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1. D'HOMERGUE John and Peter Stephen Duponceau. *Essays on American Silk, and the Best Means of Rendering It a Source of Individual and National Wealth. With directions to farmers for raising silk worms*. Philadelphia: John Grigg, 1830. 8vo, original printed stiff wrappers. Pp. xxii, 120, [1]; uncut. Bookplate. A fine copy. \$425.00

First edition, a series of essays by D'Homergue, with a long preface by Duponceau, both of whom led the movement to establish an American silk industry. Uncommon in this condition. Rink 1729; AI 1156.; Sabin 32731.

2. D'HOMERGUE, John. *The Silk Culturist's Manual. Or a popular treatise on the planting and cultivation of mulberry trees, the rearing and propagating of silk worms, and the preparation of the raw material for exportation: addressed to the farmers and planters of the United States*. Philadelphia: Hogan & Thompson, 1839. 8vo, orig. cloth, printed label, library discard stamp on rear fly. Pp. 406. Folding frontispiece. Cloth discolored, spine faded, some foxing. \$175.00

First edition. The most substantial of several works by D'Homergue, a leader of the American silk movement, dedicated to his chief collaborator Peter Duponceau. Imprints 56339.

3. (Inscribed copy.) COBB, Jonathan Holmes. *A Manual Containing Information Respecting the Growth of the Mulberry Tree, with Suitable Directions for the Culture of Silk*. Fourth edition, enlarged. Boston: Weeks, Jordan and Company, 1839. 12mo, original cloth. Pp. xii, [13]-162, plus 4 pp. ads; illus. 2 folding plates. Extremities rubbed, internally a very good copy. \$125.00

Enlarged edition, with a substantial appendix newly added, giving a short historical account of the American silk industry, receipts for dyes, newly invented machinery, a list of books on the subject, etc. A family presentation copy of the most influential American work on the subject, inscribed "Jona. Cobb Esq., with the respects of the author." Imprints 55014.

4. PREVOST, Louis. *California Silk Grower's Manual*. San Francisco: H. H. Bancroft and Company, 1867. 12mo, original limp cloth, titled in gilt. Pp. xii, [13]-246. Double-sided frontispiece. Ends of spine worn, front hinge cracked, moderate foxing and stains. \$400.00

First edition, by the self-described "Pioneer Silk Culturist of the Pacific Coast," and a founder of the state's Silk Center Association. Although silk culture had been pursued in America for more than half a century before, Prevost's manual is one of the first entirely based on personal experience in this country, and not based on foreign sources. Prevost's is a thoroughly California book, with information on various growers throughout the state, and treating the subject particularly as it regards the superior conditions there.

5. *Journal of the American Silk Society, and Rural Economist. Vol. I. - No. 1.* Baltimore: American Silk Society, 1839. 8vo, printed wrappers, stitched. Pp. 40. Soiled and stained; good. \$125.00

The initial number in wrappers of a short-lived silk periodical, mostly taken up with the proceedings of the National Silk Convention, held in December of 1838, from which the publication was established, edited by agricultural publisher and author J. S. Skinner. The front wrapper has a diagram of the Piedmontese Silk Reel, and the rear wrapper has a long statement of purpose. The journal ceased publication in May, 1841.

6. [PORTER, Richardson.] *A Treatise on the Origin, Progressive Improvement and Present State of the Silk Manufacture.* The Cabinet Cyclopaedia...of Useful Arts... conducted by Rev. Dionysius Lardner. [Vol. 14.] Philadelphia: Carey & Lea, 1832. 12mo, paper covered boards, cloth spine, paper label. Pp. vii, 13-276, 4pp ads. uncut and unopened. Illustrated with wood engravings in text. Spine soiled, label chipped, mild foxing throughout. \$85.00

First American edition.

7. BONAFOUS, Matthieu. *De l'éducation des vers à soie d'après la méthode du Comte Dandolo.* Troisième édition. Paris: Chez Mme. Huzard, 1827. 8vo, plain wrappers (front wrapper detached,) stitched. Pp. xii, 76, uncut. 1 large folding table and 4 folding plates. Minor foxing; very good. \$175.00