

Little Sages Books, ABAA ♀ *Women, Culture, Sub-culture & Social History*
The Other Americana

Victoriana and Such: Sex, Lies and Theatre

The cruelest lies are often told in silence. ~Robert Louis Stevenson

1. [LETTERS - AUTHORS] 1920s Robert Louis Stevenson Club, Stevenson Society Club and other RLS related letters and ephemera, in which an illegitimate son born in Scotland is both confirmed and denied.

Edinburgh: ca 1924. All notes addressed to Guy Richardson, Esq. of Boston:

TLS marked private and confidential, from the Hon. secretary of the Robert Stevenson Club, Edinburgh, 1924, regarding illegitimate son to R.L.S.

TLS, 2pp., on Little Brown and Co. letterhead, from Herbert F. Jenkins, 1925, regarding illegitimate son to R.L.S.

TLS, The Stevenson Society of America, Inc. Saranac Lake, New York, from Livingston Chapman, 1925, regarding purchase of cottage, Society plaque, etc.

TLS, Harvard College Library letterhead, William C. Lane, Librarian at Harvard Library, 1926, Widener catalog, Stevenson collection, Lincoln, etc.

TLS, half-tone illustrated letterhead, Stevenson Society of America, Inc., from Livingston Chapman, 1930, enclosing photograph of Poultney Bigelow, etc.

Folding leaflet printed in sepia, Stevenson Society of America Application for Membership.

In the 1925 letter on Little, Brown and Co. letterhead from Herbert Jenkins, he quotes John A. Steuart, confirming a child born October 5th, 1879 in Alva, Clackmannanshire.. funds were directed to the child via Charles Baxter, but by 1925, he is living in cold charity 'for the Edinburgh that raves about R.L.S. gives him the cold shoulder'.. Fine. Letter. \$175.00

2. [VICE/MORALITY POLICE] ca 1915 **Vice Society tract - A Warning from the Illinois Vigilance**

Association against Alcohol and Vice. Chicago : The Illinois Vigilance Association , ca 1915. First Edition.

With half tones shower home for mental defectives and microscopic zooms of syphilis and gonorrhoea, a four paneled leaflet printed by the association led by Chritton, Bowman, Hallam and later Yarrow, notorious for the crackdown and arrest of nine Chicago area booksellers, including one of Brentanos' own, who eventually fought and won a case against the Reverend Yarrow. By the 1930s, Vice association's moral excoriations were out of favor.

'In the United States about half a million insane, epileptic, feeble-minded, blind and deaf; 80,000 prisoners and 100,000 paupers, all of whom cost this nation over a hundred million dollars a year.'" Very good. Leaflet.

Nick of loss at hinge, small closed tear. \$110.00

3. **[[LUNACY, INSTITUTIONS AND ASYLUMS]] Six Checks Cashied From The Asylum for the Chronic Insane, later Worcester Insane Asylum, Worcester, Mass., 1887.** Worcester: 1887. All checks signed, cashed, deposited and paid - stamped accordingly. Payments to Washburn and Garfield; Watson and Belcher; Learned, Newton and Co., Chas. Stubbs & Worcester Lunatic Hospital, all signed by Albert Wood.

Very good. paper . \$150.00

4. **[[WOMEN'S RIGHTS - ANTI-SUFFRAGE]] Robert S. Taylor . Woman Suffrage: An Argument Against It.** Robert S. Taylor , ca 1915. 18pp., in printed wrappers. No publication place or date stated, Stanford finding aid suggests 1915. Anti-suffrage essay.

Fine. Staplebound. \$55.00

5. **[[WOMEN'S CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS]] 1886 Programme for Victorian Era New York Women's Club, ' Sorosis ' with Vocalist Clementine Laser Studwell.** New York : 1886. First Edition. Small program on stiff card, 5" x 4", in violet ink. Sorosis was among the first women's clubs in the country, organized in 1868 by Mrs. Jennie C. Croly (listed as a speaker on this program). Known largely for organizing the first National Convention on women's clubs, with delegates from sixty-one clubs of all varieties gathering at Madison Square Theater, NYC.

In Anne Ruggles Gere's 'Intimate Practices: Literacy and Cultural Work in U.S. Women's Clubs, 1880-1920', she notes that Sorosis and By New England Women's Club vied for title of 'first' club, yet African American clubs likely hold that distinction.

Near Fine, light toning. Card. \$80.00

6. **[[THEATRE]] 1887 Saratoga Springs New York - Victorian Theatre Program - Onnalinda read by Mrs. Nella Brown-Pond.** Saratoga Springs : Putnam Music Hall, 1887. Wife of Oziah Pond, literary and musical manager, Nella Brown-Pond enjoyed notoriety and success in New England and abroad. August 31, 1887, a performance at Putnam Music Hall in upstate New York, with performances set for Newport, Washington (at the request of Mrs. Cleveland, First Lady) before the Lyceum in London, England. Folding leaflet program with insert. Corners chipped, peripheral loss.

Good. Leaflet. \$25.00

7. **[[THEATRE-PHOTOGRAPHY]] 1920 Photograph, Framingham Normal School Theatrical Production, 10 x 6.** Framingham : 1920. Fine. Photograph. \$65.00

Every crag and gnarled tree and lonely valley has its own strange and graceful legend attached to it.

-Douglas Hyde (An Craoibhín Aoibhinn)

8. [THEATRE-IRELAND] Douglas Hyde . **An tincéar agus an tsidheóg · The Tinker and the Fairy; Leir an Gcraoibhín Aoibhinn; Translated by Miss Butler (Belinda Butler).** Dublin : , nd ca 1902. . 34pp, stapled. Gaelic and English. Hyde, an Irish academic, linguist, and scholar of the Irish language (Gaeilge) who served as the first President of Ireland from 1938-45. He was a leading figure in the Gaelic revival, and first president of the Gaelic League, one of the most influential cultural organisations in Ireland at the time. Lift and crease to corner tips, soiled covers. Less than ten in worldwide holdings at this time.

Good. Staplebound. \$70.00

9. [TRADE CATALOG-PHOTOGRAPHY] **Werner, Alex. Dr. A. Werner's High Grade Lenses.** Newark : Dr. Alex Werner, 1901. First Edition. 8pp in illustrated green paper wrappers. Rear cover split at corner tip. None recorded in OCLC or trade at the time of this writing. *Victorian Photography Trade Catalog detailing Optics, Antistigmatics, Wide Angle and Ortholinear Lenses, Shutters.*

Very good. Wraps. \$110.00

10. [CHARITY] **1962 Quaker American Friends Service Committee Suite of Ephemera related to Algeria · Refugee Aid and Support.** Philadelphia: American Friends Service Committee , 1962. Six pieces: For Algerian Refugee Children: Blankets from American Children; Bundles for boys; Sewing Bags for Algerian Refugee Girls; Tool Box Fund; Christmas: Bread for Algerian Children and The Innocent Victims · Algeria (reprinted from May 6, 1961 issue of Look)

Fine. Heavy paper. \$60.00

11. [POLITICS][ANTI-KLAN] **Alfred Emanuel "Al" Smith. Small Presidential campaign card, against Alfred Emanuel "Al" Smith. When?? Then!!** Indianapolis: Allied Printing Trades Council, 1924. Alfred Emanuel "Al" Smith was the four time Governor of New York, remembered for his squelched nomination round (1924) and failed presidential campaign of 1928, as well as a 1932 nomination loss to former friend and supporter, Franklin D. Roosevelt. A Roman Catholic and vocal progressive, publicly denouncing the Ku Klux Klan by name and proclaiming this very stance as the Democratic candidacy platform plank, proving a definitive blow to the '24 election hopes. Here his opponents write a 'when hell freezes over' prose protest of his candidacy, noting ' Catholics, Jews and the Klan'.

'When the bull-frog learns to sing tenor,
And the eagle mates with the hen,
When razor-back shoats grow feathers,
And a buzzard "pals" with a wren
When thistles grow on peach trees,
And cotton hangs from the rose,
When Catholics rule the United States,
And Jews no more sell clothes,
When the Ku-Klux-Klan is beaten,

And the Pope is in power again,
Then Al. Smith maybe President,
By Heck, - But not until then. “

Fine. Card. \$55.00

12. **[[WAR-BRINGING THE BOYS HOME]] GI Bill of Rights/Homecoming , WWII Army Service Northeast Fort Lewis Washington Staging Facility Papers.** Washington : US Government , 1945. Detailing service, barracks, money and personal property tips, etc. as soldiers return from Pacific and forward home. Poor. Letter.

Heavily worn, loss to edges. \$35.00

13. **[[TRAVEL]] ca1930 Copenhagen Travel Brochure 'Elite Rundfart' 'Matthiesen & Son.** Copenhagen: 1930. 34pp, with ads for Georg Jensen, Copenhagen Zoo, Steamship Odin, dual language Danish/English with half tone pictures, gilt chromolithographic wrappers, art by F. Sedivy. Hotel Astoria letterhead note laid in.

Near fine. Staplebound. \$20.00

14. **[[VICTORIANA-FUNERALIA]] Catalogue and Price List:Memorial Cards, Prayer Cards, and Mounting Stationery, Wax Flower Memorials, Etc.** Philadelphia: W.R. Seymour and Co. , ca 1890. 9x6 - illustrated, opening into single sheet, printed self wrappers. Fair. Leaflet.

Creased, fragile. \$40.00

15. **[[VICTORIANA-PATENT MEDS]] Hood's Sarsaparilla: Lovely woman - A collection of fun, fancy and fact.** Lowell, Massachusetts : C. I. Hood & Co., 1890. First Edition. 16p., ill., 6" x 6" Stories, games, jokes and tips. With A.M. Corel, Horseheads, New York ticket laid in: Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals. Eight in domestic library holdings as of this writing. Lift to corner tip, subtle wear.

Very good. Staplebound. \$45.00

16. **[[SMALL PRESS]] Patricia Evans . Four plus, from Porpoise Bookshop (Peregrine Press), San Francisco: Hopscotch, Who's It?, Jump Rope Rhymes and Jacks with prospectus/order form and envelope, and original mailing envelope for suite of four (plus a second copy of Who's It?).** San Francisco: Porpoise Bookshop , 1954. First Edition. Created by Patricia Evans, wife of Peregrine Press printer and Porpoise Bookshop owner, Henry Evans. The California small press began in Arizona, after establishing in San Francisco went on to print many notables of the Bay Area and American 1950s and '60s art and poetry scene. Very good. Staplebound.

Five staplebound petite pamphlets in total, with order form, envelope and mailer. \$85.00

17. [ADVERTISEMENT] **Better Ways to Wash and Clean.** New York: Pacific Coast Borax Company , 1927. First Edition. 32pp laundry and household cleaning guide, with history of Borax, Baby and Infant care, Domestic use and Exterior recipes for Borax. Stapled in exceptionally charming, 'bubble' covers.

Fine. Staplebound. \$35.00

18. [POETRY-INDIAN CONTEMPORARY] Srinivas Rayaprol . **Bones and Distances; Poems by Srinivas Rayaprol.** Calcutta : Writer's Workshop, 1968. His first book, signed 'with compliments, Srinivas Rayaprol'. Quarter-bound in peach linen on paper boards. Dustjacket shows loss. Rayaprol, son of a leading modern poet in Telugu late Rayaprolu Subbara, was educated at Benares Hindu University and Stanford University. He discovered modern poetry in United States, the country to which he owed both an education and "my personal emancipation." It was a debt of gratitude, but it did not make him a wide eyed admirer of all things American. In the final issue of East and West, a magazine he founded and edited from 1956 to 1961, Rayaprol said reading contemporary American poetry with its "beatniks and Jazz poets and the daytime poets and nighttime poets, the poets in pony tails and the poets of hoola-hoop school, I feel sick - of myself, of this world and this present state of writing. "His opinions endeared him to some American poets; among them William Carlos Williams, who was contributor to East and West and with whom Rayaprol carried on a long term correspondence. - from Muse India. He published three books of poems: Bones and Distances (1968), Married Love and Other Poems (1972), and Selected Poems (1995).

Good in good dust-jacket. Signed.Hardcover. \$55.00

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