Bickford [1824-1845], with whom he had a relationship, in the brothel where she lived. The case was scandalous and widely publicized, especially after Tirrell's lawyer, Rufus Choate [1799-1859], successfully argued that Tirrell was innocent because he had been sleepwalking during the killing. This was the first time a defense based on sleepwalking was used in a murder trial. The letters collected by her brother in the *Authentic Life* document Mary Ann's relationship with her husband, James Bickford, and her relationship with Tirrell, who is shown to have been abusive and manipulative.

The OCLC listing for the second edition held by the New York Historical Society Library notes that "the color of the cover appears to be the only difference [between the two editions]." OCLC locates 16 copies of both editions, 3 in law libraries, which have the first edition (Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 986 (edition not stated). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13108.

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**Rare Images of James Fisk, The Man Who
Murdered Him And the Woman Who Drove Him to Murder**

5. [Murder].

Fisk, James, Jr. [1835-1872]

Stokes, Edward [1841-1901].

Mansfield, Helen Josephine, "Josie" [1847-1931].

[3-1/2" x 2-1/4" Cartes-de-Visite of Fisk, Stokes and Mansfield Mounted on 4" x 2-1/2" Cards]. [New York?, c.1870].

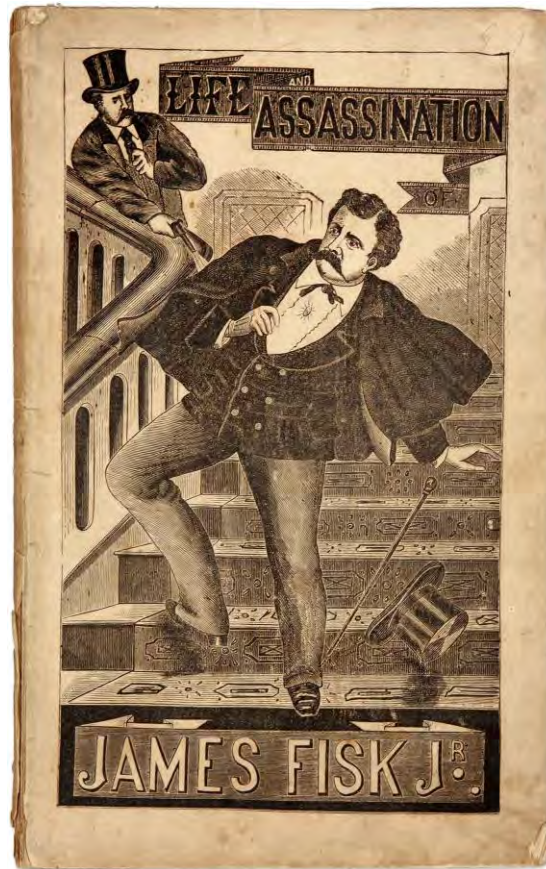
Light toning and soiling to edges of cards a few minor finger smudges outside of images, light wear to corners. \$750.

* These images relate to a sensational event that occurred in New York in 1872: the murder of the financier Fisk, also known as "Diamond Jim" and "Jubilee Jim," by his former business associate Stokes. McDade's summary of the case: "Stokes [and Fisk] become engaged in a bitter legal battle which originated when Stokes stole Fisk's mistress, Josie Mansfield. In retaliation Fisk had charged Stokes with embezzling oil company funds; Stokes replied with a charge of false imprisonment. Then Mansfield threatened to publish letters from Fisk revealing some of his transactions. On January 5 an injunction was issued restraining the publication of the letters; on the next day Josie Mansfield was exposed to a humiliating cross-examination in police court on her relations with Fisk. Stokes, in a rage, followed Fisk to the Broadway Central Hotel where he shot him on the stairs. After two trials the state could only convict Stokes of third-degree manslaughter."

No copies of any of these *cartes* on OCLC; no sale records in RareBookHub since 1919. McDade, *The Annals of Murder*, annotation to entry 917.

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Jealousy, Fraud, Accusations and Murder: McDade 919

6. [Murder].

[Stokes, Edward S. (1841-1901)].

[Fisk, James, Jr. (1835-1872)].

Life, Adventures, Strange Career, And Assassination of Col. James Fisk, Jr. The Fisk-Stokes Tragedy. All about Miss Mansfield. Those Rich, Rare, And Racy Letters and Many Oddities Now for the First Time Made Public. Philadelphia: Published by Barclay & Co., [1872]. [ii], [19]-111, [1] pp. 12 full-page engraved woodcuts. Complete. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Binding slightly cocked, light soiling, rubbing to corners with light wear, spine ends abraded, wrappers just beginning to detach at ends. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,500.

* Only edition. "Jim Fisk...was a financial wonder in New York in 1872. Edward Stokes had been associated with him in the oil business, but they had become engaged in a bitter legal battle which originated when Stokes stole Fisk's mistress, Josie Mansfield. In retaliation Fisk had charged Stokes with embezzling oil company funds; Stokes replied with a charge of false imprisonment. Then Mansfield threatened to publish letters from Fisk revealing some of his transactions. On January 5 an injunction was issued restraining the publication of the letters; on the next day Josie Mansfield was exposed to a humiliating cross-examination in police court on her relations with Fisk. Stokes, in a rage, followed Fisk to the Broadway Central Hotel where he shot him on the stairs. After two trials the state could only convict Stokes of third-degree manslaughter" (McDade, annotation to 917).

OCLC locates 11 copies, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 919.

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"The Female Murderess!": Driven by the Culture of Slavery (With Two Full-Page Woodcuts)

7. [Murder].

[Walters, Ann Smith (1812-1844)].

[Dudley, Enos G. (d.1849)].

[Runkle, Mary (c.1797-1847)].

Life and Confession of Ann Walters, The Female Murderess! Also the Execution of Enos G. Dudley, At Haverhill, N.H., May 23d, 1849. To Which is Added the Confession of Mary Runkle, Who Was Executed for Murder. [Boston]: Printed for the Proprietor, 1850. 32 pp. Two full-page woodcut illustrations. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/2").

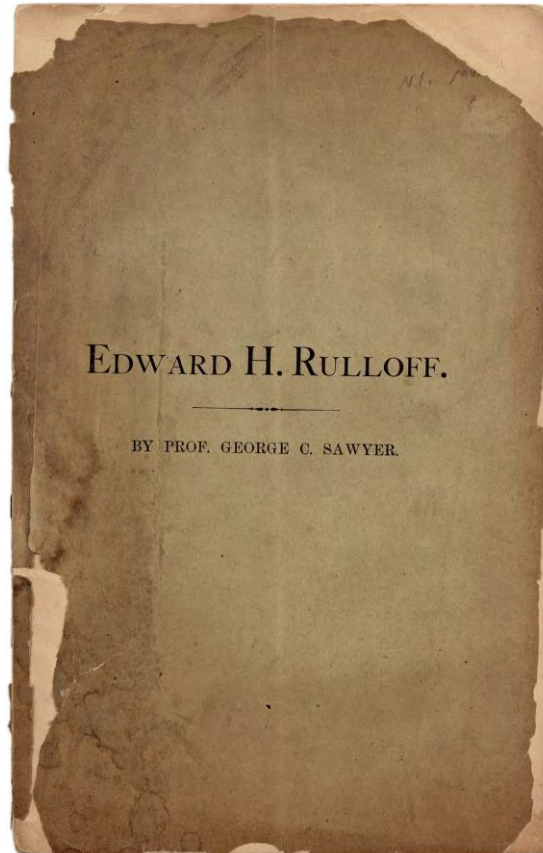
Stab-stitched pamphlet in green printed wrappers, large woodcut image of Walters to front, untrimmed edges. Light soiling to exterior, moderate edgewear, light toning to text, somewhat heavier in a few places. \$950.

* Although OCLC records an "Ann Walters (1812-1844)," McDade believes her story is a work of fiction that incorporates details of a dozen different murders. He also doubts the veracity of the Runkle case. Walters ran a tavern on the Delaware-Maryland border, where she liked to murder traveling slave traders and steal their slaves, money and other valuables. (Her murder of a slave-trader is depicted in one of the woodcuts.) Her depravity is blamed in part on the morally corrosive effects of slavery: "Although born in a free country where slavery is abhorred [Canada], she soon imbibed a taste for the traffic in slaves, as our readers may easily perceive that her location was in a slave state where morality is not very exalted, as such a course could not have been carried on in a free state so long, without meeting the eye of detection." Walters began her career by killing her child and husband, she then became the leader of a criminal gang.

OCLC locates 4 copies in law libraries. (Harvard, Social Law, University of Missouri, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1036.

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McDade 841: "One of Those Bizarre Criminals Who Defy Easy Classification"

8. Sawyer, George C.

"Edward H. Rulloff." Offprint from the *American Journal of Insanity*, April, 1872. [Utica, NY: State Lunatic Asylum]. 52 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Wrappers detached, chipped around edges and lightly soiled, moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to upper corner of the first half of the text block at gutter, light soiling to title and verso of final leaf. \$750.

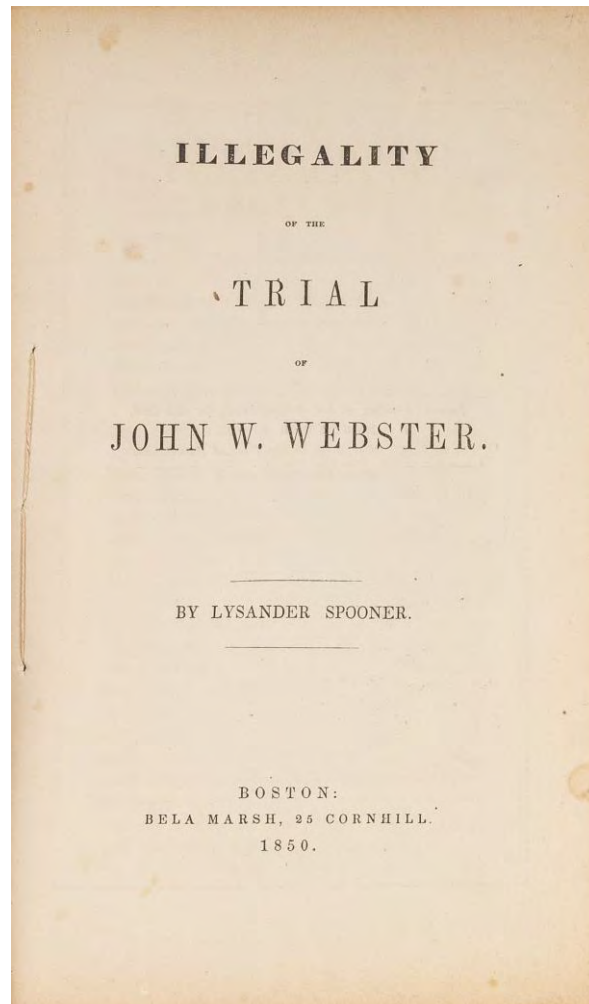
* As McDade notes, Rulloff (sometimes spelled Ruloff) was "one of those bizarre criminals who defy easy classification." He began his criminal career in 1856 with the murder of his wife and child. The bodies were never recovered, so he was convicted of a lesser charge and sentenced to jail. Upon release, he was tried again and sentenced to death, but that sentence was reversed on appeal.

While in prison Rolloff taught himself several languages and devised a theory of languages. Under an alias, he toured the lecture circuit as a philologist. Far from reformed, he continued to commit burglaries and other crimes with a pair of associates. In 1870, one of these burglaries ended with the murder of two store clerks. The two associates drowned during their escape, but Rolloff was caught, tried and hanged for murder. His brain was later a subject for scientific study. Sawyer's article offers a psychological study of Rulloff and a detailed account of his career.

OCLC locates 9 copies, 1 in a law library (Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 841.

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Lysander Spooner's Opinion of the Famous Webster Case

9. Spooner, Lysander [1808-1887].

Illegality of the Trial of John W. Webster. Boston: Published by Bela Marsh, 1850. 16 pp. Errata sheet, often lacking in copies of this title, present. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

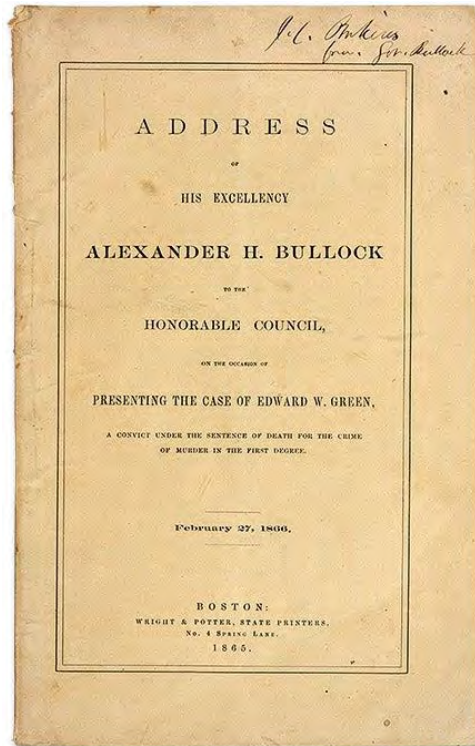
Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light edgewear and stains to wrappers, wrappers detaching but secure, internally clean. \$500.

* Only edition. The grisly murder of Dr. John Parkman by Professor John W. Webster at Harvard Medical School was one of the most famous American crimes of the nineteenth century. Webster was convicted and hanged. Spooner, the great Boston radical, claims the trial was rigged because potential jurors who opposed capital punishment were dismissed. There is also a larger point: "[I]f the government can exclude, on account either of their opinions or feelings, any persons thus drawn by lot, the trial is no longer a trial by 'the country,' but only by a portion of the country. It is, in fact, a trial by *the government*, instead of 'the country,'--because it is a trial by that portion only of the country, which has been selected by the government, on account of their having no opinions or feeling different from its own" (4).

McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1058.

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**Presented by the Author, Then the Governor of
Massachusetts, To a Prominent Judge and Legal Scholar**

10. [Trial].

Bullock, Alexander H. [1816-1882].

Green, Edward W. [d.1866], Defendant.

Address of His Excellency Alexander H. Bullock to the Honorable Council on the Occasion of Presenting the Case of Edward W. Green, A Convict Under the Sentence of Death for the Crime of Murder in the First Degree. February 27, 1866. Boston: Wright & Potter, State Printers, 1865 [i.e. 1866]. 29 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

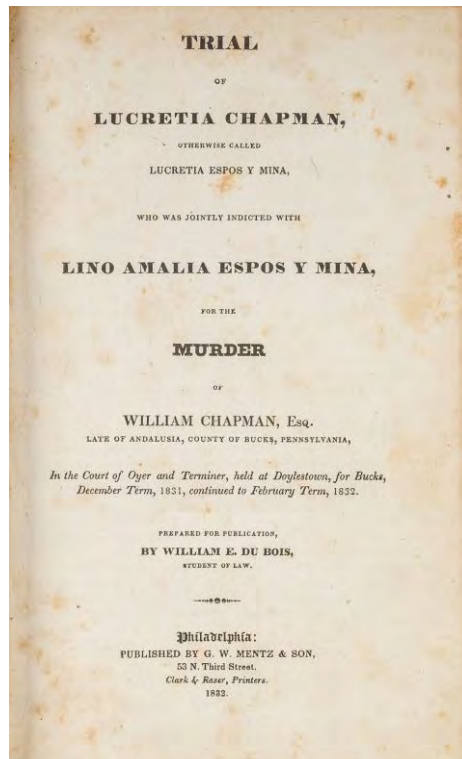
Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, recent repair to lower corner of rear wrapper. Light soiling and a few minor spots, light wear to spine ends, faint vertical crease through center, presentation inscription, "J.C. Perkins/ from Gov. Bullock," to head of front wrapper, light toning to interior, a few spots to title page. \$750.

* Only edition. According to McDade, Green, the postmaster of Malden, Massachusetts, was the first person to rob an American bank at gunpoint. He was "a 'secretly drinking man' and had been short on his post office accounts. On December 15, 1863, finding the bank manned solely by the seventeen-year-old son of the president, he went back for his gun. Entering the bank, he shot the youth twice through the head and carried off \$5,000. in bills. The crime was very quickly traced to him; his confession disclosed where he had hidden the money, and he was condemned to die" (McDade, annotation to 381). Bullock was the governor of Massachusetts. His *Address* discusses his reasons for signing Green's death warrant. The recipient of this copy was likely Jonathan C. Perkins [1809-1877], a judge and prolific legal scholar. Perkins and Bullock served together in the Massachusetts legislature and on the board of Amherst College.

OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State University, Worcester Trial Court Library, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 382.

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"The True Character of the Spanish Adventurer": McDade 169

11. [Trial].

Chapman, Lucretia [1788-1841], Defendant.

Du Bois, William E. [1810-1881], Compiler.

Trial of Lucretia Chapman, Otherwise Called Lucretia Espos Y Mina, Who was Jointly Indicted with Lino Amalia Espos Y Mina, For the Murder of William Chapman... Philadelphia: G.W. Mentz & Son., 1832. 213; 11 pp. Final section (11 pp.) has the drop-head title *Supplement to the Trial of Mrs. Chapman, Published by George W. Mentz & Son, Philadelphia*. Octavo (9" x 6").

Contemporary sheep, blind rules to boards, blind fillets to spine, lettering piece lacking. Light rubbing and a few scuffs to boards, front board detached, rear board partially detached but secure, moderate rubbing to extremities, spine abraded, spine ends and corners worn, early owner bookplate (Owen Stover) to front pastedown. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, offsetting to margins of endleaves, annotations in early hand to rear free endpaper. \$500.

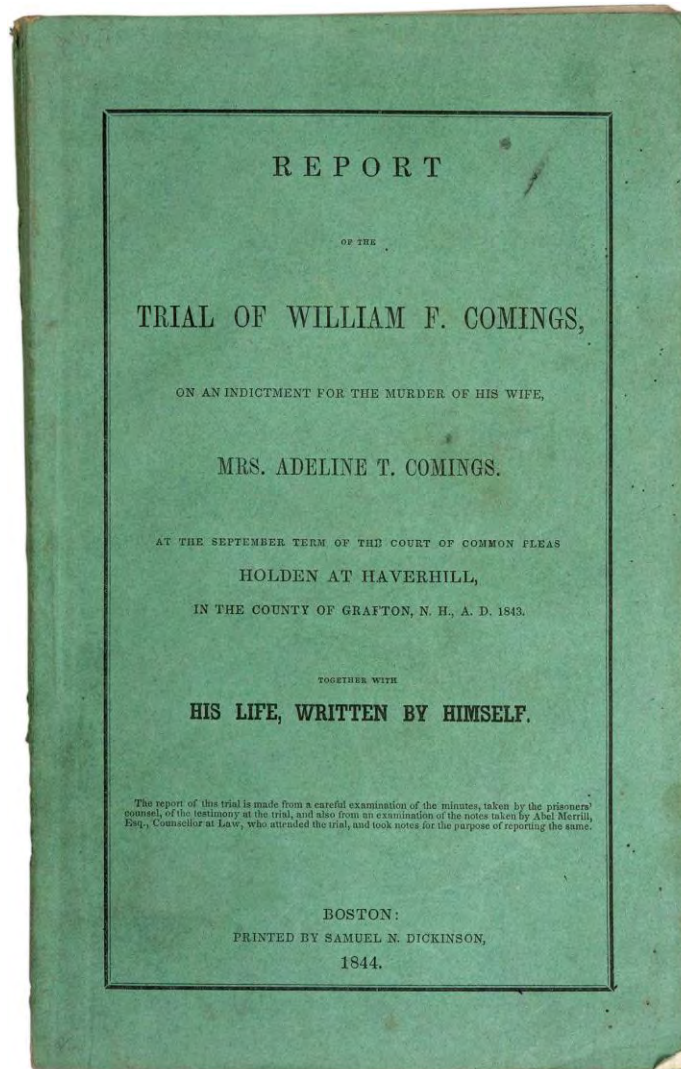
* Only edition. With the *Supplement* that, as noted by Cohen, was not included in all copies. Lucretia Chapman began an affair with Lino Amalia Espos Y Mina, a Spanish boarder who claimed to be the son of the governor of California. They poisoned Chapman's husband with arsenic, moved to New York and married. McDade notes: "Almost immediately the true character of the Spanish adventurer came out, with the disappearance of the family silver and other obvious signs of his chicanery. Other swindles drew the attention of the Philadelphia constable to him, and once suspicion was directed to the curious couple, the evidence mounted rapidly. (...) In separate trials she was acquitted while he was convicted and executed. It is difficult to tell whether they had acted in concert in the murder; at least the jury gave her the benefit of the doubt."

The former owner of our copy was likely Owen Stover [1801-1878], an attorney from Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 12416. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 169.

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He Tried to Make the Murder Look Like a Suicide: McDade 208

12. [Trial].

Comings, William F. [d. 1844], Defendant.

Report of the Trial of William F. Comings: On an Indictment for the Murder of His Wife, Mrs. Adeline T. Comings.... Boston: Samuel N. Dickinson, 1844. 158 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

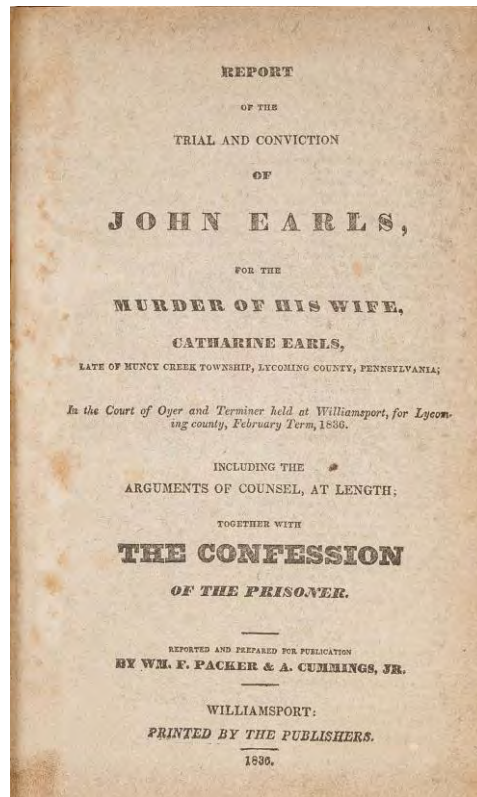
Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling and a few minor marks to wrappers, light wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint and adjacent signature just starting to detach at foot, some loss to foot of fore-edge of rear half of text block with no loss to text. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing. \$950.

* Only edition. "He was convicted of strangling his wife at Bath, N.H., with a handkerchief, and suspending her from a bedpost to make it appear to be suicide" (McDade).

OCLC locates 5 copies in law libraries (Library of Congress, New York University, Social Law Library, University of Missouri, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 208.

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A Poisoning in Pennsylvania: McDade 280

13. [Trial].

Earls, John [1802-1836], Defendant.

Packer, W[illiam] F. [1807-1870], Reporter, Editor.

Cummings, A[lexander], Jr., Reporter, Editor.

Report of the Trial and Conviction of John Earls, For the Murder of His Wife, Catharine Earls, Late of Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania; In the Court of Oyer and Terminer Held at Williamsport, For Lycoming County, February Term, 1836. Including the Arguments of Counsel, At Length, Together with the Confession of the Prisoner. Williamsport, [PA]: Printed by the Publishers [Packer and Cummings], 1836. [iv], 188 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Contemporary quarter sheep over paper-covered boards, lettering piece and blind fillets to spine. Light soiling, spotting and a few minor stains to boards, joints cracked, wear to spine ends, edges of lettering piece and fore-edges of boards edges, corners bumped, front hinge partially cracked. Moderate toning to interior, light browning in places, light foxing to a few leaves, "G.W. Stout/ from Elisha Allis/ Oct 5 1870" to front pastedown. \$650.

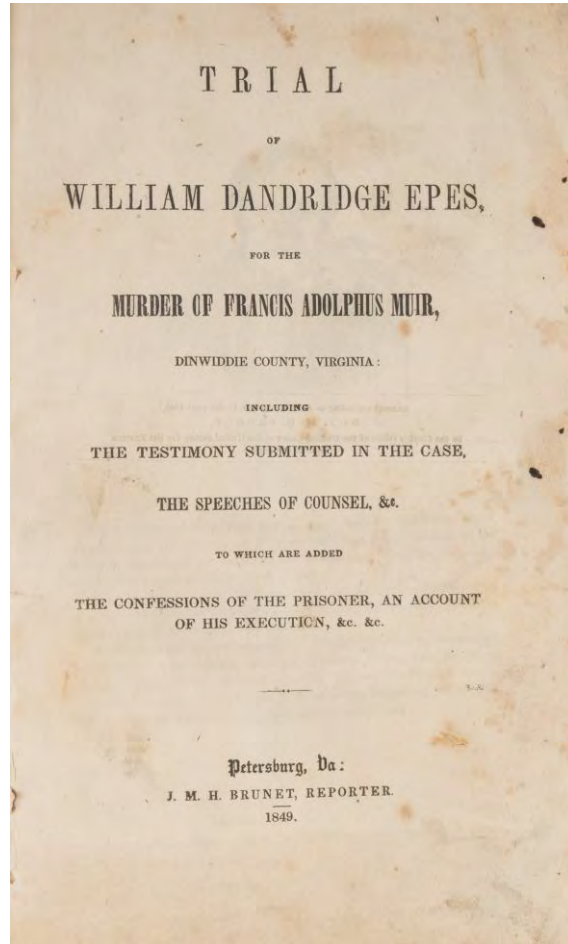
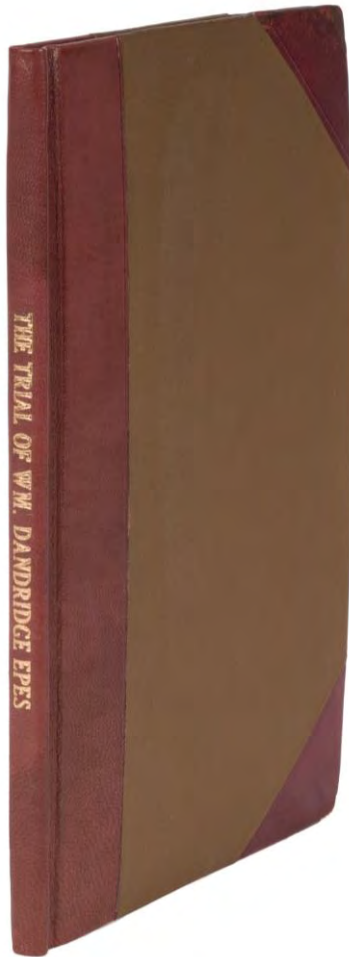
* Only edition. Earls murdered his wife with poison, and this trial account discusses poisons at length. McDade notes: "Earls' motive was the usual other-woman. He gave as his reason for purchasing the poison, 'to kill mink and muskrats,' an imaginative variant. He poisoned his wife the day after she gave birth."

"G.W. Stout" is likely George W. Stout [1830-1906], a prominent Easton, Pennsylvania Lawyer. The giver is likely Elisha Allis [1832-1893], also a resident of Easton, whose wife, Sarah, was the daughter of William F. Packer [1807-1870], one of the reporters of our account, who later became the governor of Pennsylvania.

McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 280.

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An 1849 Murder in Petersburg, VA: McDade 286

14. [Trial].

Epes, William Dandridge [1806?-1848], Defendant.

Brunet, J[ames] M[onroe] H[amilton] [1817-1856], Reporter.

Trial of William Dandridge Epes, For the Murder of Francis Adolphus Muir, Dinwiddie County, Virginia: Including the Testimony Submitted in the Case, The Speeches of Counsel, &c. To Which are Added the Confessions of the Prisoner, An Account of His Execution, &c. &c. Petersburg, VA: J.M.H. Brunet, Reporter, 1849. 76 pp. Woodcut portrait of Epes on p.3.

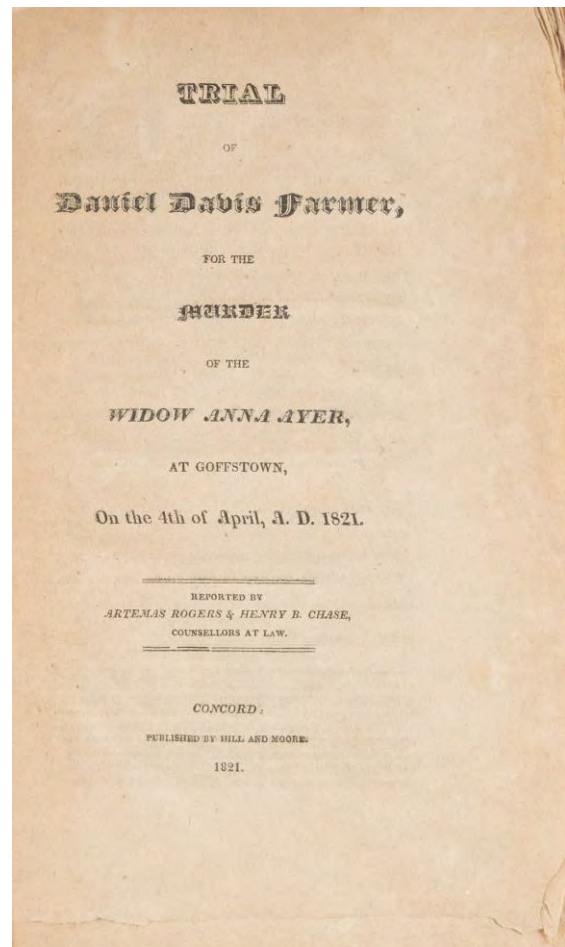
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later three-quarter calf over cloth, recently rebacked, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to board edges, some wear to corners. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, light soiling and edgewear to title page, the following leaf and final leaf. \$1,850.

* "Muir threatened to foreclose [farm] property he had sold to Epes, so Epes shot his creditor and hid his body on the farm. He faked a series of letters to account for Muir's absence, but he pawned his victim's watch and led the police to his door" (McDade).

OCLC locates 7 copies in law libraries (Harvard, Jenkins, Library of Congress, University of Missouri, University of Virginia, US Supreme Court, William & Mary). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 286.

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He Beat Her to Death with a Shovel: McDade 300

15. [Trial].

Farmer, Daniel Davis [1793-1822], Defendant.

Rogers, Artemas, Reporter.

Chase, Henry B. [1776 or 1777-1854], Reporter.

Trial of Daniel Davis Farmer, For the Murder of the Widow Anna Ayer, At Goffstown, On the 4th of April, A.D. 1821. Concord [NH]: Published by Hill and Moore, 1821. 72 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

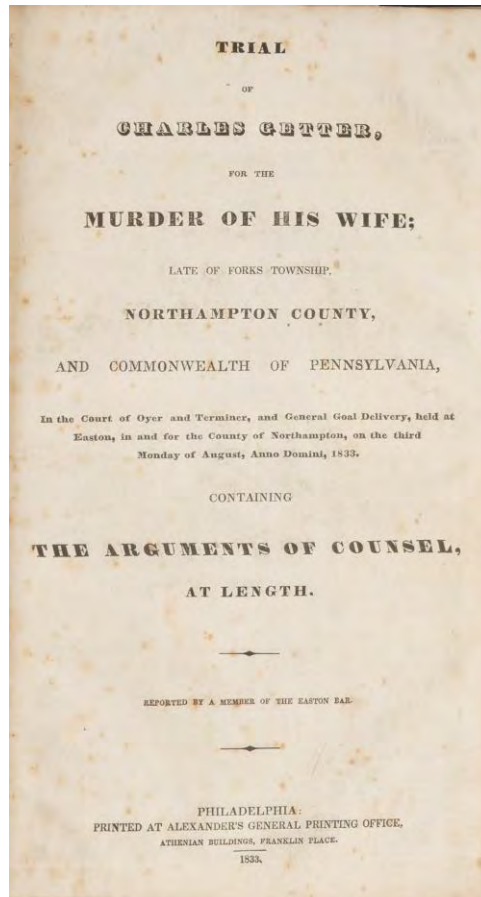
Stab-stitched pamphlet with untrimmed edges bound into later quarter cloth over marbled boards, black-stamped title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, free endpapers lacking, light browning to pamphlet. An attractively bound, well-preserved copy. \$350.

* Only edition. When Mrs. Ayer charged Farmer with fathering her child, he beat her to death with an iron shovel (McDade mistakenly says "cudgel") and tried to burn her house. Farmer was found guilty and executed.

McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 300.

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Convicted for Strangling His Pregnant Wife: McDade 335

16. [Trial].

Getter, Charles [d.1833], Defendant.

The Trial of Charles Getter, For the Murder of His Wife; Late of Forks Township, Northampton County, And Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, And General Goal Delivery, Held at Easton, In and For the County of Northampton, On the Third Monday of August, Anno Domini, 1833. Containing the Arguments of Counsel, At Length. Reported by a Member of the Easton Bar. Philadelphia: Printed at Alexander's General Printing Office, 1833. 71, [1] pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 4-3/4").

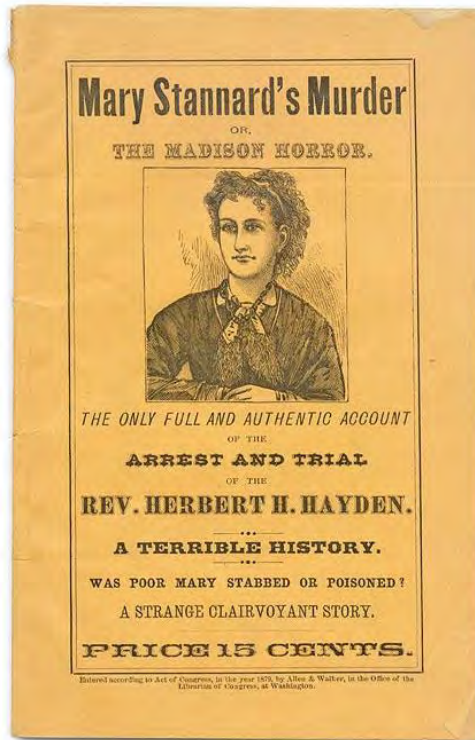
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound in later three-quarter morocco over cloth, gilt title to spine. Light rubbing to extremities, light fading to spine, front joint starting at head, faint offsetting to endleaves. Light toning and light foxing to interior. \$400.

* Only edition. "In this case," McDade writes, "the social and civic pressure to make the poor girl an honest woman produced disastrous consequences. Getter, held in jail on a charge of fornication and bastardy, married Rebecca Lawall when given the choice of doing that or remaining in jail. Six weeks later, saddled with a wife he did not want, he choked her to death." Getter was the last person to be publicly executed in Pennsylvania; public execution was banned after a public outcry over the indifference of the vast crowd to Getter's hanging.

OCLC locates 7 copies of this title in law libraries (Harvard, University of Missouri, Yale, Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania, Worcester Trial Court Law Library, Jenkins Law Library). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 335.

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"The Most Mysterious of All the Cases Which Have Baptized Connecticut in Blood": McDade 449

17. [Trial].

[Hayden, Herbert H. (b.1850), Defendant].

Stannard, Mary [1856-1878].

Poor Mary Stannard! A Full and Thrilling Story of the Circumstances Connected with Her Murder. History of the Monstrous Madison Crime. The Most Mysterious of All the Cases Which have Baptized Connecticut in Blood. New Haven: Stafford Print. Co., 1879. 47 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers with a woodcut portrait of Stannard. Faint fold lines, some wear to spine ends, a few small chips to edges, small dampstain to upper corner of front wrapper, some browning to text. A well-preserved copy. \$850.

* Only edition. "In 1879, the body of Mary Stannard, twenty-two, once the servant of Reverend Herbert H. Hayden, was found in one of Hayden's fields in Madison, Conn. Her throat was cut, her skull was fractured, and there was arsenic in her stomach. Stannard had spoken to several people about her recent pregnancy by Hayden, and explained that he was going to give her something to induce an abortion. She said also that she was planning to meet Hayden in the field to pick berries and discuss their future. Unable to account for himself during the time of the killing, Hayden was arrested after it was discovered that he had purchased an ounce of arsenic "to kill rats" the day of his former servant's death.... At the three-month trial, a clairvoyant testified to the defendant's innocence, the first such incident in an American courtroom. A hung jury resulted in Hayden's release" (Nash).

OCLC locates 12 copies, 2 in law libraries (University of Missouri, Yale). Nash, *Encyclopedia of World Crime* 1493. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 449.

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**"His Execution, In the Sight of
Hundreds of Vessels, Was in the Best Maritime Tradition"**

18. [Trial].

Hicks, Albert W. [c.1820-1860], Defendant.

Fowler, L[orenzo] N[iles] [1811-1896].

The Life, Trial, Confession and Execution of Albert W. Hicks, The Pirate and Murderer, Executed on Bedloe's Island, New York Bay, On the 13th of July, 1860, For the Murder of Capt. Burr, Smith and Oliver Watts, On Board the Oyster Sloop E.A. Johnson. Containing the History of His Life (Written by Himself) From Childhood up to the Time of His Arrest. With a Full Account of His Piracies, Murders, Mutinies, High-Way Robberies, Etc., Comprising the Particulars of Nearly One Hundred Murders! To Which is Added the Account of His Arrest, Imprisonment, Trial and Execution: Also, His Phrenological Character, As Described by L.N. Fowler. New York: Robert M. De Witt, [1860]. [vi], [7]-84 pp. 8 plates of woodcuts. Verso of front wrapper has a publisher advertisement for the trial of John Brown, rear wrapper, with another advertisement, lacking. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

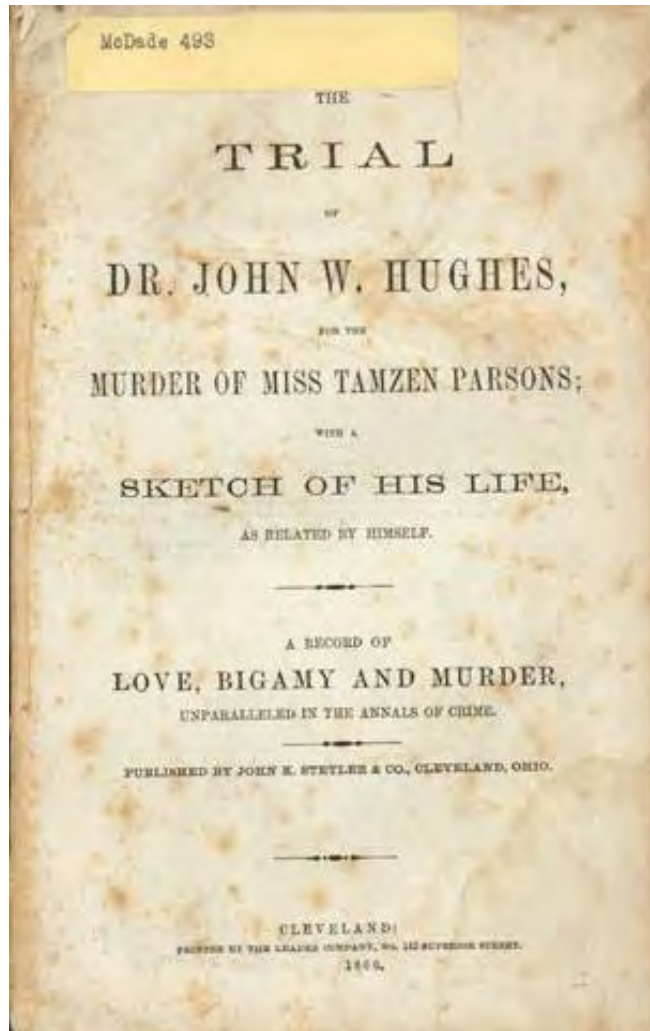
Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, pictorial front wrapper, fragments of calf spine (reading "Life of Hicks the Pirate - New York 1860"). Light soiling to exterior, a few minor tears and chips to title page and a few other leaves. Moderate toning to interior, faint stains to lower-outside corner of title page and following six leaves. An appealing copy of a scarce title. \$750.

* Only edition, one of two issues, the other with 68 pp. "Hicks was a triple murderer, but only technically a pirate. He was a member of the crew of an oyster sloop, and he chopped up the captain and two crew members in lower New York Bay, but being in the ebb and flow of the tide, it was technically a crime on the high seas and a federal offense. The little money he took got him to Providence, where he was caught. His execution in New York Harbor, in the sight of hundreds of vessels, was in the best maritime tradition (McDade). A notable feature of this account is the "psychological" profile by Fowler, the notable phrenologist, based on a post-mortem study of Hicks's skull and digestive organs.

OCLC locates 10 copies in North American law libraries. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 473.

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Rare Account of an "Unparalleled" Record of Love, Bigamy and Murder: A Variant Noted in McDade 493

19. [Trial].

Hughes, Dr. John W. [1833-1866], Defendant.

The Trial of Dr. John W. Hughes, For the Murder of Miss Tamzen Parsons; With a Sketch of His Life, As Related by Himself. A Record of Love, Bigamy and Murder, Unparalleled in the Annals of Crime. Cleveland: Printed by the Leader Company, 1866. 58 pp. Text mostly in double columns. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

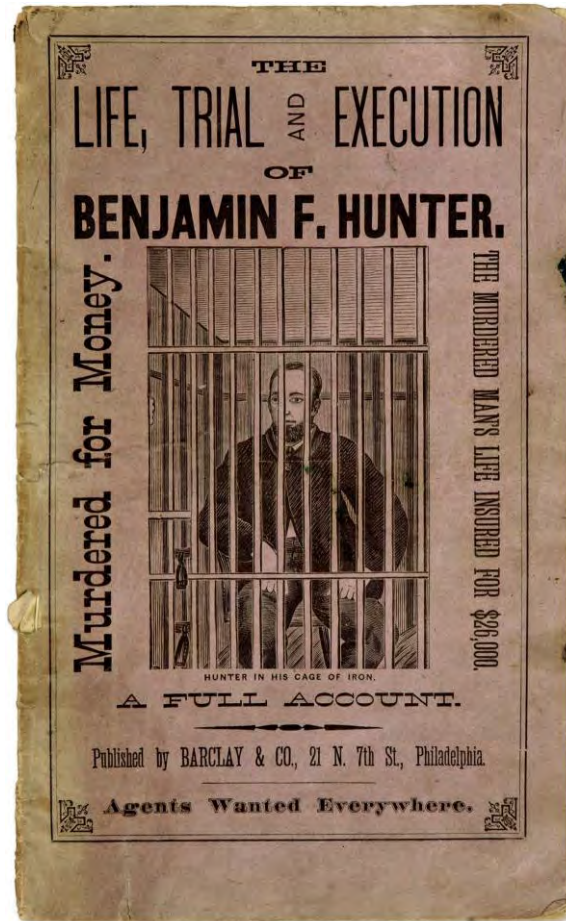
Stab-stitched pamphlet with printed back wrapper. Some wear to edges, occasional foxing and faint dampstaining. Small typed label stating "McDade 493" to head of title page, internally clean. \$250.

* Only edition, one of two issues. "Jealous and intoxicated, Hughes, on the streets of Bedford, Ohio, shot the seventeen year old girl he had seduced. At his execution, he spoke for fifteen minutes until the sheriff reminded him 'Time is going.' Then he dropped" (McDade). McDade notes the existence of this 58-page printing "which adds a farewell letter."

OCLC locates 1 copy of our issue (New York Public Library). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 493.

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An Axe-Murder in Camden, NJ: McDade 494

20. [Trial].

Hunter, Benjamin F. [d. 1879], Defendant.

Hunter-Armstrong Tragedy. The Great Trial. Conviction of Benj. F. Hunter for the Murder of John M. Armstrong. Philadelphia: Barclay & Company, 1878. [ii], 19-86 pp. Main text in parallel columns. 7 full-page woodcuts. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-3/4").

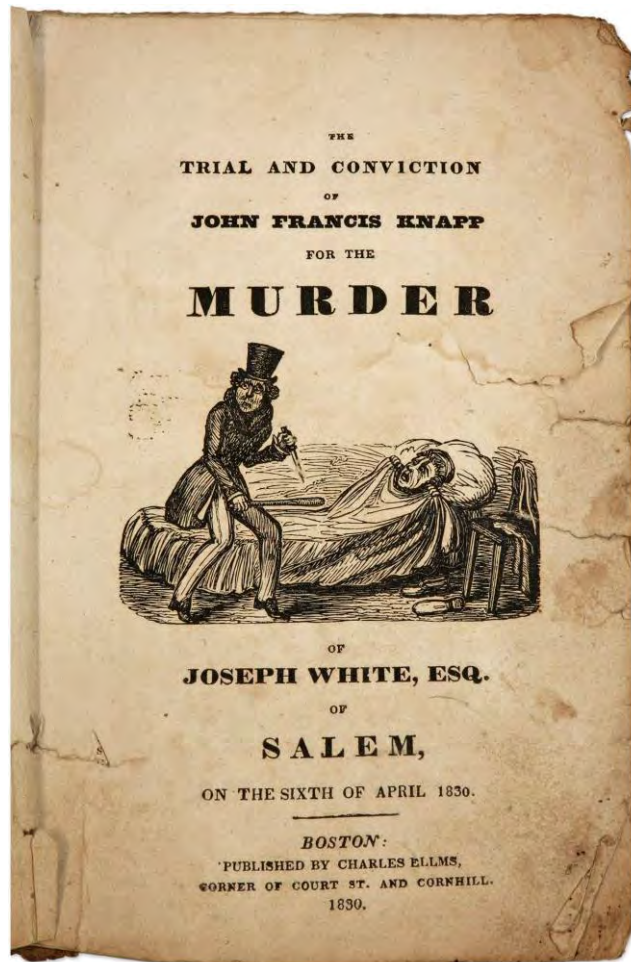
Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, cover title reads, in part: *The Life, Trial and Execution of Benjamin F. Hunter.* Light soiling, moderate edgewear and a few chips and tears to edges of wrappers, which are beginning to detach at foot of spine. Moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. \$850.

* First edition, one of five issues. "Hunter had lost \$7,000 when he invested in Armstrong's music-publishing company. Thinking to turn his loss into a profit, he insured Armstrong's life \$25,000. With a hired assistant, Tom Graham, he enticed Armstrong to Camden, New Jersey, and there bashed his head in with an axe which he had carefully marked with the initials of another man to throw suspicion on him. Though he remained unconscious, Armstrong survived, and Hunter, calling at his home, hastened his death by tearing the bandages from his head. Graham confessed and hunter was convicted and hanged, and he was actually hanged by hand" (McDade).

Other issues of this pamphlet have different cover titles and paginations. All are scarce. OCLC locates 7 copies of our 86-page issue, 1 in a law library (University of Missouri). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 494.

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A Famous Salem Murder: McDade 569

21. [Trial].

Knapp, John Francis [1810-1830], Defendant.

The Trial and Conviction of John Francis Knapp for the Murder of Joseph White, Esq. of Salem, On the Sixth of April 1830. Boston: Published by Charles Ellms, 1830. 35, [1] pp. Woodcut frontispiece. Woodcut title vignette of murder. Half-title reads: *Knapp's Second Trial, Conviction, And Sentence.* Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

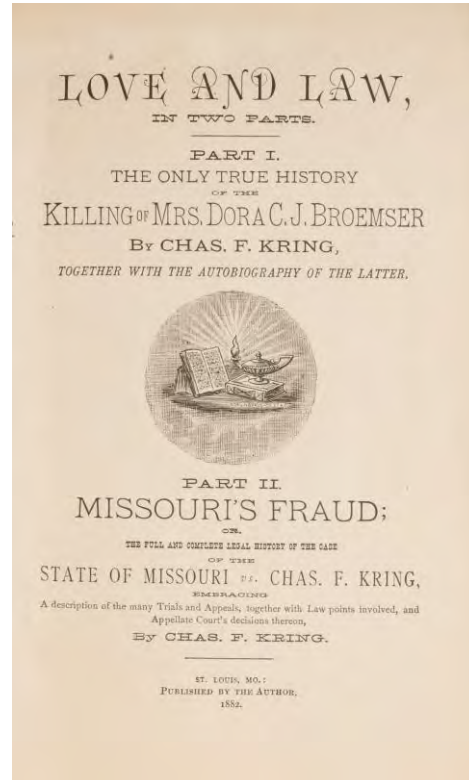
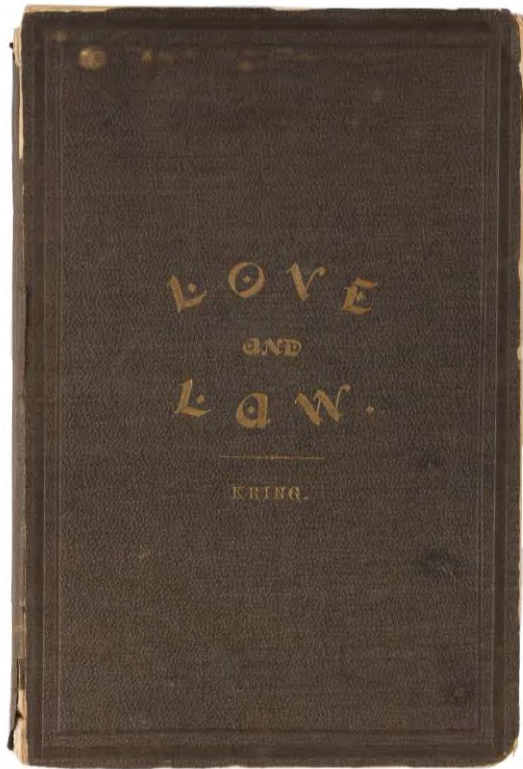
Stab-stitched pamphlet, wrappers lacking. Light soiling to exterior, moderate toning to text, some chipping, short tears and wear to fore-edges of leaves through p. 19 with no loss to text, faint spotting in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. A scarce title. \$600.

* Only edition. The murder of Joseph White, a wealthy retired sea captain, a conspiracy by a relative, Joseph Knapp, who hired his brother John Francis Knapp and the brothers Richard and George Crowninshield, was one of the most famous trials of the 1830s. Joseph Knapp received immunity for turning in the Crowninshields. George Crowninshield had a good alibi that prevented his conviction. Richard Crowninshield escaped justice by hanging himself. John Francis Knapp was tried twice. He was convicted in his second trial and sentenced to death.

OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 569.

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"One of Those Legal Marathons Peculiar to the United States": McDade 576

22. [Trial].

Kring, Charles F. [1845-1883], Defendant.

Love and Law, In Two Parts. Part I. The Only True History of the Killing of Mrs. Dora C.J. Broemser, by Chas. F. Kring: Together with the Autobiography of the Latter: Part II. Missouri's Fraud; Or, The Full and Complete Legal History of the Case of the State of Missouri vs. Chas. F. Kring: Embracing a Description of the Many Trials and Appeals, Together with Law Points Involved and Appellate Court's Decisions Thereon. St. Louis: Published by the Author, 1882. 200, [6] pp. 2 woodcut frontispieces. 14 woodcut plates. Final 5 pp. are advertisements. Octavo (9" x 6").

Original flexible cloth, blind frame and gilt title to front cover, which is detached. Light rubbing and a few spots to covers, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends, early owner bookplate of T.J. Silvius to front pastedown, his signature to front free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves, fold lines and small chips to upper outside corners of preliminaries and first four leaves of main text. \$950.

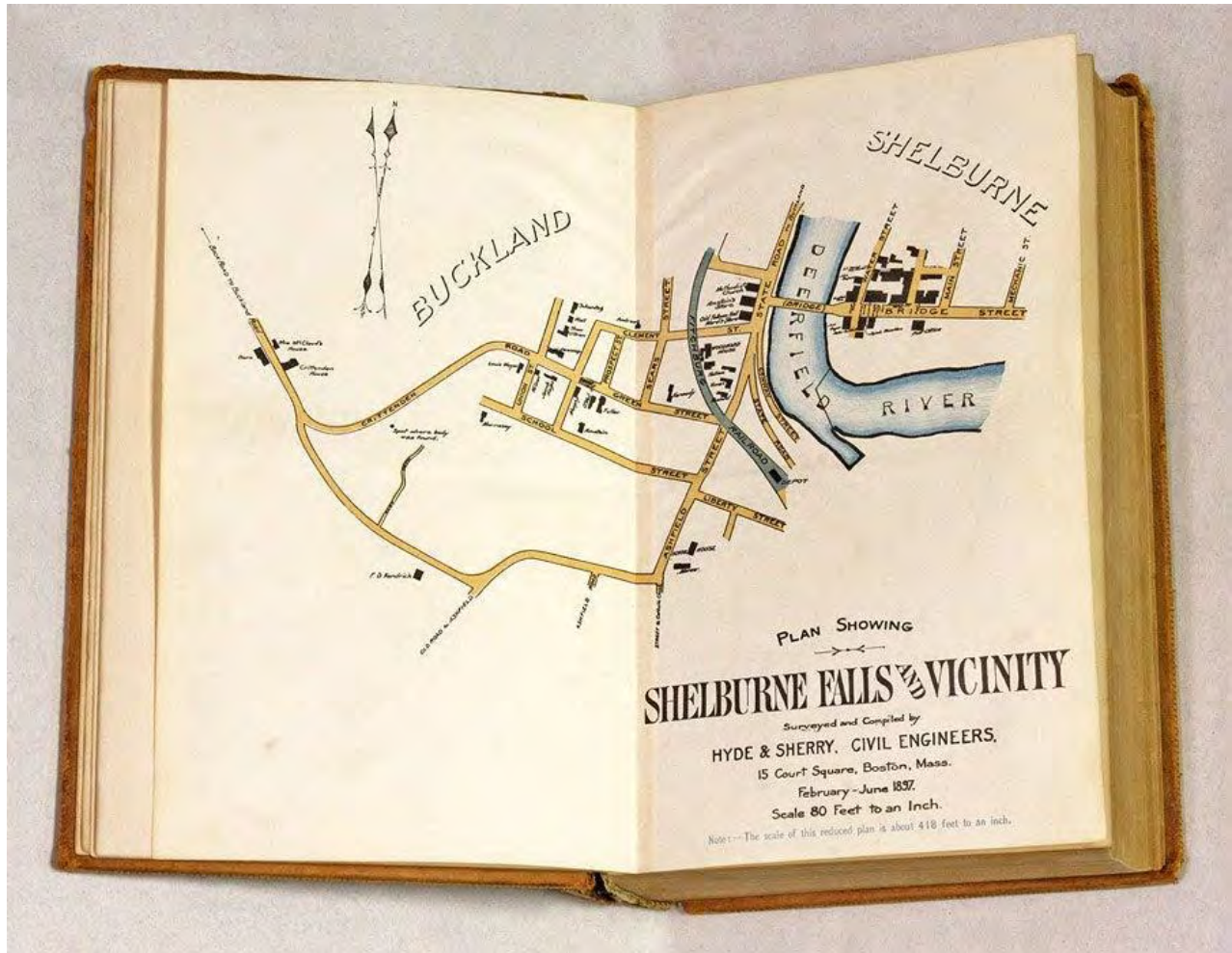
* Only edition. "Kring's case is one of those legal marathons peculiar to the United States. Infatuated with but rejected by Mrs. Broemser, he shot her on January 4, 1875. The death sentence in trial number 1 was reversed. Trials number 2 and 3 were mistrials. At trial number 4 Kring pled guilty to second-degree murder, but, after receiving a twenty-five-year sentence, he got that reversed. At trial number 5 he received his second death sentence, which the United States Supreme Court reversed in October, 1882, by a five-to-four vote" (McDade).

This copy probably belonged to Thomas J. Silvius [1854-1937], a printer and publisher in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

OCLC locates 3 copies in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, St. John's University). Bell, *History of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania* 845-46. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 576.

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**Murder, Rape and Necrophilia on a
Country Lane in Massachusetts: McDade 722**

23. [Trial].

O'Neil, John [1873?-1908], Defendant.

The Official Report of the Trial of John O'Neil for the Murder of Hattie Evelyn McCloud, In the Superior Court of Massachusetts. From Notes of the Official Stenographers. Published by the Attorney-General, Under Chapter 214 of Acts of 1886. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1901. [iv], 730 pp. Color map. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

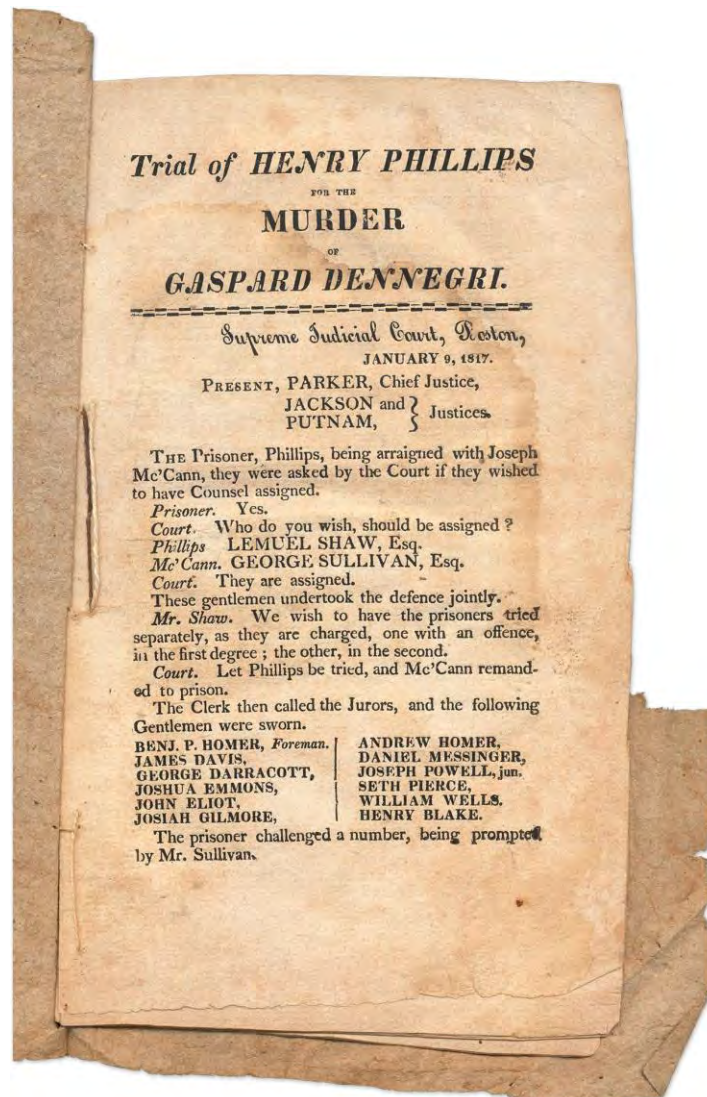
Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and original lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, negligible edgewear to preliminaries. \$500.

* Only edition. O'Neil, an unemployed machinist with a drinking problem, strangled Mrs. McCloud, then raped her corpse, on a country lane near Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, on January 8, 1897. Convicted later that year, O'Neil was executed on January 7, 1898.

McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 722.

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Fatally Struck by a Loggerhead: McDade 746

24. [Trial].

Phillips, Henry [d.1817].

Trial of Henry Phillips for the Murder of Gaspard Dennegri [sic]. *Supreme Judicial Court, Boston, January 9, 1817*. [(Boston): Printed by Thomas G. Bangs, (1817)]. 24 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5").

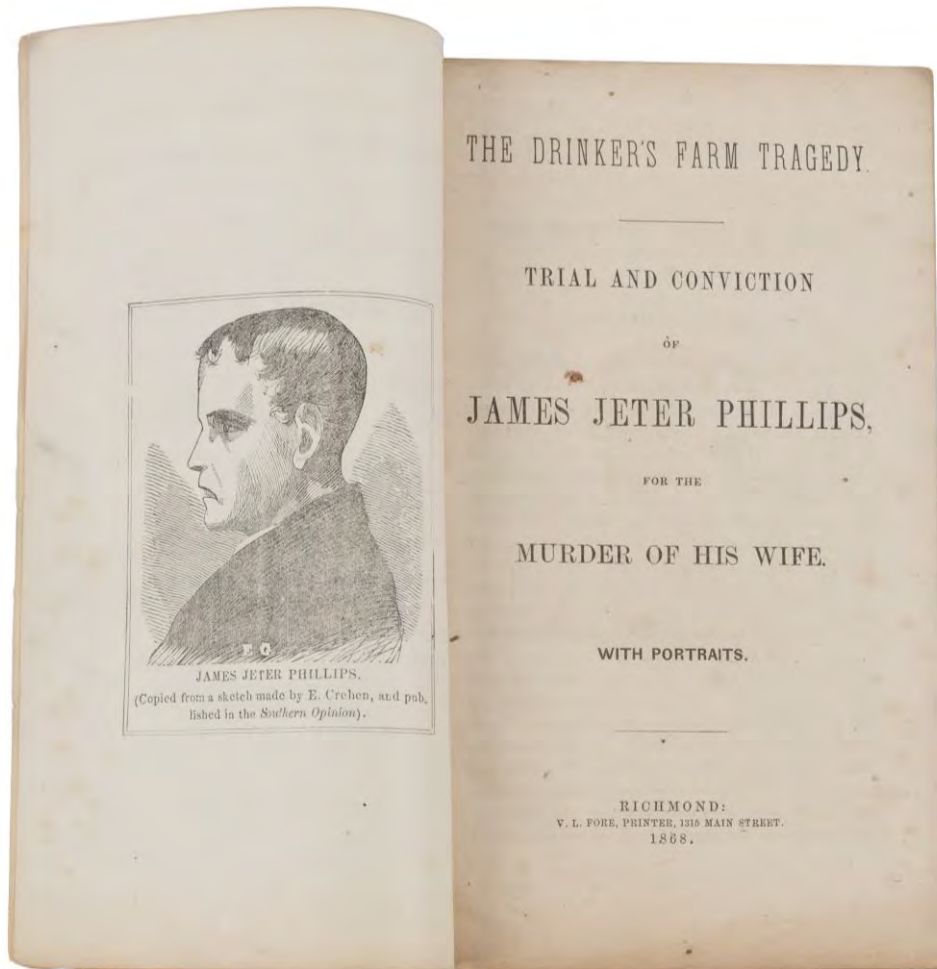
Stab-stitched pamphlet in plain wrappers. Chipping and a few tears to edges, upper section lacking from rear wrapper. Moderate toning and light foxing to interior, faint dampstaining in a few places. \$1,250.

* Only edition. "Denegri was struck on the head by a loggerhead during a minor disturbance at a tavern. Today the circumstances would at the most be considered manslaughter, but poor Phillips was found guilty of murder and hanged" (McDade).

OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, Social Law). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 746.

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A Scarce Account: McDade 747

25. [Trial].

Phillips, James Jeter [1843?-1868], Defendant.

The Drinker's Farm Tragedy. Trial and Conviction of James Jeter Phillips, For the Murder of His Wife. With Portraits. Richmond: [Published by J. Wall Turner] V.L. Fore, Printer, 1868. 96 pp. 2 full-page woodcut portraits (of Phillips and his wife, Mrs. Mary Emma Phillips). Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

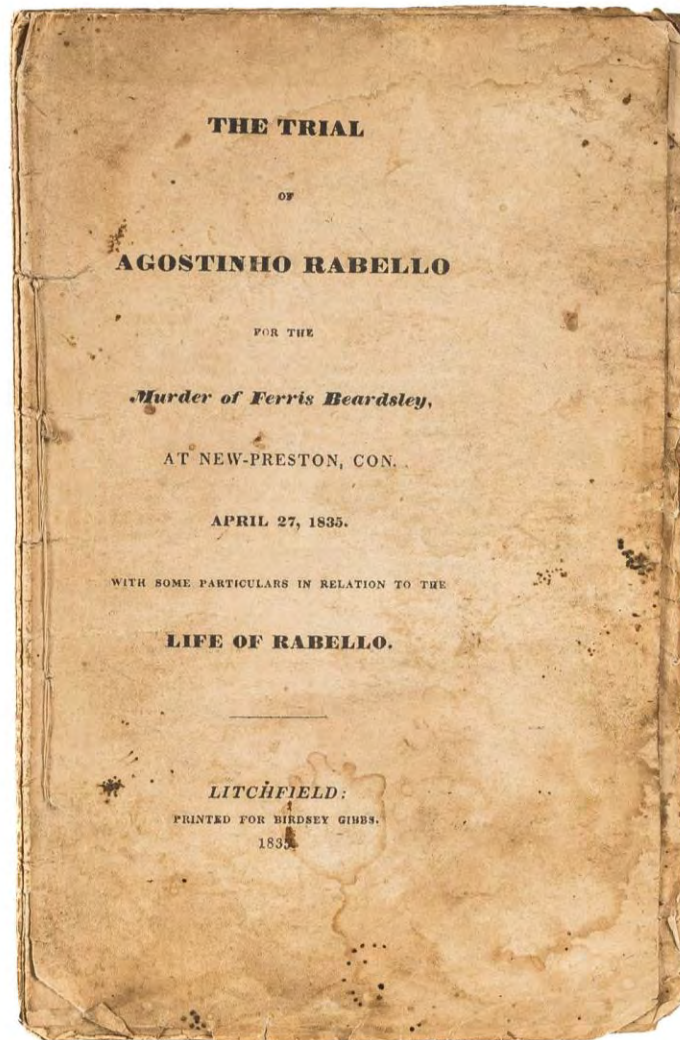
Original printed wrappers, with advertisements for various Richmond businesses rear and inside front covers. Some soiling, spotting and rubbing with wear to spine ends. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. \$350.

* Only edition. "Phillips, a scion of a 'good' Virginia family, twenty-four years old, murdered his wife Emily, who was ten years older, on a Henrico County, Virginia, roadside near Drinker's farm. He shot her with a small pistol, and her body was unidentified for three months" (McDade).

OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Duke, Harvard, University of Virginia, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 747.

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"He Killed Him With an Axe": McDade 781

26. [Trial].

Rabello, Agostinho [1803?-1835], Defendant.

The Trial of Agostinho Rabello for the Murder of Ferris Beardsley, At New-Preston, Con. April 27, 1835. With Some Particulars in Relation to the Life of Rabello. Litchfield, CT: Printed for Birdsey Gibbs, 1835. 48 pp. Octavo (8" x 5").

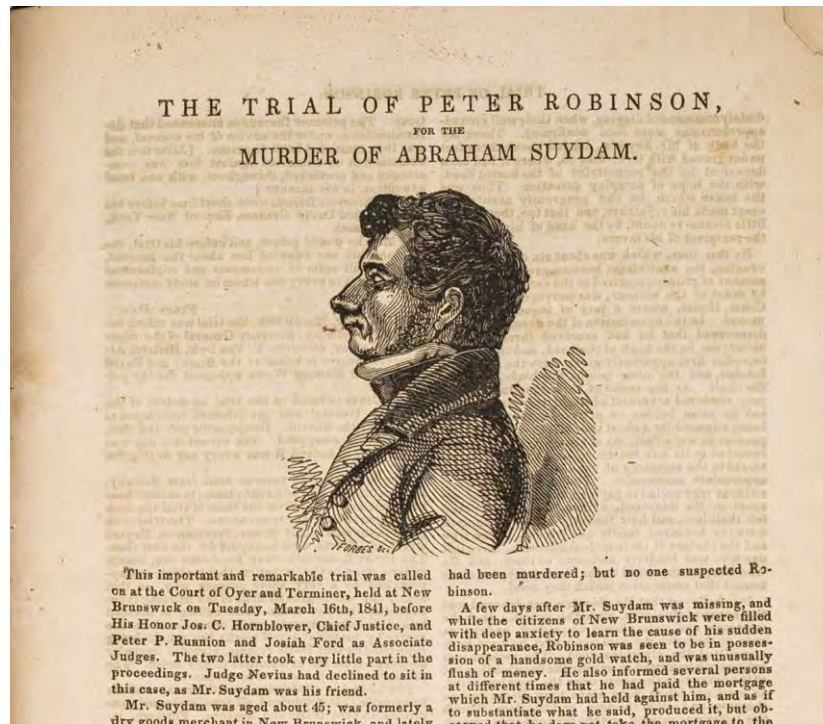
Stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning and light foxing, light soiling to exterior and edges of several leaves, faint dampstaining to foot of title page and six following leaves, rear leaf beginning to detach, but still secure. \$750.

* First edition. McDade provides a succinct summary of this case: "Rabello was a farm laborer and wanderer who lived off people's charity. He was working in the Beardsley home, and because his son, twelve-year-old Ferris, trod on his toes, he killed him with an axe. He was clearly insane and so the jury found."

OCLC locates 6 copies, 1 in a law library (Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 781.

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**A Murder that May Have Inspired One of
Edgar Allen Poe's Most Famous Stories: McDade 809**

27. [Trial].

Robinson, Peter [d.1841] , Defendant.

Attree, William H., Reporter.

The Trial of Peter Robinson for the Murder of Abraham Suydam, Esq., President of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of New Brunswick: Containing a Very Full and Accurate Account of All the Testimony Adduced on the Trial, The Whole Having Been Carefully Taken Down as it Was Delivered: Also, The Very Eloquent and Impressive Charge of Chief Justice Hornblower to the Jury, And His Final Most Affecting Address to the Wretched Criminal on Pronouncing Upon Him the Sentence of Death: Together With a Full Account of All the Strange and Horrid Confessions of Robinson as Made to Different Persons Before His Trial, and to His Counsel and Others Since His Conviction: Sentenced to be Hung on the 16th Day of April Next. New York: Published at the Office of the New York Herald, [c.1841]. 31, [1] pp. Woodcut portrait of Robinson at head of p. 4. Text in double columns. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

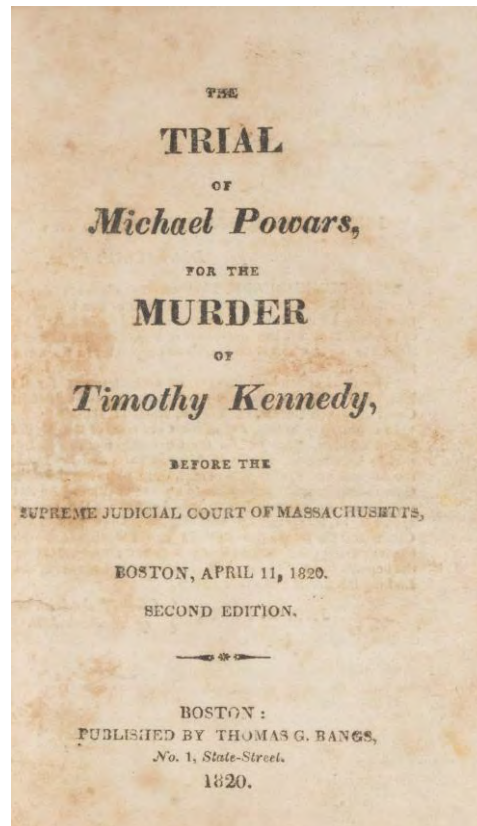
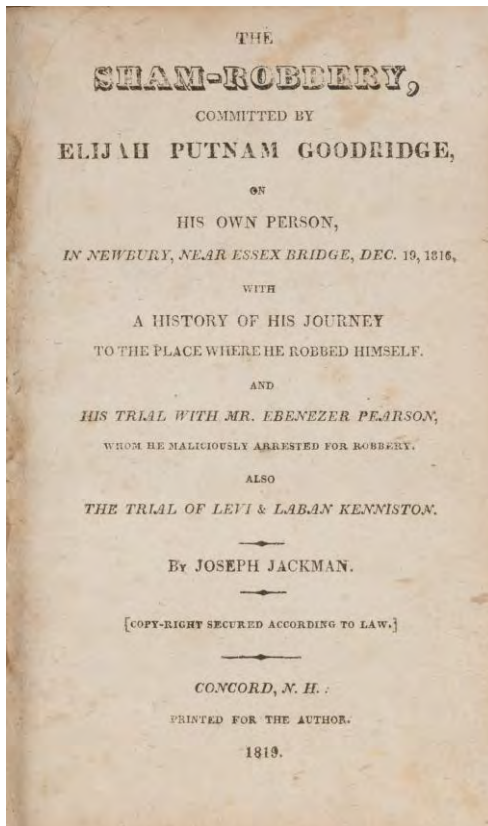
Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into somewhat later three-quarter sheep over marbled boards. Light rubbing to boards, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front joint and hinge partially cracked but secure, a few creases and a minor tear to rear free endpaper. Moderate toning to interior, light foxing to a few leaves and title page, which is lightly soiled and has the remains of a mostly trimmed-away signature at the top-edge. \$750.

* Only edition. This is the most detailed account of one of the most sensational American murder cases of the 1840s: the murder in New Brunswick, New Jersey, of Abraham Suydam, a banker, by Peter Robinson, one of his debtors. Robinson beat Suydam to death and buried him under the floorboards of his house. Many scholars believe this case provided the inspiration for Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart" (1843).

OCLC locates 6 copies of the Herald issue in law libraries (Columbia, Harvard, Library of Congress, South Texas College of Law, University of Missouri, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 809.

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Daniel Webster for the Defense

28. [Trials].

Jackman, Joseph.

Goodridge, Elijah Putnam [1787-1851], Defendant.

The Sham-Robbery, Committed by Elijah Putnam Goodridge on His Own Person, In Newbury Near Essex Bridge, Dec. 19, 1816.... Concord, NH: Printed for the Author, 1819. 151, [1] pp.

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Powers, Michael [1769-1820], Defendant.

The Trial of Michael Powars [sic], For the Murder of Timothy Kennedy.... Boston: Published by Thomas G. Bangs, 1820. 35 pp.

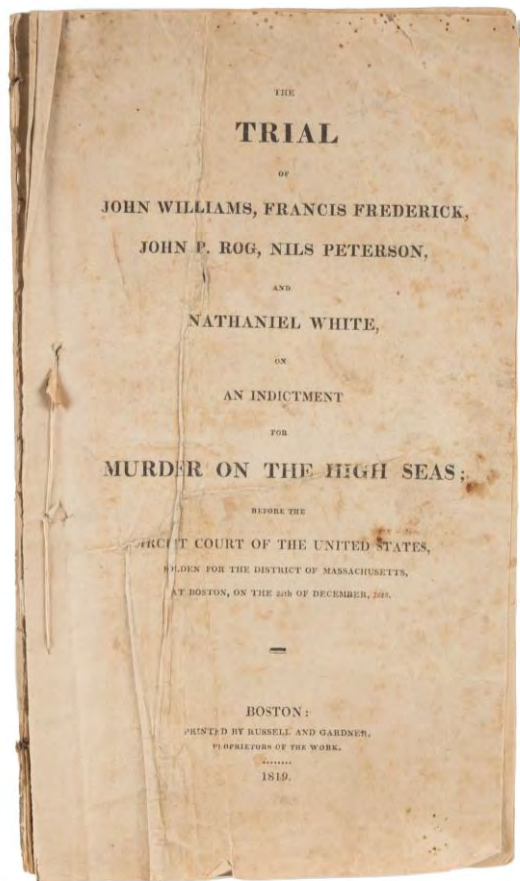
12mo (6-1/2" x 4-1/4"). Contemporary three-quarter sheep over marbled boards, lettering piece and gilt fillets to spine, early owner label (Albert C. Jenks) to front board. Moderate rubbing to boards, heavier rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, front board beginning to separate but secure, rear hinge cracked, armorial bookplate of Asa P. French (pasted over an earlier bookplate) to front pastedown, description of this item clipped from a bookseller catalogue tipped-in to front free endpaper. Light browning and foxing to interior. \$950.

* *Sham-Robbery*: only edition; *Trial*: second and final edition, published in the same year as the first. This volume collects accounts of two trials in which Daniel Webster served as a defense attorney. Jackman's *Sham-Robbery* is a detailed account, by one of the accused, of one of the trials connected with this Massachusetts case, one of the most famous cases of its day. The respected and well-connected Major Goodridge's accusation of robbery against the witless, low-life Kenniston brothers was supported by popular sentiment, until Webster began his defense, which meticulously unraveled the major's story and led to an acquittal. The trial was a landmark in Webster's legal career, and his final address to the jury, first printed here, is considered a classic example of his oratorical skill.

The Powers case involved a fatal encounter in Boston. As McDade notes: "Even the great Daniel Webster could not save Powers, who was condemned for killing Kennedy with a broadax and burying him in the cellar. He was provoked because Kennedy would not pay for the passage money which Powers had advanced to bring him to this country." A possible early owner of this book was Albert Carlisle Jenks [1798-1870 or 1872] a Pawtucket, Rhode Island shopkeeper. French [1860-1935], who certainly owned this book, was the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts from 1906 to 1914. He lived and worked for most of his life in Massachusetts.

Browne, *Genealogy of the Jenks Family of America* 187. *Sham-Robbery*: Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 14017; *Trial*: McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 768.

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An Interesting Mutiny, Murder, and Piracy Trial, Joseph Story Presided: McDade 1103

29. [Trials].

Williams, John [1789-1819], Primary Defendant.

The Trial of John Williams, Francis Frederick, John P. Rog, Nils Peterson and Nathaniel White. . . . Boston: Printed by Russell and Gardner, 1819. 92 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

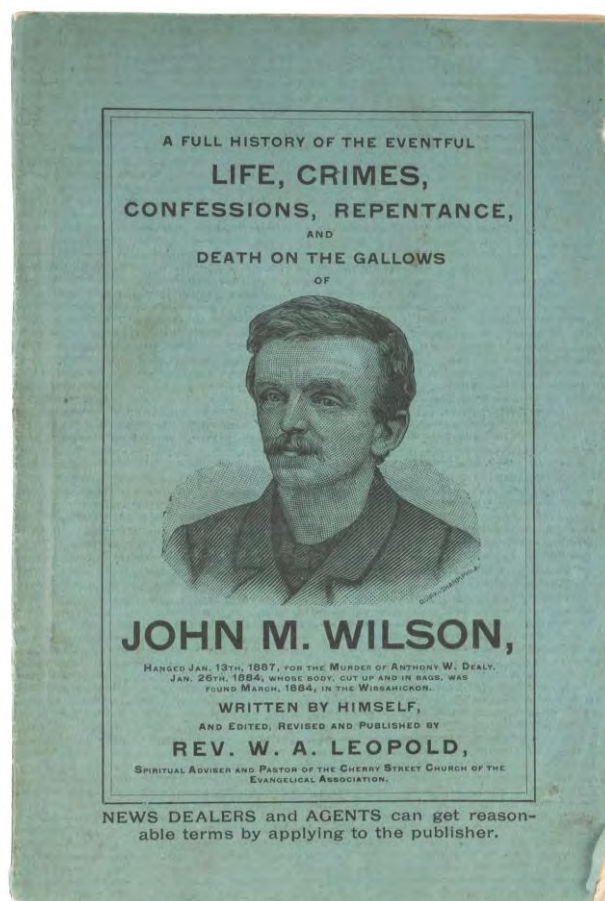
Stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Moderate edgewear, moderate toning and light foxing to text, title page wrinkled. Interesting listing of 17 names, presumably the crew, at the bottom of the last page. \$1,500.

* Only edition of an original account of American piracy. The defendants were accused of mutiny aboard the schooner "Plattsburgh" off the Georgia coast in 1816, and of the murder of the supercargo, Thomas Bayard, during the mutiny. It was a bloody scene, rehearsed in great detail in the 92 pages of this pamphlet. There was \$40,000 aboard, so the mutiny was piratically motivated. The villains split up the money, sailed to Denmark and were arrested in Copenhagen where the mate, a hostage of sorts, blew the whistle on them.

The case was heard before Joseph Story in his capacity as the Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Massachusetts. The jury found all except Nathaniel White guilty of murder and piracy, and they were hanged in January 1820. It made quite a splash in its day, and several sensational narratives besides this one were published.

Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13248. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1103.

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"Wilson Blamed His Plight on Demon Rum"

30. Wilson, John M. [1858-1887].

Leopold, W.A., Editor.

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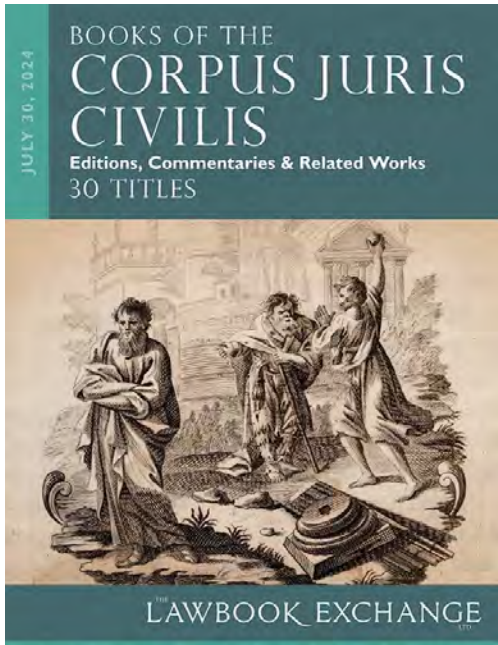
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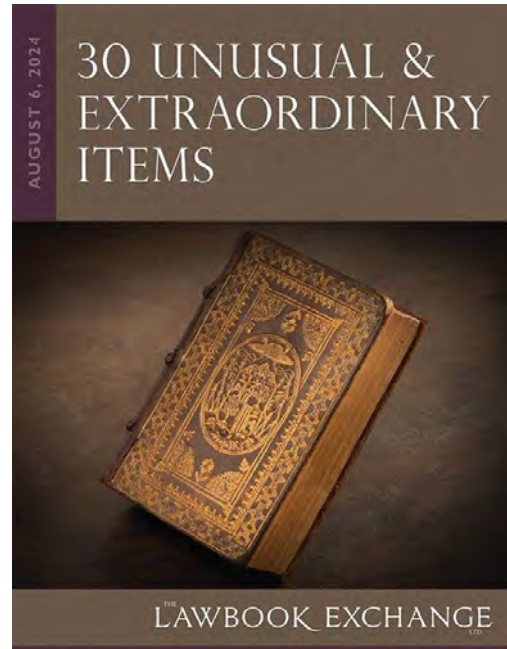
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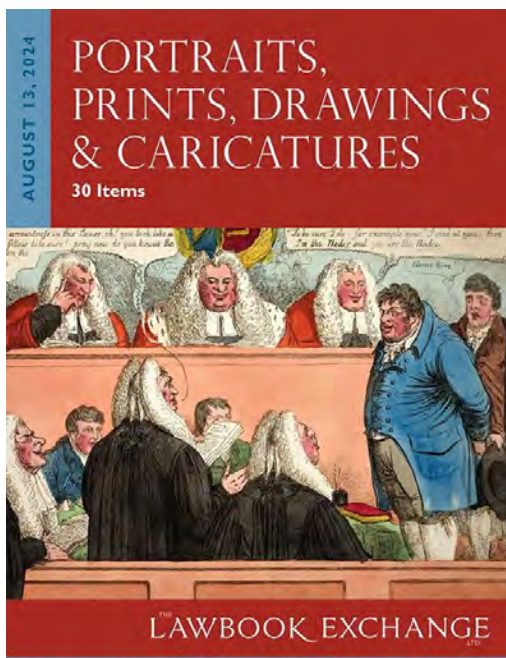
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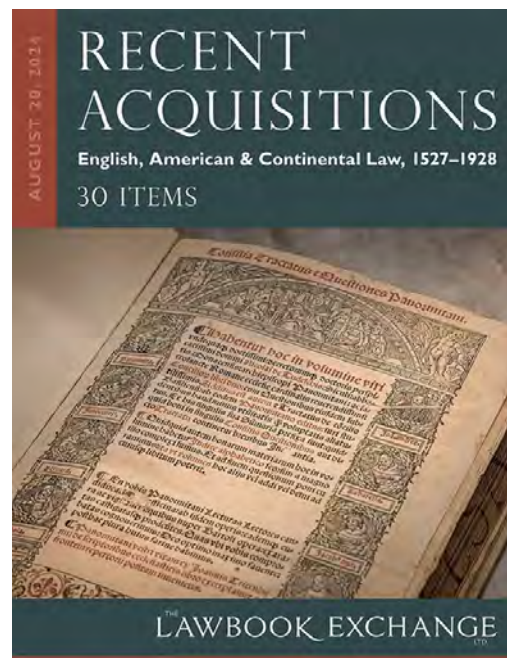
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