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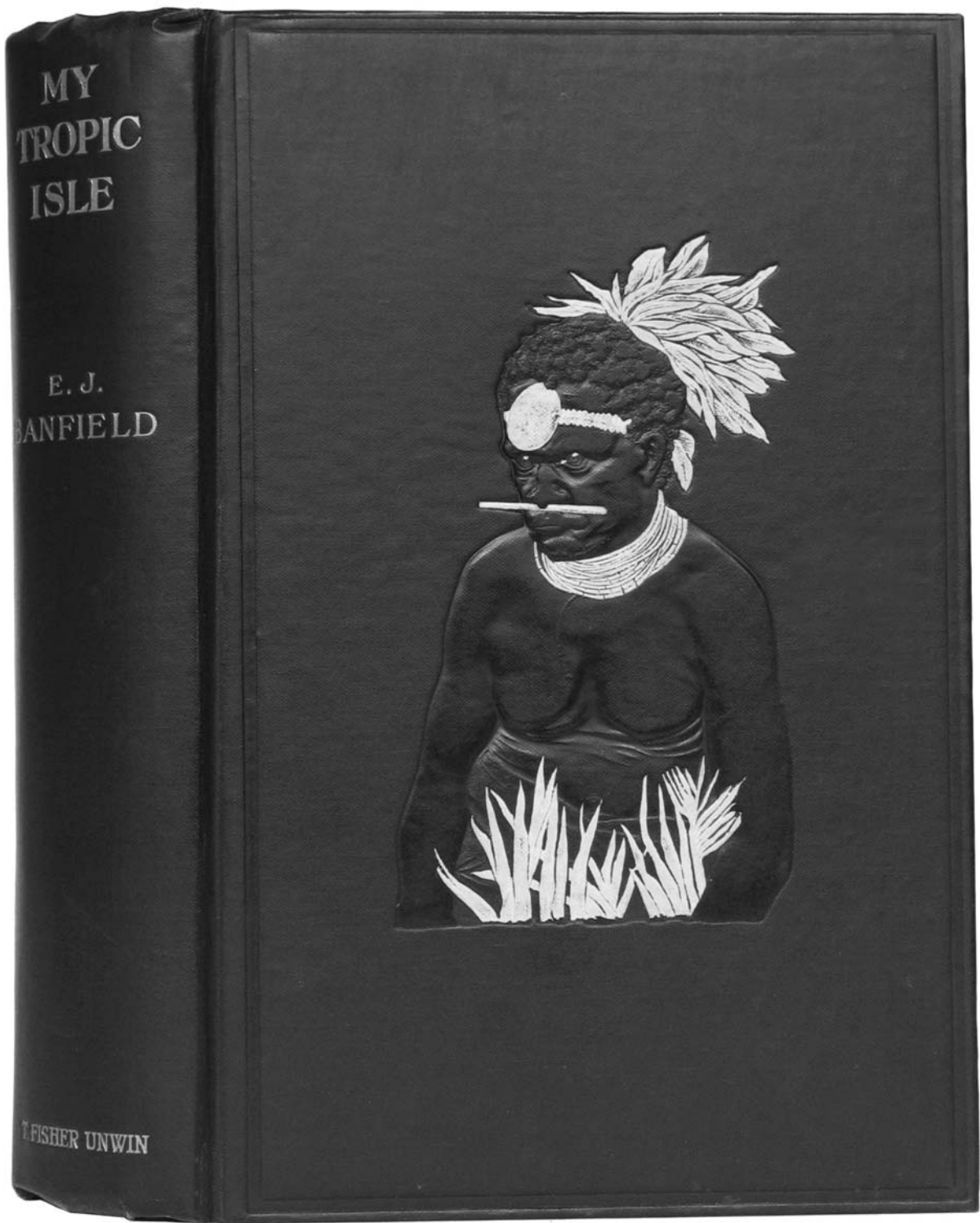
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3. E.J. Banfield's classic account of his Dunk Island refuge

[1] ANDREWS, Dr. Arthur.
The History of Albury. 1824 – 1895. *Albury, Printed by Adams, Cooper, and Adams, "Banner" Office, 1912*. Octavo, pp. [xii] (first leaf blank), 94, [2] (blank), with map in the text; an excellent copy in the original green cloth, spine little sunned. **\$440**

First edition – the uncommon cloth issue – of an extremely scarce regional history.

[2] APSLEY, Allen Algernon Bathurst, Baron, and Viola Lady APSLEY.
The Amateur Settlers By Lord and Lady Apsley. *London, Hodder and Stoughton Limited, n.d. but 1926*. Octavo, pp. 228 (last blank) + 17 leaves of plates, and a full-page map facing p. 129 not in the list of illustrations; a very good copy in the original blue cloth, map endpapers. **\$85**

First edition. British politician, Lord Apsley, and his wife 'emigrated' to Australia under false names and experienced the sort of life that faced prospective British immigrants on an Australian Group Settlement. The book includes an account of their travels from Victoria through South Australia, the Nullarbor Plain, and along the West Australian coast to Darwin. It is of particular interest for the account of Northern Australia and Group Settlement in Western Australia. Both the book and the 'courageous' adventure of the aristocratic pair were very well publicised here and in Britain and this account was a considerable popular success. ANB, 1349; Mills, M17.

[3] BANFIELD, Edmund James.
My Tropic Isle. *London, T. Fisher Unwin, 1911*. Octavo, pp. 316, [4] (advertisements) + 24 leaves of plates; an excellent copy, the front board with a portrait of an islander embossed in blind, his adornments and foreground foliage blocked in white; top edge gilt, others rough trimmed. **\$440**

Very scarce: first edition. A journalist, Banfield retreated to Dunk Island off the Queensland coast in 1897 after a nervous breakdown brought on by overwork. Here he lived, in relatively primitive circumstances, for 25 years in "tranquillity, happiness and security" until his death. Banfield's accounts of his experiences have been compared to those of the American writer, David Thoreau, whose classic account of his primitive solitude at Walden resembles Banfield's reflective books. ANB, 3646; Greenway, 592; Johnston-Zerner, F625.

[4] BANFIELD, Edmund James.
My Tropic Isle. *New York, Outing Publishing Company, 1912*. Octavo, pp. 316 + 24 leaves of plates; very good copy in the original gilt-lettered cloth; top edge gilt, others rough trimmed. **\$220**

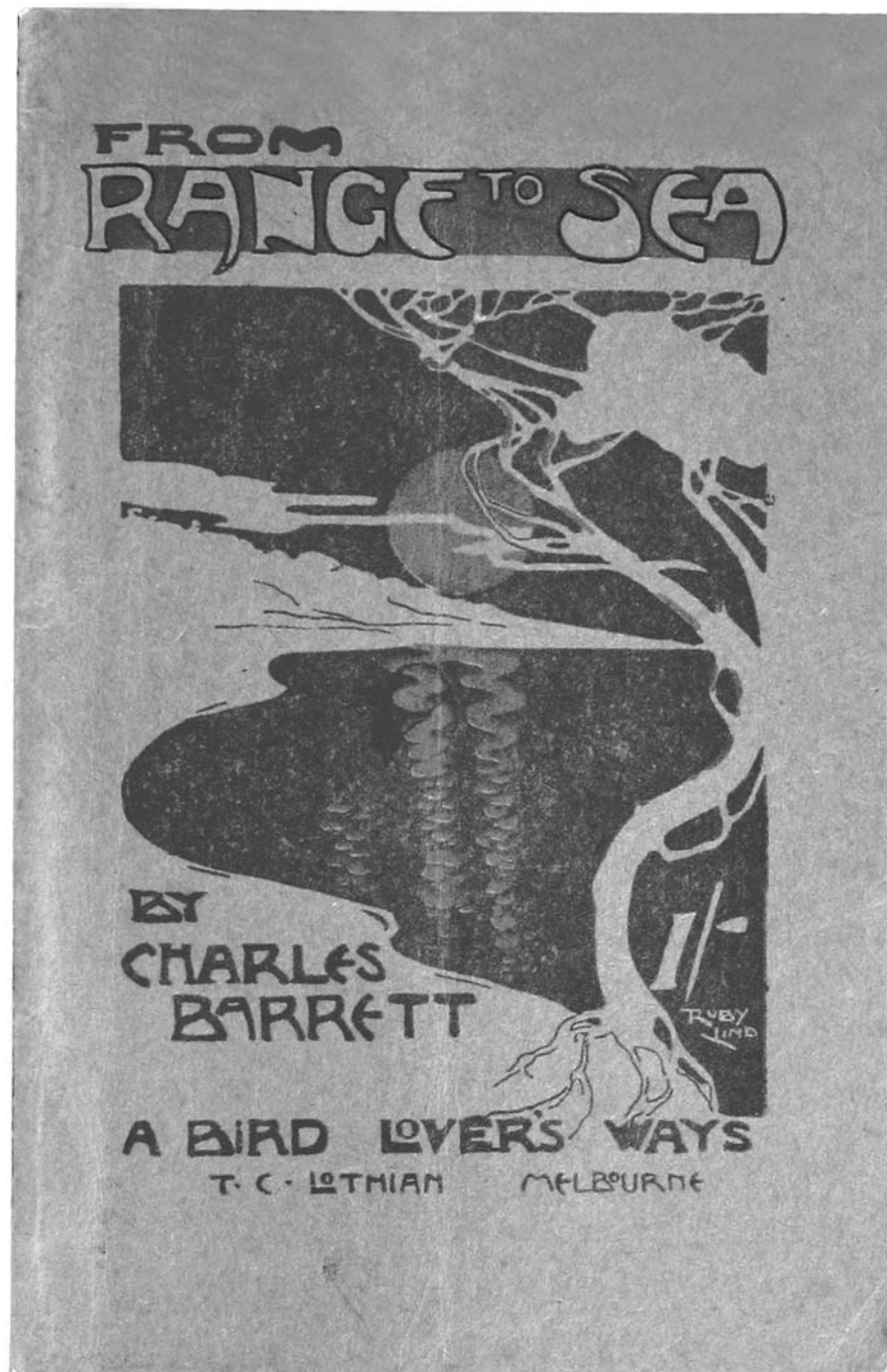
Very scarce: the first US edition. ANB, 3644.

[5] BANFIELD, Edmund James.
Last Leaves from Dunk Island. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1925*. Octavo, pp. xxxii, 232, [4] (index) + 26 leaves of plates (last two plates face pp. 212 and 220, and so issued, not pp. 216 and 224 as in the list of plates); top edge little dusted, original cloth very good and bright with dustwrapper (little worn). **\$145**

First edition: the posthumous final volume of Banfield's four books describing his life on Dunk Island; with an introduction by Alec H. Chisholm. ANB, 3646; Greenway, 591; Johnston-Zerner, F628.

[6] BANKS, Mary Macleod.
Memories of Pioneer Days in Queensland. *London, Heath Cranton Ltd, 1931*. Octavo, pp. 80 + eight leaves of plates; very good in the original dark blue cloth. **\$125**

First edition: an account of childhood and youth spent on the Brisbane River during the 1870s and 1880s; with a foreword by Lord Lamington, the former Governor of Queensland. The author's father, David Cannon McConnel, was a pastoralist who settled on the Brisbane River in 1841. Her mother, Mary McConnel, also (privately) published her reminiscences in 1905 – and that is a very rare book indeed. ANB, 3669; Greenway, 596; Johnston-Zerner, A618.



7. Charles Barrett's first book, with cover by Ruby Lindsay

[7] BARRETT, Charles.

From Range to Sea: A Bird Lover's Ways. *Melbourne, T.C. Lothian, 1907*. Octavo, pp.68 (last blank), with illustrations in the text throughout; first leaf a little tanned from the wrappers, as often, a very good copy in the original wrappers by Ruby Lind[say]. **\$275**

Scarce: the first edition of the first book by Charles Barrett, subsequently the author of over 60 books, most on natural history but with a handful of children's adventure stories to his credit (mainly writing as "Donald Barr"), as well as works of history, travel, anthropology, and bibliophily. The art nouveau wrapper design by Ruby Lindsay also makes this book of special interest. Undertaken before her departure for England, where she died shortly afterwards, it is one of the earliest of her tragically few illustrative works.

This is a rather nice presentation and association copy, inscribed by the author on the half-title to fellow naturalist and author, A.H. Chisholm "with the author's best wishes".

[8] BARTON, Robert D.

Reminiscences of an Australian Pioneer. *Sydney, Tyrrell's Limited 1917*. Octavo, pp. viii, 288 + frontispiece; a good copy in the original cloth. **\$85**

First edition: reminiscences of a lifetime spent on the pastoral frontier in New South Wales and Queensland. Barton was an uncle of Australian bush poet Andrew Barton "Banjo" Paterson. ANB, 4100; Walsh and Hooton, 1:13.

[9] BASEDOW, Herbert.

Journal of the Government North-West Expedition. *Adelaide, Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, South Australian Branch, 1914*. Octavo, pp. [ii], [57]-242 + 59 leaves of plates, and a large folding map; about fine in the original grey-green wrappers, the title repeated on the front wrapper. **\$880**

First edition of the official account of this important scientific and anthropological expedition under the leadership of L.A. Wells that linked "together the areas traversed by the Horn and Elder Expeditions".

Basedow's narrative comprises the diary journal of this 1903 expedition, which was primarily a search for minerals to the Musgrave, Petermann, Tomkinson and Mann Ranges. It includes his detailed observations of the land explored, the Aborigines, and the natural history of the country traversed. Not in ANB; Greenway, 729 (periodical printing only); Mills, Q1A.

[10] BASEDOW, Herbert.

Journal of the Government North-West Expedition. *Adelaide, Royal Geographical Society of Australasia, South Australian Branch, 1914*. Octavo, pp. [ii], [57]-242 + 59 leaves of plates, and a large folding map; small tape repair (not stained) on the bottom of the last two leaves, a very good, clean copy bound in neat binder's cloth with the original grey-green front wrapper. **\$770**

First edition. Not in ANB; Greenway, 729 (periodical printing only); Mills, Q1A.

[11] BERRY, Alexander.

Reminiscences of Alexander Berry. *Sydney, Angus and Robertson, 1912*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 194 + frontispiece and large (four-page) folding panoramic view of Sydney Cove from Fort Macquarie from a sketch by Berry; very good in the original dark red cloth. **\$275**

Very scarce: first edition of Berry's reminiscences.

A pioneer merchant in New South Wales and the Pacific, Berry's reminiscences principally cover the period 1807 – 1825. Although originally he had no intention of living here permanently, Berry established himself on the Shoalhaven.

In addition to his valuable first-hand recollections of Sydney under Bligh and Macquarie, his book records travels and experiences in New Zealand (the Boyd massacre and early Bay of islands experiences), Fiji, and the Pacific generally in those early decades of the nineteenth century. Bagnall, B708; Walsh and Hooton, 1:16.

[12] BRADY, Edwin James.

River Rovers. *Melbourne, etc., George Robertson and Co., n.d. but 1911*. Octavo, pp. 192, [28] + 70 leaves of plates, and a folding map; a good copy in – little flecked – original cloth. **\$85**

First edition and scarce: the well-written narrative of a trip undertaken by two journalists on a small motor boat, “The Lone Hand”, along the Murray River from Albury to Lake Alexandrina. ANB, 6310.

[13] BRENNAN, Martin.

Reminiscences of the Gold Fields And Elsewhere in New South Wales, covering a period of forty-eight years’ service as an Officer of Police. *Sydney, William Brooks and Co., 1907*. Octavo, pp. [ii] (blank), 340, [2] (last blank) + frontispiece; touch of foxing here and there but very good in the original red cloth, Glover copy with bookplate and characteristic spine date mark. **\$185**

First edition of a remarkable series of recollections, mostly set on the goldfields, by an erudite policeman who ran the gold escort to Goulburn for two years, and distinguished himself at the Lambing Flat riots, ran several country police stations, and was one of the first to employ Aboriginal trackers with success. ANB, 6411; Greenway, 1549. \$125

[14] BRIGGS, Francis Stewart and Samuel H. HARRIS.

Joysticks and Fiddlesticks. (The Unofficial History of a Flying Kangaroo). *London, Hutchinson, [1936]*. Octavo, pp. [x], 15 – 222, [2] (blank), 8 (advertisements) + 12 leaves of plates; a very good, clean copy in the original cloth, spine lettered in white. **\$385**

First edition: personal narrative of a young Australian in the Royal Flying Corps and his subsequent experiences in the pioneer civil aviation industry in Australia, based on his flying diaries. Among his more notable flights was the first flight to Alice Springs in 1921 with Francis Birtles, who had proposed a flight to Central Australia to prepare a motion picture documentary. ANB, 06652; not in Dornbusch; Fielding and O’Neill, p. 241; McLaren Aviation, 36.

[15] BROCKMAN, John.

Autograph letter signed to “My dear Stirling” and relating to a forthcoming expedition and describing in excellent anecdotal detail his previous experiences. *West Leederville (Western Australia), 9 February, 1925*. Three pages and four-line postscript on three quarto leaves, old folds for posting but in fine state. **\$550**

A most interesting letter describing exploring activity in the 1920s in “unknown country” – almost certainly the Kimberleys.

Brockman describes his various advance journeys to the unknown country “on and from the borders of which I have been in several flying trips made from my main camp, enough of the country through which I travelled to convince me that I was passing through a very great extent of wonderfully rich pastoral country”. He laments that he could only make these trips alone since he could not afford to take even one of his party away from his main camps since “the natives appeared to be very hostile, having opposed our progress through more than one of the few passages in the ranges which we could get our horses through”. Later he remarks “We had great difficulty placating the natives throughout this long journey as they appeared to be very much afraid of ourselves and of the horses which they appeared to think were big dogs who would devour them”.

Manuscript material of such interest from the last phase of inland exploration (1900 – 1950) is rare on the market.

[16] BURDETT, Fred D.

The Odyssey of a Digger. *London, Herbert Jenkins Limited, 1936*. Octavo, pp. 316, [4] (advertisements) + 15 leaves of plates; spine slightly faded, a trace of pale spotting but very good in the original cloth. **\$85**

First edition: one of several travel and adventure books by an almost archetypical professional adventurer. The book includes accounts of gold prospecting in the Kimberleys in 1880s and of the murder of Frank Marriot by Aborigines. ANB, 7420; Greenway, 1703.

23 Blencowe St.
West Leederville
Feb. 9th 1925

My dear Stirling

I wrote you a few days ago asking
if it would be convenient to you ^{that} I could
have an interview ^{with you} re my proposed

Expedition starting if possible from
about the latter end of March. I will take
at least five or six weeks to prepare for
at least six months bush travel through
unknown country. On and from the borders
of which I have seen in several flying
trips made from my main camp, enough
of the country through which I travelled
to convince me, that I was passing through
a very great extent of wonderfully rich
pastoral country. I must have travelled
somewhere like between three and four
hundred miles from south to north through
a most wonderfully rich country.

On the many occasions upon which
I had to be entirely by myself, not being
able to afford to take even one of my

[17] BURNETT, Frank.
Through Polynesia and Papua: Wanderings with a Camera in Southern Seas. *London, Francis Griffiths, 1911*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 198, [10] (advertisements) + 47 leaves of plates, and a folding map; occasional spotting (as usual), very good in the original cloth, top edge gilt, others uncut. **\$365**

First edition: scarce. Burnett was an active professional traveller and travel writer who wrote a handful of books describing his travels in exotic places during the first quarter of the century. ANB, 7498.

[18] BUTTON, Henry.
Flotsam and Jetsam: Floating fragments of life in England and Tasmania . An Autobiographical Sketch with an outline of the introduction of Responsible Government. *Launceston, A.W. Birchall & Sons, Hobart, J. Walch & Sons, London, Simpkin, Marshall, & Co., Ltd, n.d. but 1909*. Octavo, pp. xx, 480, illustrations in the text (some full-page); pale stain in bottom margin of last few leaves, a very good copy in the little marked original gilt-pictorial blue cloth. **\$220**

First edition. Reminiscences of a journalist and newspaper proprietor who emigrated to Van Diemen's Land in 1837 at the age of eight to join his parents in Launceston.

Button describes in excellent detail life there as a child and young man. After working briefly in the family business – brewing and tanning – he worked as printer and reporter under John West on the Launceston Examiner. He remained a journalist throughout his career, apart from a brief and unsuccessful foray to the Victorian goldfields in 1852, and became one of the owners of the Examiner in 1858. He continued to assist in his family's business and on one occasion accompanied his father on a seven-week voyage of exploration along the Tasmanian west coast, a hazardous experience vividly described in one of the chapters of this book.

The book also includes a detailed account of his married life and of his involvement in local politics. ANB, 7674; Walsh and Hooton, 1:37.

[19] CALVERT SCIENTIFIC EXPLORING EXPEDITION. WELLS, Laurence Allen.
Journal of the Calvert Scientific Exploring Expedition, 1896-7. *Perth, William Alfred Watson, Government Printer, 1902*. Foolscap folio, pp. 62, [2] (blank) + a large folding map; an excellent copy bound in neat half calf, bottom fore-corner of the first leaf with a small blemish. **\$1850**

Very scarce: the official account of this important expedition to explore the still unknown portions of the inland. Under the command of Laurence Allen Wells, the expedition was financed by the Albert Calvert, an active proponent of Western Australian development.

Wells and six companions started from Mullewa, near Geraldton, passed through the Murchison goldfields, and headed north to the Fitzroy River. At Midway Well the party split intending to meet at Joanna Springs. Tragically, the smaller party of two men led by Wells's cousin did not arrive and were found dead five months later. The hardships endured by the explorers and the loss of two men were ill-rewarded. No great discoveries were made but the expedition did establish that most of the unknown interior was uninhabitable desert.

The complete text of Wells's journal was not printed until this official Western Australian printing of 1902 (1200 copies). Not in ANB; McLaren, 16633.

[20] CALVERT SCIENTIFIC EXPLORING EXPEDITION. HILL, J.G.
The Calvert Scientific Exploring Expedition. (Australia, 1896). Compiled by J.G. Hill. *London, George Philip & Son, Ltd, Liverpool, Philip, Son & Nephew, 1905*. Small quarto, pp. viii, 44 + frontispiece map, and large folding "Map shewing the route and discoveries of the Calvert Exploring Expedition in Western Australia..."; a very good copy in the original red cloth, the spine lettered in gilt, edges of the endpapers slightly chipped, top edge gilt, others uncut. **\$2200**

Rare: the only edition of this narrative of the Calvert Scientific Exploring Expedition, which was the first public account to be issued. The present summary of the expedition was prepared by Hill "from the telegraphic news and the newspaper accounts which appeared in the Australian press at the time". Unlike the shallow journalism of today, such

newspaper accounts were for the most part very detailed and accurate, including extensive extracts from the journals of the participants.

The complete text of Wells's journal of the expedition had been printed in the Western Australian parliamentary papers in 1902 but Hill's account was the first public account to be printed. Subsequently, George Philip & Sons issued a now very rare edition of the Perth parliamentary paper in London. Philip re-issued the large folding map prepared for Hill's account in that public edition of Wells's journal. ANB, 20730; McLaren, 16636.

[21] [CANBERRA] GALE, John.

Canberra: History of and Legends Relating to the Federal Capital Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia... *Queanbeyan, A.M. Fallick & Sons, 1927*. Octavo, pp. [iv] (blanks), xx, 164 (last blank), [4] (blanks) + 16 leaves of plates and plans; a bit foxed as usual otherwise very good in the original blue-white streaked cloth, lettered and decorated in black. **\$110**

First edition.

[22] CHAMPION, Ivan F.

Across New Guinea: From the Fly to the Sepik. *Melbourne. Lansdowne Press, 1966*. Octavo, pp. [xiv] (last blank), 226 (last blank) + eight leaves of plates, and a folding coloured map tipped onto the back pastedown endpaper; an excellent copy in the original boards and like dustwrapper. **\$275**

The now scarce second edition, following the very scarce London first edition of 1931, of this classic account of the Trans-New Guinea Expedition under Charles Henry Karius, North-West Patrol 1926 – 1928. The first attempt in 1926 failed but the subsequent attempt was successful. This was the first crossing of the island at this point, discovering much unknown territory.

This new edition includes an updated postscript by Champion.

[23] [CHRISTIE] CASTIEAU, J.B.

The Reminiscences of Detective Inspector Christie. *Melbourne, George Robertson and Co., n.d. but circa 1913*. Octavo, pp. 240 + frontispiece and 20 plates; front endpaper lightly silverfished, a few spots on the cloth but a very good copy in the original red cloth. **\$185**

First edition. John Mitchell Christie was born in Scotland in 1845. He was sent to Australia in 1863 to join his uncle in Gippsland. In 1866 he joined the Melbourne detective force and built a reputation for brilliant disguise and a high success rate in apprehending criminals.

An athletic man, he also established himself as a champion oarsman and boxer. Later in life he joined the Customs Service and became one of their best detectives. These reminiscences, edited by the journalist Castieau, are based on Christie's very detailed files of each case. ANB, 8482.

[24] COBHAM, Sir Alan.

Australia and Back... With a Foreword by The Rt. Hon. S.M. Bruce Prime Minister of Australia. *London, A. & C. Black, Ltd., 1926*. Octavo, pp. [iv], 124, with photographic illustrations (many full-page) in the text; very good in the original pictorial pale blue cloth, route map on front endpapers. **\$275**

First edition of Cobham's narrative of his long-range flight in a seaplane from England to Australia (Darwin, Katherine Station, Newcastle Waters, Brunette Downs, Camooweal, Cloncurry, Longreach, Charleville, Bourke, Sydney, Hay, Melbourne, and return by Adelaide, Oodnadatta, Alice Springs, Katherine Station, Darwin).

Cobham left London 30 June 1926, arriving at Melbourne 15 August 1926, and returned to London on 1 October 1926. ANB, 09997; McLaren, 7211.

[25] COLLIN, Captain William.

Life and Adventures (of an Essexman) Captain William Collin A Queensland Pioneer. *Brisbane, H.J. Diddams & Co., Printers, 1914*. Octavo in sixteens, pp. xii, 252, [4] (first colophon only, others blank) + 16 leaves of plates; foxing early and late but above average for this book, original cloth, gilt lettering on the spine faded and some of the usual attrition on the gilt on the front board but, again, in above average condition for this book. **\$880**

Extremely scarce. The reminiscences of a master mariner whose first contact with Australia came when he was shipwrecked of the north-east coast of Queensland in 1854. By the 1860s he had established himself as mariner involved in the Queensland coastal trade and soon became renowned for his skill in marine salvage. A pioneer of the Queensland coastal and river trade his reminiscences are an important source for the social and commercial history of early settlement in Queensland. One of Collin's lasting achievements was to mark the passage through Torres Straits with buoys under contract to the Queensland Government. His life was one rich in incident and a more complete account is to be found in ADB 3.

In our experience Collin's important account has proved very elusive in recent years. ANB, 10226; not in Greenway; Johnston-Zerner, C556; Walsh and Hooton, 2:114.

[26] COLLINS, Dale.

Sea-Tracks of the Speejacks Round the World... With an Introduction by Jeanne Bouchet Gowen. *New York, Doubleday, Page & Company, 1923*. Octavo, pp. lxxvi (last blank), 286, [2] (blank) + 47 leaves of plates; very good in the original cloth, gilt, fore-edge and bottom edge uncut, map endpapers showing the route of the Speejacks. **\$185**

First edition: voyage around the world on a private 98-foot cruiser belong to Mr. and Mrs. A.Y. Gowen, with a crew of twelve, including one woman, Mrs Jeanne Gowen, who provides a 65-page introductory account of her experiences.

The cruiser sailed from New York, via Panama, across the Pacific (Takarua, Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia, Sydney, Brisbane and the Queensland coast to Cooktown, Port Moresby, Samarai, Solomon Islands, Trobriand Islands, Rabaul, through Indonesia to Penang, then across the Indian Ocean, via Suez, the Mediterranean, and across the Atlantic back to New York.

The Australian chapters include a good account of a visit to E.J. Banfield on Dunk Island. Not in ANB (but see 10272 for the British edition of the same year, which appears not to include the 65-page introduction by Jeanne Gowen).

[27] COTTON, Frank, "Porkobidni".

Porkobidni's Plan: The Development of the Northern Territory. *Sydney, [The Author], 1933*. Octavo, pp. 16; foxed but a good copy in the original wrappers. **\$185**

Rare: a Depression-period pamphlet that offers one of many plans put forward for the development of North Australia, a subject that continued to be a matter of considerable public discussion and pamphleteering from the early years of the century. ANB, 11152; Mills, 588.

[28] CREED, John Mildred.

My Recollections of Australia & Elsewhere 1842 – 1914. *London, Herbert Jenkins Limited, 1916*. Octavo, pp. xvi (last blank), 338, [2] (advertisements) + 15 leaves of plates (one double-page and folding); light general use but very good in the original red cloth (and see below). **\$330**

First edition: including an important first-hand account of the Northern Territory Expedition of 1864-6.

These reminiscences of a medical practitioner and politician (Member of the Legislative Council, New South Wales) commence in the year of his birth and include, among other things, his early experiences in a country medical practice at Scone (New South Wales) and later in Sydney, as well as his more self-important political recollections.

Of substantial interest is an early chapter (pp. 32 – 67) describing his experiences as medical officer on the South Australian Northern Territory expedition 1864-6, in which he shared a part in the discovery of the mouth of the Roper River as well as other exploratory excursions. This chapter includes an account of the Northern Territory Aborigines at

the time of first contact. Creed wrote several medical articles and a few articles on the Aborigines, mainly from a medico-ethnographic point of view (see further in both Greenway and Ford).

This copy has quite pleasing provenance from the Library of the Parliament of Victoria (minimal markings), accessioned in November 1915 [sic] and de-accessioned 1997. ANB, 11492; not in Greenway; Mills, M160.

[29] CROMAR, John.

Jock of the Islands: Early Days in the South Seas. The Adventures of John Cromar Sometime Recruiter and lately Trader of Marovo British Solomon Islands Protectorate told by himself. *London Faber & Faber Limited, 1935*. Octavo, pp. x, 344, [2] (blank) + 16 leaves of plates, and a folding map (following p. 344); a good copy in the original cloth. **\$220**

First edition: the title is helpfully explanatory. Cromar was one of the 'recruiters' in the disreputable Queensland labour trade and this book is one of few published accounts by the many beach-combing Europeans who infested the Pacific last century. Not in ANB.

[30] [CROSS, Zora].

The Wonderland of the North. Scenic Beauties of North Queensland. The Ideal Australian Winter Tour. *Brisbane, Queensland Government Intelligence and Tourist Bureau, 1924*. Octavo, pp. 64 + folding map, illustrated throughout; a very good copy in original pictorial wrappers. **\$120**

First published in 1918, this evocative account continued to be issued for almost a decade. A promotional account of a tour through North Queensland, this was written anonymously for the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau by the highly regarded poet and novelist Zora Cross.

[31] CROSSE, W.H.

Short Medical Notes for Explorers. *London, For Private Circulation, circa 1900*. Octavo, pp. 36 + 8 leaves of binder's blanks, the text fine and clean in the original red cloth (the cloth a little marked) over thin boards, the front board lettered in black, yellow china clay endpapers lined white. **\$825**

Author's inscribed presentation copy: rare turn-of-the-century medical *vade mecum* for inland explorers.

[32] CUFF, William.

Sunny Memories of Australasia. Places I Saw and People I Met. *London: James Clarke & Co., 1904*. Octavo, pp. 156, 32 (advertisements) + four leaves of plates; good in the original pictorial cloth. **\$220**

First edition: impressions of an Australian visit, including Melbourne and other Victorian centres, Tasmania, and New Zealand. Pastor of Shoreditch Tabernacle, London and Ex-President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. With the Mabel Brookes bookplate. ANB, 11684; Bagnall, C1837.

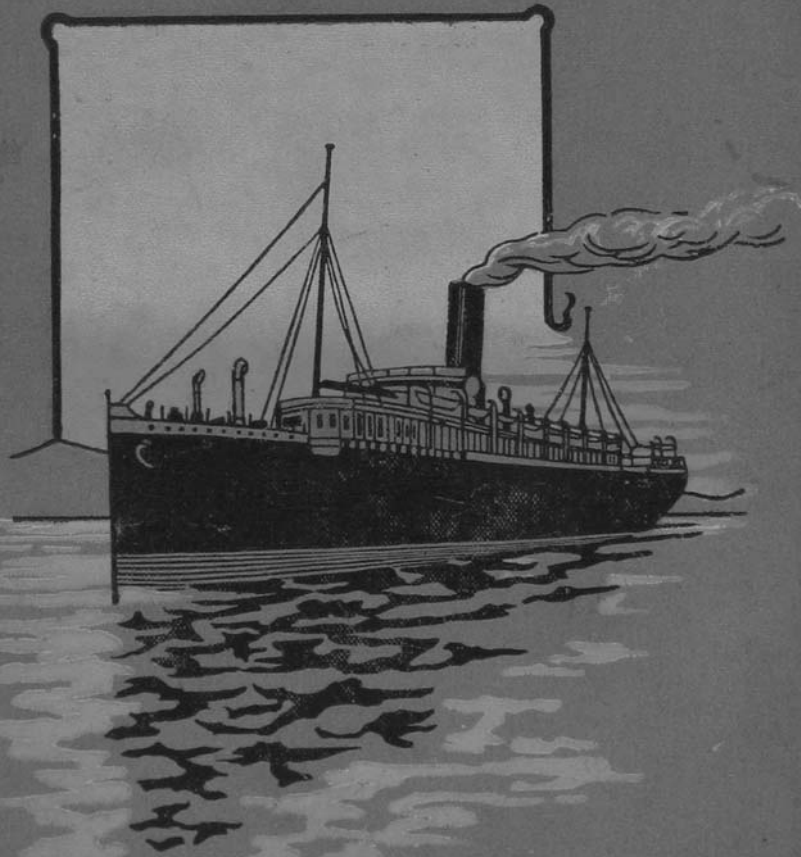
Illustrated overleaf.

[33] DAHL, Knut.

In Savage Australia: An Account of a Hunting and Collecting Expedition to Arnhem Land and Dampier Land. *London, Philip Allan & Co., 1926*. Octavo, with 20 plates, other illustrations and maps in the text; occasional patches of faint foxing but very good in the original cloth, top edge trimmed, others uncut. **\$660**

First English edition and now rather scarce. Dahl spent two years of scientific research collecting animals and birds in Arnhem Land and the Kimberleys in 1894-6. The text and plates include much on the Aborigines. The original Norwegian edition was published in 1898 and Dahl himself translated it for this first English edition. The foreword is by Fridjof Nansen.

SUNNY MEMORIES OF AUSTRALASIA



By REV. W. CUFF.

32. A tourist's account, in pictorial cloth

[34] DAVIDSON, Allan Arthur.

Journal of Explorations in Central Australia, by The Central Australian Exploration Syndicate, Limited, under the leadership of Allan A. Davidson. 1898 to 1900. *Adelaide, C.E. Bristow, Government Printer, 1905*. Foolscap folio, pp. 76 + two very large folding coloured maps (a few clean sealed tears) in an endpocket; an attractive copy bound in more recent half dark blue morocco, spine with raised bands, gilt.. **\$2450**

Rare: an important series of commercial and scientific expeditions, undertaken between 1898 and 1900, to examine one of the few regions still unexplored at the end of the nineteenth-century, the land lying between the Stuart Highway at Tennant Creek and the Western Australian border.

Davidson, a professional explorer and geologist hired by a London-based syndicate, played an important part in the development of the Australian gold mining industry. In addition to locating rich gold-bearing belts in the course of his explorations, he also discovered that the waste from the Kalgoorlie fields actually contained sizeable amounts of gold that could be retrieved by telluride processing.

Subsequent to his departure to Africa to undertake further exploration, Davidson's journal and maps were prepared for publication in the South Australian parliamentary papers by explorer Charles Winnecke. In 1902 Winnecke had said: "Mr. Davidson's journey, although not quite so extensive, should be classed with that of other leading explorers; his work is of double interest also to us by the fact that it gives us a correct knowledge of the topographical as well as geological nature of the country, which has not been the case with many other explorers". McLaren, 7723; see Feeken, Feeken, and Spate, pp. 211-3, for a detailed account of the expedition.

[35] DAVIS, John King.

With the "Aurora" in the Antarctic 1911 – 1914. *London, Andrew Melrose Ltd, n.d. but 1919*. Octavo, pp. [ii] (blank), xxii, 184 (last blank) + 42 leaves of plates, and six maps (one folding), other maps and illustrations in the text, title-page printed in black and red and within a single-line border; gilt decorated blue cloth of the primary issue, the spine dulled as always but very good; internally foxed – again as always – otherwise very good. **\$1650**

First edition, primary issue. Davis was commander of the exploring vessel S.Y. *Aurora* that played an important part in Mawson's famous 1911 – 1914 Antarctic expedition. Davis's account of the *Aurora's* voyages during that expedition is the only detailed account of that vessel's part in the expedition – a point made by Mawson in his introductory preface to this volume. Davis was also commander of the *Nimrod* during Shackleton's 1907-9 expedition as well as commander of the 1916 Ross Sea Relief Expedition. Renard, 421; Rosove, 87.A1 (binding variant a); Spence, 345.

[36] de SATGÉ, Oscar.

Pages from the Journal of a Queensland Squatter. *London, Hurst and Blackett Limited, 1901*. Octavo, pp. [xii], 416, [4] (advertisements) + two folding coloured maps, many illustrations in the text (some full-page); endpapers little offset as always but an excellent copy in the original green cloth, gilt, with a little expert restoration of the cloth. **\$1850**

First edition – in very good condition and scarce thus – of this highly-regarded account of early squatting life in Queensland's central and western districts by a pioneer settler and explorer. ANB, 12498; Johnston-Zerner, A638.

[37] DOD, Henry Charles.

Early Memories of Queenscliff. *Geelong, Geo. A. List, Hickie Pty Ltd, [1931]*. Octavo, with plates; a few neat and inoffensive marginal marks, very good in lightly used original wrappers. **\$145**

First edition: "valuable well-written recollections of community activities, local residents, notable visitors, the surrounding district, and shipping from the 1850s-80s" (Beaumont). Dod was son of the first Queenscliff postmaster and himself postmaster between 1875 to 1884. Beaumont, 951.

[38] DUNCAN-KEMP, Alice Monkton.

Our Sandhill Country: Nature and Man in South-Western Queensland. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson Limited, 1933*. Octavo, pp. xii (last blank), 294, [2] (last colophon only, recto blank) + five leaves of plates; very good in the original cloth. **\$220**

First edition. The first of the author's books on life in the Queensland channel country and an immediate classic of women's and outback literature. ANB, 13608; Johnston-Zerner, F337.

[39] ELLIS, Albert Fuller.

Adventuring in Coral Seas... With Introduction by Rt Hon. Viscount Bledisloe. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson Limited, 1936*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 264 + 17 leaves of plates; near fine in the original cloth, map endpapers, with very good, little chipped, dustwrapper. **\$220**

First edition: a review copy with publisher's review slip tipped in.

Ellis conducted guano industries in many Pacific islands – especially Nauru – and was New Zealand's representative on the Board of the British Phosphate Commission. In this work he recounts in substantial detail his experiences on Raine Island off the coast of Queensland, on the Great Barrier Reef, and in the Gulf of Carpentaria, as well as on many islands of the Central Pacific, with good detail on the Aborigines. ANB, 14274; not in Greenway; not in Johnston-Zerner.

[40] EVANS, Edward R.G.R.

Adventurous Life [by] Admiral Lord Mountevans... *London, Hutchinson, [1946]*. Octavo, pp. 260 + nine leaves of plates; the boards slightly bowed but an excellent copy in the original publisher's red morocco, the spine lettered in gilt, top edge gilt, with dustwrapper that has a few defects and chips at the edges. **\$1250**

First edition: an unrecorded special presentation issue in full morocco with dustwrapper (price-clipped – and obviously so issued). Inscribed and signed by the author on the binder's blank: "To Richard from his friend Teddy 1946".

Edward R.G.R. Evans, Admiral Lord Mountevans, is best remembered as a distinguished Antarctic explorer, second officer on the relief ship *Morning* with Scott's Discovery Expedition, and second-in-command of Scott's fatal last expedition on which he was Captain of the *Terra Nova*. His exploits of Dover in the First World War earned him the sobriquet "Evans of the Broke", and in the inter-war years he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Navy.

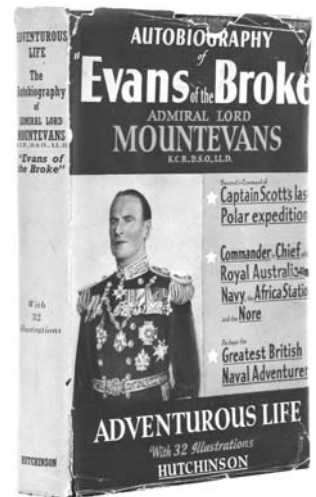
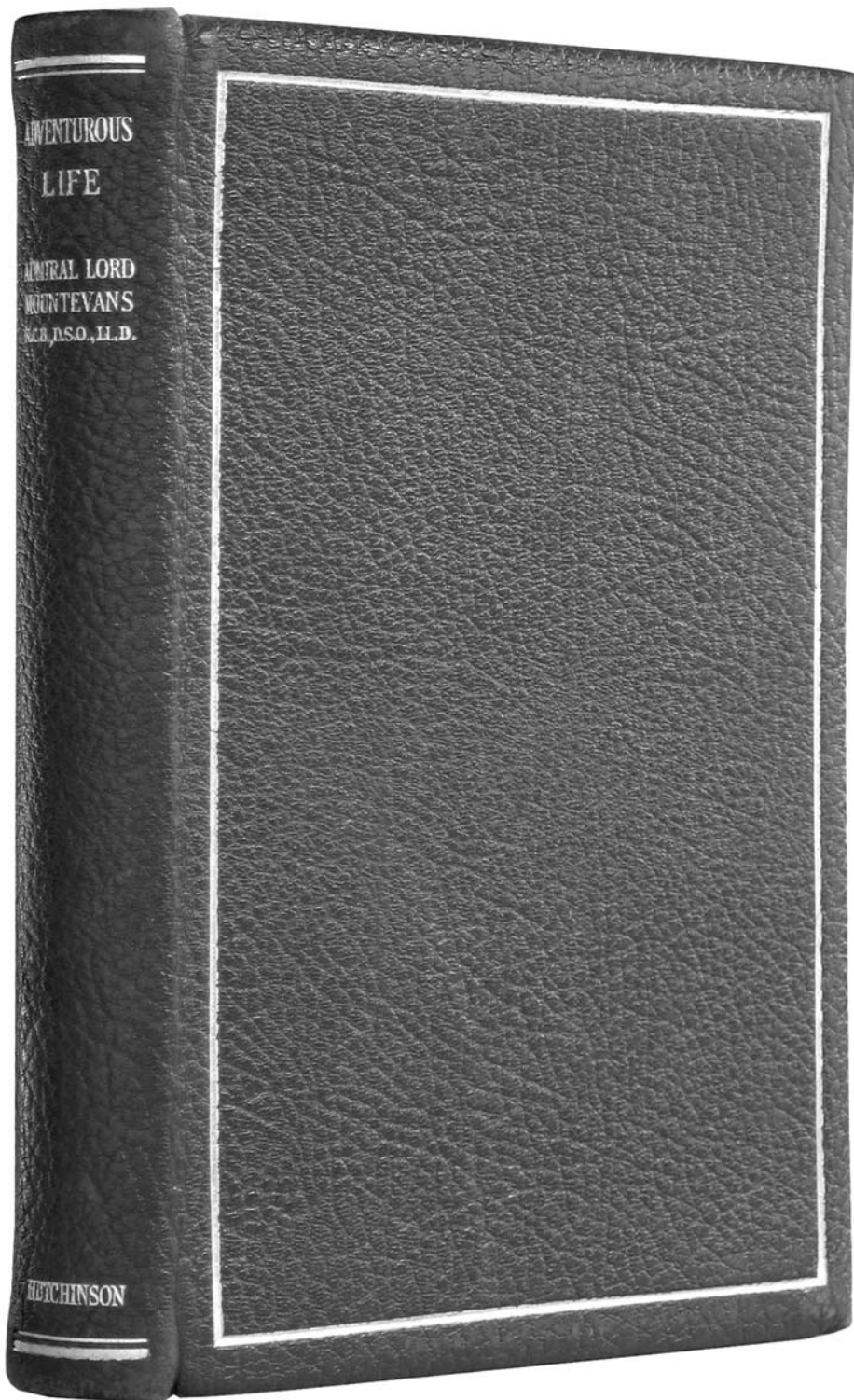
The present work, written during an extended holiday in Norway after the end of the Second World War, includes an extensive account, with extracts from his diary, of the two voyages of the *Morning* during Scott's first expedition, forming "an important complement to Dooley's *The Voyages of the Morning*" (Rosove).

Although Antarctica has been very well collected and subject to extensive bibliographical scrutiny in recent years, we have been unable to trace any record of a similar copy in this publisher's presentation binding, a fact that heavily underscores its rarity and suggests that very few copies indeed were prepared at this period of wartime austerity. This issue not in Rosove (but see 118.A1 for the ordinary issue); this issue not in Renard (but see 502 for a presentation copy of the ordinary issue); this issue not in Spence (but see 434 for the ordinary issue).

[41] FAIRBAIRN, Steve.

Fairbairn of Jesus: being the Personal Reminiscences of Steve Fairbairn in Australia, Cambridge and Elsewhere. *London, John Lane The Bodley Head Ltd., 1931*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 294 + portrait frontispiece; edges spotted but fine in the original black cloth with the most uncommon dustwrapper. **\$185**

First edition of Fairbairn's reminiscences. Apart from a short section in the first part dealing with his later education in England and incidental reference to English experiences throughout the second part, the entire volume relates to Australia, including an account of pioneering life in Queensland, early Australian Rules Football (Fairbairn played in the first Inter-State match), and much else. Despite the distractingly religious sound of the title, which once perhaps helped sell the book, it has no religious content: the "Jesus" of the title refers to Fairbairn's position as rowing coach at Jesus College, Cambridge. ANB, 14872.



40. Inscribed copy, in a rare presentation binding, of this "important complement to Doorly"

[42] FLYNN, John.

Northern Territory and Central Australia... [bound with] *The Inlander* Volume 1, number 1 – Volume 6, number 2. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1912 – 1928*. Octavo, pp. [ii], 46, [2] (colophon, verso blank) + 16 leaves of plates, and a large folding map (the first work); bound with the first 16 issues of the *Inlander*, comprising pp. 196, iv + pp. 192, iv + pp. 96 + pp. 96 + pp. 120 + pp. 136, with very numerous plates and maps throughout; a little spotting on the first leaves of the first work, an excellent set bound in three volumes contemporary binder's purple cloth, the spines evenly mellowed. **\$2200**

An extremely scarce contemporary assemblage of Flynn's extraordinary record of Northern Territory life. The first work was a detailed account of the Northern Territory and a call for financial and moral assistance to alleviate the plight of the Aborigines.

This important book began as a report to the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church based on Flynn's tour from Darwin as far south as Katherine River, west to Daly River, east to the outskirts of Pine Creek, and by sea to Adelaide River and Bathurst Island in July and August 1912. It has become a classic description of conditions in Central and Northern Australia at the turn of the century.

The *Inlander* continued this mission with many well-illustrated, detailed and revealing accounts of life in the Territory. Flynn devoted his life to the people of the remote outback, most notably through his world-leading Flying Doctor Service. The series of the *Inlander* ceased in 1929 with the twentieth number (i.e. the final four issues not present in this contemporary set). The present set appears to have belonged to the Melbourne collector, Dr. R.R. Pilkington, and loosely inserted is an official first day issue cover for the Royal Flying Doctor Service commemorative stamp of 1957, with the franking "Carried by Flying Doctor aircraft to Brisbane Airport on first day of issue".

[43] [FORSYTH, William Stanley] "FRONSAC."

Garrison Gunners. Part I. The Legends of a Subaltern. Part II. The Port-Cullis. *Tamworth, The Tamworth Newspaper Company, 1929*. Octavo, pp. 164; endpapers little foxed, the original cloth bright and clean, with the rare photographic dustwrapper that is somewhat dusted and has a few defects and blemishes. **\$330**

Extremely scarce: an account of the New South Wales coastal artillery by a participant – anonymous but identified by Dornbusch. The most uncommon dustwrapper calls this a new Australian sidelight on the Great War. The photograph on the front panel of the dustwrapper is "An Aerial View of Sydney Heads", with three vessels passing through. Dornbusch, 236 (identifying the author); Fielding and O'Neill, p. 223 and 246; Trigellis-Smith, 306.

[44] GARNSEY, Ann Stafford.

Scarlet Pillows: An Australian Nurse's Tales of Long Ago. *No imprint but Melbourne, McKellar Press [for the Author], n.d. but circa 1950*. Octavo, pp. 154 (last colophon only); original leather-grain red stiff card decorated wrappers, wrappers little creased but overall very good, sound and clean. **\$165**

First edition: inscribed by the author on the half-title. North Queensland, Eastern Goldfields of W.A. and Bunbury in the 1890s. ANB, 16857.

[45] GEE, Lionel Carley Egremont.

Bush Tracks and Gold Fields: Reminiscences of Australia's "Back of Beyond". *Adelaide, F.W. Preece and Sons, 1926*. Octavo, pp. viii (last blank), 110 (last blank), [2] (blank) + two leaves of plates (frontispiece and following p. 8); near fine in the original dark blue cloth with the quite uncommon dustwrapper that has a few small defects at the edges and three short tears (no loss) with old tape repairs. **\$660**

First edition: presentation copy, inscribed by the author on the front endpaper and further signed by him on the title-page. Reminiscences of former South Australian Government surveyor, explorer, goldfields warden and Special Magistrate. Gee describes, among other things, his early cruise around Melville and Bathurst Islands, his work on the Tanami goldfield and in the Macdonnell Ranges, including a journey along the Hale River to Ruby Gap; there is much of exploration interest in his narrative. The foreword is by Professor Frederick Wood-Jones, Elder Professor of Anatomy at the University of Adelaide. It has been suggested that only 300 copies of this edition were printed: it is certainly very scarce in dustwrapper. ANB, 17015; Greenway, 3829; Mills, M230.

Scarlet Pillows



An Australian Nurse's
Tales of Long Ago
by

MRS ARTHUR H. GARNSEY

44. A woman on the Western Australian and Queensland frontier in the 1890s

[46] GEORGE, F.R. and W.R. MURRAY.

Journal (with Plans) of the Government Prospecting Expedition to the South-Western Portions of the Northern Territory, by F.R. George; and to the Buxton and Davenport Ranges by W.R. Murray. *Adelaide, C.E. Bristow, Government Printer, 1907*. Foolscap folio, pp. 24 + three large folding coloured maps (515 x 445 mm, 390 x 330 mm, 270 x 335 mm); a few chips to the margins of the first leaf, an excellent copy in modern quarter calf. **\$1850**

Very scarce: a highly detailed account of the expedition that traversed the country between the Petermann and Treuer Ranges to Tanami by camel in the twelve months from September 1905 to September 1906. The leader, F.R. George, died in the course of the expedition and it was continued under the command of W.R. Murray. See McLaren, 8992.

[47] GRAY, Robert.

Reminiscences of India and North Queensland 1857-1912. *London, Constable and Co., 1913*. Octavo, pp. xii, 272 (last blank) + eight leaves of plates, and a folding map of Queensland following the text; some early and late spotting, original red cloth bit soiled. **\$825**

First edition: a highly-regarded and comprehensive account of pastoral life in north-west Queensland outback from the first opening up of the country in the early 1860s in the wake of the discoveries made by the Burke and Wills relief expeditions up to the end of the colonial era in 1900. ANB, 18200, Johnston-Zerner, F781; Walsh and Hooton, 2:219.

[48] GREGORY, J.W.

The Dead Heart of Australia: A journey around Lake Eyre in the summer of 1901-1902, with some account of the Lake Eyre Basin and the flowing wells of Central Australia. *London, John Murray, 1909*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 384 + 16 leaves of plates, six folding coloured maps, and one full-page map (facing page 252 but not included in the list of maps and plates); some foxing, very good copy in the original blue cloth of Murray's "Imperial Library" series. **\$885**

First Australian edition. This important book records Gregory's expedition to the Central Australian deserts of the Lake Eyre Basin with students and colleagues from the University of Melbourne. Gregory's Dead Heart Expedition was the first major scientific exploration of the new century and made important contributions to the understanding of the inhospitable region. He was the first to use the phrase 'Dead Heart' to describe Australia's arid heartland, an expression which has since entered the language. ANB, 18412; not in Greenway but see 4128; Mills, R74.

[49] GRIBBLE, Ernest Richard Bulmer.

The Problem of the Australian Aboriginal. *Sydney, Angus and Robertson, 1932*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 158 (last colophon only), [2] (blank), + [ii], xviii (advertisements) + four leaves of plates; very good in bright original cloth with dustwrapper (spine panel little soiled and worn) **\$275**

First edition and very scarce with dustwrapper.

The third of Gribble's books dealing with the Aborigines drawn from decades of close and benevolent association with them, mainly in northern Australia. Gribble's earlier books had been largely narratives of his experiences but the present work aims to describe what he had learnt of and from the Aborigines during his many years on the outback frontier.

Gribble was a pioneer missionary to Yarrabah, North Queensland, and Protector of Aborigines in Queensland for 16 years and Protector of Aborigines in Western Australia for 16 years.

[50] GUNN, Jeannie.

We of the Never-Never... With Illustrations from Photographs. London Hutchinson & Co., 1908. Octavo, pp. xii, 340 + eight leaves of plates, a full-page map included in the text (facing the title), the title-page printed in black and red; a neat and attractive contemporary ownership inscription on the free front endpaper (dated 26/12/1908); a patch of fading on the back board but an excellent copy in the original cloth. **\$330**

First edition, colonial issue of this classic of the outback frontier and of women's writing. This is the portrait of one year, 1902, in the life of a Northern Territory cattle station. Despite the sub-title, the only fiction in the book may be some licence taken with quoted speech.

Jeannie Gunn went with her husband to Elsey Station at a time when white women were rarely found in the tropical bush. In 1903 Aeneas Gunn died of malarial dysentery and Jeannie returned to Hawthorn in Victoria, where she wrote *The Little Black Princess*, a story for children, and *We of the Never-Never*: "an important document of the ever potent myth of a rural Australia whose values had been simple and uncomplicated by change, of a belief that the greatest challenge facing Australia was the development of the north and the conquest of the interior" (Richards). ANB, 18808; Greenway, 4222; Mills, M269; Richards, 130.

[51] HAMILTON, James C.

Pioneering Days in Western Victoria: A Narrative of Early Station Life. Melbourne, Exchange Press, n.d. but 1913. Octavo, pp. 112, illustrations; slight external marking and use but an excellent copy in the original blue-grey buckram lettered in white, grey paper endpapers. **\$220**

First edition, first impression. Hamilton arrived in Port Phillip in 1841 as a young boy of five with his Scots parents. His family settled in the Western District and acquired several stations, including one in New Zealand (described in Chapter XVII). His reminiscences are an interestingly detailed and anecdotal account of the emigrant experience, principally in the 1840s and 1850s. Although he concentrates on Western District squatting life, he also describes his years at school in Launceston and an early trip to newly-settled Port Darwin. The attractive illustrations by Percy Leason are dated 1913. Often dated circa 1914, this copy has an owner's inscription dated 29 June, 1913. ANB, 19286; not in Bagnall; Greenway, 4368; Walsh and Hooton, 1:99 (second edition of 1923).

[52] HARRIS, Walter Kilroy.

Outback in Australia or Three Australian Overlanders: Being an Account of the Longest Overlanding Journey ever attempted in Australia with a single horse, and including chapters on various phases of Outback Life. Letchworth (UK), Garden City Press Limited, 1913. Octavo, pp. [ii] (blank), x, 224 + 21 leaves of plates; very good in the original dark red cloth. **\$300**

First edition: a nicely associated author's presentation copy inscribed to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society, and dated from London, 6 August, 1913, with the Society's neat stamps and their cancelled label on the front pastedown.

First published in July 1913, it immediately went to a second edition, with a third and fourth in the next ten years. The second edition was published both in Britain and in Newcastle, New South Wales, and is, in effect, the first Australian edition: it is now more commonly seen than this first edition.

The overlanding journey is adequately explained by the long title: Harris and his companions began in Newcastle, New South Wales, and overlanded to Adelaide, returning via Melbourne and Sydney.

Harris later lived in the United States of America and wrote a short promotional piece, *Something About Australia*, with a new and expanded edition under the title *Kangaroo Land: Glimpses of Australia*, publishing both himself in 1925-6 in Cleveland, Ohio (see following). With his wife, Leila, he wrote another promotional piece, *Sunny Australia: A Photographic Picture Book*, published in Philadelphia by David McKay in 1941.

The couple also collaborated on a small group of juvenile books associated with Australia, including *Blackfellow Bundi: A Native Australian Boy* (Chicago, Illinois, Albert Whitman, 1939), *The Lost Hole of Bingoola: A Story of the Australian Bush* (Indianapolis, Indiana, Bobbs-Merrill, 1942), and *Let's Read About Australia* (Grand Rapids, Michigan, Fideler Co., circa 1950). Not in ANB (but see 19696 for the second edition); Greenway, 4460.

[53] HARRIS, Walter Kilroy.

Kangaroo-Land: Glimpses of Australia *Cleveland (Ohio), "Kilroy Harris Traveltalks", 1926*. Octavo, pp. [2] (integral blank), 88 (last advertisement), [2] (integral blank), 54 pages of illustrations – some pages incorporating descriptive text – and a double-page map; excellent in the original dark blue cloth, the spine and front board lettered in gilt. **\$85**

This is a much expanded version of a travel talk first published by Harris in 1925, published "at the request of a very large number of 'Radio Fans', who... apparently are anxious to know something of that island-continent, 'Away down Under', which Uncle Sam's Fleet visited during 1925" (prefatory note on p. 13, dated 2 October, 1926). ANB, 19695.

[54] HIDES, Jack.

Savages in Serge. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1938*. Octavo, pp. xx (last blank), 232 (last colophon only) + 23 leaves of plates; an excellent copy in the original cloth. **\$125**

First edition of the third of Hides's classic accounts of exploration and frontier life, recounting his experiences on patrol with the Native Constabulary in all parts of Papua New Guinea. ANB, 20599.

[55] HIVES, Frank.

The Journal of a Jackaroo told by Frank Hives and written down by Gascoigne Lumley. *London, John Lane The Bodley Head Limited, 1930*. Octavo, pp. xii, 228, [8] (advertisements) + portrait frontispiece; very good in the original green cloth, with remnant of pictorial dustwrapper. **\$165**

First edition of this lively account of the author's experiences of life on the pastoral frontier in North Queensland at the turn of the century, with much on the Aborigines and the uneasy relations between them and the squatters. Hives was an experienced enough author who wrote magazine articles and several books on his adventures in colonial Australia and Africa. ANB, 20987; not in Greenway; Johnston-Zerner, A653.

[56] HOLMES, J.H.

In Primitive New Guinea: An account of a quarter of a century spent amongst the primitive Ipi & Namau groups of tribes of the Gulf of Papua, with an interesting description of their manner of living, their customs & habits, feasts & festivals, totems & cults... *London, Seeley, Service, & Co., 1924*. Octavo, pp. [iv], 308, [8] (advertisements) + 16 leaves of plates, and a folding map, other illustrations in the text; very good in the original gilt-decorated cloth. **\$550**

First edition: comprehensive account of life spent among the Ipi and Namau, two of the coastal peoples of Papua, with detailed comparisons of their ways of life. Introduction by Dr. A.C. Haddon. ANB, 21254.

[57] HOLMES, J.H.

Way Back in Papua. *London, George Allen and Unwin, 1926*. Octavo, frontispiece; very good in the original cloth, spine slightly sunned. **\$275**

First edition: a re-creation of primitive Papuan village life.

[58] HORN, William Austin.

Notes by a Nomad An Olla-Podrida... With forty-nine illustrations from photographs... *London and Melbourne, Melville & Mullen, 1906*. Octavo, pp. viii, 184, [2] + 49 leaves of plates; a very good copy, the usual fading of the original purple cloth and early and late tanning from the boards. **\$275**

Inscribed presentation copy of the first edition of this important account of various travels by the patron of the great nineteenth-century Horn Scientific Exploring Expedition to Central Australia. In addition to his travels in New Zealand and Egypt, this volume includes scenes and recollections from his many travels in the ill-explored regions of Central Australia, including incidents relating to the Horn Expedition. A number of the photographs are of unusual Central Australian scenes and of the Aboriginal inhabitants. ANB, 21481; Greenway, 4719; Mills, U57.

[59] HORNER, H.

An Australian Prisoner-Of-War in the Hands of the Hun. *Perth, V.K. Jones & Co., 1920*. Octavo, pp. 128 (last blank), with illustrations (several full-page) in the text; a few small chips but a very good copy in the original pictorial wrappers. **\$220**

Very scarce: experiences on the Western Front and as a prisoner-of-war in the last years of the war. This is the enlarged edition, following the shorter 1919 first edition. ANB, 21491; not in Dornbusch; not in Fielding and O'Neill.

[60] HUNTINGTON, Ellsworth.

West of the Pacific. *New York and London, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1925*. Octavo, pp. xviii (last blank), 454 (last blank) + 32 leaves of plates; a good copy, a little shaken but sound in original cloth. **\$75**

First edition: an American academic visiting Japan, Australia, Indonesia, and China, with rather good coverage of North and Tropical Australia as well as a long general description. Huntington devotes a quarter of the book (over 150 pages) to Australia. There was also a British issue in red cloth, fore-edge and bottom edges uncut. ANB, 22005; not in Mills.

[61] JACOMB, C.E.

"God's Own Country": An Appreciation of Australia. *London, Max Goschen, 1914*. Octavo, pp. [viii], 246; some early and late spotting, original red cloth little marked, a decent copy. **\$110**

First edition: an attack on Australia and Australians by a dissatisfied British emigrant – the archetypical "whingeing Pom". Jacomb's style is essentially bitchy, a characteristic style pretty well exemplified in the at best ambiguous, at worst misleading title. It is nonetheless very interesting and is quite a scarce book.

[62] JENKINS, J.G.

The Northern Territory of South Australia: Its Development. Proposals of the Government... *Adelaide, J.L. Bonython & Co., 1904*. Duodecimo, pp. 12; trivial signs of use, near fine in the original wrappers. **\$660**

An extremely scarce and early pamphlet on the Northern Territory, this was one of the contributions to the continuing debate in Australia, especially South Australia, on how the Northern Territory might be developed. Within a few years – and after four decades of comparative inaction – the South Australian government would cede the Territory to the Commonwealth.

[63] [JEWISH ALMANAC] ROSE, Arthur and Israel SHER (publishers), and Melech RAVITCH (editor).

Australisch-Yidisher Almanack [in Hebraic type] The Australian Jewish Almanac 1937... *Melbourne, Arthur Rose and Israel Sher, 1937*. Thick octavo, pp. 337, [7]; very good and clean in neatly repaired original plain card wrappers, the additional pictorial wrapper defective at the edges and laid down, the back pictorial wrapper lacking. **\$660**

First issue and rare: "the first appearance in Australia of a book in Yiddish". Set up and printed by the York Press in Faraday Street, Carlton, the text is entirely in Yiddish and in Hebraic type with the exception of seven appended pages in English, comprising an additional title-page, foreword and table of contents.

More of an anthology than a calendric almanac, included are several Australian Yiddish short stories and poems by Pincus Goldhar, Nathan Speilvogel, and Melech Ravitz as well as translations of short stories by Henry Lawson into Yiddish.

An article of particular interest is Melech Ravitz's 18-page article "Through Central-Australia to the Northern Territory", surely the first account of the Northern Territory in Yiddish but more importantly an early private traveller's account of Central Australia. Among other articles some of the more notable are: Hirsh Munz, "Australia – an Historical Sketch and her Present Status"; Peretz Hirshbein (New York), "Australian Travel Pictures – 1921"; Melech Ravitz, "Through Central-Australia to the Northern Territory"; Simon Zander, "Brief Survey of the History of the Labour Party in Australia"; Newman Rosenthal, "History of Australia's Jewish Congregations"; Pincus Goldhar, "Jewish Press in Australia"; L. Zabinsky, "Isaac Nathan – A Story of a Musician"; Samuel Weissberg, "Reminiscences of Early Theatrical Performances in Yiddish"; Jacob Triwax, "The Success of the Shepparton Jewish Orchardists";

Newman Rosenthal, "The Failure of the Berwick Settlement"; Aaron Patkin, "Jewish Immigration Problem"; Jacob Triwax, "More About Land Settlements"; and so on through about a dozen further articles, long letters, etc.

The nationalist and patriotic nature of the Almanac is quite interesting, with a strong concentration on the role of the Jews in Australian history and present-day society.

It goes without saying that this is a distinctly rare piece. Liberman and Young, B0505.

[64] KENNEDY, Victor.

By Range and River: In the Queensland Tropics. *Cairns, The Cairns Post Limited, 1930*. Octavo, pp. 110, [2] (blank), illustrations in the text; original pale blue light card wrappers, a pale marginal stain but a good copy. **\$165**

First edition of a scarce promotional piece, even a tourist guide of sorts, but describing a series of tours in anecdotal detail. Signed and inscribed by the author in 1947. ANB, 24104; not in Johnston-Zerner.

[65] LANE, Cyril Grant.

Creature Life in Australian Wilds. *London, Henry Drane, n.d. but circa 1912*. Tall octavo, pp. 304, [32] (advertisements), with illustrations throughout; original gilt-decorated cloth over bevelled boards. **\$660**

First edition: the dedication copy, inscribed on the front endpaper to the author's parents, to whom the book was dedicated. Well-illustrated and extensive travels of a naturalist in Victoria. Lane had spent by this time (circa 1912), eighteen years travelling in Australia engaged in natural history research. ANB, 24991.

[66] LANE, Cyril Grant.

Adventures in the Big Bush: in the haunts of the Aboriginal. *London, Hutchinson & Co., n.d. but 1928*. Octavo, pp. 288 + 24 leaves of plates; edges little spotted and spine little sunned but very good in the original red cloth. **\$245**

First edition and very scarce: a naturalist in far north Queensland. "Dr. Lane who has travelled extensively over the vast island-continent of Australia, here gives an extremely interesting account of life amongst the Aborigines. Vivid, direct, and intimate, it is a narrative which furnishes much new and valuable information regarding the growth, customs, and rites of an underdeveloped race. The author writes of impressive personal experiences in gloom-enwrap forests, remote crocodile-infested waterways, of numerous exciting episodes while camping, travelling, and hunting with blacks who claimed him as 'brother'..." (publisher's blurb). ANB, 24990; Greenway, 5402; not in Johnston-Zerner.

[67] [LASERON, Charles F.]

Souvenir: With the Australian and New Zealand Forces in Egypt and the Dardanelles [cover title]. [*Sydney, for the Author*], *n.d. but circa 1916*. Oblong octavo, 21 unnumbered card leaves, the first leaf with a verse, the rest comprising 20 captioned photographs; an excellent copy in the original cord-tied red paper titling-wrappers, the title on the front wrapper in gilt. **\$880**

Rare and not noted in the bibliographies: an ephemeral and interesting historical record by this scientist, Antarctic explorer (with Mawson, 1912-3), Gallipoli veteran (wounded on the second day of the landings), veteran of two world wars, and popular scientific writer (for which he is now best remembered). The images in this souvenir, probably published at about the same time as Laseron's scarce 1916 pamphlet, *From Australia to the Dardanelles*, appear almost certainly to be taken in the course of Laseron's own service as sergeant with the 13th Battalion. The images comprise scenes in Egypt, at Gallipoli, and especially at Shrapnel Gully. Not in Dornbusch; not in Fielding and O'Neill.

[68] [LASSETER] COOTE, Errol Hampton.

Hell's Airport: The Key to Lasseter's Gold Reef. *Sydney, Peterman Press, 1934*. Octavo, pp. 276 + 32 leaves of plates, and a folding map; original red cloth of the first issue with red edges, the cloth faded and marked as almost always, a little spotting (again as almost always); overall a good, sound copy. **\$660**

First edition. Coote's famous and rapidly reprinted account of the fatal 1930 Lasseter expedition, during the course of which he spent six months undertaking the aerial survey as pilot to the expedition. The foreword is by Charles Kingsford Smith. ANB, 10979; Greenway, 2307; Mills, Y48.

[69] [LASSETER] COOTE, Errol Hampton.

Hell's Airport: The Key to Lasseter's Gold Reef. *Sydney, Peterman Press, 1934*. Octavo, pp. 288 + 32 leaves of plates, and a folding map; neat contemporary inscription on the half-title, the endpapers with a touch of pale foxing, the cloth a little rubbed at the extremities, a very good copy in the original cloth with worn and fragmentary Beaumont pictorial dustwrapper (spine panel and front panel only). **\$550**

Signed in full by the author on the title-page. The second edition, in larger octavo format, published 30 April, 1934; like the smaller format first edition of the same year it is quite scarce. ANB, 10980; Mills, Y48.

[70] LE LIEVRE, Charles.

Memories of an Old Police Officer. *Adelaide, W.K. Thomas & Co., 1925*. Small quarto, pp. 64, printed in double-column, illustrations in the text throughout; a very good copy in the original cut-flush, cloth-backed boards. **\$440**

First edition and scarce: signed by the author on the title-page. Reminiscences of colonial experience beginning in the 1870s: Sydney and New South Wales are dealt with swiftly in the first few pages and Le Lievre then moves his narrative to South Australia where he became a Police Trooper in 1877, working as a police officer in most parts of the colony over the intervening decades. ANB, 25455.

[71] LILLEY, William Osborne.

Reminiscences of Life in Brisbane, and Reflections and Sayings. *Brisbane, W.R. Smith & Paterson, 1913*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 206 + four leaves of plates; foxed, sealed vertical tear in one leaf (no loss), a good copy in the original little marked and rubbed red cloth. **\$220**

Rare: first edition. Author's inscribed presentation copy. Brisbane from 1883. Not in ANB; Johnston-Zerner, E324.

[72] LOVE, James Robert Beattie.

Stone-Age Bushmen of To-day: Life and Adventures among a Tribe of Savages in North-Western Australia. *London and Glasgow, Blackie and Son, 1936*. Octavo, pp. xxvi (last blank), 220, [2] (blank) + 16 leaves of plates, full-page map in the text on p. [xxv]; a little edge-spotting and a trace of early and late foxing, a very good and quite attractive copy in the original cloth with the very scarce dustwrapper (light edge-wear and soiling), the re-order corner of the front flap clipped as usual. **\$440**

First edition: Love worked as a missionary for forty years among the Worona tribe of the Kimberleys and was the author of numerous anthropological articles. This more personal narrative of his experiences also incorporates much of anthropological interest in his description of Aboriginal life and customs. ANB, 26752; Greenway, 5760.

[73] McCOMBE, E.A.

Whales and Whalers or Life in the Antarctic. *Sydney, New Century Press, [1940]*. Octavo, pp. 236, [4] (advertisements) + eight leaves of photographic plates; a very good copy in original cloth; the cheap paper embrowned as always, with slightly chipped but uncommon pictorial dustwrapper. **\$165**

First edition of this very scarce wartime book describing the author's 1929 voyage to the Antarctic aboard a Norwegian whaler, commencing and concluding in Hobart. The author was one of several Australians and New Zealanders in the crew. ANB, 28773; Renard, 949; not in Spence.

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Australian Explorers

The Story of Donald Mackay

To B. H. Moleworth

By

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74. Donald McKay the explorer: presentation copy of Clune's most lasting work

[74] [MACKAY, Donald] CLUNE, Frank.

Last of the Explorers: The Story of Donald Mackay. *Sydney, Angus and Robertson, 1942*. Octavo, pp. xiv, 304 (last colophon only), [2] (blank) + 16 leaves of plates; a very good copy in the original cloth with Adrian Feint dustwrapper with a triangular defect at the top of the front panel (about 2 cm deep) and the top of the spine panel a little defective but above average for this work. **\$1320**

Extremely scarce, if not now rare: a presentation copy, inscribed and signed by the author on the title-page in the year of publication, of the much sought first edition of this important work.

From a wealthy pastoral family in New South Wales, Donald Mackay was able, unlike most other explorers, to finance his own expeditions from an early age. He rode around Australia by bicycle in record time in 1899; in 1908 he led an expedition to Papua to explore the headwaters of the Purari River; and in 1926 he financed and accompanied the first of his important Northern Territory Expeditions when he travelled with Herbert Basedow by camel to the Petermann Ranges. In 1928 he and Basedow again explored in Arnhem Land.

In 1931, 1933, 1935, and 1937 Mackay financed and supervised a series of aerial surveys of Central Australia, producing a series of maps far in advance of any previously available. The first of these surveys discovered the vast inland lake that was named after him by the Commonwealth government.

Apart from a pamphlet account of his Papuan expedition, Mackay wrote no narrative account of any of his travels and explorations, although there were a few ephemeral and pamphlet pieces published by Basedow relating to their 1926-8 expeditions. Clune's book is, accordingly, something of an 'official account', published with Mackay's co-operation some years before his death. ANB, 9889; McLaren, 12912.

[75] [MACKAY EXPLORING EXPEDITION] BASEDOW, Herbert.

Notes to Accompany the "Map of the Mackay Exploring Expedition in Central Australia, 1926" [wrapper title]. *Adelaide, Printed by Register Newspapers Limited, 1929*. Octavo, pp. 6, [2] (blank) + large folding map; original titling-wrappers little worn and silverfished but text and map very good and clean. **\$185**

First edition: an offprint from Volume XXIX of the Proceedings of the South Australian Branch of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia. Basedow led both the first (1926) and second (1928) Mackay Expeditions. This pamphlet includes the folding map to which Basedow's "notes" refer. Not in ANB; Greenway, 736.

[76] MACQUARRIE, Hector.

Round the World in a Baby Austin. *London, Hodder and Stoughton, 1933*. Octavo, pp. 384 + 17 leaves of plates; some light spotting, very good in the original cloth, with a small contemporary gift card pasted to front endpaper, with the extremely scarce dustwrapper (re-order coupon clipped). **\$330**

First edition: extremely scarce. MacQuarrie's second journey in his Baby Austin, this time around the world. Starting in New Zealand he travelled east across the Pacific, across the USA, to London then across Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, the Indian sub-continent, and down through South-East Asia to Darwin and then overland to Sydney. ANB, 27507.

[77] MADIGAN, Cecil Thomas.

Central Australia. *London, Oxford University Press, 1936*. Octavo, pp. xii, 268 + eight leaves of plates, and two folding maps; some use but nearly very good in the original orange-brown cloth with somewhat defective dustwrapper. **\$220**

The very scarce first edition: describes Madigan's expeditions up to 1932 by camel through the MacDonnell, James, and Waterhouse ranges.

It was Madigan pre-eminently who finally laid bare the desert frontier, following in the footsteps of the earlier scientific explorers, Lindsay, Tietkens, Baldwin Spencer, Gregory, and others. ANB, 27531; Greenway, 6200.

[78] [MADIGAN] BAUME, F.E.

Tragedy Track: The Story of the Granites. *Sydney, Frank C. Johnson, 1933*. Octavo, pp. [ii] (half-title), 190 + 16 leaves of plates; slight edge spotting but excellent in the original red cloth; map endpapers. **\$165**

First edition: Baume, a distinguished journalist and war correspondent, accompanied the 1932 Madigan Expedition to the Granites, the goldfield 380 miles north west of Alice Springs. The expedition was fostered by the Melbourne *Herald*, "to investigate the gold-lure in Central Australia" (E. Morris Miller). Madigan's report put paid to the false goldrush. ANB, 4231.

[79] MAJOR, Thomas.

Leaves from a Squatter's Note Book. *London, Sands and Company, 1900*. Octavo; the text very good and clean in the original variant green decorated cloth (a little light use). **\$330**

Only edition of a scarce book with high exploration and squatting interest.

The narrative, covering the years 1857-83, relates almost entirely to Major's experiences in north Queensland, with much on the Aborigines. Most important is his account of a two-month private exploring expedition from Bowen to the tributaries of the Burdekin (pp. 28-82), undertaken with two companions in 1862-3. He next deals with the varied incidents of ten years' experience, from 1863 to 1873, on a large sheep and cattle station in north-west Queensland. Subsequently, Major ran a station in Western Australia for ten years before returning to New South Wales, eventually becoming Inspector of Runs. The book opens with a relatively substantial but little-known account of the wreck of the *Dunbar* off Sydney Heads. See Ferguson, 12205 (binding variant); not in Johnston-Zerner.

[80] [MANSFIELD, Alfred] "Aimsfield".

"Howls of a Dingo": Australian Bush Rhymes by "Aimsfield". *Victoria (British Columbia), Diggon Printing Company, 1919*. Small octavo, pp. 48; some use but very good in the original wrappers. **\$220**

First edition. Author's inscribed presentation copy of this very scarce Canadian imprint. Mansfield was a surveyor who worked in Australia and New Zealand in the 1880s. All these pieces relate to his experiences in those years.

[81] MASSON, Elsie R.

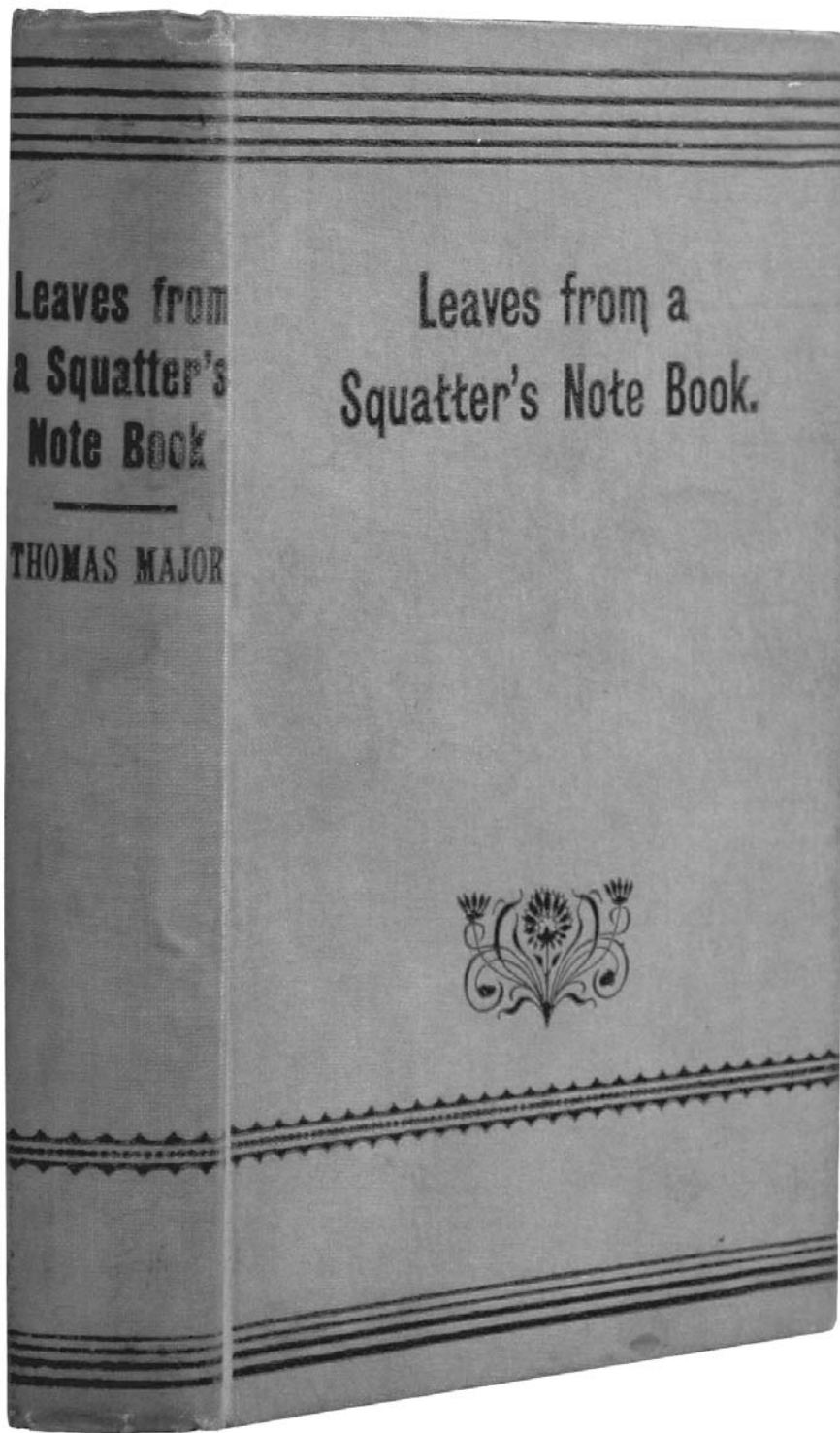
An Untamed Territory: The Northern Territory of Australia. *London, Macmillan and Co., 1915*. Octavo, pp. xii, 182 (last blank), [2] (advertisements) + 31 leaves of plates, and two coloured maps; some flecking of the original cloth but a good copy. **\$220**

First edition: intelligent account of travel in the Northern Territory by the daughter of leading scientist and founder of the C.S.I.R., Sir David Orme Masson; she later married Bronislaw Malinowski. ANB, 28360; Greenway, 6366.

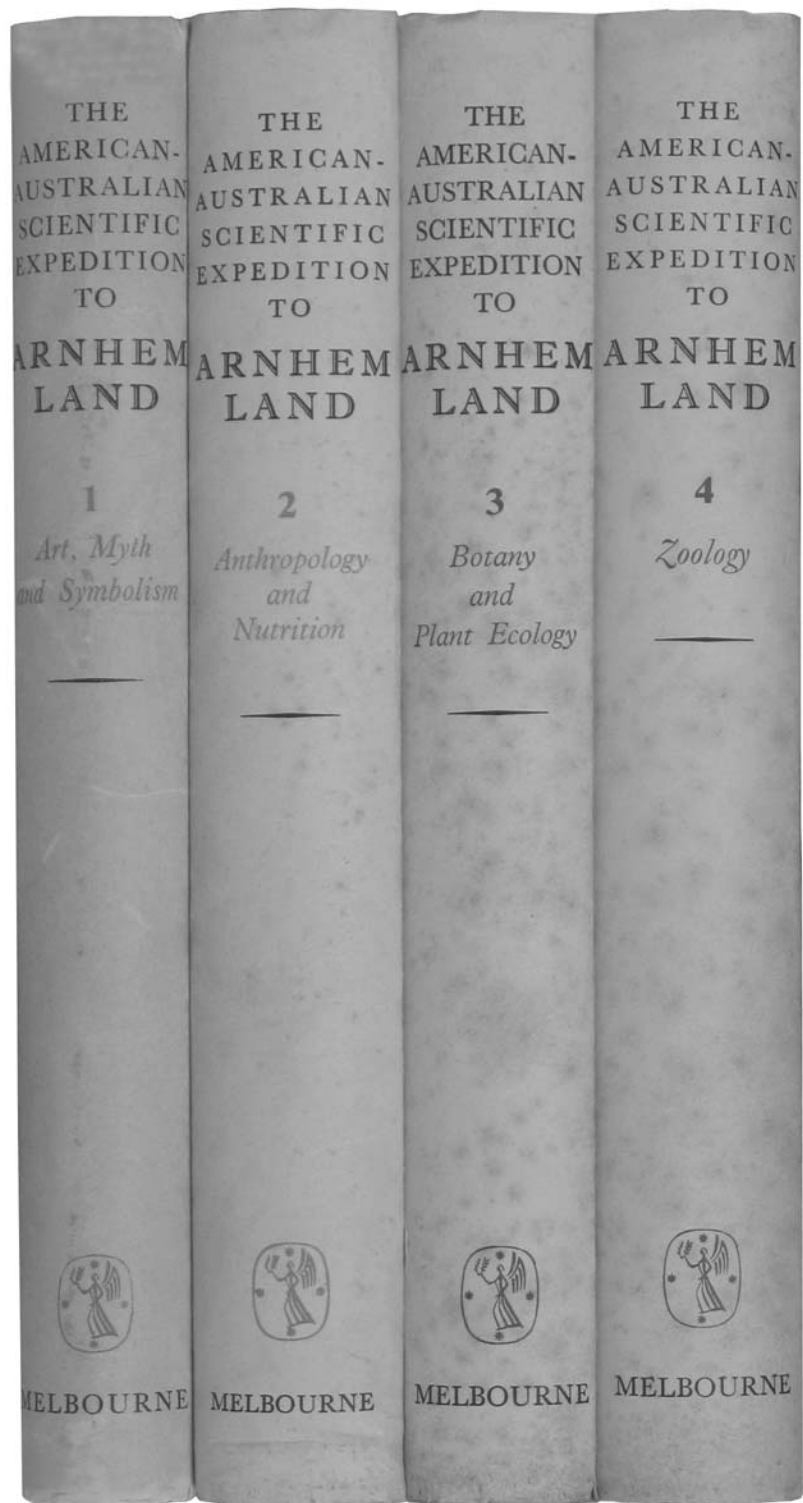
[82] MELBA, Nellie (Helen ARMSTRONG, née MITCHELL).

Melodies and Memories. *London, Thornton Butterworth, 1925*. Octavo, pp. 336 (last blank) + 32 leaves of plates; very good in the original cloth. **\$275**

First edition: A coloratura soprano of great distinction and popularity, Helen Mitchell sang first in public at the age of six in the Richmond Public Hall, Melbourne. Born and raised in Richmond, Melbourne, in 1861, she was a proficient pianist and organist when she married Charles Nesbitt Armstrong in 1882. It was not until her marriage that she began to study singing. After appearances in Sydney and London in 18856, and further study in Paris, she made her operatic debut in 1887 in Brussels under the stage name "Nellie Melba" in Verdi's *Rigoletto*. Over the next four decades she sang in the principal opera houses of Europe and the United States, most frequently at Covent Garden and the Metropolitan. She was created a Dame of the British Empire in 1918 and, in the year before she returned to Australia, she published this professional autobiography. In 1926 she returned to Australia, where she became President of the Melbourne Conservatorium. She died in Sydney in 1931 a few months short of the 70th birthday.



79. *A squatter on the Queensland and Western Australian frontiers*



85. The complete published reports of Mountford's great Arnhem Land Expedition

[83] MEUDELL, George.

The Pleasant Career of a Spendthrift. *London, George Routledge, n.d. but 1929*. Octavo, pp. xii (last blank), 290 (last blank), [2] (blank); a good copy in original red cloth (a bit used). **\$165**

Very scarce: first edition of this notorious work, withdrawn from sale by the author who feared libel suits from the individuals named in this insider's exposure of the Victorian land boom scandals of the 1880s and 1890s. ANB, 29815.

[84] MOBERLEY, Gertrude F.

Experiences of a "Dinki Di" R.R.C. Nurse. *Sydney, Australasian Medical Publishing Company, 1933*. Octavo, pp. 122 + 15 leaves of plates; a little diffuse early foxing, very good in original cloth. **\$250**

First edition: reminiscences of service in the First World War. ANB, 30274.

[85] MOUNTFORD, Charles Percy (editor).

Records of the American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land [1 Art, Myth and Symbolism 2 Anthropology and Nutrition; 3 Botany and Plant Ecology; 4 Zoology]. *Carlton, Melbourne University Press, 1956 – 1964*. Four volumes, small quarto, pp. xxx, 514 (last colophon only), with two leaves of coloured plates, other illustrations in the text + pp. xiv, 516 (last colophon only), [2] (blank), illustrations in the text + pp. xvi, 522, [2] (blank), illustrations in the text + pp. xviii, 534 (last colophon only), with two leaves of coloured plates, other illustrations in the text; an excellent set in the original matching green cloth (very slight edge-spotting and the corners of volumes 2 and 3 a little bumped), with like, little spotted, dustwrappers (price-clipped). **\$4400**

First edition: an attractive, complete set of the publication of the reports of the 1948 Arnhem Land Expedition planned, organised, and led by C.P. Mountford.

Initiated by Arthur Calwell as Commonwealth Minister for Information on Mountford's advice, the expedition was a joint project between the Commonwealth Government of Australia, the National Geographic Society of America, and the Smithsonian Institute of the United States of America.

The largest expedition in the history of Australian scientific research, it followed in the tradition of Baldwin Spencer's Horn Scientific Exploring Expedition undertaken over fifty years earlier into Central Australia. Arnhem Land was then still one of the least known parts of the Australian continent.

The expedition spent an unbroken period of seven months in the field; fourteen weeks were spent at Groote Eylandt, two months at Yirrkalla, a sea-coast station in north-eastern Arnhem Land, and two months at Oenpelli on the western escarpment of the Arnhem Land plateau. The material collected included 13,500 plant specimens, 30,000 fish, 850 birds, 460 animals, several thousand Aboriginal implements and weapons, photographs and drawings of a large number of cave paintings from Chasm Island, Groote Eylandt and Oenpelli, a collection of several hundred Aboriginal bark paintings and 200 string figures, many colour and monochrome photographs and several miles of colour film (directed by Mountford) on Aboriginal life and natural history.

The first volume, written by Mountford, was published in 1956; the third volume, edited by R.L. Specht and Mountford, was published next in 1958; the second volume, edited by Mountford, followed in 1960; the fourth and final volume, edited by R.L. Specht, was published in 1964.

The complete series of reports is now extremely scarce.

[86] MOUNTFORD, Charles Percy.

"Exploring Stone Age Arnhem Land" [extracted from] *National Geographic Magazine*, volume 96. [New York, National Geographic Society, December 1949]. Octavo, pp. 745 – 782, with photographic illustrations; bound in cloth-backed card covers. **\$125**

An early, well-illustrated, report by the leader of the American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land, a joint project between the Commonwealth Government of Australia, the National Geographic Society of America, and the Smithsonian Institute of the United States of America. Greenway, 6963.

[87] O'CALLAGHAN, Denis.

Long Life Reminiscences & Adventures Throughout the World: Australian gold rushes, black savages, waterless territory, Monte Carlo, and World Travels. *Perth, For The Author, 1941*. Quarto, pp. 304 (printed in double-column) + 28 leaves of plates; morocco-grain dark blue plasticised cloth, the spine lettered and ruled in gilt (this dulled as usual), a very good, clean copy. **\$660**

First edition: O'Callaghan emigrated to South Australia at the age of two in 1877. His reminiscences describe his childhood and youth in South Australia, including a period at Broken Hill. He joined the rush to the Western Australian goldfields and the greatest interest is his account of life in the mines at Kalgoorlie, Coolgardie and elsewhere. Privately printed in wartime, this is one of few Westralian goldfields reminiscences by a digger. ANB, 32705.

[88] O'REILLY, Michael Joseph.

Bowyangs and Boomerangs: Reminiscences of 40 years' Prospecting in Australia and Tasmania. *Hobart, Oldham, Beddome & Meredith, 1944*. Octavo, pp. [iv], 164 + frontispiece; light use but very good in the original grey-green pictorial wrappers. **\$110**

First edition of these reminiscences of a remarkable, if fancifully embellished, life in Victoria, Western Australia, Northern Territory, and New South Wales. ANB, 32854; Walsh and Hooton, 2:376 (q.v.).

[89] PARSONS, Herbert Angas.

The Truth about the Northern Territory. An Inquiry. *Adelaide, Hussey and Gillingham, 1907*. Octavo, pp. [ii], 78 (last colophon only); fine copy in modern binder's cloth. **\$880**

Rare and important. An extensive, well-researched and knowledgeable survey of the exploration and settlements of the Northern Territory. Parsons examines the attempts to utilise the lands of the Northern Territory over the preceding five decades and marshals evidence to support the case for handing over responsibility for the Territory to the newly created Commonwealth government. It is salutary to note that many of the factors that were seen a hundred years ago to be holding back the development of the Territory have yet to be addressed adequately by any government since accepting responsibility for the Northern Territory in 1912.

[90] PECK, Harry Huntington.

Memoirs of a Stockman. *North Melbourne, Stockland Press, 1942*. Octavo, pp. [viii], 336 + twelve leaves of plates; very good in the original blue cloth, as issued without dustwrapper. **\$330**

First edition: signed by the author on the frontispiece.

Peck was born at Gisborne, Victoria, in 1860, the son of the American gold-rush entrepreneur, John Murray Peck, who was one of the founders of Cobb & Co. First published in June 1942, it was reprinted in November of the same year, and subsequently several times reprinted. He gives a lively account of Victoria's leading sheep- and cattlemen and of their properties, based on his many years' experience as a stock auctioneer at the Newmarket sale yards. ANB, 34214.

[91] PECK, Harry Huntington.

Memoirs of a Stockman. *North Melbourne, Stockland Press, 1942*. Octavo, pp. [viii], 336 + twelve leaves of plates; near fine in the original (secondary?) red cloth, as issued without dustwrapper. **\$330**

First edition: signed by the author on the frontispiece. ANB, 34214.

[92] PESCOTT, Edward E., et al.

Report of the Victorian Field Naturalists' Expedition through the Western District of Victoria in October, 1927. [*Melbourne, Victorian Naturalist, 1928*]. Octavo, pp. 52, photographic and line-drawn illustrations in the text; stapled, the staples inevitably rusting but a very good copy. **\$110**

First edition of this long piece, published as a supplementary pamphlet to the *Victorian Naturalist*, Vol. XLV, No. 6, October, 1928. Narrative by Pescott, entomological reports by John Clarke and F.E. Wilson.

- [93] PETRIE, Constance Campbell.
Tom Petrie's Reminiscences of Early Queensland (dating from 1837.) Recorded by his Daughter. *Brisbane, Watson, Ferguson and Co., 1904*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 320 (last colophon only) + 16 leaves of plates, a folding plan and an errata slip at p. ix; very good in original decorated cloth, extremities a bit rubbed. **\$660**
First edition of one of the best and most sought-after memoirs of the early days of the Brisbane district and its Aboriginal inhabitants. ANB, 34486; Greenway, 7567; Johnston-Zerner, B48; Walsh and Hooton, 2:398.
- [94] PRICE, A. Grenfell.
The History and Problems of the Northern Territory, Australia. *Adelaide, A.E. Acott, 1930*. Large octavo, pp. [viii] (first four blank), 68 (last blank), [4] (blank), with maps and diagrams in the text; an excellent, near fine copy in the original wrappers, with the bookplate of Geoffrey Farmer. **\$275**
First edition: signed by the author on the title-page and with two warm holograph letters, signed, on National Library of Australia letterhead, February 1963, to Geoffrey Farmer concerning this and other published papers by the author.
- [95] PRIEST, Harold.
The Call of the Bush: Wanderings of a Nature Man on the Murray River. *London, T. Werner Laurie, 1932*. Octavo pp. 240 + 16 leaves of plates; an excellent copy in the original printed cloth. **\$165**
First edition: travels and experiences of a naturalist along the Murray River and its hinterland – Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia. ANB, 35668.
- [96] PUXLEY, W. Lavallin.
Green Islands in Glittering Seas. *London, George Allen & Unwin, 1925*. Octavo, pp. 316, [4] (colophon and advertisements) + 16 leaves of plates; light foxing and occasional dusting but a very good copy in the original green cloth. **\$125**
First edition: the scarcer of Puxley's two Australasian books written from his experiences here studying the natural history of the region. This volume more particularly deals with Papua as well as Queensland and other Pacific islands. Not in ANB; Casey Wood, p. 526; not in Johnston-Zerner.
- [97] RAESIDE, Jules.
Golden Days: being Memoirs and Reminiscences of the Goldfields of Western Australia. *Perth, Colortype Press, 1929*. Octavo, pp. 416 (last colophon only) + three leaves of plates (one in colour, two with highlights in gilt), and a leaf of errata loosely inserted, with very numerous photographic illustrations (some full-page) in the text throughout; a touch of foxing early and late but a good copy in the original little edge-worn snake-skin grain orange wrappers. **\$360**
Very scarce: first edition of a very detailed and very richly illustrated record, drawn from personal experience, of the phenomenon of the early Western Australian gold rush. At the end of the volume are a number of poems by goldfields' writers. ANB, 36370.
- [98] REDMOND, William.
Through The New Commonwealth. *Dublin: Sealy, Bryers and Walker, n.d. but 1906*. Octavo, pp. [viii], 250, ii (advertisements) + one leaf of plates, and a folding coloured map, illustrations throughout the text (some full-page), title-page printed in red and black; an excellent copy in the original ungrained blue cloth, spine lettered and ruled in gilt, front board lettered and decorated in gilt; black endpapers lined white. **\$275**
First edition: very scarce. Account by an Irish Member of Parliament of an extended trip through the Australian Commonwealth. Written for an Irish audience, it has much of interest about all the mainland states with many good photographs. It is of particular interest for an early account of the Western Australian goldfields and of the Broken Hill silver fields. ANB, 36748.

[99] RUSSELL, G.E. Archer.

A Tramp-Royal in Wild Australia 1928-1929 being the record of a 'walkabout' among the lone cattlemen and cameleers of Australia's vast and little-known central wonderland, together with notes on the Aboriginal, the physical features, and the fauna and flora of their desert home done in the vagabond spirit under the urge to adventure, and the will to see the country as it is. *London, Jonathan Cape, 1934*. Octavo, pp. 256 + eight leaves of plates; original greenish-blue cloth, the spine and front board lettered in orange; some use but the text substantially good, the cloth however somewhat used and soiled; a reasonable copy overall. **\$125**

First edition and extremely scarce. This one of the best books of Central Australian travel ever written, with delightfully expressive title. It is also one of the scarcest. We have handled only two other copies in the last fifteen years and they have both been in equally used condition. ANB, 38461; Greenway, 8207.

[100] SADLEIR, John.

Recollections of a Victorian Police Officer. *Melbourne, George Robertson and Co., n.d. but circa 1913*. Octavo, pp. 312 + frontispiece and 34 plates; endpapers little tanned, small date inscription on front endpaper, very good in the original blue cloth, J. Cluny Harkness copy with bookplate. **\$220**

First edition: Sadleir's reminiscences recount many exploits in a long career which began on the gold fields and ended with his retirement in 1896. Sadleir later achieved fame when he assumed command at Glenrowan during the Kelly shootout and this book is one of the major sources for the history of that event. Oddly, apart from Brennan's book and mounted trooper Burrows's rare 1859 account, Sadleir was the only gold fields policeman to publish any recollections. Sadleir's book is very scarce in such good condition. ANB, 38699.

[101] SAVILLE, W.J.V.

In Unknown New Guinea. A record of twenty-five years of personal observation & experience amongst the interesting people of an almost unknown part of this vast island & a description of their manners & customs, occupations in peace & methods of warfare, their secret rites & public ceremonies... With an introduction by Bronislaw Malinowski... *London, Seeley Service & Co., 1926*. Octavo, with plates and a folding map; some foxing, especially generating from the plates, but a very good copy in the original cloth. **\$440**

First edition: a scarce, important and detailed account of anthropological field work among the Papuan natives of south-east Papua and Mailu Island. ANB, 38918.

[102] SAYERS, Stuart.

The Development of Australia's North. A Reprint of Six Articles by Stuart Sayers which appeared in "The Age", Melbourne. *Melbourne, The National Bank of Australasia, n.d. but 1961*. Quarto, pp. 16, with maps and photographic illustrations throughout; stapled as issued, some general light tanning but good. **\$85**

Scarce and ephemeral: issued at a time when concerted national efforts were being made to develop the North and North-West of Australia.

[103] SEARCY, Alfred.

In Northern Seas. Being Mr. Alfred Searcy's Experiences on the North Coast of Australia, as recounted to E. Whittington. *Adelaide, W.K. Thomas & Co., 1905*. Octavo, pp. 64 (last blank) + 28 leaves of plates, and a large folding map, text printed in double-column; an excellent copy bound with the wrappers (neatly laid down) in imitation morocco, Mackaness copy with bookplate. **\$440**

First edition. Written originally for Adelaide newspaper publication – in the *Register* – this series of articles was reprinted to promote investment in the Northern Territory, then still under the administration of South Australia. Most of the text comprises direct quotations from Searcy. Whittington's role was merely to edit and arrange them. Searcy went on to write two popular accounts of the Northern Territory and of his experiences there as an explorer, policeman and sub-collector of customs at Darwin. Searcy was later for a time Acting-Clerk of the South Australian House of Assembly. ANB, 39340; Greenway, 8402.

[104] SEARCY, Alfred.

In *Australian Tropics*. London, Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co., 1907. Octavo, pp. xxiv (last blank), 374, [2] (blank) + 55 leaves of plates, and a large folding map (short tear without loss); very good in the original cloth, spine lettered and ruled in gilt, front board lettered in gilt; top edge gilt, others uncut. **\$330**

First edition of Searcy's esteemed account of his experiences in the Northern Territory from 1882. The Territory's first writer of note, Searcy attempts here to give a full account of life in the north in all its variety. He includes much about the various racial groups – Aborigines, Chinese and European – which made up the community around Darwin and records many early expeditions and excursions along the coast and inland. ANB, 39338; Greenway, 8401.

[105] SEARCY, Alfred.

In *Australian Tropics*. Melbourne and London, George Robertson, 1909. Octavo, pp. xxiv, 374 + [16] ("Northern Territory of South Australia Points for intending settlers", last page blank) + 54 leaves of plates, and a folding map as frontispiece; a fine copy in contemporary blue half calf, the spine richly gilt with contrasting label, top edge gilt, others untrimmed. **\$360**

The first Australian edition (second overall). This copy is in a most attractive contemporary binding, handsomely gilt. Australian travel books of this period are rarely found in such appealing bindings.

[106] SEARCY, Alfred.

By Flood and Field: *Adventures Ashore and Afloat in North Australia*. Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane, George Robertson & Co. Propy. Ltd., n.d. but 1911. Octavo, pp. 328 (last blank) + 10 leaves of plates, and a folding map of Northern Australia; near fine in the original dark red cloth. **\$365**

First edition: signed and dated 1911 by the author on the title-page. Signed or inscribed copies of this title are most uncommon. ANB, 39334; Greenway, 8400.

[107] SEARCY, Alfred.

By Flood and Field: *Adventures Ashore and Afloat in North Australia*. Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane, George Robertson & Co. Propy. Ltd., n.d. but 1911. Octavo, pp. 328 + 10 leaves of plates, and a folding map of Northern Australia; endpapers slightly tanned but excellent in original cloth. **\$185**

First edition. ANB, 39334; Greenway, 8400.

[108] SEARCY, Alfred.

By Flood and Field: *Adventures Ashore and Afloat in North Australia*. London, George Bell & Sons [but Melbourne, E.W. Cole], 1912. Octavo, pp. 328 (last colophon only) + 17 leaves of plates, and a folding map of Northern Australia (tipped onto the verso of the back free endpaper); near fine in the original cloth, the spine and front board lettered and ruled in black, with the rare dustwrapper. **\$125**

Australian issue of Bell's first British edition (complete with the London title-page) in E.W. Cole's publisher's cloth.

[109] SETH-SMITH, David.

Notes on A Naturalist's Visit to Australia. Brighton (East Sussex), W.T. Moulton [for the Author], circa 1909. Octavo, pp. viii, 60 + six plates; a very good copy in the original wrappers. **\$660**

Rare. The account of a trip to Australia by a council member of the Royal Zoological Society to collect native fauna. Most of the account relates to the author's experiences in Western Australia, including a trip to the Margaret River district and to the goldfields. South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales were also visited. ANB, 39526.

[110] SIMPSON, Colin.

Adam with Arrows: Inside New Guinea. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1953*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 240 + four leaves of coloured plates and eight leaves of monochrome plates, with illustrations, maps, etc in the text; light foxing here and there and the original cloth with a few signs of light use but a good copy with dustwrapper (extremities bit chipped). **\$125**

First edition: inscribed and signed presentation copy.

[111] SIMPSON, Colin.

Adam in Plumes. *Sydney, Angus & Robertson, 1954*. Octavo, pp. xviii, 268, [2] (blank) + 14 leaves of plates (some coloured), with illustrations, maps, etc in the text; light old tape marks on endpapers, some slight foxing here and there and the original cloth with a few signs of light use but a good copy with dustwrapper (flaps with a few old tape stains). **\$110**

First edition: inscribed and signed presentation copy.

[112] [SKIING] New South Wales Intelligence Department.

Across the Alps in New South Wales. *Sydney, New South Wales Intelligence Department, n.d. but circa 1910*. Small square octavo, pp. [ii], 82, with photographic illustrations throughout; an excellent, near fine copy in the original gilt-printed art nouveau pictorial wrappers, overlapping edges of the wrappers a little creased and worn. **\$440**

Rare: an early tourist guide that is of considerable interest for its account and photographic illustrations of skiing on the Australian snow fields. The delightfully illustrated art nouveau wrappers are printed in gilt, black and white.

[113] SMITH, Edward James.

A Yorkshireman Abroad: or Under the Southern Cross. 35,000 Miles in Six Months *London, John Long, 1915*. Octavo, pp. 222, [2] (blank)+ 28 leaves of plates; very good in the original cloth, fore- and bottom edges uncut. **\$110**

Author's inscribed presentation copy. By ship to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and return by the same route. Smith visited South Australia, Victoria, and New Zealand. Includes notice of the Boer War and memorials and current consequences in South Africa. The first edition was published in January 1915, this is the second edition, or impression, published June 1915. ANB, 40476.

[114] SMITH, Geoffrey.

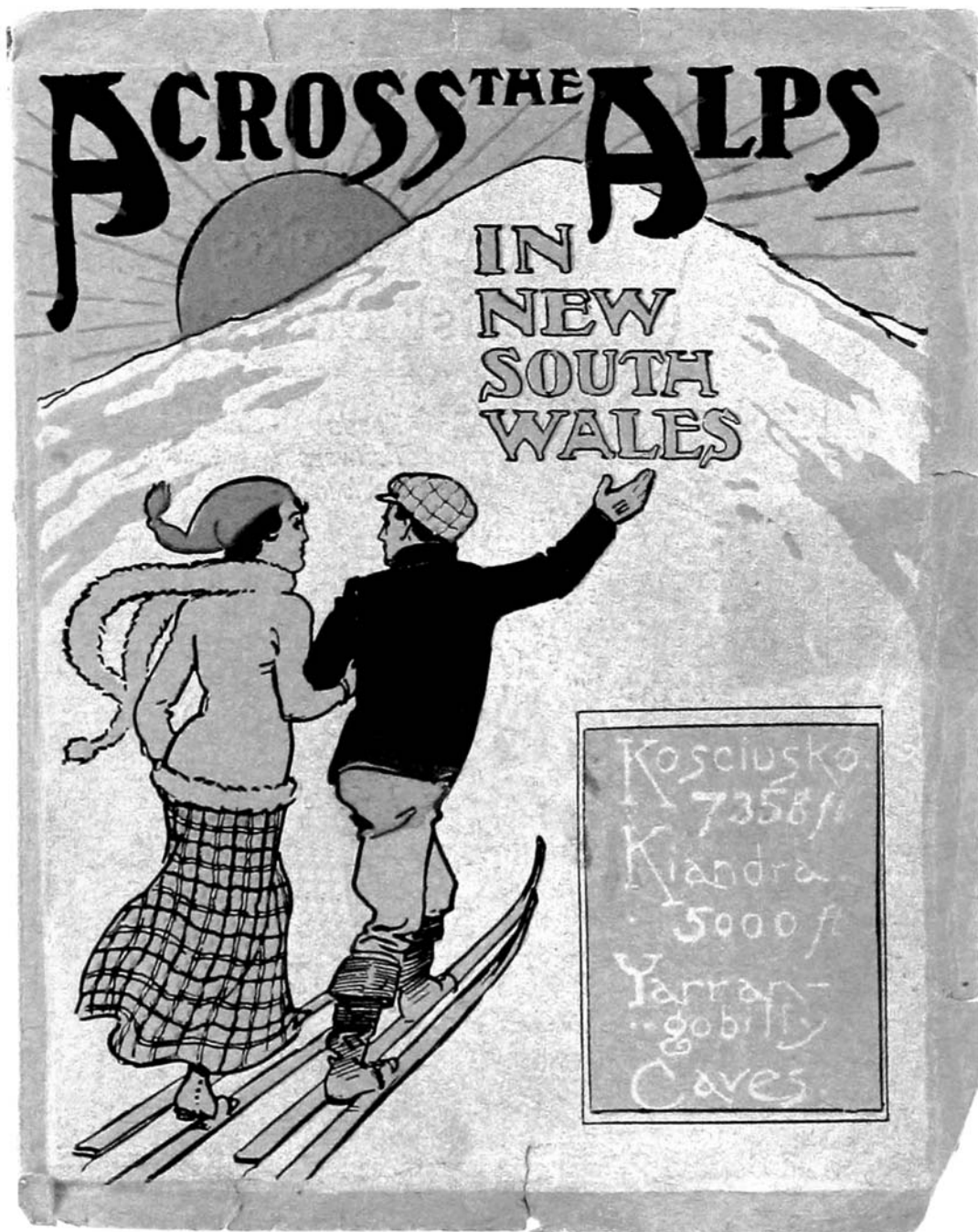
A Naturalist in Tasmania. *Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1909*. Octavo, pp. 152, 16 (advertisements) + 21 leaves of plates and a folding map; slight edge-spotting, endpapers little offset, an excellent copy in the original cloth, top edge gilt, fore-edge rough trimmed only, bottom edge uncut, with the rare dustwrapper (lightly frayed or chipped at extremities). **\$660**

First edition of this sought-after account of an Oxford academic's six-month scientific expedition to study the natural history of Tasmania. It is notably rare with the dustwrapper.

[115] SMITH, Keith Langford.

Sky Pilot in Arnhem Land. *Sydney, Angus and Robertson Limited, 1935*. Octavo, pp. x (last blank), 272, [2] (recto blank, verso colophon only) + nine leaves of plates; morocco-grain blue cloth, the spine and front board lettered and ruled in black, map front endpaper, with dustwrapper. **\$220**

Keith Langford Smith drove overland in 1928 from Sydney to the Roper River in a Pontiac and flew through Arnhem Land for the Roper River Mission. He was the first pilot to fly across Arnhem Land. Second impression, unaltered from the first of the same year. ANB, 25061.



112. An early and most attractively presented guide to the New South Wales ski fields

[116] SMITH, Sir Ross Macpherson.
14,000 Miles through the Air. *New York, The Macmillan Company, 1922*. Octavo, pp. xiv, 136, [8] (blanks) + 49 leaves of plates, and a double-page map; somewhat used but a decent copy in the original cloth, with defective but quite uncommon, photographic dustwrapper. **\$385**

First edition: the full narrative of the Ross-Smith flight from England to Australia in 1919. "My thanks are due to Captain Frank Hurley for his generous and energetic help in the writing of this book..."

[117] SMITH, William Ramsay.
In Southern Seas: Wanderings of a Naturalist. *London, John Murray, 1924*. Octavo, pp. xviii, 298 (last blank), [4] (advertisements) + 16 leaves of plates, two full-page maps in the text; original calico-grain blue-green cloth in fine state, spine lettered in gilt; endpapers a little offset but near fine overall. **\$225**

First edition. Smith wrote very numerous other (largely medical) books – he also wrote extensively on the Australian Aborigines. This well-known volume, describing travels in Australia and the Pacific, includes extensive material on the Northern Territory and on the Aborigines. ANB, 40648; Greenway, 8584.

[118] SORENSON, Edward S.
Life in the Australian Backblocks... Illustrated by H. Selden. *London, etc., Whitcombe and Tombs, Limited, 1911*. Octavo, pp. 296 + frontispiece, other illustrations in the text; very good in the original gilt-lettered green cloth. **\$110**

First edition: a series of sketches of outback life based on Sorenson's extensive experience travelling through outback New South Wales and Queensland. Most of the sketches had appeared in various journals and magazines. ANB, 40958.

[119] [SPENCER, W. Baldwin] GILLEN, Francis James.
Gillen's Diary: The Camp Jottings of F.J. Gillen on the Spencer and Gillen Expedition across Australia 1901-1902. *Adelaide, Libraries Board of South Australia, 1968*. Quarto, pp. [ii] (half-title), vi, 367, [2] (blank) + frontispiece portrait and 58 leaves of plates (with 84 illustrations); spine little rubbed, otherwise near fine in the original card wrappers. **\$385**

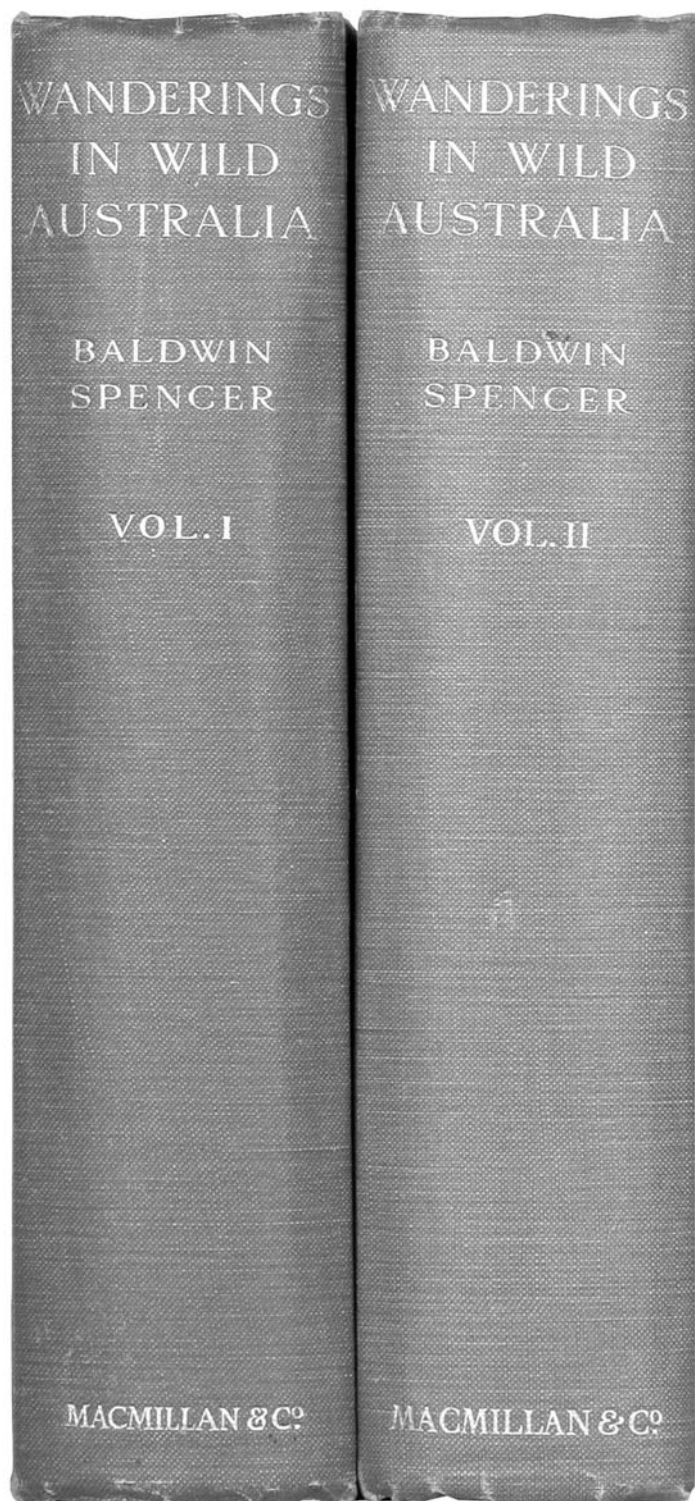
First publication in any form of the text of Gillen's diary of the 1901-2 Spencer and Gillen expedition: now very scarce.

[120] SPENCER, Walter Baldwin.
Wanderings in Wild Australia. *London, Macmillan and Co., 1928*. Two volumes, octavo, pp. xxviii, 456 (last colophon only) + 112 leaves of plates (eight coloured), two printed tissue guide plates (facing coloured plates VII and VIII), and three folding maps, other maps and illustrations in the text; pp. [ii] (integral blank), xiv, 457 – 930, [2] (integral advertisements) + 99 leaves of plates (eight coloured), and two folding maps, other maps and illustrations in the text; light use but a very good copy in the original olive green cloth, the spines lettered in gilt, top edges gilt. **\$2200**

First edition of Spencer's most literary work, the narrative of his travels in Central Australia as late as 1923 and 1924. As with the joint work of 1912, Across Australia, this book is a general narrative enlivened by anecdote, good-humour, and the personal reflections of a great explorer. ANB, 41644; Greenway, 8686.

[121] [STANTHORPE, Queensland] JOBSON, L.T.
Souvenir of the Town of Stanthorpe; with its mountain beauty spots, orchards, mining country, including precipices, streams and waterfalls. Illustrated by 28 full-page photo-engravings. By L.T. Jobson, Photographic Artist, Stanthorpe. *Brisbane, Alexander Muir & Co., 1910*. Oblong duodecimo, pp. 64, with photographic illustrations throughout; fine in the original gilt-printed wrappers. **\$660**

Rare: Darling Downs local history comprising photographic views (including advertisements for local businesses) and quite extensive text. Not in ANB; not in Johnston-Zerner.



120. Baldwin Spencer's last and major Australian book

[122] STAPLEDON, Sir Reginald George.

A Tour in Australia and New Zealand... *London, Oxford University Press, 1928*. Octavo, pp. xvi, 128 + eight leaves of plates; original cloth with a few small marks but a very good copy. **\$165**

First edition: scarce. Travels in Australia and New Zealand by a British agrostologist studying pasture and other factors relating to the settlement and agricultural progress of the two countries. Stapledon was Professor of Agricultural Botany, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Director of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station. ANB, 41993.

[123] STEVENSON, Walter Hunter.

Stepping Stones: a Jeweller's Journeyings. *London, Arthur Tremayne Limited, n.d. but circa 1930*. Octavo, pp. 196 (last colophon only) + two leaves of plates (one coloured: this with tears and tape-stained at corners); some spotting but a good sound copy in the original dark blue cloth. **\$275**

First edition and very scarce: reminiscences of an Adelaide jeweller, written during a visit to England in 1929. This is a family presentation copy inscribed to the author's niece and dated Christmas, 1929.

Stevenson's book starts with a number of anecdotal chapters on precious metals, gemstones, clocks and watches based on his own experience and on trade lore. In these chapters he includes discussion of distinctly Australian aspects of his subject – opals and pearls, especially. He continues with a very good autobiographical account starting with his childhood in Carlton, Melbourne, in the 1850s with much interesting detail of the events and spirit of the time, his apprenticeship to a jeweller in Melbourne, life as journeyman in Adelaide where he established himself by stages as a leading jeweller, his successful make-or-break venture as a travelling jeweller along the Darling in New South Wales when a depression hit Adelaide in the 1920s leaving his business virtually bankrupt, purchase of a station on the Darling and experiences of outback life. The rest of the volume deals with his subsequent travels overseas. Not in ANB; not in Walsh and Hooton.

[124] TAUNTON, Henry.

Australind: Wanderings in Western Australia and the Malay East. *London, Edward Arnold, 1903*. Octavo, pp. xii (last blank), 248 (last blank); very good in the original blue cloth, the spine lettered and ruled in gilt, the front board lettered in gilt and with a central gilt vignette of a small pearling boat and divers, top and bottom edges uncut, fore-edge trimmed. **\$275**

First edition: the brightly written memoirs of an adventurous sailor who tired of the sea and worked his way through Western Australia from Geraldton to Broome between 1876 and 1887. His jobs and experiences were remarkably varied: a jackaroo near Geraldton and on the Murchison River, pearling off Broome, exploring in the Kimberleys. Taunton's bright and anecdotal narrative conveys the excitement and challenge of life there which so obviously infected more notable men such as Carnegie, Giles, Stuart and the Forrest brothers. ANB, 43519; Greenway, 9007.

[125] TERRY, Michael.

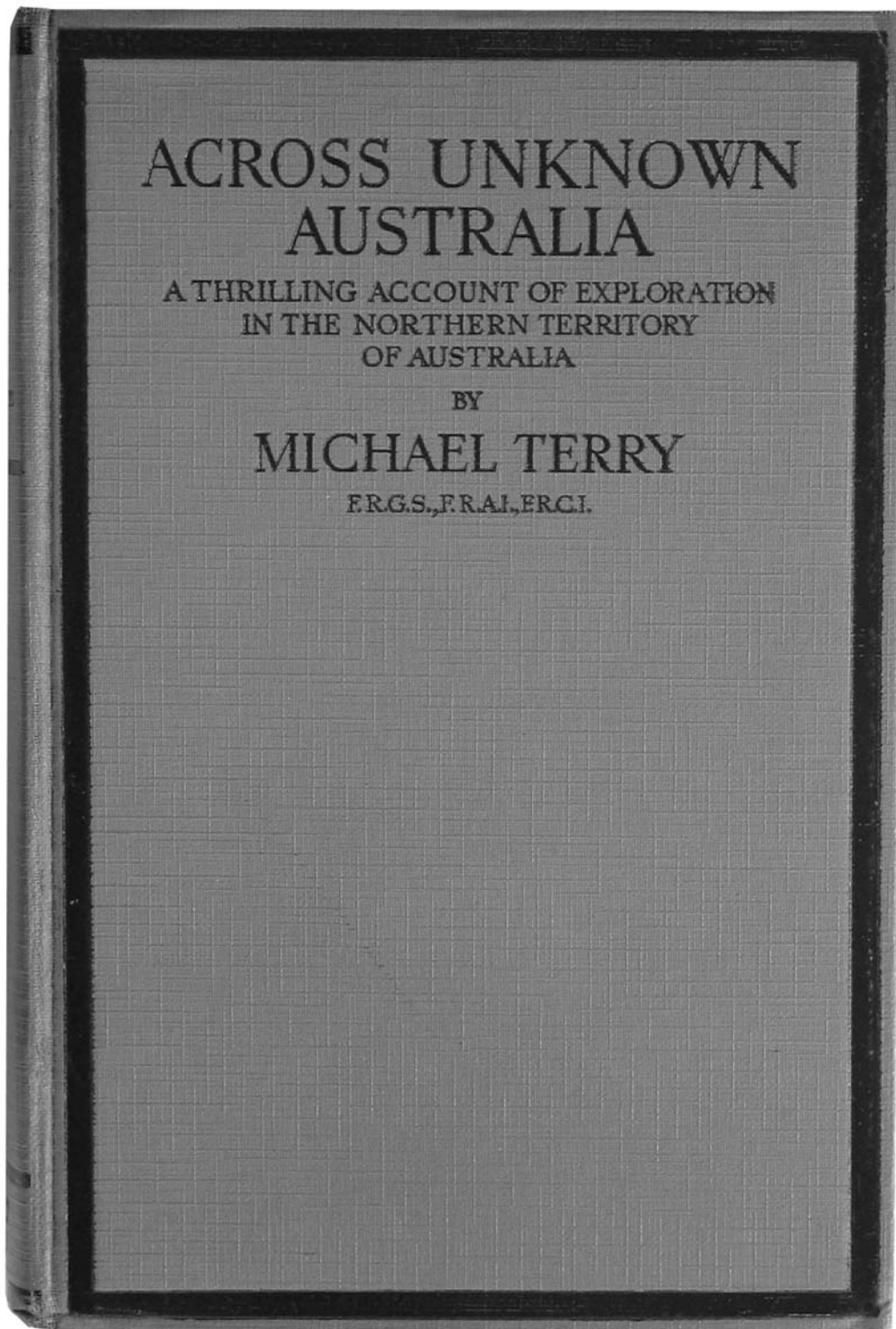
Across Unknown Australia. *London, Herbert Jenkins, 1925*. Octavo, pp. 312 (last blank), [8] (advertisements) + frontispiece portrait and 23 plates; very good in the original decorated cloth. **\$550**

First edition of Terry's first book. A British-born car salesman, explorer and adventurer, Terry travelled extensively in North and North-West Australia in the 1920s and 1930s. He made several discoveries in the then still unexplored desert regions and to many he is "the last Australian explorer", a title hitherto reserved for Ernest Giles, or even Donald Mackay. This volume describes his trip across Northern Australia from Longreach to Broome undertaken in 1923 with one companion, Richard Yockney, in a Ford motor car. ANB, 43851; Greenway, 9066.

[126] TERRY, Michael.

Through a Land of Promise: With Gun, Car and Camera in the Heart of Northern Australia... With an introduction by H.W. Gepp Chairman of the Commonwealth of Australia Development and Migration Commission. *London, Herbert Jenkins Limited, 1927*. Octavo, pp. 336 + 32 leaves of plates, and a folding map; a very good copy in the original green cloth (front board a little marked). **\$550**

First edition of Terry's richly-illustrated second book of Northern Territory exploration. ANB, 43856; Greenway, 9072.



125. Michael Terry's scarce first book

[127] TERRY, Michael.
Hidden Wealth and Hiding People. *London & New York, Putnam, n.d. but 1930*. Octavo, pp. xvi (last blank), 350, [2] (blank) + 62 leaves of plates, and a folding temperature graph and three folding maps (following p. 350); original tan buckram, spine lettered in gilt, edges a bit spotted, gift inscription on front endpaper; a very good copy. **\$440**

First edition: Terry's 1928 expedition by automobile from the North West of Western Australia through the desert to Alice Springs and thence to Melbourne. ANB, 43853; Greenway, 9068.

[128] TERRY, Michael.
Sun and Sand: Two Gold-hunting Expeditions with Camels in the Dry Lands of Central Australia. *London, Michael Joseph Ltd., 1937*. Octavo, pp. 288 + 16 leaves of plates; a good copy in the original red-brown cloth, the spine lettered in black; map endpapers (map of the 1932 expedition on the front endpapers and of the 1933 expedition on the back endpapers). **\$220**

First edition: explorations in Central Australia undertaken in 1932 and 1933 with Stanley J. O'Grady and Benjamin E. Nicker in the country around Lake Amadeus and Lake Mackay, recently discovered by the Mackay Aerial Survey Expedition. ANB, 43855; Greenway, 9069.

[129] THOMSON, Donald Ferguson.
"An Arnhem Land Adventure" [extracted from] *National Geographic Magazine*, volume 93. [*New York, National Geographic Society, March 1948*]. Octavo, pp. 403 – 432, with photographic illustrations; bound in cloth-backed card covers. **\$125**

An early account of this important expedition, a more detailed account of which was published over three issues of *The Geographical Journal* (London) over 1948-9. At this time the National Geographic Society was involved in the joint Arnhem Land Expedition under C.P. Mountford and so Thomson's article was especially topical. The extract includes a half-page note on that expedition and, on the final leaf, some notes on Australia in general.

[130] THOMSON, Donald Ferguson.
Economic Structure and Ceremonial Exchange Cycle in Arnhem Land. *Melbourne, Macmillan & Co., 1949*. Octavo, pp. vi, 106 + five leaves of plates and a large folding map; a very good copy in the original cloth with like dustwrapper. **\$185**

First edition: signed by the author on the free front endpaper and dated from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Melbourne in 1966.

[131] THOMSON, Donald Ferguson.
Wartime Exploration in Dutch New Guinea [drop title]. [*London, The Royal Geographical Society, 1953*]. Octavo, pp. 16 + three leaves of plates; a fine copy bound in modern half morocco. **\$220**

First separate edition. Reprinted from *The Geographical Journal*, Volume CXIX, Part 1, March 1953.

[132] THOMSON, Donald Ferguson.
"The Bindibu Expedition: Exploration among the Desert Aborigines of Western Australia: I [-III]". *London, The Royal Geographical Society, 1962*. Three parts, octavo, with all plates, folding tables, and folding coloured maps; light general use, very good in the original wrappers. **\$440**

The first printing of Thomson's account of the important Bindibu expedition, contained in three consecutive issues of *The Geographical Journal*, Volume CXXVIII, Parts 1-3, 1962. This was the only account of this important expedition to be published in the author's lifetime. The first book-length account of the Bindibu expedition was published posthumously in 1975.

[133] TRAILL, W.H.

A Queenly Colony. Pen Sketches and Camera Glimpses. *Brisbane, Edmund Gregory, 1901*. Quarto, pp. [ii] (decorative title, printed in violet), viii, 142, [2] (colophon, verso blank) + a full-page map (at p. 1), with very numerous photographic illustrations in the text throughout; bound in publisher's quarter black morocco and decorated boards, a degree of wear at the extremities but a very good copy. **\$440**

Extremely scarce: an attractively-produced and well-illustrated survey of Queensland at the dawn of Federation. Also issued in illustrated titling-wrappers, this is the most uncommon superior issue in morocco-backed boards with the original front wrapper bound in as title-leaf.

[134] VERCO, Sir Joseph.

Combing the Southern Seas... Edited by B.C. Cotton. *Adelaide, Rigby Ltd, 1935*. Octavo, pp. [2] (own front ends), 3 – 178, 24, [4] (third colophon, others blank), [4] (blank, last leaf own back ends) + 13 leaves of plates (three coloured), with frontispiece portrait tipped onto p. 9 and five full-page illustrations in the text; tiny excision to the top fore-corner of the first leaf, a very good copy in the original cloth. **\$185**

First edition: scarce. Edited from his journals, this volume “describes the adventures of the late Sir Joseph Verco while dredging for marine life in Southern Australian Waters...” (Preface). The book comprises a first-hand narrative account of Verco's various expeditions dredging for mollusca that he undertook between 1890 and 1912 from Beachport, South Australia, in the east to Fremantle, Western Australia, in the west. The final section of the book is a 24-page reprinted edition of Verco's 1908 “Catalogue of Marine Mollusca of South Australia.

[135] WEBSTER, John.

Reminiscences of an Old Settler in Australia and New Zealand. *Christchurch, Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd., 1908*. Octavo, pp. vi, 294 + five leaves of plates; very good, uncut in the original olive green cloth. **\$660**

First edition: a valuable account by an early settler and overlander, issued in a mere 500 copies (Bagnall). It is of considerable interest, containing the journals of Webster's two overlanding journeys with the Howe brothers from Sydney to Adelaide between 1839 and 1841. On the second trip, following a route dismissed by Sturt, the Edward River was discovered and named (after Edward Howe). ANB, 47004; Bagnall, W501; Hocken, p. 484.

[136] WILKINS, George Hubert.

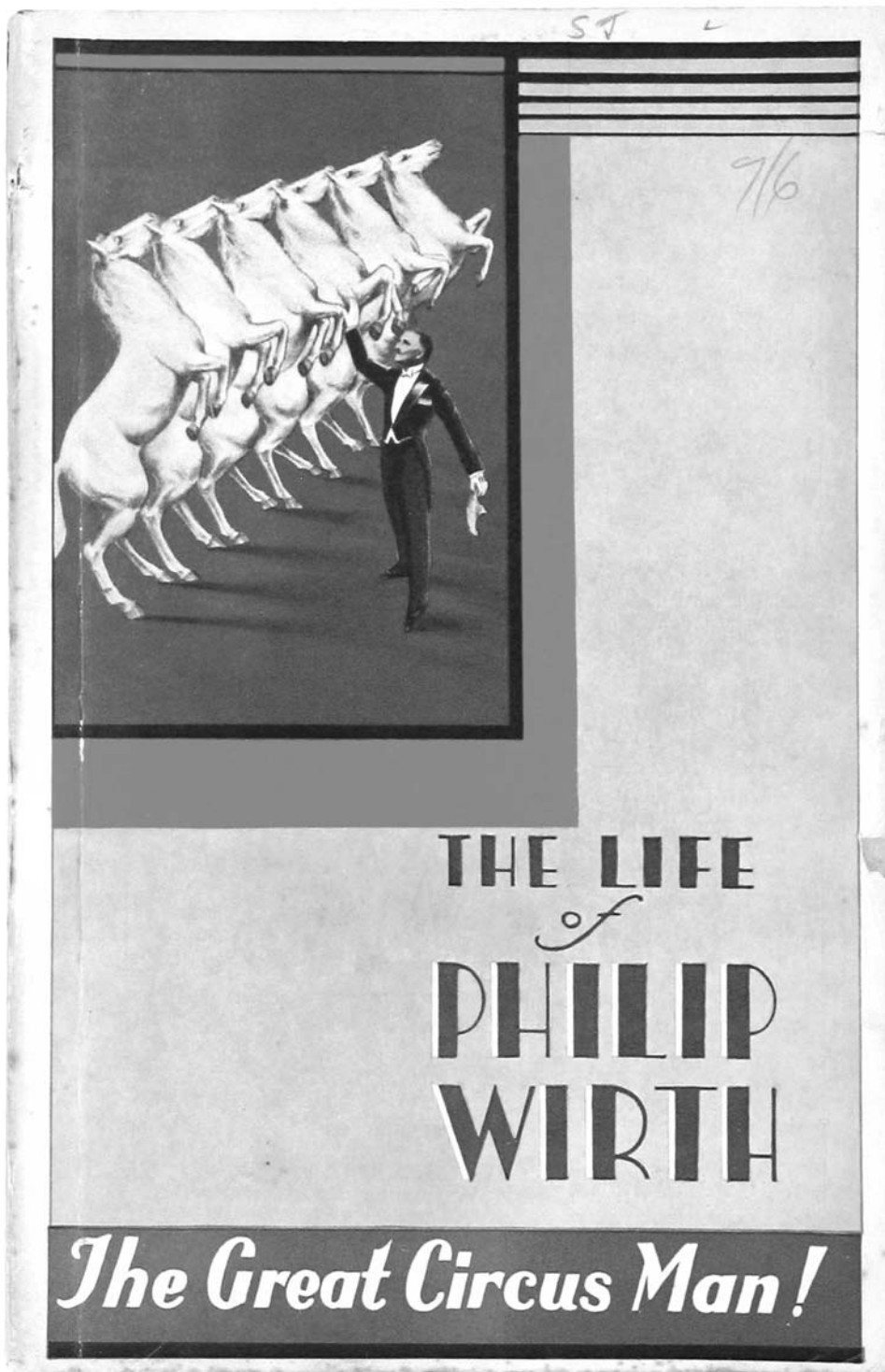
Undiscovered Australia: Being an account of an expedition to tropical Australia to collect specimens of the rarer native fauna for the British Museum, 1923 – 1925. *New York, Putnam, 1929*. Octavo, pp. [ii], xiv, 354, [2] + 24 leaves of plates, and a folding map; excellent in the original cloth with like dustwrapper. **\$550**

First US edition: Wilkins, war correspondent and pioneer motion picture photographer, polar explorer, naturalist, geographer, climatologist and aviator, was born on a sheep station at Mt Bryan East in South Australia in 1888. This expedition – one of many he undertook in the course of his extraordinary life – was to the Australian desert, where he spent two and a half years from 1923 in command of an expedition sponsored by the British Museum for the purposes of collecting specimens of rare native fauna, particularly from the more remote regions. ANB, 48092.

[137] WILSON, Arthur J.

Australia Today from a Visitor's Point of View. *London, E.J. Larby, Limited, 1929*. Octavo, pp. 160, [2] (last colophon only, recto blank) + 15 leaves of plates, sketch maps and other illustrations in the text; top edge little dusted otherwise near fine in the original grey cloth with very good pictorial dustwrapper (little used and chipped). **\$185**

First edition of a good account by an (intelligent) British tourist, illustrated with many telling amateur photographic illustrations. The book appears to have been published more or less privately. Although the title implies otherwise, Wilson spent virtually all his time in the two populous Eastern states, Victoria and New South Wales. His ship berthed at Adelaide and he travelled from there to Melbourne, and thence to Sydney by way of Geelong, Ballarat, the Mallee, Albury and Canberra, visiting the Blue Mountains from Sydney. The final 60 pages of the book comprise general observations on various aspects of Australian life and society. Not in ANB.



140. Reminiscences of a great circus impresario, signed

[138] [WINNINGTON-INGRAM, Arthur Foley], Lord Bishop of London.
Holiday Recollections of a World Tour By The Rt. Rev. and the Rt. Hon. The Lord Bishop of London.
London, Thornton Butterworth Limited, 1928. Octavo, pp. 288 (first leaf and last page blank) + 18 leaves of
plates; very good in the original cloth, little sunned and soiled. **\$110**

First edition: world tour of the long-serving Bishop of London undertaken for various reasons, in part – and most notably for Australasia – in view of current moves towards an Empire resettlement policy. Visits to Queensland and New South Wales, including discussions with Premier Jack Lang. Concentrates on English-speaking countries: Canada, USA (including Hawaii), Japan, Korea, China, British settlements in Asia and S.E. Asia, Australasia. Not in ANB.

[139] WIRTH, George.
Round the World with a Circus: Memories of Trials, Triumphs and Tribulations. *Melbourne, Troedel and Cooper, 1925.* Octavo, pp. 144; an excellent copy in the original coloured pictorial wrappers. **\$330**

Rare: first edition of the memoirs of one of members of this pre-eminent Australian family of circus impresarios. ANB, 48499.

[140] WIRTH, Philip.
The Life of Philip Wirth: A Lifetime with an Australian Circus. [*Melbourne, Troedel & Cooper Pty. Ltd., for The Author, n.d. but circa 1934.* Octavo, pp. 128, [2] (advertisements), with one leaf of plates (notionally included in the pagination as pp. [5-6], and some astrological diagrams in the text; one tiny chip on the edge of the front wrapper but a very good copy in the original coloured illustrated wrappers. **\$330**

Very scarce: first edition. A presentation copy of this autobiography written in old age by the great Australian circus impresario, inscribed on the half-title to the Editor of the Australasian, signed in full by the author and dated 1934. ANB, 48500.