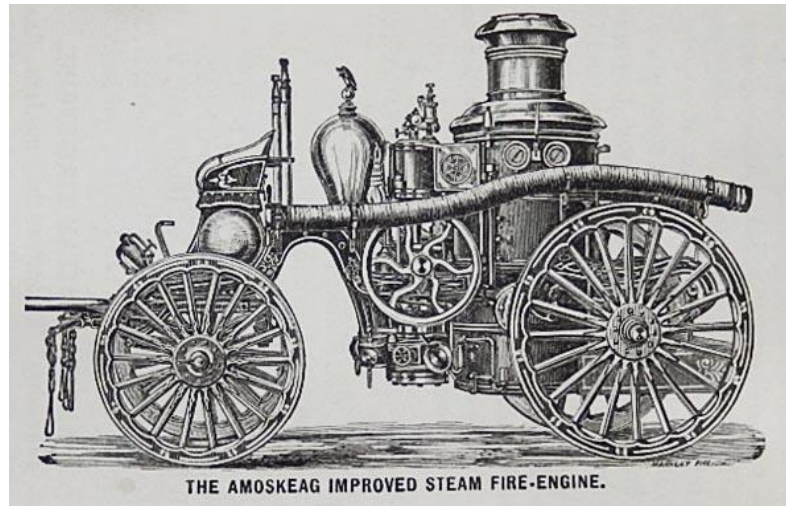


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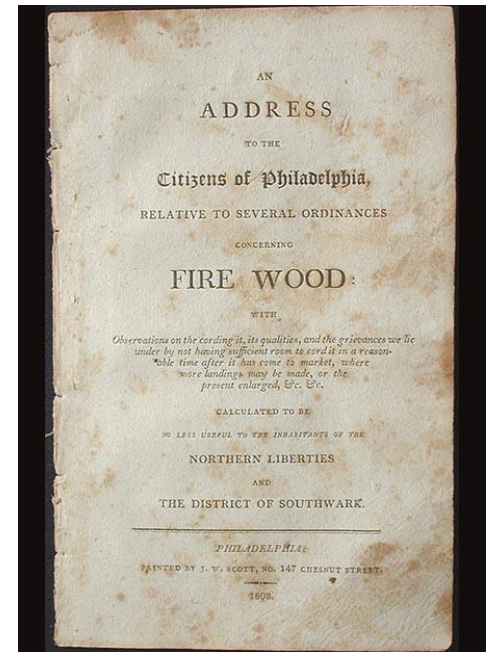
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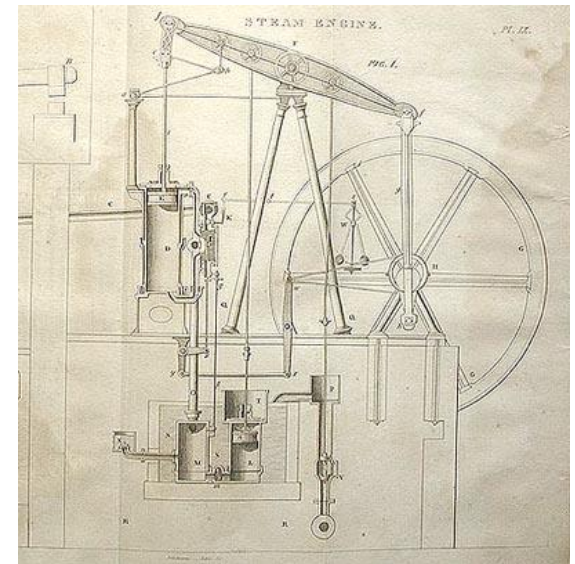
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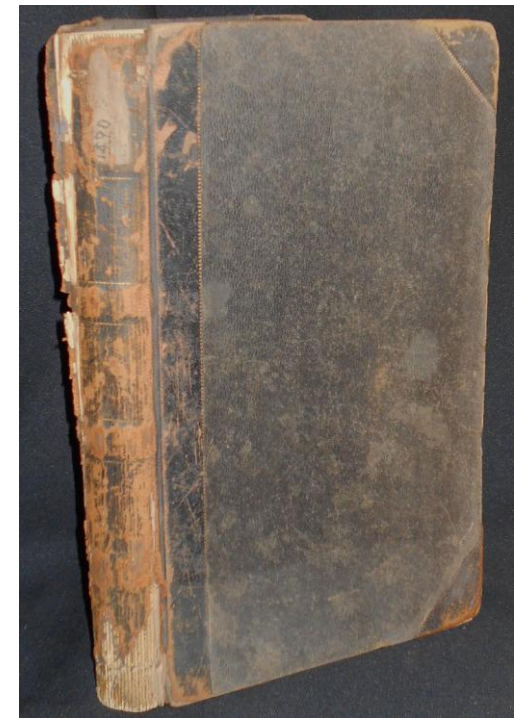
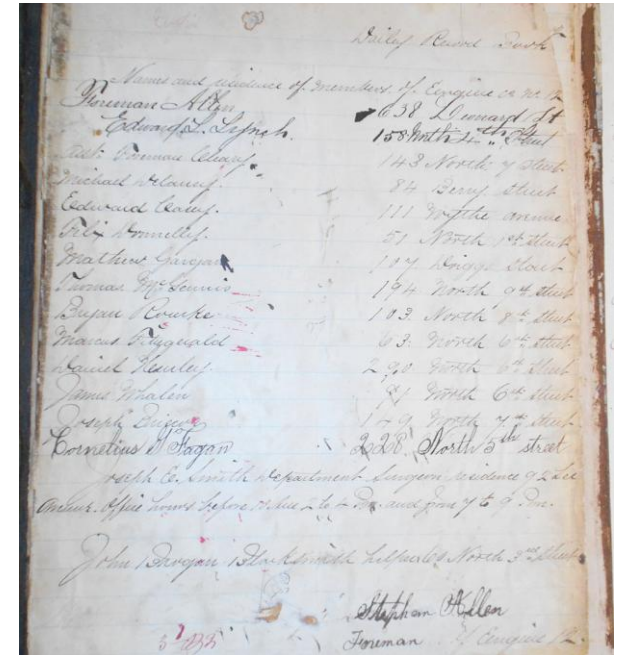
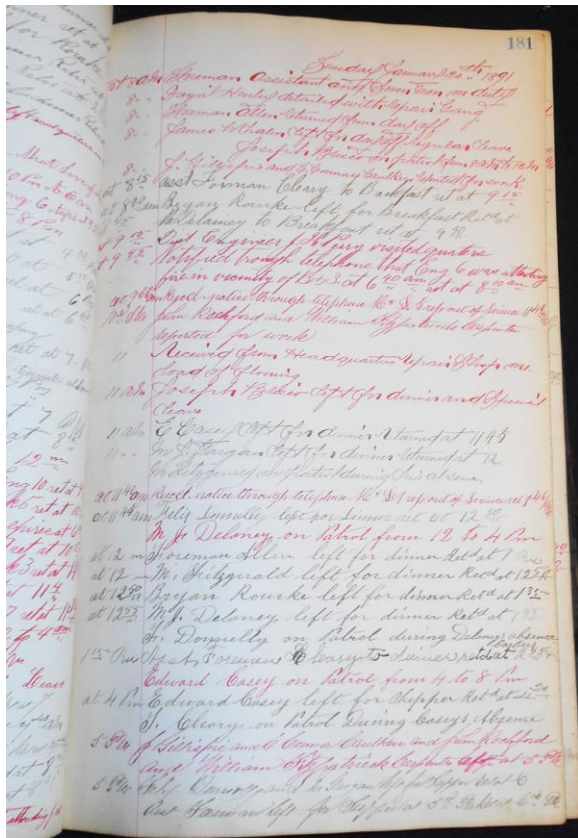
1. **An Address to the Citizens of Philadelphia, Relative to Several Ordinances concerning Fire Wood . . . Calculated to be No Less Useful to the Inhabitants of the Northern Liberties and the District of Southwark: With Observations on the cording it, its qualities, and the grievances we lie under by not having sufficient room to cord it in a reasonable time after it has come to market, where more landings may be made, or the present enlarged, &c. &c.** Philadelphia, Pa.: J.W. Scott, 1808. 39, [1] p.; 21 cm. Last page contains an advertisement for a weekly literary publication, *The Eye*, sold at the printer's bookstore. Disbound from a miscellaneous volume. Not in *Early American Imprints*, 2nd series (Shaw & Shoemaker). A detailed discussion of the use of firewood in the city of Philadelphia and the various city ordinances regulating its sale within the city, signed Another Citizen (p. 34). The printer, John Welwood Scott, started *The Religious Remembrancer* in 1813, which has been called the first religious weekly published in the United States. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1824. Extremely scarce early 19th-century Philadelphia publication. In Very Good- Condition: disbound; scattered foxing, most prominent on title page and last page (advertisement); otherwise clean. (#001587) \$95.00



2. **Bigelow, Jacob. Elements of Technology, Taken Chiefly From a Course of Lectures Delivered at Cambridge, on the Application of the Sciences to the Useful Arts Now Published for the Use of Seminaries and Students.** Boston, Mass.: Hilliard, Gray, Little and Wilkins, 1831. Second Edition with Additions. xv, [1], 521, [1] p.: folded frontispiece, 21 additional leaves of plates (4 folded); 25 cm. Modern rebinding in 19th-century style: calf spine with five spine compartments between gilt Greek key rolls; green leather spine label in second compartment. Marbled paper over boards. Many in-text illustrations. Includes explanations of printing, engraving, lithography, designing, painting, sculpture, architecture, heating and ventilation, illumination, McAdam roads, bridges, railroads, canals, the diving bell, balloons and parachutes, machinery, steam engines, aqueducts and pipes, **fire engines**, mills, weaving, paper making, clockmaking, metallurgy, glassmaking, and Appert's process (canning). In Very Good+ Condition: plate 3 is detached but present; light foxing throughout; light dampstaining, restricted to the margins; pages and plates are otherwise clean and tight. A very attractive copy of this study of early 19th-century scientific and technical methods. (#000884) \$225.00

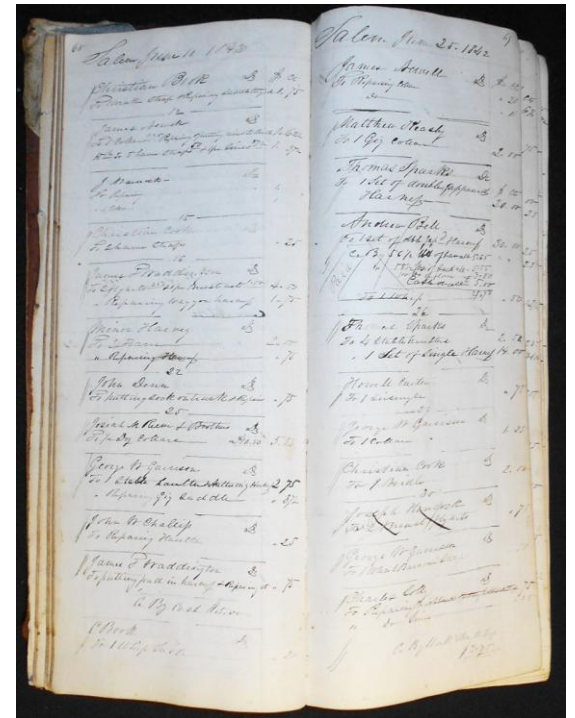
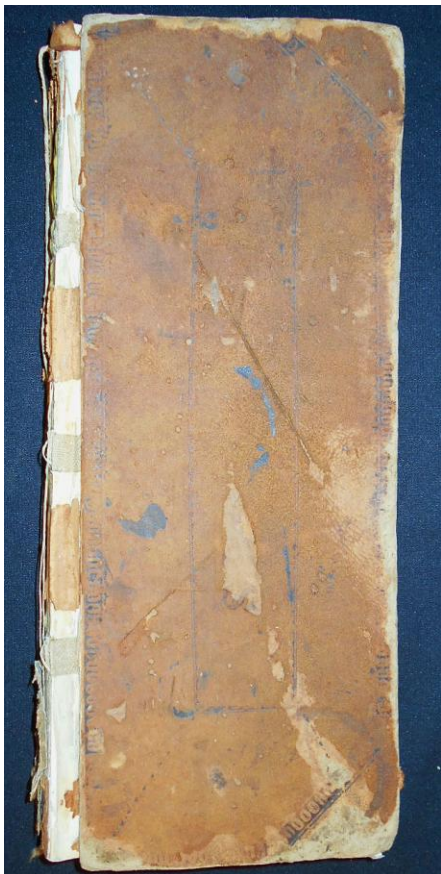


3. Brooklyn Fire Engine Co. No. 12 daily record book 1890-1891. New York: Brooklyn Fire Department, 1890. 400 p.; 36 cm. Half calf with morocco-grain cloth over boards. The handwritten daily record book of Engine Co. No. 12 of the Brooklyn Fire Department. The list of members, with street addresses, attached to the front free endpaper names Stephen Allen as the foreman. Allen was born in 1853 and became a fireman in 1880, assistant foreman in 1887, and foreman in 1889. It provided a daily record of the activities of the fire engine company from Oct. 25, 1890, through June 8, 1891. A heavy book; for international shipping, it will have to be sent by priority international. In Very Good Condition: loss of leather from spine; edges rubbed; cocked; cover is soiled; front free endpaper is detached but present; some page corners creased; internally clean and solid. (#007357) \$575.00

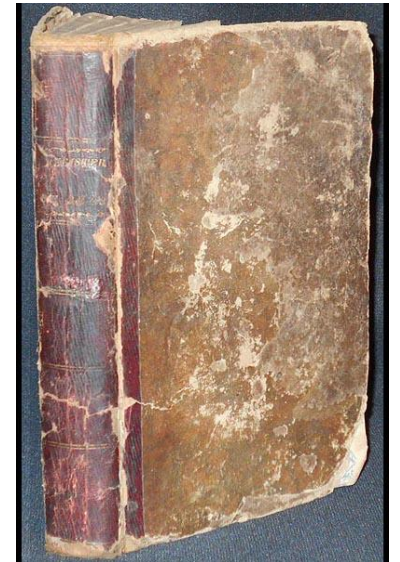


4. Darmon, David Smith. **The Regular Book of Entries Belonging to David Smith Darmon.** Salem, N.J., 1840. [approx. 650] p.; 41 cm. Remains of original leather binding. Ledger book of David Smith Darmon (1815-1879), a saddler in Salem, N.J. The first part of the ledger begins on April 15, 1840, and goes to Feb. 26, 1858, in Salem, N.J. The next page is headed "Philadelphia July 16 1859." The Philadelphia entries run through March 1860. The next page is headed "The Regular Book of Entries Belonging to David S. Darmon" and starts with April 11, 1865, in Salem, N.J. This suggests that the business had been taken over by David Smith Darmon, Jr., one of the sons of David Smith Darmon (1815-1879), the latter generally known as Smith Darmon. This section runs to April 1875. The next section begins in Salem in Feb. 1889 but does not identify the person who "Commenced business this date." It runs to the beginning of 1892. The final section contains entries from the 1870s. Smith Darmon worked with leather as well as

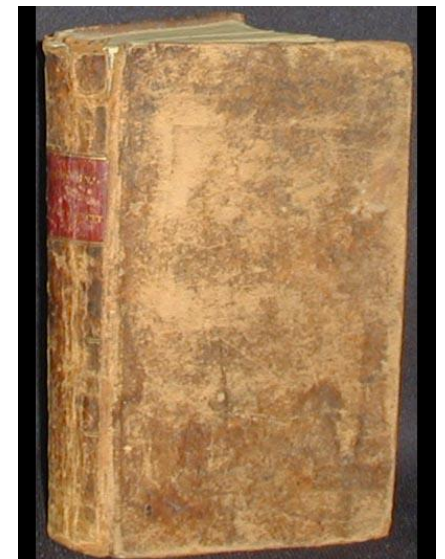
renting out horses and carriages. The entries run from making 16 handles for **fire buckets for the Union fire Co.** to hiring out a horse and sulky. A rare record of a mid-19th-century New Jersey business. In Good Condition: lacking leather from spine; front board is detached but present; back board is almost detached; front free endpaper is detached with loss from lower section, without loss of writing; otherwise, the pages are solid with occasional soiling or fading. (#007288) \$1,200.00



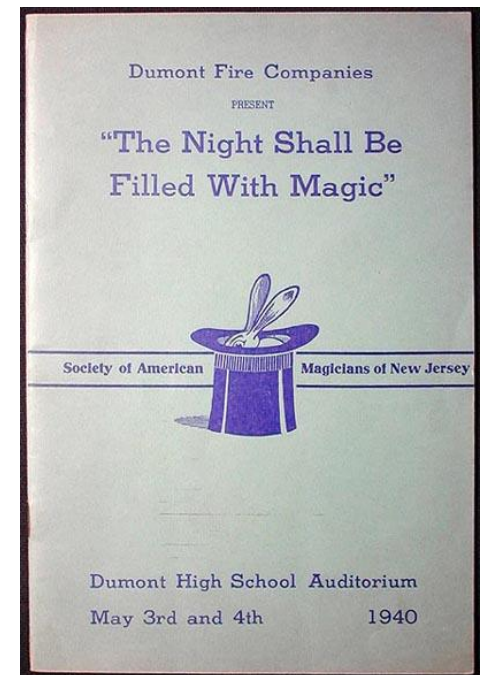
5. Fessenden, Thomas Green. **The Register of Arts, or a Compendious View of Some of the Most Useful Modern Discoveries and Inventions.** Philadelphia: C. and A. Conrad; Baltimore: Conrad Lucas & Co.; Petersburg: Somervill and Conrad; Norfolk: Bonsal Conrad & Co. , 1808. xi, [1], 404 p.; 22 cm. Contemporary calf spine with plain brown paper over boards. Six spine compartments between gilt rules. Gilt-tooled title in second compartment. Thomas Green Fessenden (1771-1837) sought "to present to the American publick useful information in agriculture, and the arts . . . of particular advantage to the citizens of the United States." -- Preface, dated Philadelphia, May 20, 1808. The descriptions of inventions are taken from various English, French, and American publications, often with additional remarks by Fessenden. The inventions range from David Bushnell's submarine to an apparatus for aqua tinta engraving to one for splitting logs with gunpowder. Other topics are **fire suppression**; steam heat (by Count Rumford and others); Jonathan Mix's American patent for a carriage spring; and iron railways. Also includes an extensive section on the bridge over the Schuylkill River at the west end of Market St. in Philadelphia, and a section on the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (founded in 1805). The Appendix contains a list of all the patents taken out in the United States from July 1790 to Jan. 1805. In Fair+ Condition: lacking both plates; binding is heavily rubbed with loss at lower corner of front board; foxing, browning, and light soiling; solid with complete text. (#004365) \$135.00



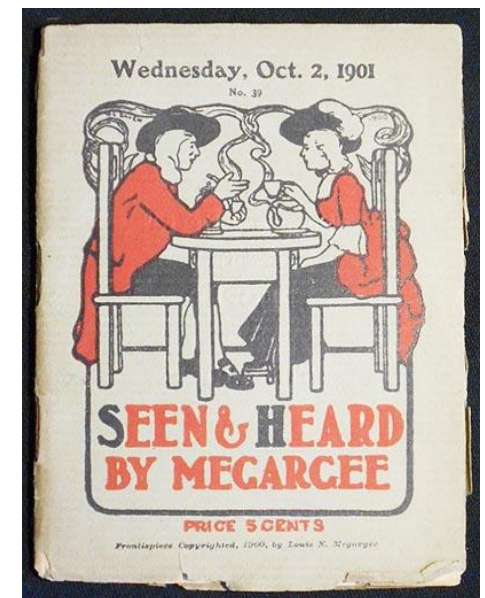
6. Goodwin, Isaac. **Town Officer: or, Laws of Massachusetts relative to the Duties of Municipal Officers; together with a digest of the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court upon those subjects.** Worcester, Mass.: Dorr and Howland, 1825. Printed by William Manning, Worcester. xi, [2], 14-336 p.; 18 cm. Contemporary full calf with five spine compartments between double gilt-rules. Red leather label in second compartment with gilt-tooled title: Goodwin's Town Officer. Includes Errata on p. xi. Former owner's inscription on blank leaf following front free endpaper: "Wm. Trowbridge Jr. Town Officer." First edition. Contents include **Engine-Men [re: fire engines]** and **Fires and Firewards**. The Appendix contains the 1822 act establishing the city of Boston; a table listing the towns in Massachusetts with their populations as of 1824; forms used by town officers; legislation passed in 1825 relative to town officers; and a table for use by measurers of wood and bark. In Very Good- Condition: leather is rubbed; minor loss of at head of spine; front joint separated from head for 2 cm.; corners of boards are rubbed through; pp. 261-62 has 3-cm. tear from fore-edge with no loss of text; dampstaining along lower edge of first few leaves; occasional foxing and browning; otherwise clean and tight. (#003055) \$75.00



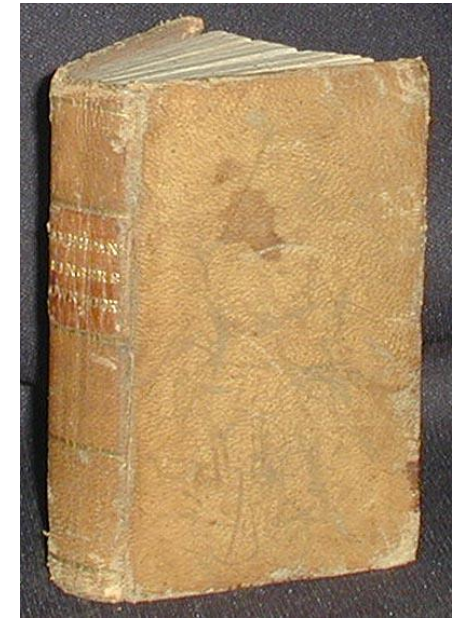
7. Harry Rouclere Assembly of the Society of American Magicians of New Jersey. **Dumont Fire Companies Present "The Night Shall Be Filled With Magic."** Dumont, N.J.: Society of American Magicians of New Jersey, 1940. [24] p.; 23 cm. Blue paper cover printed in dark blue, with cover illustration of a rabbit in a hat. Back cover contains advertisements. Program for magic performance held at Dumont High School Auditorium, May 3rd and 4th 1940, as a fundraiser for the Dumont fire companies. Presented by members of the Harry Rouclere Assembly, No. 25, Society of American Magicians. The music was provided by Charlie Gage and Orchestra. Performers of magic include Ted Collins, Connie Bush (as Conrad Bush), ventriloquist William P. Braun, and Rouclere, Jr. (daughter of Harry Rouclere). Also contains advertisements for numerous local businesses including the Madison Beer Garden. In Very Good Condition: back cover slightly soiled; small stain in lower section of last 4 leaves; slight foxing along gutter of center 2 leaves; otherwise pages are clean and tight. (#001205) \$45.00



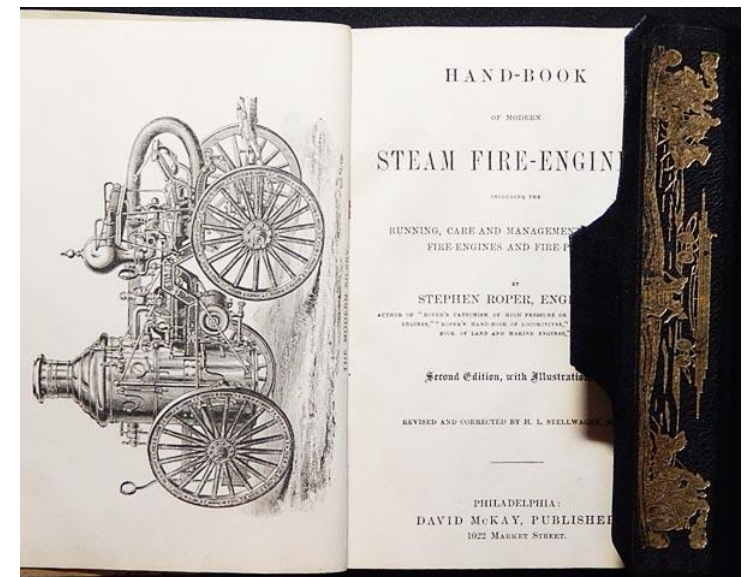
8. Megargee, Louis N. **Seen and Heard** -- Vol. I, no. 39 -- Oct. 2, 1901. Philadelphia: Louis N. Megargee, 1901. 40 p.; 15 cm. Grey wrappers with wrapper title and illustrations printed in red and black. Wrapper title: Seen & Heard by Megargee. First 4 and final 4 pages contain advertisements, including information about where electric automobiles could be charged, and an advertisement by Siegmund Lubin (1851-1923) for his new cineograph, which could be operated in the home by a child. Lubin also would make motion pictures of your family at his gallery, which you could show in your home the next day! Louis N. Megargee (1855-1905) was a Philadelphia newspaper reporter and author. In this issue of Seen and Heard, he discusses the state **firemen's** convention; the theory of Ignatius Donnelly that the Earth had passed through a comet's tail, resulting in dangerous **fires**; financial disasters involving Jay Cooke and the Union Banking Co. in Philadelphia; and the history of anthracite coal mining in Pennsylvania. In Very Good- Condition: minor loss along spine and lower wrapper edges; clean and tight. (#004618) \$8.50



9. **The New American Singer's Own Book; A Choice Selection of the Most Popular Sentimental, Patriotic, Naval, and Comic Songs Many of which have been contributed by our most able and distinguished vocalists; To which is added, A Collection of Useful Letters, on various subjects, Written in a concise and familiar style.** Philadelphia: Michael Kelly, 1841. 192, 64 p.; 12 cm. Contemporary calf with four spine compartments between double gilt rules. Leather label in second compartment with gilt-tooled title "American Singer's Own Book." Former owner's name on front free endpaper in pencil: H.T. Finch. Lyrics without music. Includes title index: p. 187-192. Contents include patriotic songs such as The Star-Spangled Banner; Hail Columbia; America, Commerce, and Freedom; and America -- The Anchor and Hope of the World; as well as a local song, **Philadelphia Fireman's** Song, set to the tune of The Poachers. A very scarce ante-bellum American songbook. In Very Good Condition: edges rubbed; small stain on front board; pages are browning, with occasional light foxing; otherwise clean and tight. (#003072) \$165.00



10. Roper, Stephen. **Hand-Book of Modern Steam Fire-Engines, including the Running, Care and Management of Steam Fire-Engines and Fire-Pumps.** Philadelphia: David McKay, 1897. Second edition, revised and corrected by H.L. Stellwagen. 413, [1] p.: frontispiece illustration of a Silsby engine and other full-page illustrations of steam fire engines (included in pagination), tables, in-text illustrations; 17 cm. Original black leather binding with wrap-around flap; gilt-stamped spine title "Roper's Hand-Book of Modern Steam Fire Engines." Sensitive modern repair to hinges and flap, retaining original gilt-stamped illustration of horse-drawn steam fire engines. Flap now attaches via small velcro strip. All page edges gilt. Grey endpapers. Final unpaginated page contains advertisement for 11 of Roper's engineering handbooks. Former owner's name on blank leaf following front free endpaper and back fixed endpaper: Walter M. Forsyth. Scarce. In Very Good+ Condition: ends of spine rubbed; 1.5-cm. tear from head of back joint, without loss; sensitive restoration of hinges and flap (report available on request); pages are clean and tight. (#003163) \$225.00



11. **Silsby Steamer Lucius Beebe No. 1.** Wakefield, Mass., n.d. [approx. 1885]. 1 photograph 11 x 19 cm., mounted. Shows the brick **firehouse** "Lucius Beebe No. 1" and a gazebo, in Wakefield, Mass. Caption on the back in pencil reads: "Steamer Lucius Beebe no. 1. House on commons facing Church St. formerly Housed old Yale engine. torn down 1900." The Silsby Steamer "Lucius Beebe No. 1" was named for Lucius Beebe (1810-1884), a businessman who lived in Wakefield, Mass., for many years. The public library was also named for him. In Near Fine Condition: slightly rubbed. (#001165) \$45.00



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