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This new series of e-Catalogues focuses on select themes of text manuscripts available in our inventory on www.textmanuscripts.com. We begin with "Women and the Book" a topic of considerable interest and well represented among our holdings. These catalogues follow two earlier series of text manuscript catalogues, including the Primers. These remain available in digital form on our website and in print by order.

Look for our e-Catalogues the first Tuesday of every month. Forthcoming titles include "Cover to Cover," "Imagining the Past," and "Medieval Bestsellers."

Manuscripts under \$10,000 (mostly)

Price matters, and this list recognizes the fact, presenting six books and manuscripts defined simply by their price. All are less than \$20,000, and three are less than \$10,000. An arbitrary criterion? Perhaps, but the resulting list is full of interest. Spanning the centuries from the 15th through the 20th, these manuscripts and books touch on numerous topics in book history: the technologies of book making, authorial autographs, facsimiles, presentation copies, and more.

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1.

Two presentation booklets for HEINRICH CONRIED, one by AMES AND ROLLINSON, designers and illuminators

In German and English, two volumes, illuminated manuscripts on paper and parchment

New York City, 1898 and 1908

ILLUMINATION FOR A MUSICAL LUMINARY

DESCRIPTION: 2 vols., (1) in German, 12 folios on paper, 5 watercolor illuminated calligraphic texts; (2) in English, 6 folios on parchment leaves, 3 illuminated folios, both in original bindings. Dimensions (1) 285 x 215 mm.; (2) 340 x 265 mm.

Extensively autographed and illuminated booklets made for presentation to Heinrich Conried (1855-1909). The first (1898)



signals his twenty-five years as Director of the Germania Theatre in New York, the second (1908) his retirement as Director of the Metropolitan Opera. The second volume includes illuminations of Parsifal's grail and Salome's veil; both were performed for the first time in New York under Conried's leadership; Salome, cancelled after its opening, was not performed again until 1934. [TM 1030]

\$3.500

Full description and images available online

2.

Register of property acquisitions by Raoul de Kersaliou, seigneur de Limoëlan (*Limoellan. Registre de contrats d'acquisitions faites par Raoul Quersaliou de différents héritages.* 1470)

In French, manuscript on paper Northwestern France, Brittany, Limoëlan, 1448-1470

RECORD-KEEPING (15TH-CENTURY DOCUMENTS IN FRENCH)

DESCRIPTION: 22 folios on paper, complete, minor stains, some wear due to use, bound in 1470 in a reused parchment leaf. Dimensions c. 210 x 146 mm.

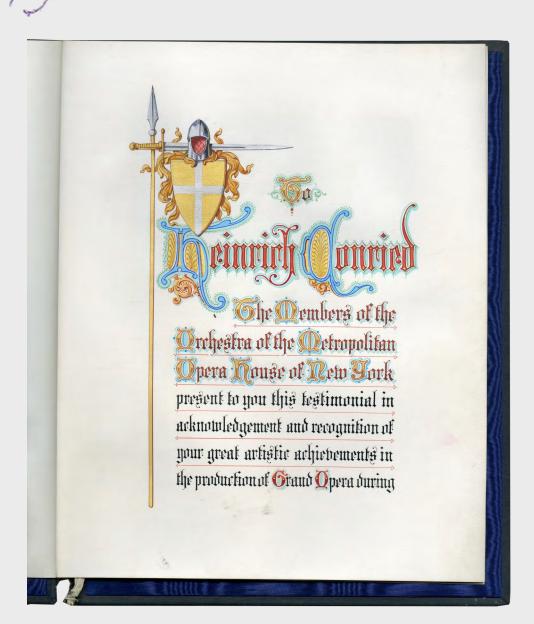
This collection of notarized legal contracts records the acquisitions of property by a noble family, who carefully kept



track of their holdings by retaining copies of the contracts. The resulting collection, to our knowledge unpublished and unstudied, will provide a wealth of information about the history of the de Kersaliou family in Brittany and the seigneury of Limoëlan in Sévignac. Beyond that, it lends itself to teaching broader topics in social, economic, and legal history. Its text, in French, will be more widely accessible than diplomatic texts in Latin. [TM 1133]

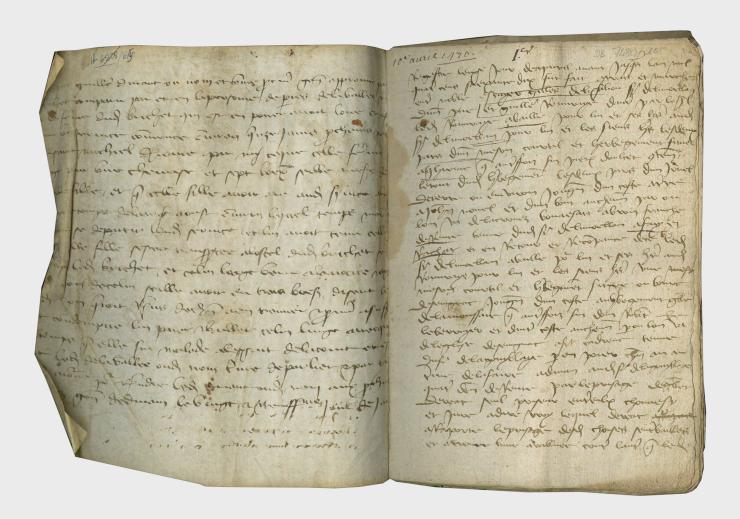
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ILLUMINATION FOR A MUSICAL LUMINARY



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RECORD-KEEPING (15TH-CENTURY DOCUMENTS IN FRENCH)



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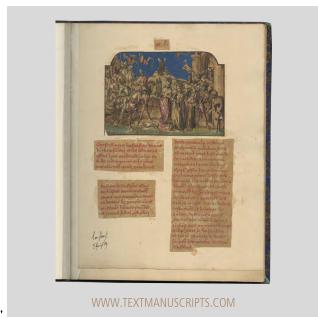
AUGUSTE DE BASTARD D'ESTANG, Preparatory Studies, Facsimiles and Drawings

Three volumes, lithographic facsimile, tracings, watercolors France (Paris), c. 1850-1851

PROCESS! (19TH-CENTURY FACSIMILES IN THE MAKING)

DESCRIPTION: [Volume I] Lithographic Facsimile, 16 pages, dimensions 305 x 235 mm. [Volume II] Tracings, 91 folios, mostly uncolored, but with added color guides, dimensions 225 x 180 mm. [Volume 3] Watercolor drawings, 24 folios, dimensions 355 x 280 mm.

Three volumes from the archives of the French publisher,



Auguste de Bastard d'Estang (d. 1893) documenting techniques he employed for his famous facsimiles of medieval manuscripts. Including a copy of an uncolored lithographic facsimile of the *Roman de Girart de Nevers*, an album of tracings from multiple sources, and a volume with fifty very fine and extremely accurate watercolor sketches after the *Vengeance de Notre Seigneur* (presumably for an uncompleted facsimile project). These volumes belonged to Bastard's wife, who gave them to her nephew in 1886. [TM 1075]

tion and survives as an important source for the study of natural philosophy and the history of science. [TM 1092]

\$9,500

Full description and images available online

4.

SAMUEL MORLAND, "As I was contemplating..." [Presenting the invention of the Tuba Stentoro-Phonica]

In English, autograph manuscript on paper with five original pen and ink drawings

England (London), 1670 or 1671

A NEW INVENTION AND ITS DEMONSTRATION

DESCRIPTION: 1 sheet of paper folded into a bifolio, five very finely drawn trumpets in pen and ink (Fig. I-V), in very good condition, unbound sheet. Dimensions 342 x 233 mm.

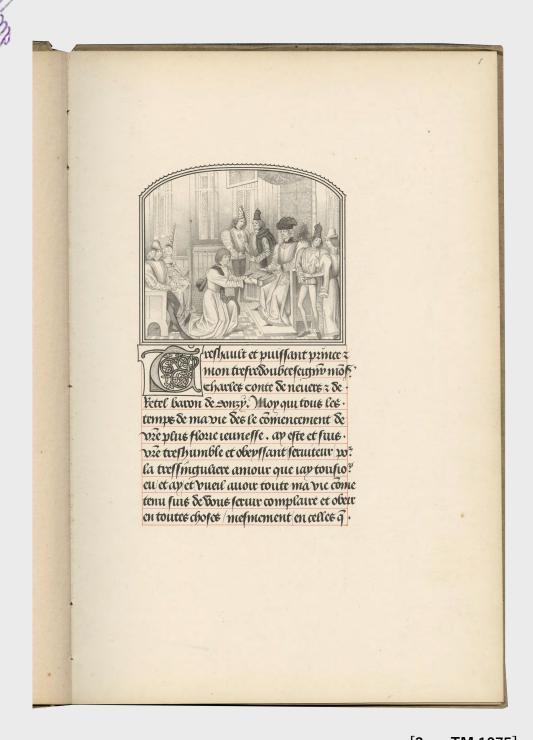
Unpublished autograph manuscript by Samuel Morland (1625-1695) presenting his invention of the speaking trumpet,



an early form of megaphone. The lively descriptions of the first trials of this object in St. James Park, which were greeted with much excitement, are accompanied by five exquisite pen and ink drawings of the trumpet. It represents an early draft of the invention, fresh from the inventor's mind before the text and drawings were polished for publica-

\$12,000

PROCESS! (19TH-CENTURY FACSIMILES IN THE MAKING)



[3. ~ TM 1075]

A NEW INVENTION AND ITS DEMONSTRATION



 $[4. \sim TM \ 1092]$

5.

ANTONIO DE' PAZZI, tr. *Battaglia di topi et di rane* (The Battle of the Frogs and Mice), translation of the PS. HOMER, *Batrachomyomachia*; Two anonymous sonnets

In Italian, manuscript on paper Italy, c. 1590-1650(?)

FROTHY HOMERIC EPIC (RARE ITALIAN TRANSLATION)

DESCRIPTION: 28 folios on paper, complete, 19th-century gold-tooled leather binding. Dimensions 220 x 145 mm.

A late 16th-century Italian translation of a playful Pseudo-Homeric epic that parodies the Iliad with a one-day battle between frogs and mice. It was a favorite among the



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humanists of Renaissance Italy and has continued to amuse people down to the present day. This translation appears to survive in only two manuscripts, of which the other one in Florence was used for the 19th-century edition. The rediscovery of this manuscript opens new avenues of research for scholars interested in the transmission of Homeric tales and the career of the understudied poet, Antonio de' Pazzi, Knight of Malta, and member of the famous Pazzi family of Florence. [TM 1038]

\$17,000

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6.

Choir Book with Selected Texts for the Mass and Office

In Latin with some Italian, illuminated stenciled book on paper with musical notation

Italy, c. 1767

STENCILED BOOK (ELEVATED WITH ILLUMINATED INITIALS)

DESCRIPTION: 23 folios on paper, complete, 5 illuminated initials, original gold-tooled leather binding. Dimensions 460 x 320 mm.

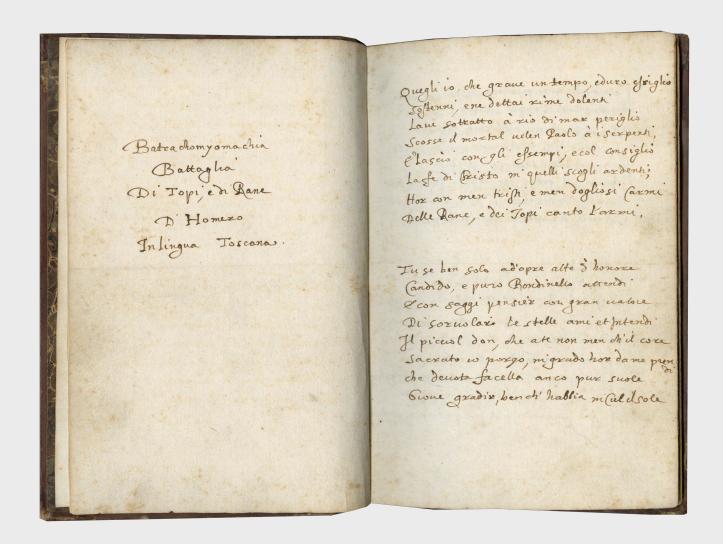
Books made with the aid of stencils occupy an interesting, and relatively unstudied, mid-ground between manuscripts and



printing with movable type. This is an unusually luxurious example that includes richly illuminated initials, executed by hand. It was certainly made for someone in or close to the Piarist Order (the "Order of the Pious Schools"), likely to celebrate the sanctification of the founder of the order, St. Joseph Calasanctius, who was canonized in 1767. Bound in a gold-tooled armorial binding, this handsome book was surely appropriate for such a special occasion. [TM 994]

\$18,000

FROTHY HOMERIC EPIC (RARE ITALIAN TRANSLATION)



 $[5. \sim TM 1038]$

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STENCILED BOOK (ELEVATED WITH ILLUMINATED INITIALS)



 $[6. \sim TM 994]$