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19th Century Agriculture - American, English and Canadian

1. *Albany County Agricultural Tracts, No. II. For October, 1823.* Albany: D. Steele & Son, 1823. 8vo, printed title wrappers. Pp. [49]-96, stitched, uncut. Wraps browned and lightly stained; a very good copy. \$350.00

Presentation copy, inscribed "D. G. Floyd from Jesse Buel Esq." Apparently the second and final number of a very rare local serial compendium of valuable extracts from American and English publications. According to a statement on the front wrapper, "The Executive Committee of the Albany County Agricultural Society have resolved to publish, annually, a pamphlet of about 48 pages, to be distributed at their annual fairs among the members of the society..." Prominent NY agriculturist Jesse Buel was corresponding secretary of the society. Includes Thomas Knight on the apple and pear, and a possibly unnoticed contribution, "A Short Notice on the Management of the Fruit," by "the proprietor of the Linnaean Garden," i. e. William Prince. Rink 1264 records only the first number (1822), and not knowing of this second number suggests "no more published?"; not in AI or OCLC.

PRINTED ON WOOL

2. Amesbury and Salisbury Agricultural and Horticultural Association. *Diploma, The A. & S. A. & H. Association Award This Premium to John C. Forsyth of South Hampton, for Best Native Sheep. J. B. Gile Prest. Geo. Turnery Secy. Exhibition 1858.* Illustrated broadside made of fine wool, 12 ¾x 9 ½, with pressed woolen overlay text and illustrations in turquoise, terra cotta, brown and purple, simulating embroidery: an eagle with banner at top, an ornamental border of small boxed figures (grapes, flowers, horse, cow, swan, sheep, fruit, a plow, pumpkin, flower), all within a double rule border. Three small holes of insect damage, a short and narrow area of color running. Overall, in a bright, fresh state. \$950.00



An attractive and highly unusual format, with most of the text and illustrations having the feel of raised embroidery, but which are embossed from the back in what is probably some sort of felting process. This was the inaugural exhibition of the Association, which was founded in 1856. John Greenleaf Whittier was a member, and contributed a poem for the Association's second exhibition the following year. The winner John Forsyth came from nearby South Hampton, N. H. Whether or not

this wool diploma was related to his prize for sheep we cannot say. We can locate no other example of this printed textile curiosity.

3. ANDREWS, George Henry. *Modern Husbandry; A practical and scientific treatise on agriculture, illustrating the most approved practices in draining, cultivating, and manuring the land; breeding, rearing and fattening stock.* London: Nathaniel Cooke, 1853. 8vo, early 3/4 calf, marbled boards. Pp. x, 404. With 7 plates, folding plan; illustrated. Rubbed at extremities, a fine copy within. \$85.00

First edition. An attractive general guide, well illustrated with cuts of agricultural machinery, livestock, etc., as well as appealing genre views of country fairs and field work.

4. BEATSON, Alexander. *A New System of Cultivation, without lime, or dung, or summer fallows, as practiced at Knowle-Farm, in the county of Sussex.* London: G. and W. Nicol, 1820. 8vo, original boards rebaked. Pp. [xvi], 163; 4 engraved plates. A fine, uncut copy. \$225.00

First edition. Beatson argues for soil pulverization rather than plowing, and against the fallow system. Perkins Catalogue 137 (2nd ed); RAS Catalogue, p. 25.

5. (Broadside - Agricultural Machinery.) *Gibbs' Cylinder Plow. Farmers Read the Testimony!... Smith & Field Manufacturers, 1860.* Greenfield, Mass.: Gazette & Courier Job Office, nd [1860]. Folio broadside, 18 1/4 x 12 inches. Double columns within ornamental border. \$525.00

Gibbs' Cylinder Plow.

FARMERS READ THE TESTIMONY!

TOWN OF GREENFIELD.
 "We hereby certify that we have used Gibbs' Cylinder Plow... it is the best plow I ever used... it will work well where no other plow will and with a very light draught."
 Signed by: JAMES S. CHAMBERLAIN, ALBERT SMITH, G. W. F. FLETCHER, JOHN B. WELCH, A. E. BROWN, DAN. T. BROWN, LEVI BROWN, THOMAS P. CLARK, HENRY A. POTTER.

NEW SALEM.
 "I have used Gibbs' Cylinder Plow... it is the best plow I ever used... it will work well where no other plow will and with a very light draught."
 Signed by: JOHN W. HARRIS, THOMAS F. HARRIS.

SOUTH ROYALTON.
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FITCHBURG.
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LEOMINSTER.
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NORTH ADAMS.
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STAMFORD, Vt.
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NORTH HADLEY.
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BELCHERTOWN.
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 Signed by: JOHN W. HARRIS, THOMAS F. HARRIS.

SHELburne.
 "I have used Gibbs' Cylinder Plow... it is the best plow I ever used... it will work well where no other plow will and with a very light draught."
 Signed by: JOHN W. HARRIS, THOMAS F. HARRIS.

We warrant our Plows to give satisfaction and practically to conform to the above recommendations.

SMITH & FIELD, Manufacturers.
 Greenfield, Mass., Feb. 15, 1860.

Solely Sold by SMITH & FIELD, Machine Shop, Greenfield, Mass.; by G. A. ARMS & CO., Agricultural and Hardware Store, Greenfield.

Also, by

Gazette & Courier Job Office, No. 2 Bank Row Greenfield, Mass.

Attractive illustrated broadside for an improved plow, offering testimonials by farmers in western Massachusetts towns.

6. (Broadside - Agricultural Machinery.) **1865. Eagle Mower Improved and Combined!... E. F. Herrington, Patentee and Manufacturer, Seneca Falls, N.Y.** [Seneca Falls?: 1865]. Double folio broadside, 27 ¾ x 20 inches. Printed in red & blue. With narrow marginal nibbling into printed border, small hole at center fold juncture, affecting a few words; overall a fresh clean copy. \$575.00



Handsome, boldly printed two-color illustrated broadside, with nine woodcuts of various applications of the horse-drawn mower.

7. (Broadside - Agricultural machinery.) **BLACKWELL, I. V. I. V. Blackwell's Combined Grater, Cleaner, Clover Huller and Thresher. Patented March 30, 1858.** Ovid, N.Y.: Seneca County Sentinel Print, [1860]. Illustrated broadside, 16 ½ x 12 ½ inches, untrimmed. Light stains, very good. \$250.00

Promotion for an improved clover cleaner, with diagram cuts at top, detailed explanatory text below, all within ornamental border. Not on OCLC; a copy is at AAS.

UNRECORDED FOUNDING PUBLICATION OF AN EARLY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

8. (Broadside - NY State Agriculture.) Albany County Agricultural Society. **On the 14th November, a respectable meeting of the citizens of this county was held at the Mansion House, pursuant to adjournment, to organize the Albany County Agricultural Society... By order of the Executive Committee. Solomon Van Rensselaer, Ch'n. Albany, November 14, 1818.** [Albany: 1818]. Folio broadside on laid paper, 18 ½ x 11 inches, untrimmed. Folded, slight foxing; fine. \$1,250.00

Unrecorded. An impressive founding document of the society, listing officers, executive and standing committee members, and the towns they represent. This is followed by a long list of premiums offered at a proposed exhibition in October of the following year, and explanatory text, concluding "The committee cannot refrain from congratulating the yeomanry of the county, and the citizens at large, on the happy auspices under which this society goes into operation..." . The society's founding coincides with Elkanah Watson's pioneering efforts to establish such societies and their exhibitions, which were the beginnings of the American agricultural fair, and Watson worked tirelessly in NY State to aid and advise in their

establishment. The society's constitution and by-laws were not published until the following year. This initial publication is not found in Sabin, Imprints, OCLC or Rink.

9. (Butter Making) Province of Canada. *Letters Patent of Invention in Favor of Hugh Sym Campbell for "An Improved Butter Churn." Recorded 18th June 1860.* Printed vellum document, 18 x 28 inches. Together with Campbell's ms. 2 pp. description, and the original colored pen and ink diagram. Folded, some wear, the vellum nibbled at folds affecting a few letters. \$200.00

Signed by the Attorney General of Upper Canada, for the Minister of Agriculture. Campbell is identified on the document as a Toronto contractor. Three months later he sold the rights for his churn to William Faulkner of Pennsylvania for the considerable sum of twenty thousand dollars. This transaction is recorded by an Erie County justice of the peace on the verso.

10. (Connecticut.) *Transactions of the Society for Promoting Agriculture in the State of Connecticut. Published by order of the Society.* New Haven: William Morse, 1802. 4to, original plain wraps, stitched. Pp. 21, (1). Fine. \$75.00

Only edition, all published. The first publication of the Society, which was founded in 1794. For this report, oral testimony was solicited from farmers throughout the state regarding their experiments with manures, soils, wheat, flax, potatoes & turnips, grasses, fruit trees, and butter and cheese. A fine, as-issued copy of a scarce pamphlet. Sabin 15863; Imprints 2081; Tucher 959; not in Rink.

11. COOKE, Layton. *Tables Adapted to the Use of Farmers and Graziers.* London: for the author, 1813. 8vo, original boards (front hinge split), printed label. Pp. viii, 103; errata leaf. A fine uncut copy. \$65.00

Only edition. A compendium of tables for figuring land usage, profitable weight of cattle, labour expense, wages and rents, etc. Perkins 387.

12. DANA, Samuel Luther. *A Muck Manual, for Farmers.* Lowell: Daniel Bixby, 1842. 8vo, original cloth, new printed paper label. Pp. 242, (2). A very light tide mark through the first third of the book, scattered light foxing; overall a very nice tight copy. \$250.00

First edition of an American landmark of soil chemistry. Dana was a leading industrial chemist of the period who made important contributions to cotton manufacture and pioneering studies of lead poisoning. The present work evolved from a series of lectures, and earned him a prize from the Massachusetts Agricultural Society. "In point of time, originality and ability, Dr. Dana stood deservedly first among scientific writers on agriculture in the United States."--Benjamin Silliman, in Appleton's Cyclopaedia.

13. DOUGLAS, Stephen A. *Address of the Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, at the Annual Fair of the New-York State Agricultural Society, held at Rochester, September, 1851.* Albany: C, Van Benthuyssen, printer, 1851. 8vo, orig. printed wrappers, stitched. Pp. 41, (1, blank). Minor spots and foxing; a fine copy. \$125.00

First ed. An optimistic speech on the prospects of American agricultural production and machinery, with an informed survey of various crops, including corn, rice, grapes and wine production, silk raising, tea, hemp, and wool. Douglas also calls attention to "the manufacture of oil and candles from the fat of the hog, known in the vocabulary of the West as the 'prairie whale,'" with suggestions as to how lard may be refined for industrial and domestic use. Douglas' speech was highly enough considered to have a second edition printed in Washington, D.C the following year. Sabin 20693, n.

14. EMERSON, Gouverneur, physician and agricultural writer, editor of the American edition of Cuthbert Johnson's Planter's and Farmer's Encyclopedia. **Autograph Letter signed, Philadelphia, 2 pp. folio, Oct. 16, 1843.** Sm hole, repaired tear. \$135.00

Interesting letter, marked "Private", to the Albany agricultural publishers Gaylord & Tucker, regarding "great injustice and personal abuse" in the pages of *The Cultivator*, though he is otherwise grateful to "that rich magazine of agricultural knowledge", followed by interesting particulars regarding the publication of Emerson's edition of Johnson's encyclopedia, "The publishers...for whom I have worked like a slave, during the past year, for little direct profit, have allowed me the privilege of taking subscribers", etc.

15. EMERSON, William. *History and Incidents of Indian Corn, and Its Culture*. Cincinnati: Wrightson & Co., 1878. 8vo, original cloth. Pp. 447, (1). Cloth discolored, top of spine worn; a good, sound copy. \$325.00

First edition. A landmark study, the most thorough work on the subject and very scarce. Covers the history, uses, chemical and statistical analysis of America's most distinctive crop. Edwards 1137.

16. FESSENDEN, Thomas Green, 1771-1837, agricultural writer, journalist and poet. **Autograph letter, signed. To Jesse Buel, Boston Dec. 9, 1823.** 1 page, quarto, with integral address leaf. \$225.00

Fessenden writes the noted New York agriculturist regarding the *New England Farmer*, Fessenden's recently established periodical. After discussing the possibility of getting Mr. [Edward] Delavan a bound volume of his paper, Fessenden continues with a request for contributions from Buel. "I am quite solicitous to obtain communications from your pen for my paper, and hope you will not consider the payment of postage as any bar to your sending them, as I would not only very cheerfully pay the postage, but also consider myself as greatly indebted to your kindness... Perhaps you may now and then have leisure moments, in which by writing for the NE Farmer, you may benefit the public without detriment to yourself." A nice letter connecting two important figures in American agriculture.

17. FESSENDEN, Thomas Green. *The Complete Farmer and Rural Economist*. Boston: Russell, Odiorne & Co., 1835. 8vo, orig. patterned cloth, gilt morocco label. Pp. 372 + 3 pp. ads. A little insect nibbling along front hinge, a very good copy. \$135.00

"Second edition. Revised, improved and enlarged." One of Fessenden's scarcer works, first published in 1834. "The author has collected and generally abridged from the sources which his occupation as editor of the *New England Farmer* has made it his duty as well as his pleasure to explore." - preface. The ads at the end include 2 pp. of "Barret's Catalogue of Seeds." Imprints 31647.

18. FESSENDEN, Thomas Green. *The Farmer's Road to Wealth, containing a calendar of work for the farm, garden and dairy, for each month of the year*. Worcester: Printed by Henry J. Howland, 1843. 8vo, illustrated green wrappers. Pp. 16; illus. Moderate wear, a very good copy. \$350.00

A rare edition, with handsome generic woodcuts, unsigned. Agricultural advice in monthly chapters, each illustrated with an appropriate tableau of rural pastime. OCLC, AAS copy only; not in Imprints.

19. GRAY, John Chipman. *Essays: Agricultural and Literary*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1856. 8vo, 3/4 morocco, marbled boards. Pp. 386. A little rubbed, one hinge starting at extremities, else a nice copy. \$125.00

First edition, inscribed presentation copy. Gray was a president of the Massachusetts Society for the Promotion of Agriculture. All but a few of the essays are on agricultural and horticultural subjects, including orchards, climate, forest trees, with several addresses as well. Scarce.

20. HOLMES, Francis Simmons, comp. *The Southern Farmer and Market Gardener: Being a compilation of useful articles on these subjects, from the most approved writers. New, improved and enlarged edition, with a treatise on the cultivation of rice and cotton*. Charleston, S.C.: Holmes Book House, 1852. Sm 8vo, orig brown cloth, leather spine. Pp. xviii [9]-249. Folding chart. Shaken, front board nearly detached. Minor marginal stains; a good, complete copy. \$325.00

A scarce Southern guide first published in 1842, distinguished by the participation of two prominent South Carolina scientists. Holmes (1815-1882) was a paleontologist and first curator of the Charleston Museum of Natural History. The frontispiece, a circular calendar chart titled "Vegetables All the Year Round," was devised by the eminent botanist Henry William Ravenel.

21. HUMPHREYS, David. *A Discourse on the Agriculture in the State of Connecticut, and the means of making it more beneficial to the state: delivered at New Haven, on Thursday, 12th September, 1816.* New Haven: Printed by T. G. Woodward, 1816. 8vo, removed. Pp.42. Minor spotting, a very good copy, with the contemporary signature of New Haven bookseller and publisher A. H. Maltby. \$150.00

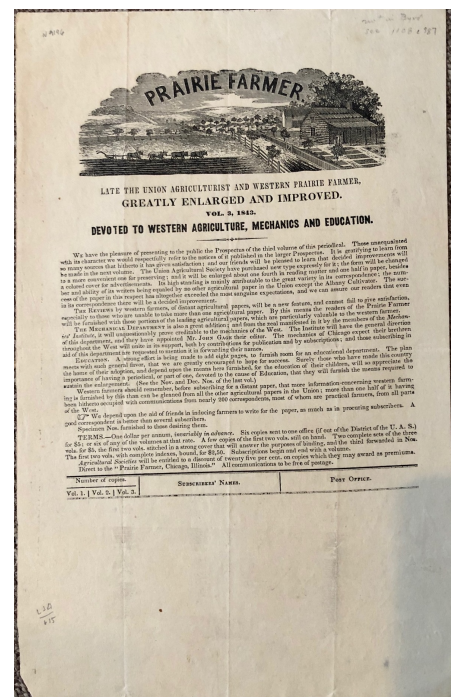
First edition. A curious address. After lecturing on the importance of agriculture to American prosperity, Col. Humphreys offers humorous and facetious advice on how not to run a farm: "Do not use manure to enrich land, as if you could mend nature's works... everybody knows muck - another appellation for filth - is offensive to the sight and smell... ; Plough not frequently, nor deep. It will fatigue you and your team...; Weeds are the aboriginal occupants. Grow they will. To attempt to extirpate them is the Sisyphian labour...; Never put back into place a rail or stone that has fallen from your fence, etc." An interesting footnote calls attention to the development of cattle-shows in Berkshire and Hampshire Counties in Massachusetts. The text includes a poem by Humphreys, "The Farmer's Harvest Hymn," written when he was an officer in the Continental Army, before becoming Washington's aide-de camp. Scarce. Rink 1175; AI 37892.

22. (Illinois.) *Report of the Proceedings of the Illinois State Agricultural Society: Held at Springfield, January 5, 1853. The Constitution - Act Making Appropriation in Aid of Objects of the Society - Act of Incorporation.* Springfield: Printed at the Illinois Journal Office, 1853. 12mo, yellow printed wrappers. Pp. 8. Very good. \$375.00

Unrecorded. The founding publication of the society, with contents as designated on the title. Byrd records no separate publication of the society prior to 1857 (no. 2694.) but notes that the society was organized "under the leadership of the Sangamon Country Agricultural Society, on January 5, 1853... The state society was instrumental in the formation of additional county societies, and by the end of the decade eighty-eight societies promoting agriculture existed in the state." Not in Byrd, NUC, OCLC.

23. (Illinois - Broadside.) *Prairie Farmer. Late the Union Agriculturist and Western Prairie Farmer, Greatly Enlarged and Improved. Vol. 3, 1843. Devoted to Western Agriculture, Mechanics and Education.* [Chicago: Office of the Prairie Farmer, 1843?]. Broadside, 13 x 8 inches, untrimmed. Woodcut agricultural vignette at top. Folded, fine. \$650.00

An unrecorded subscription prospectus for the chief agricultural paper of the region, announcing its new name and expanded format under the sole proprietorship of founding editor John S. Wright. The paper was established in 1841 as an arm of the Union Agricultural Society, formed in Chicago in 1839. It was the first Illinois periodical devoted specifically to the interests of mid-western farmers and mechanics, was "the most influential force in the commercialization of Illinois agriculture," (Encyclopedia of Chicago online) and was still in print at the end of the 20th century. The text of this broadside describes the newly added education and mechanics departments, the latter overseen by the Mechanics Institute. A form and blank area for subscribers' names is at the bottom. Not in Byrd (but see his Nos. 987 and 1108 for later related imprints); not in OCLC or NUC. A clean, attractive copy.



24. (Livestock - Broadside.) *Cattle Market. Who Wants a Market? All persons who are desirous of establishing a Market for the Sale or Exchange of Cattle, Horses, Swine, or any other commodity... are particularly solicited to assemble at the Bradley Farm, so called situated in Methuen... W. J. M. Steele, Aut'r... Lawrence, April 13, 1859.* Lawrence [Mass.]: Lawrence Courier Press, John E. Harriman, printer, [1859]. Broadside, 18 x 12 ¾ inches, untrimmed. Text and three cuts within ornamental border. Folded, foxed, moderately soiled; very good. \$450.00

Attractive broadside, incorporating three woodcuts of agricultural scenes and a text in a variety of ornamental types. The text names stock to be auctioned, and solicits consignments, and proposes the establishment of a permanent cattle market.. At the bottom, "Also the biggest [sic] ox in the county" has been added in manuscript.

25. [LOUDON, John Claudius.]. *The Utility of Agricultural Knowledge To The Sons of the Landed Proprietors of England, and To Young Men Intended for Estate-Agents: Illustrated by What Has Taken Place in Scotland. With an Account of an Institution Formed for Agricultural Pupils in Oxfordshire. By A Scotch Farmer, and Land-Agent, Resident in That County.* London: J. Harding, 1809. 8vo, removed. Pp. 27, (1). A very good copy. \$575.00

First edition of one of Loudon's scarcest publications. His enthusiasm for Scottish farming methods caused him to open a residential school for hands-on training of young gentry, on a farm 18 miles from Oxford. In the present proposal, Loudon argues for the need for such a school and describes in some detail the plan by which it is to be run. Two appendices offer hints on buying and selling land. It was just previous to this that Loudon had endured the bout of rheumatic fever that affected him for life, severely curtailing his more active duties. In a poignant passage, he alludes to the disease and acknowledges he has "incurred deformity and lameness." The school was a great financial success, but in 1812 Loudon abruptly ceased operation. In the same year he published an account of his experience in *Observations of Laying Out Farms, In the Scotch Style*, and with his wife embarked on an extensive agricultural tour of the continent. Perkins Catalogue 1056; R.A.S. Catalogue, p. 198. No copy of this work on RLIN.

26. (Massachusetts - Broadside.) *Fair of the Hampden Agricultural Society. At Springfield, Mass., October 6 and 7, 1847.* Springfield: H. S. Taylor, 1847. 17 ½ x 23 ½ inches. Backed, folded in a case. A few small holes, some soiling. \$200.00

Regulations and rates of premiums for the society's fourth fair.

27. (Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture.) *Engraved Membership Certificate. Together with the Accompanying Printed Circular.* Certificate finished in manuscript and dated June 14, 1815. 9¾ x 16 inches, untrimmed. Wax & paper seal affixed. Small hole in blank portion, very lightly foxed. Together with *Circular*, 4to, 2pp with integral address leaf. Mounting residue along one margin, very good. \$400.00



A rare combined survival from one of the most influential early American agricultural societies. The handsome engraved certificate, probably an 18th c. printing, is issued to Gen. Joseph Whiton, and signed

by Aaron Dexter, with a good impression of the Society's plow and oxen seal. The rare printed circular, addressed to Whiton, dated Boston, January 29th 1816, and beginning "Sir, The Massachusetts Society... having elected you as a member...", greeted new members with a statement of the Society's objectives, a concise manifesto of the agricultural spirit of the times, emphasizing observation, experimentation and communication. The circular not in Imprints.

28. (Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture - Broadside.) ***Honorary Certificate. This may certify, that [Lovett Pellery Esqr.] of [Westborough] in the County of [Worcester] obtained the [First] Premium for [Household manufacture] exhibited at the Brighton Show, on the [12th] day of October, 18[19].*** Engraved and printed broadside certificate, 16 x 13 inches; accomplished in ms. as bracketed. Large engraved insignia of The Mass. Society for Promoting Agriculture at top. Ms. signatures of Aaron Dexter, President, and Benjamin Guild, Asst. Recording Secretary. Lightly browned and spotted, tear into engraving repaired, small corner piece missing. \$600.00

Rare survival from an early agricultural affair. The Brighton Cattle Show was the second agricultural fair held by the Massachusetts Society, in the wake of the influential 'Berkshire plan' established by Elkanah Watson.

29. MEASE, James. ***Address on the Subject of Establishing a Pattern Farm in the Vicinity of Philadelphia: Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the "Philadelphia Society of Promoting Agriculture."*** Philadelphia: Printed by order of the Society, 1818. 8vo, removed. Pp. 14. A very good copy. \$145.00

Sole ed. Proposal by Mease for the purchase of a model farm "where experiments may be tried under the superintendence of the Society, and the profits of various modes of agriculture may be known." Scarce. Imprints 44778; Rink 1193.

30. NAISMITH, John. ***Elements of Agriculture; Being an essay towards establishing the cultivation of the soil, and promoting vegetation on steady principles.*** London: for C. and R. Baldwin, 1807. 8vo, contemp quarter calf, marbled boards. Pp. vi, (2), 543, [9]. Front hinge cracked but sound, worn at extremities; a very good copy. \$225.00

First edition. Naismith was a principle proponent of Scottish agriculture, at a time when James Anderson and others thought Scotland good for nothing but sheep. See Fussell, More Old English Farming Books, p. 136; RAS Cat, p. 223.

31. [New York State - Broadside.] VAN RENSSELAER, Stephen. (Circular.) ***Sir, The General Committee of the Board of Agriculture...*** [Albany: 1820.] Broadside, 8 x 9 ½ inches. Small hole, fine. Folded. \$110.00

Signed in print by Van Rensselaer as President of the NY Board of Agriculture and Jesse Buel, its recording secretary. In anticipation of the publication of the second volume of the Board's Memoirs, "the experimental knowledge of our best farmers" is solicited, "any experiments, observations or facts, which have come within your practice, or fallen under your notice, and which you may deem calculated to extend the sphere of agricultural knowledge."

32. (Periodical - Irish.) ***The Munster Farmer's Magazine, conducted under the direction of a Committee of the Cork Institution. Vols. I & III.*** Cork: Printed and published by J. Haly, 1812-1814. 2 vols., contemp. quarter-calf, marbled boards, morocco label, spines ruled in gilt. Pp. 352, 2 folding engraved plates; 347, (1) + [8] pp. subscriber's list, folding plate, 2 folding tables. Moderately rubbed, an excellent, sound set. \$800.00

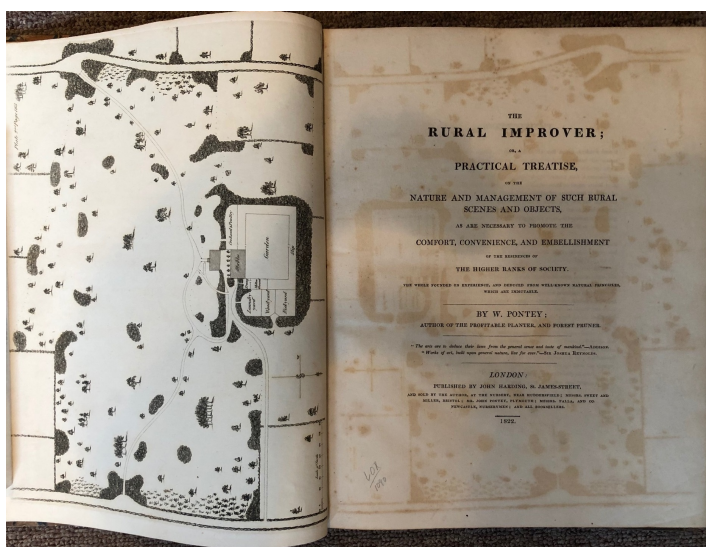
Two volumes of a rare Irish agricultural journal, which ceased publication in 1819.. The Royal Cork Institution was founded in 1803, following the model of the Dublin Society; it disbanded in 1885. OCLC locates copies at the Newberry and a Hong Kong library only.

33. (Periodical - Ohio) *The Farmer's Chronicle - Vol. I. 1868*. Columbus: Joe W. Dwyer & W. H. Busby, 1868. Folio, early 3/4 morocco, pebbled cloth boards. Pp. 828. Illus. Light marginal stain to first few leaves, otherwise a fine, tight copy. \$225.00

All published thus of a scarce weekly addressed specifically to Ohio farmers; the file copy, with publisher Dwyer's signature on the title. A note at the end announces the end of publication and the announcement of the periodical's purchase by the *Ohio State Journal*, with the stated intention to retain the editors and contributors.

34. PONTEY, William. *The Rural Improver; Or, a treatise, on the nature and management of such rural scenes and objects, as are necessary to promote the comfort, convenience, and embellishment of the residences of the higher ranks of society*. London: John Harding, 1822. Large 4to, quarter calf, marbled boards, gilt spine. Pp. ix, 301. With six engraved plates. Binding broken; internally some foxing but very good. \$475.00

Only edition, by the Yorkshire nurseryman and author who has been called "the Evelyn of the 19th century". His landscape treatise forms a late chapter in the history of the English Style, and demonstrates his avowed influence by Brown, with predictably more specific plant information than is typical of landscape writers (e.g. a chapter on variegated plants).



35. (Potatoes) MACTAGGART, Daniel. *Papers on the Cause and Cure of the Potato Disease & Cholera, with the Particulars of His Own Experience Since 1845 in Rearing New Seed Potatoes From the Apple*. Campbeltown: Alexander M'Ewing, 1854. 12mo, orig. printed wrappers. Pp. 47. A fine copy. \$285.00

Sole edition of a rare study of the potato failure in 1845, and efforts to develop new seed strains, sponsored by the Kintyre Agricultural Society. Kintyre was a center of Scottish potato growing, mostly of seed stock for importation. Not in NSTC or NUC.

36. ROBERTS, Job. *The Pennsylvania Farmer; being a selection from the most approved treatises on husbandry, interspersed with observations and experiments*. Philadelphia: Jacob Johnson & co., 1804. 12mo, contemp calf, spine ruled in gilt, green morocco label. pp. v, (3), [5]-224. Minor wear, text lightly browned and foxed. A very good, sound copy. \$475.00

First edition. A nice copy of this appealing compendium, partly from the writings of Middle Atlantic farmers John Spurrier, John Beale Bordley and others, and partly from reports of the Connecticut Society for Promoting Agriculture, combined with Robert's own observations. In addition to the usual treatments of soils, improvements, wheat, Indian corn, livestock, etc., there are recipes for birch and currant wine, and a number of pages on cider making. Rink 1148; Imprints 7203.

37. SHINN, Charles Howard. *Pacific Rural Handbook; Containing a series of brief and practical essays and notes on the culture of trees, vegetables and flowers, adapted to the Pacific coast. Also, hints on home and farm improvements.* San Francisco: Dewey & Co, [1879]. 12mo, orig. pictorial brown cloth gilt. Pp. 122 + 6pp. ads. 1 engraved plate and 1 vignette. Running water stain to upper corner, not affecting text. Small lib. stamp on endpaper. Otherwise a very nice copy. \$225.00

THE ORIGINS OF THE AGRICULTURAL FAIR

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First edition of a key work in American agricultural and social history. Conceived in 1810, Watson's plan for competitive exhibitions of livestock, produce and domestic products was the beginning of the modern agricultural fair in this country. This pamphlet, written at the request of George Washington Jeffreys of North Carolina and distributed widely, was the principle means by which the custom took hold in the following decade. Complete copies with the full complement of engravings are very scarce. Sabin 102131; Imprints 50054; Neeley, *The Agricultural Fair*, pp. 59-71; Hedrick, *History of Horticulture in America*, pp. 511-512; Rink 1046.

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