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A World in Colour

The British colour-plate book flourished during an extraordinary age of travel, spectacle, satire and discovery. From the sporting field and fashionable drawing room to the streets of London and the farthest reaches of the traveller’s imagination, its finest artists transformed everyday experience into pictures of remarkable vitality.

The century from 1760 to 1860 witnessed the flowering of hand-coloured etching, aquatint and lithography, alongside the development of colour printing. The result was a literature of pictures as varied as the world it portrayed: the quick wit of Thomas Rowlandson and George Cruikshank; the horses and coaching scenes of Henry Alken; the architectural splendours of Rudolph Ackermann; and a wonderful procession of military uniforms, regional costumes, landscapes and curiosities of social life.

What makes these books especially compelling is their individuality. The skill of the colourist, the quality of the paper, an original wrapper or binding, a distinguished provenance, or the survival of a work in its original parts may transform an appealing illustrated volume into a particularly desirable copy. In this selection, those details are brought forward wherever they distinguish the book.

The one hundred works gathered here were published in Britain between 1770 and 1860 and are arranged by subject, then alphabetically by author or principal artist. Their subjects are by no means confined to Britain: the views of Paris, the costumes of Russia and Sweden, and the landscapes of India and the Holy Land are part of the same rich British publishing tradition. Alongside bound books we include separately issued plate suites and notable copies in parts, identified as such. Original colour-printed lithotints are also represented.

It is our pleasure to offer this lively and varied glimpse of the English colour-plate book at its best. We hope that collectors will find here not only familiar masterpieces, but also the unexpected discoveries that make this field so endlessly rewarding.

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Bibliographical and catalogue notes

Scope. This catalogue presents 100 selected British-published colour-plate books and plate suites dating from 1770 to 1860, inclusive. Books in original parts, separately issued plate suites and composite albums are identified as appropriate. The selection is not a complete census of the firm’s stock.

Three special cases. Thomas Shotter Boys’ *Picturesque Architecture* contains original colour-printed lithotints, rather than hand-coloured plates. Havell’s *Topographical Sketches of Brighthelmston* is an assembled copy without the original text and with colouring that may be later. *The Gretna-Green Bolt-a* has a joint London–Paris imprint, and the frontispiece is described as being in the manner of Henry Alken.

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SECTION 01

19 TITLES

Sporting, Hunting and Racing



STOCK 06063 LONDON, 1824

ALKEN, Henry

A Collection of Sporting and Humorous Designs

A monumental three-volume elephant-folio assemblage containing 321 richly hand-coloured plates, from hunting and shooting to coaching and sporting misadventure. An extraordinary survival in contemporary plum morocco.

PRICE **$21,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06063



STOCK 06069 LONDON, 1823

ALKEN, Henry

Comparative Meltonians; Hunting; and Shooting

Three exceptionally rare sporting suites with eighteen magnificent large hand-coloured aquatints. Alken contrasts true sportsmen with fashionable pretenders in scenes of unforgettable energy and humour; the Ernest G. Mocatta copy.

PRICE **$19,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06069

STOCK 02263 LONDON, 1823



ALKEN, Henry

Scraps From the Sketch-Book of Henry Alken

Forty-two spirited hand-coloured plates present Alken's familiar world of hunters, horses and sporting mishaps. The distinguished Schwerdt–Duke of Gloucester copy.

PRICE **$4,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02263

STOCK 04600 LONDON, 1831–33



ALKEN, Henry

Sporting Notions

Eighteen lively hand-coloured sporting lithographs display Alken's affectionate eye for the hunting field. A contemporary album of separately assembled plates.

PRICE **$3,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04600

STOCK 03363 LONDON, 1825



ALKEN, Henry

The National Sports of Great Britain

Fifty finely hand-coloured etchings celebrate the pursuits of the British sportsman, from hunting and racing to shooting, fishing and prize-fighting. From the library of Joel Spitz.

PRICE **$6,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #03363

STOCK 05106 LONDON, 1821



ALKEN, Henry

The National Sports of Great Britain

Alken's supreme celebration of Regency sporting life, with fifty brilliant hand-coloured aquatints. A magnificent first edition in contemporary crimson straight-grain morocco, from the celebrated sporting library of Sir Walter Gilbey.

PRICE **$25,000.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05106

STOCK 02540 LONDON, 1837



APPERLEY, C. J. ("Nimrod"); ALKEN, Henry

Memoirs of the Life of the Late John Mytton, Esq.

The astonishing exploits of the eccentric sporting gentleman John Mytton, delightfully illustrated by Henry Alken. The enlarged second edition of this classic of sporting extravagance.

PRICE **$1,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02540

STOCK 02598 LONDON, 1811



FRANKLAND, Sir Robert; COPLOW, Billesdon

Indispensable Accomplishments

Six amusing hand-coloured hunting scenes expose the difference between sporting accomplishment and sporting disaster. A delightful Georgian satire on the aspiring gentleman rider.

PRICE **$3,850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02598

STOCK 04975 LONDON, 1800



GILLRAY, James

Cockney-Sportsmen

A complete set of four superb hand-coloured sporting caricatures, mercilessly exposing the ineptitude of metropolitan sportsmen in the countryside. Exceptionally fresh, with full original margins and no restoration.

PRICE **$16,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04975

STOCK 05848 LONDON, 1800



GILLRAY, James; NORTH, Brownlow

Hunting

Four magnificent hand-coloured aquatints designed by Brownlow North and etched by Gillray, affectionately demolishing the pretensions of the hunting field. A remarkably fine and complete suite.

PRICE **$12,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05848

STOCK 05682 LONDON, C. 1830



HEATH, Henry

Heath's Oddities

A wonderfully comic suite of sporting and social lithographs. The distinguished Schwerdt–Spitz copy, elegantly bound by Rivière & Son. Extra-illustrated with three original watercolors for plates 14, 32 and 35 (facing plates on an inserted leaf, each with a manuscript caption).

PRICE **$12,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05682

STOCK 02377 LONDON, 1860



LEECH, John

Mr. Briggs & His Doings: Fishing

The well-meaning but hopelessly unskilled Mr. Briggs takes to the river in twelve richly hand-coloured lithographs, heightened with gum arabic. Victorian angling has seldom been so entertaining.

PRICE **$2,250.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02377

STOCK 02627 LONDON, 1809



QUIZEM, Caleb [pseud.]; ROWLANDSON, Thomas

The Annals of Sporting

A sparkling satire on the pleasures and pretensions of the sporting world, enlivened by Rowlandson's inimitable illustrations. A particularly appealing copy in the original printed boards.

PRICE **$1,950.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02627

STOCK 03284 LONDON, 1808



ROWLANDSON, Thomas; BUNBURY, Henry; GAMBADO, Geoffrey

An Academy for Grown Horsemen

A celebrated classic of equestrian humour, ridiculing the fashionable amateur horseman in a series of wonderfully comic plates after Bunbury and Rowlandson.

PRICE **$2,850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #03284

STOCK 05949LONDON, 1853–54



SURTEES, R. S.; LEECH, John

Handley Cross; or, Jorrock's Hunt

The irrepressible Mr. Jorrocks returns to the hunting field in this much-loved sporting comedy, enlivened by John Leech's coloured illustrations. Preserved in the original parts.

PRICE **$850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05949

STOCK 05950LONDON, 1853–54



SURTEES, R. S.; LEECH, John

Mr. Sponge's Sporting Tour

A delicious portrait of a resourceful sporting adventurer, whose ambition comfortably exceeds his scruples. With thirteen hand-coloured plates by John Leech.

PRICE **$950.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05950

STOCK 05951 LONDON, 1860



SURTEES, R. S.; LEECH, John

Plain or Ringlets?

Country-house romance and sporting misadventure meet in Surtees's lively Victorian comedy. John Leech's coloured illustrations capture the characters to perfection; in the original parts.

PRICE **$850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05951

STOCK 05855LONDON, 1857–58



SURTEES, R. S.; LEECH, John

"Ask Mamma"; or, The Richest Commoner in England

Hunting, heiresses and the absurdities of fashionable society combine in one of Surtees's most entertaining novels. With thirteen hand-coloured plates by John Leech, in the original parts.

PRICE **$850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05855

STOCK 04312 LONDON, 1819



WILLIAMSON, Thomas; HOWITT, Samuel

Oriental Field Sports

Forty magnificent hand-coloured aquatints record the excitement of Indian field sports, from tiger hunting to encounters with wild elephants. A landmark of early British books on India.

PRICE **$4,000.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04312

SECTION 02

4 TITLES

Horses, Coaching and Road Travel



David Brass Rare Books • #05137

STOCK 05137 LONDON AND PARIS, 1853

ARMSTRONG, William Henry; ALKEN, Henry [style of]

The Gretna-Green Bolt-a

A runaway marriage provides the occasion for a lively coaching adventure, accompanied by a hand-coloured frontispiece in the manner of Henry Alken. Joint London–Paris imprint.

PRICE **$1,250.00**



David Brass Rare Books • #02688

STOCK 02688 LONDON, 1845

NEWHOUSE, Charles B.; ALKEN, Henry

The Roadsters' Album

Sixteen animated coaching aquatints evoke the hazards and pleasures of the English road. An exceptional copy accompanied by Alken's original drawing and a coloured etched proof for the pictorial title.

PRICE **$11,500.00**



David Brass Rare Books • #04580

STOCK 04580LONDON, 1819–23

POLLARD, James

Coaching Subjects

Five handsome hand-coloured aquatints celebrate the speed, spectacle and bustle of coaching in its great age. A separately issued suite of sporting prints.

PRICE **$6,500.00**



David Brass Rare Books • #05622

STOCK 05622 LONDON, 1799

WOODWARD, George Moutard; ROWLANDSON, Thomas

Horse Accomplishments

Twelve wonderfully expressive hand-coloured aquatints, drawn by Woodward and etched by Rowlandson, depicting the comic frustrations of horses and riders. An exceptionally rare and delightful equestrian satire.

PRICE **$12,500.00**

SECTION 03

13 TITLES

Naval and Military



David Brass Rare Books • #02701

STOCK 02701 LONDON, 1819

ALKEN, Henry; TALLY-HO, Ben

Military Discoveries

Seven comical coloured plates offer a young officer an entertaining lesson in the discomforts and embarrassments of military life. A spirited satire on campaigning.

PRICE **$1,950.00**



David Brass Rare Books • #05846

STOCK 05846 LONDON, 1808

EBEN, Baron von; HEIDELOFF, Nicolaus

The Swedish Army

Twenty-four superb hand-coloured aquatints portray the uniforms of the Swedish Army, with exceptionally rich heightening in gold and silver. A splendid military costume book.

PRICE **$6,500.00**



STOCK 02607 LONDON, 1823

HEATH, William

The Life of a Soldier

Eighteen expressive engravings follow the soldier from martial aspiration to the realities of service. A sharply observed and entertaining account of military life.

PRICE **$1,850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02607



STOCK 03093 LONDON, 1850

HORT, Sir John J.

The Horse Guards

Ten lively hand-coloured lithographs offer an amusing look at the ceremonial world and everyday adventures of the Horse Guards.

PRICE **$250.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #03093



STOCK 04313 LONDON, 1817

JENKINS, James

The Naval Achievements of Great Britain, 1793–1817

Fifty-five superb hand-coloured naval aquatints, including the celebrated battles of Trafalgar and Algiers. An unusually early, broad-margined first-issue copy with brilliant original colouring.

PRICE **$14,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04313



STOCK 03340 LONDON, 1814–15

JENKINS, James; HEATH, William

The Martial Achievements of Great Britain and Her Allies

A grand pictorial celebration of Britain's campaigns against Napoleon. This remarkable copy presents forty-nine aquatint subjects in outline, uncoloured and hand-coloured states.

PRICE **$13,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #03340



STOCK 02609 LONDON, 1823

MITFORD, John; WILLIAMS, Charles

The Adventures of Johnny Newcome in the Navy

A naive young officer discovers the perils and absurdities of naval service in twenty spirited hand-coloured aquatints. A delightful companion to the military adventures of Johnny Newcome.

PRICE **$1,750.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02609



STOCK 06235 LONDON, 1825–1826

MOORE, Joseph; MARRYAT, Captain Frederick

Rangoon Views and Combined Operations in the Birman Empire

Twenty-four richly hand-coloured aquatints of Rangoon, Burmese pagodas and British military operations during the First Anglo-Burmese War. An exceptional copy with some proof impressions and gum-arabic heightening.

PRICE **$12,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06235

STOCK 05555 LONDON, 1817



MUDFORD, William; CRUIKSHANK, George

An Historical Account of the Campaign in the Netherlands, in 1815

An imposing illustrated account of the Waterloo campaign and Napoleon's final defeat, with twenty-eight finely coloured aquatints, including designs by George Cruikshank.

PRICE **$4,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05555

STOCK 05704 LONDON, 1818–1819



RALFE, James

The Naval Chronology of Great Britain

Sixty magnificent contemporary hand-coloured naval aquatints, preserved in the exceedingly rare original twelve parts. Distinguished provenance from Baroness Burdett-Coutts and Norman Bobins.

PRICE **$14,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05704

STOCK 04780 LONDON, 1815



ROBERTS, Lt. Col. David; ROWLANDSON, Thomas

The Military Adventures of Johnny Newcome

The fortunes of a young soldier during the Peninsular War unfold in fifteen brilliantly comic hand-coloured aquatints by Thomas Rowlandson.

PRICE **$1,650.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04780

STOCK 06734 LONDON, 1798



ROWLANDSON, Thomas

Soldiers

An extraordinary complete suite of five large hand-coloured military aquatints portraying British soldiers cooking, marching, drilling, recreating and attacking. Apparently unrecorded as a complete set in Grego.

PRICE **$12,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06734

STOCK 06240 LONDON, 1799



ROWLANDSON, Thomas; ANGELO, Henry

Hungarian & Highland Broad Sword

A superb illustrated manual of mounted swordsmanship, with a coloured aquatint title and twenty-four hand-coloured plates, including the rare extra plate. Accompanied by Rowlandson's original pen-and-watercolour design for plate nineteen.

PRICE **$14,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06240

SECTION 04

5 TITLES

Theatre, Music and Performing Arts



STOCK 03001 LONDON, 1822

ALKEN, Henry

Illustrations to Popular Songs

Popular songs become delightful pictorial jokes in Alken's hand-coloured illustrations. This album contains forty-two of the forty-three plates issued.

PRICE **$1,100.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #03001



STOCK 02756 LONDON, 1825

CRUIKSHANK, Robert; MATHEWS, Charles

Sketches of Mr. Mathews's Celebrated Trip to Paris

Charles Mathews's comic Parisian entainments are recalled in a charming illustrated account, with a lively folding hand-coloured frontispiece by Robert Cruikshank.

PRICE **$850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02756



STOCK 06526 LONDON, 1825

EGAN, Pierce; LANE, Theodore

The Life of an Actor

The triumphs, disappointments and backstage adventures of a Regency actor are brilliantly portrayed in twenty-seven hand-coloured plates by Theodore Lane.

PRICE **$650.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06526



STOCK 02606 LONDON, 1823

HEATH, William

Studies From the Stage

An unusually extensive gallery of actors and theatrical characters, comprising more than one hundred hand-coloured vignettes on twenty etched plates. A particularly scarce theatrical satire.

PRICE **$4,250.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02606



STOCK 05504 LONDON, C. 1826

LANE, Theodore

Theatrical Pleasures

Six delightfully mischievous hand-coloured plates turn the pleasures of theatre-going into a succession of comic misfortunes. A rare survival of Regency theatrical caricature.

PRICE **$9,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05504

SECTION 05

17 TITLES

English Caricature and Satire



STOCK 04095 LONDON, 1824

ALKEN, Henry

British Proverbs

Twenty-nine amusing scenes arranged on six hand-coloured etchings give pictorial life to familiar British proverbs. An unusually scarce copy in an attractive binding.

PRICE **$4,850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04095



STOCK 05671 LONDON, 1807

ATKINSON, John Augustus

Sixteen Scenes Taken from The Miseries of Human Life

Sixteen wonderfully observed hand-coloured scenes transform the irritations, embarrassments and small disasters of Georgian life into irresistible comedy.

PRICE **$1,250.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05671



STOCK 02545 LONDON, 1823

BOILLY, Louis-Léopold

Boilly's Humorous Designs

Seven comic studies of expressive faces and extravagant grimaces introduce Boilly's celebrated humour to a British audience. The scarce first English appearance of these designs.

PRICE **$4,800.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02545



STOCK 06716 LONDON, 1823–24

CRUIKSHANK, George

Points of Humour

Twenty brilliantly comic hand-coloured illustrations, accompanied by lively woodcuts, reveal George Cruikshank at his most inventive and entertaining.

PRICE **$1,750.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06716



STOCK 04098 LONDON, 1819–20

CRUIKSHANK, George

The Humourist

Forty spirited hand-coloured etched plates display Cruikshank's fertile invention and mastery of comic character. Four volumes, including the rare first issue of Volume I.

PRICE **$4,850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04098



STOCK 05625 LONDON, 1821

CRUIKSHANK, George and Isaac Robert; LANE, Theodore

The Attorney-General's Charges Against the Late Queen

Fifty devastating hand-coloured political caricatures lampooning Queen Caroline and the Regency monarchy. A splendid, well-margined copy of one of the great collaborative satires of the period.

PRICE **$35,000.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05625

STOCK 05692 LONDON, 1771–1773



DARLY, Mary and Matthew

24 Caricatures by Several Ladies, Gentlemen, Artists &c. [and] Caricatures, Macaronies & Characters

A landmark of Georgian caricature: four exceptionally rare first-edition volumes, bound in two, with ninety-six brilliantly hand-coloured etchings lampooning the fashionable “macaronis” of London. Bound by Rivière, from the library of Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester.

PRICE **$35,000.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05692

STOCK 05799 LONDON, 1829–1851



DOYLE, John (“H.B.”)

Political Sketches

A colossal nine-volume subscribers’ set, with 882 hand-coloured lithographs (of 917 published) and the supplementary illustrated key. An incomparable visual panorama of British political life, from Wellington to Peel.

PRICE **$35,000.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05799

STOCK 05670 LONDON, 1835



EGERTON, Daniel Thomas; ALKEN, Henry, and others

The Mélange of Humour

Fifty brilliant hand-coloured caricatures by Egerton, Alken and other artists, exposing the follies of English and French fashionable society. The first collected edition of these sparkling Regency designs.

PRICE **$12,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05670

STOCK 04750 LONDON, C. 1840



HEATH, Henry

Omnium Gatherum

Fourteen coloured plates offer a bustling miscellany of social types, follies and comic incidents. An attractive gathering of both series.

PRICE **$3,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04750

STOCK 04601 LONDON, 1808



ROWLANDSON, Thomas

Miseries of Human Life

Rowlandson’s unrivalled gallery of everyday calamities, with forty-nine hand-coloured comic plates and a coloured title-page. Includes the elusive ‘Pall Mall’ scene; in the original boards.

PRICE **$6,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #04601

STOCK 05687 LONDON, 1811



ROWLANDSON, Thomas

Twelfth Night Characters

Twenty-four miniature hand-coloured caricatures bring an extraordinary company of Regency characters to the Twelfth Night festivities. An exceedingly scarce and charming suite.

PRICE **$7,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05687

STOCK 05623 LONDON, 1802



ROWLANDSON, Thomas; WILLYAMS, James Brydges

A Compendious Treatise on Modern Education

Eight incisive hand-coloured etchings by Rowlandson, satirizing the shortcomings of education from nursery to university. One of his rarest early illustrated works.

PRICE **$14,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05623

STOCK 06222 LONDON, 1800



ROWLANDSON, Thomas; WOODWARD, George Moutard

Le Brun Travested; or, Caricatures of the Passions

Nineteen exuberant hand-coloured etchings by Rowlandson after Woodward, transforming the passions—joy, terror, jealousy and despair—into wildly inventive caricatures. An exceptionally rare suite.

PRICE **$13,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06222

STOCK 06236 LONDON, 1790–1814



ROWLANDSON, Thomas; WOODWARD, George Moutard; NIXON, John

Caricatures Anglaises

A fascinating contemporary album of hand-coloured English caricatures by Rowlandson, Woodward and Nixon, ranging from domestic absurdities to political and Parisian scenes. Bound together around 1820.

PRICE **$12,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06236

STOCK 02805 LONDON, 1803



WOODWARD, George Moutard

Attempts at Humour, Poetical and Physiognomical

Eight boldly coloured caricatures accompany Woodward's engagingly eccentric verses and physiognomical observations. A scarce and delightful example of Georgian comic illustration.

PRICE **$8,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #02805

STOCK 06062 LONDON, 1796



WOODWARD, George Moutard; CRUIKSHANK, Isaac

Eccentric Excursions

One hundred spirited hand-coloured designs take the reader on a wonderfully eccentric tour of English manners, characters and absurdities. A major work of late-Georgian caricature.

PRICE **$5,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #06062

SECTION 06

9 TITLES

Costume and Fashion



STOCK 05458 LONDON, 1803

ALEXANDER, William

The Costume of the Russian Empire

Seventy-three beautifully hand-coloured engravings reveal the extraordinary variety of traditional dress across the Russian Empire. In a handsome contemporary Neoclassical binding.

PRICE **$6,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05458



STOCK 05607 LONDON, 1822

CHALON, John James

Twenty Four Subjects Exhibiting the Costume of Paris

Twenty-four splendid colour lithographs portray the vendors, characters and street fashions of early nineteenth-century Paris. A particularly attractive large-paper suite.

PRICE **$14,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05607



STOCK 05912 LONDON, 1824

HAVELL, Robert

French Costume

Twenty-four delicately hand-coloured plates record the distinctive regional dress and customs of Normandy and northern France. A charming costume book.

PRICE **$1,250.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05912



STOCK 05206 LONDON, 1794–1796

HEIDELOFF, Nikolaus Wilhelm von

The Gallery of Fashion, Volumes I and II

Two exquisite early volumes of the pioneering English fashion periodical, with forty-nine hand-coloured aquatints and two coloured titles. The copy of Queen Maria Christina of Spain, sumptuously bound in red morocco.

PRICE **$17,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05206



STOCK 05470 LONDON, C. 1830

LECOMPTE, Hippolyte; SCHARF, George

Costumes Français, de 1200 à 1715

A vivid survey of French historical dress, from the Middle Ages to the early eighteenth century, presented in one hundred richly hand-coloured lithographs.

PRICE **$1,950.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05470



STOCK 05616 LONDON, 1831–32

MANSION, André Léon Larue

Fancy Ball Dress

Thirty sumptuous hand-coloured costume lithographs, heightened with gum arabic, present an elegant pageant of European regional and fancy dress. A spectacular and scarce suite.

PRICE **$14,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05616



STOCK 05615LONDON, 1831–32

MANSION, André Léon Larue

National Ball Costumes

Twelve finely hand-coloured lithographs celebrate the variety and splendour of European national costume, with particularly delicate treatment of fabrics and accessories.

PRICE **$8,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05615



STOCK 05686 LONDON, 1820

PINELLI, Bartolomeo; HULLMANDEL, Charles

Roman Costumes

Twenty-four atmospheric hand-coloured lithographs portray Roman street characters, country people and traditional occupations. A delightful record of Italian life.

PRICE **$3,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05686



STOCK 05927 LONDON, 1823

SVEDMAN, Carl Wilhelm

Costume of Sweden

Twenty-two elegant hand-coloured lithographs capture the distinctive costume of Sweden’s provinces. A particularly engaging record of Scandinavian dress and custom.

PRICE **$3,850.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05927

SECTION 07

11 TITLES

British Topography and Architecture



STOCK 05471 LONDON, 1816

ACKERMANN, Rudolph

The History of the Colleges of Winchester, Eton, and Westminster

Forty-eight magnificent coloured plates illustrate the buildings, interiors and traditions of three of England’s most celebrated schools. A notable Ackermann production.

PRICE **$5,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05471



STOCK 05478 LONDON, 1808–1810

ACKERMANN, Rudolph; PUGIN, Augustus; ROWLANDSON, Thomas

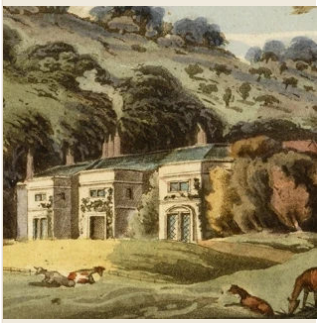
The Microcosm of London

One hundred and four glorious hand-coloured aquatints portraying London's public buildings and their inhabitants. An unusually early issue with eight of Abbey’s key plates in their luminous first states.

PRICE **$12,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #05478

STOCK 00638LONDON, 1817–18



HASSELL, John

Picturesque Rides and Walks

One hundred and twenty delightful hand-coloured aquatints explore London and its then-rural surroundings, recording vanished villages, country roads and familiar landmarks.

PRICE **$3,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #00638

STOCK 00637 LONDON, 1819



HASSELL, John

Tour of the Grand Junction

Twenty-four charming hand-coloured views follow the Grand Junction Canal past picturesque bridges, waterside villages and the transforming landscape of industrial Britain.

PRICE **$3,500.00**

David Brass Rare Books • #00637

STOCK 05899 LONDON, 1825



HAVELL, Robert; BRAYLEY, Edward Wedlake

Topographical Sketches of Brighthelmston and its Neighbourhood

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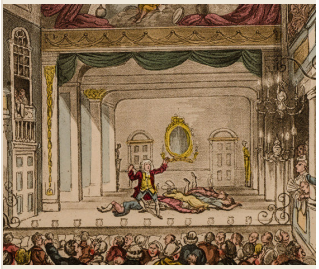
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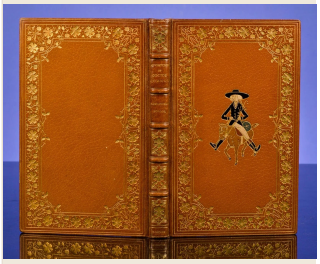
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