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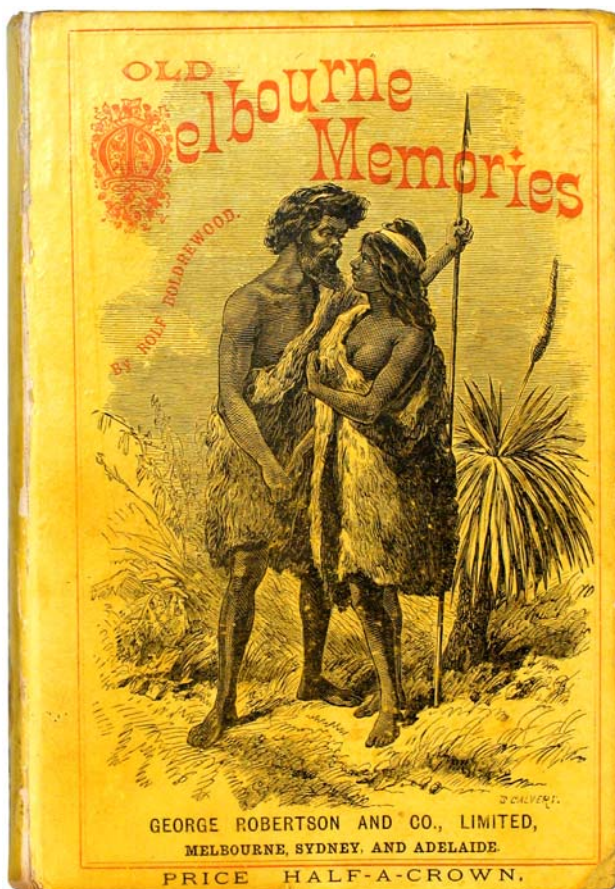
## Special List 43: Port Phillip and the Way There

This list comprises a good small group of books dealing with the early history of the Port Phillip District and the first years of the Colony of Victoria. They are offered subject to prior sale at the nett prices. Freight and insurance extra. Normal trade terms apply.

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1. Boldrewood's reminiscences of early Port Phillip

[1] "BOLDREWOOD, Rolf."

Old Melbourne Memories.

*Octavo; an excellent copy in the original yellowback boards illustrated with a wood engraving of an Aboriginal courting couple by Samuel Calvert. Melbourne, George Robertson, 1884.*

First edition of this particularly scarce collection of anecdotes and reminiscent essays of life during the early years of the Port Phillip District. **\$660**

[2] BONWICK, James.

John Batman, the Founder of Victoria.

*Octavo; first two leaves with some diffuse foxing but an excellent copy in the original green cloth, title lettered in gilt on the front board. Melbourne, Ferguson and Moore, 1868.*

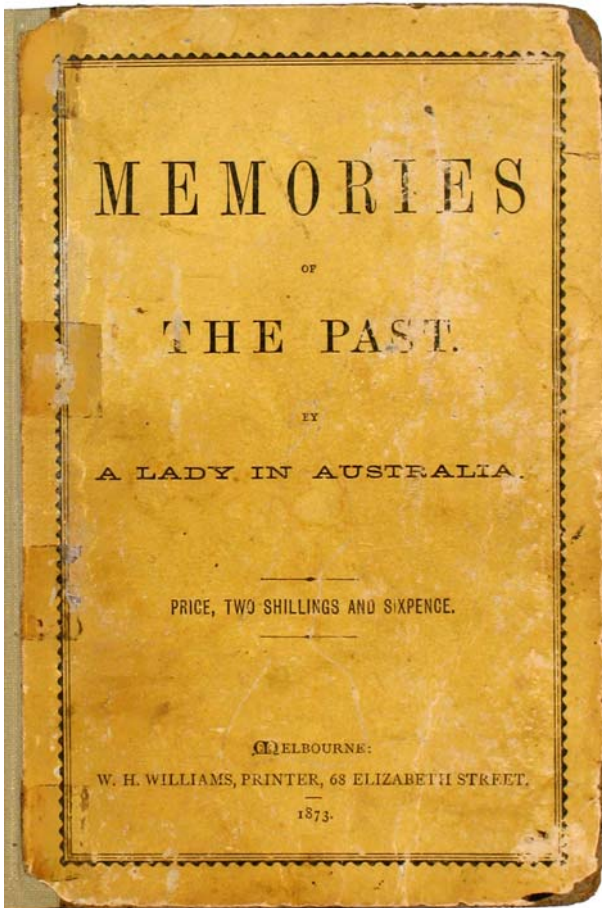
A pleasant copy of the very scarce second and better issue of the first edition, comprising the original sheets and binding with the first edition title-leaf excised and replaced by a new title-page and eleven additional pages of preliminaries. Ferguson, 7231; Pescott, 58. **\$330**

[3] BYRNE, J.C.

Twelve Years' Wanderings in the British Colonies. From 1835 to 1847.

*Two volumes, octavo, two folding map in endpockets, text fine and crisp, uncut in lightly used but bright original cloth, recased with new endpapers. London, Richard Bentley, 1848.*

Very scarce: an almost encyclopaedic account of the colonies of New South Wales, Port Phillip, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia, and New Zealand. Byrne published a popular, frequently reprinted but now rare, emigrants' guide to the colonies in the same year. Ferguson, 4725. **\$990**



6. Annie Dawbin rare memoirs of early colonial life

[4] CLACY, Ellen, née STURMER.

*A Lady's Visit to the Gold Diggings of Australia, in 1852-53. Written on the spot...*

*Duodecimo, with a frontispiece engraved view of Bendigo Creek (after a sketch by the author); a very good copy in the, little sunned, original plum cloth, extremities a little rubbed, contemporary inscription on front endpaper. London, Hurst and Blackett, 1853.*

First edition – and scarce – of one of the classics of gold rush literature: the most vivid account of daily life on the goldfields ever published; the first eye-witness account of the diggings written by a woman (and for several years the only one). It was “written on the spot” at the Victorian diggings, where she kept house for her brother and a small party as they moved from one field to another. We know very little about Ellen Sturmer. The genteel young daughter of a clergyman, she leaves us astonished that, against all convention, she could accompany her brother on what was, in nineteenth-century eyes, a wild, daring and ‘most unsuitable’ escapade for an unmarried young woman. She married one of her party, Charles Clacy, and returned with him to England. Ferguson, 8280. **\$660**

[5] CURR, Edward Micklethwaite.

*Recollections of Squatting in Victoria Then Called the Port Phillip District (from 1841 to 1851).*

*Octavo, pp. xii, 452 + with a folding coloured map; the original russet-brown cloth a little worn at top and bottom of spine but a very good copy. Melbourne, Robertson, 1883.*

First and only complete edition of Curr's celebrated memoirs of Port Phillip squatting life in the 1840s. His portrayal of

station life is a classic one, showing a sympathetic approach both to the Aboriginal population of Victoria and to his fellow squatters.

“Curr made his first visit to Melbourne in 1839, in company with his father from Circular Head, Tasmania. In 1841 he was sent over to manage a small sheep station (Wolfscrag) about seventy miles from Melbourne. Later he took up other properties further north [in the Goulburn valley]. His experiences of early squatting life and of the Aborigines are interesting. He was at all times concerned to propitiate the natives (Bangerang Tribe) surrounding his properties, and made careful studies of their customs, rites and languages. These are described in considerable detail in the latter part of the volume.” (Ferguson). Ferguson, 8878. **\$660**

[6] [DAWBIN, Annie Maria (formerly BAXTER)].

*Memories of the Past: by a Lady in Australia.*

*Octavo, pp. viii, 112; light occasional spotting but internally very good in stained and edge-worn original printed boards, neatly enough rebaked with cloth. Melbourne, W.H. Williams, 1873.*

Rare: first edition of these reminiscences of an outstanding pioneer woman. Annie Baxter came out to Australia with her dissolute first husband, Lieutenant Andrew Baxter, in 1834 when his regiment was posted to Van Diemen's Land. Between 1834 and 1851, their marriage steadily deteriorating, they moved through the other eastern colonies: Sydney and Port Macquarie as an officer's wife; the Macleay River District in New South Wales and then Port Fairy in Western Victoria as an unsuccessful pastoralist's wife. After Baxter's suicide in 1855, Annie married Robert Dawbin – with what seems to be characteristic misjudgement – and led an unhappy life with him as they moved from one failure to another in Victoria, New Zealand and England.

These reminiscences, based on her diaries over that thirty-two year period, give a revealing picture of the society of the colony in the years, 1834 – 1865, as well as a remarkable self-portrait. Ferguson, 6809 (also 9016 and 11281). **\$660**

[7] [FINN, Edmund, “Garryowen”].

*The “Garryowen” Sketches. Historical, Local, Personal. By an Old Colonist.*

*Octavo; a fine copy, bound with the original wrappers, in later binder's cloth. Melbourne, Alex. McKinley & Co., 1880.*

Scarce: first edition of the first collection of Edmund “Garryowen” Finn's essays and articles recalling the early days of Melbourne. In the centenary year, 1888, a much larger collection was published as “Garryowen's” *Chronicles of Early Melbourne*. Ferguson, 9608. **\$220**

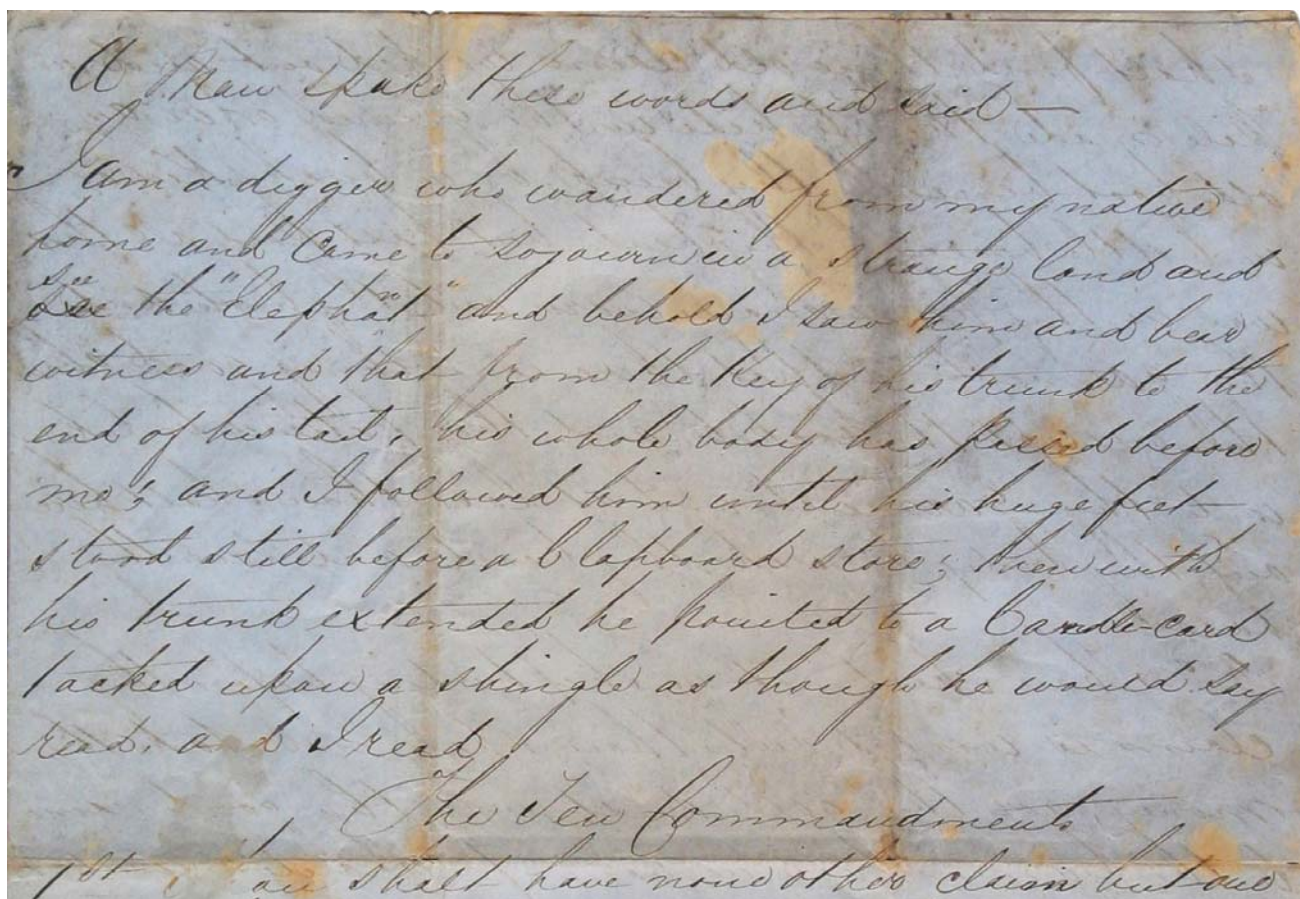
[8] GOLD: BALLARAT DIGGINGS.

*The Diggers Ten Commandments Written at Ballarat By A Digger.*

*Seven pages, ink manuscript, on four conjugate leaves of letter-weight blue paper, foolscap quarto; folded three times at an early date for carrying in a wallet or pocket; occasional generally light discoloration or staining, slight holing along the folds on the first leaf well clear of text, in very good state. [Ballarat?], circa 1850s – 1860s.*

A very rare satirical piece ‘published’ in manuscript. Humorous but with a serious purpose, the “Diggers Ten Commandments” was written during the early gold rush.

Known hitherto from Withers's transcription in an appendix to his 1870 history of Ballarat, the piece uses humour and a quasi-biblical style to set down some of the quite serious ‘unwritten’ rules of conduct governing the diggers relations with each other.



8. The opening passage of a rare contemporary manuscript of the famous Gold Digger's self-regulatory 'Ten Commandments'

Withers describes the origin of the commandments: "The following code of rules for the guidance of the diggers inter se was drawn up by some humorist of humorists in the early days of Ballarat, and was posted about the diggings for the behoof of all on the field. It lets a little light in upon the modes of thought, the customs, the amusements, and the phrases in vogue then, and which are only partially known to the later comers".

The present transcription is manifestly of an early date. It shows some expected variation from Withers's text, not in substantial matters but in occasional variations of verb tense or spelling. Withers's text is heavily punctuated and was sub-edited by him. In the process he has lost something of the immediacy of speech that is preserved in the present transcription. But Withers was a professional editor and both his personal inclination and the conventions of the day would require the intervention of an editorial hand rather than an uncritical transcription. These lesser variations aside, of greater interest are variants that suggest an element of oral transmission (or dictation) in the present text or in its immediate source – "bleriskite" for the more correct "blatherskite" of the Withers version, is one example. In our experience manuscript pieces that were circulated by hand, such as the present text or the 'pipes' of early Sydney, are of the greatest rarity on the market. **\$12,000**

[9] GURNER, Henry Field.

Chronicle of Port Phillip now the Colony of Victoria from 1770 to 1840.

*Octavo, pp. [iv], 52; some use but a decent copy in the original wrappers, the spine more recently reinforced with cloth. Melbourne, George Robertson, 1876.*

First edition: now quite scarce. There are annotations throughout this copy, in ink and pencil. An (anonymous) ink note on the verso of the front wrapper states that the corrections and expansions were made by Gurner himself "when I last spoke to him at his flat in Williams Road Toorak shortly before his death". Ferguson, 10147. **\$165**

[10] HALL, Charles Browning.

Old Melbourne Notebook 1852-1854: Wherein the opinions and observations of Charles Browning Hall concerning that city, the State of Victoria and the Diggings are expressed and embellished with pencil sketches.

*Quarto, illustrations throughout; fine in the original imitation leather, gilt, pictorial onlay on front board. Northbridge (Western Australia), Access Press, 1996.*

Deluxe limited edition of 250 numbered copies. Hitherto unpublished, this is an interesting, vividly illustrated personal narrative and a valuable addition to the literature of the Victorian gold diggings. **\$120**

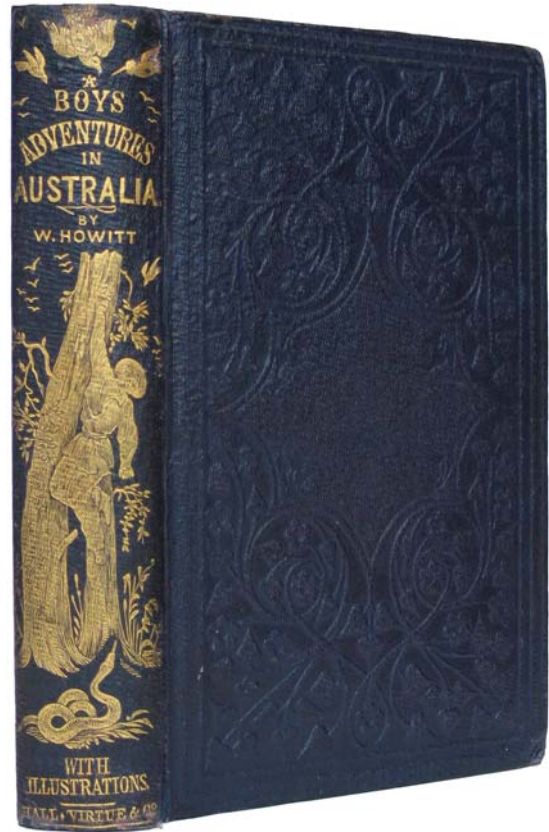
[11] HAMILTON, James C.  
 Pioneering Days in Western Victoria: A Narrative of Early Station Life.  
*Octavo, pp. 112, illustrations; very good in the original buckram lettered in white, neat 1913 ownership inscription on endpaper. Melbourne, Exchange Press, n.d. but 1913.*  
 First edition, first impression. 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. 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 are by Percy Leason. ANB, 19286; not in Bagnall; Greenway, 4368. **\$220**

[12] HAYDON, George Henry.  
 The Australian Emigrant, a Rambling Story containing as much Fact as Fiction.  
*Octavo, with six wood-engraved plates; original red cloth, title on the upper board in rustic gilt lettering, rebacked preserving the original spine and endpapers. London, Arthur Hall, Virtue, and Co., 1854.*  
 First and only edition: written to capitalise upon the recent gold discoveries. The illustrations are based on Haydon's own sketches. Haydon stressed the egalitarian nature of the Australian pioneering life and the bush virtues of hospitality, mateship and self-reliance. Ferguson, 10310 (not noting illustrations or binding). **\$660**

[13] HOWITT, Richard.  
 Impressions of Australia Felix, during Four Years' Residence in that Colony; Notes of a Voyage Round the World; Australian Poems, &c.  
*Octavo, pp. [iv] (list of subscribers), xiv, 362, 32 (advertisements) + lithograph frontispiece ("Dance of the Port Phillip Natives", printed by Day and Haghe); inoffensive contemporary ownership stamp on title and following leaf, very good in the original blue-grey cloth. London, Longman, 1845.*  
 First edition, first issue: with the rare 4-page list of subscribers. A detailed journal of the voyage out to and back from Australia, with anecdotal memoirs of life in early Victoria. A perceptive collection, by the younger brother of the prolific William Howitt. Ferguson, 4075. **\$1200**

[14] HOWITT, William.  
 Land, Labour, and Gold; or, Two Years in Victoria: with Visits to Sydney and Van Diemen's Land.  
*Two volumes, octavo; a good copy in the original dark green cloth, head and tail of the spines a little worn and contents a little shaken, with pp. [2] integral advertisements at the end of the first volume and pp. [2] (integral advertisement leaf) + [3]-6 (inserted advertisements) + 24 (inserted advertisements, dated March 1855) at the end of the second volume; Ferguson fails to note any advertisements in the second volume. London, Longmans, 1855.*  
 First edition of a gold rush classic, one of the best of the digger narratives, written by a prolific professional author and novelist. In September 1852, hoping to improve his family's fortunes, Howitt and two sons, Alfred and Charlton, arrived in Victoria where they spent the next two years travelling through the colonies and digging with mixed success. Although he discovered the rich Nine-Mile Creek diggings, his other mining ventures were less rewarding. The literary material that he assembled resulted in four substantial popular books. *Land, Labour and Gold*, a lively

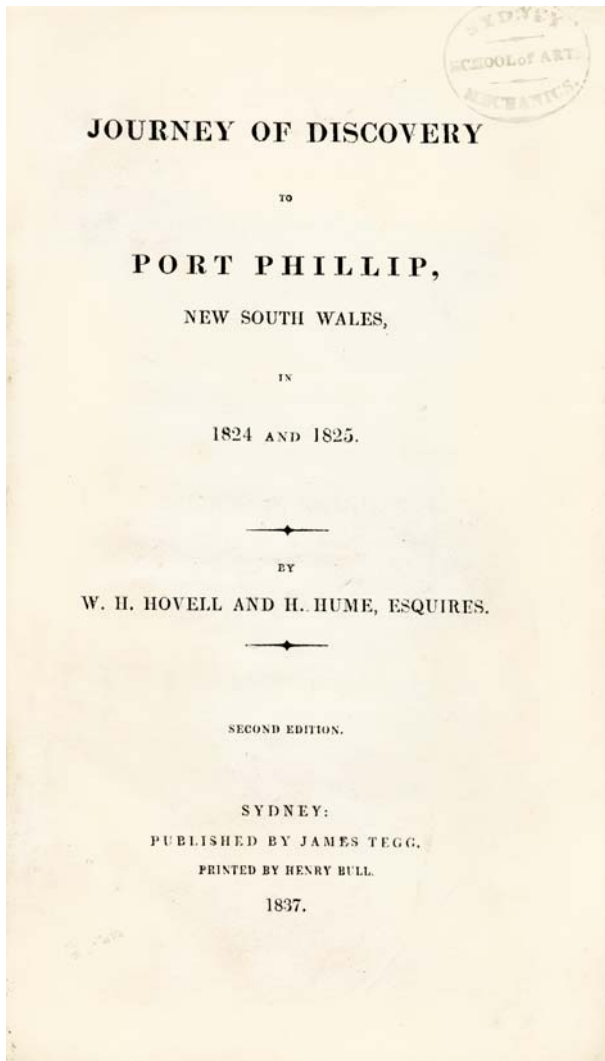
account of colonial and goldfields life noted for its vivid immediacy, was based on his scrupulous journals and detailed letters. Howitt does not dwell on the exotic and the picturesque but attempts a thorough critique of colonial society, informed by his own radical liberalism. Writing before Eureka, his candid and reasoned criticism of the land laws and the administration of the goldfields gave articulate expression to the concerns and aspirations of the emigrant diggers. Ferguson, 10618. **\$440**



15. William Howitt's first Australian publication

[15] HOWITT, William.  
 A Boy's Adventures in the Wilds of Australia.  
*Octavo, pp. [vi], 376, [24] (advertisements dated August, 1854) + twelve plates (short expertly sealed tears in the margin of one plate); an excellent copy, entirely uncut in the original richly gilt-decorated dark blue cloth, contemporary gilt inscription on the free front endpaper. London, Arthur Hall, Virtue & Co., 1854.*  
 First edition. One of the earliest Australian books for children and the first of Howitt's important works drawn from his Australian experience. Often reprinted – and common enough thus – the first edition is rare. Ferguson, 10617a; Miller, p. 598; Muir, 3634. **\$770**

[16] HOWITT, William.  
 Tallangetta, the Squatter's Home. A Story of Australian Life.  
*Two volumes, octavo, pp. xvi, 312 + pp. iv, 310; a good copy in contemporary polished calf, spine gilt, marbled endpapers, all edges marbled; Glover copy with bookplate. London, Longman, 1857.*  
 First edition of Howitt's fictionalised account of rural life in Victoria, intended "to depict the various phases of Australian life and character more fully than could be done in my *Two Years in Victoria*". Miller, p. 598; not in Wolff. **\$660**



17. First published edition of the journals of Hume and Hovell's expedition to Port Phillip

[17] [HUME AND HOVELL] BLAND, William (editor).

Journey of Discovery to Port Phillip, New South Wales, in 1824 and 1825. By W.H. Hovell and H. Hume, Esquires... *Octavo, pp. viii, 98 (last colophon only) + folding engraved map by Raphael Clint, route highlighted by hand in red; the folding map with some old stains and neat expert paper repairs and a small restored portion at the top fore-corner costing a small part of the border only, the text a little embrowned as usual; bound in modern dark green morocco, spine lettered in gilt. Sydney, James Tegg, 1837.*

Rare: the first published edition, preceded by an extremely rare, privately distributed, proof printing in 1831.

In October 1824 Hamilton Hume and W.H. Hovell set out with six convict servants from Hume's farm at Appin intending to set a straight course overland for Western Port on the Victorian coast. Hume was a superb bushman who had started exploring in his youth and had explored with Oxley among others. Under Hume's guidance the party reached Corio Bay after an arduous but rewarding journey of three months. They discovered the Australian Alps, numerous rivers including the Tumut, the Murray (originally named the Hume), the Ovens and the Goulburn Rivers, and brought back news of the finest and best watered lands yet discovered

on the Australian continent. Hovell, who was responsible for calculating their position each day, miscalculated their termination point. At first he believed that they had reached the Victorian coast at Western Port; in fact they had reached Corio Bay several hundred miles to the west.

Although the two men seem to have been poor companions, the expedition of Hume and Hovell was of the highest importance to Australian exploration. Not only did they correct Oxley's unreasonable condemnation of the land to the south, opening up fine, well-watered lands to future settlement, but also they laid the groundwork for the later expeditions of Captain Charles Sturt and Major Thomas Mitchell. The importance of their discoveries was immediately recognised and the earliest accounts of the expedition appeared in the Australian and European press in 1824.

This full account of their expedition, edited from Hovell's note book by William Bland, remained unpublished until 1837 when this first properly published edition was issued with the misleading legend "second edition" on the title-page. By that year the explorations of Sir Thomas Mitchell in south-eastern Australia had added yet another reason to publish an account of the Hume expedition.

The folding map, engraved in Sydney by Raphael Clint, entitled "Map of Australia from Moreton Bay to the New Colonies in Australia Felix with the Discoveries of the recent expeditions in the interior in 1824-5 and 1835-6", is one of the finest examples of early colonial cartography.

The present copy has a good and quite appropriate contemporary association having been in the library of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, with their stamp repeated; subsequently in the Davidson collection with bookplate.

The 1837 edition is rare and there have been very few copies on the market in the last two decades. Ferguson, 2234; Wantrup, 110. **\$22,000**

[18] JUST, P.

Australia; or Notes Taken During a Residence in the Colonies from the Gold Discovery in 1851 till 1857.

*Octavo, coloured lithographed frontispiece (damp marked), double-page map; old cancelled stamps of the Gawler Institute but a good copy in modern imitation morocco. Dundee, Durham & Thomson, 1859.*

Only edition of an outstanding account of the social and commercial growth of Victoria through the 1850s and a significant work in the small but valuable corpus of description and promotion written by colonial merchants.

Just, a Melbourne merchant and Scottish emigration agent, wrote this compendious work on a voyage home to Scotland. His wide-ranging discussion includes a comprehensive review of events from 1851 to 1857, concentrating on aspects of trade and commerce, as well as detailed coverage of a wide range of topics.

The shift of emphasis in Victoria from alluvial mining to quartz mining, which required substantial capital backing, modified much of the democratic and individualistic character of the early gold rushes. Just captures this transitional period when the exuberance of the early years of individual endeavour progressed to the settled prosperity of what would become Victoria's commercial and industrial pre-eminence.

Just had artistic interests – he published a pamphlet in 1856 promoting the cause of colonial art – and the delightful frontispiece 'Falls of the Yarra Yarra Melbourne', showing Dight's Mill, was lithographed in colour after one of his own sketches.

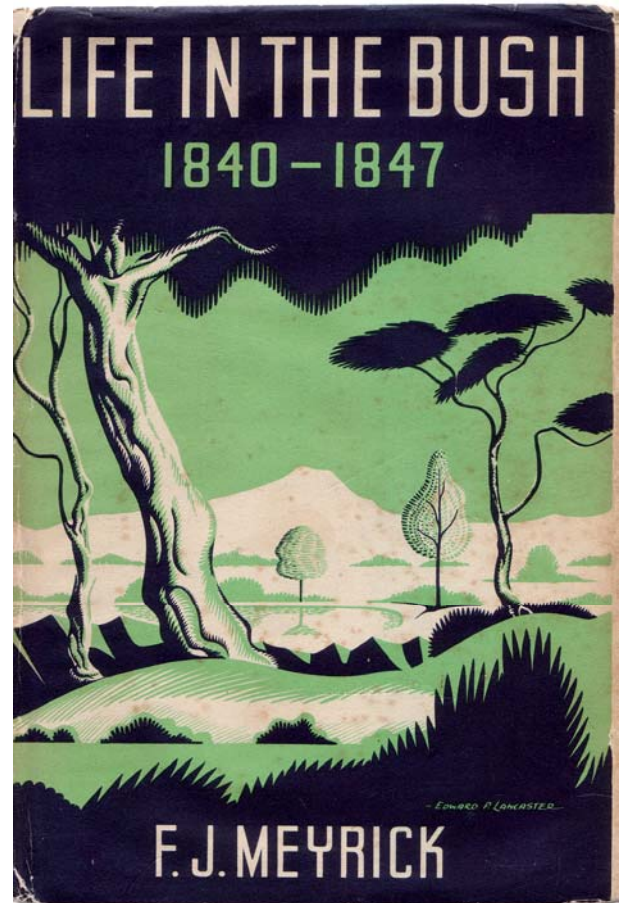
Issued in a provincial centre by a local publisher, it is very scarce in any condition. Ferguson, 11041. **\$275**



20. Kingsley's classic Australian novel.

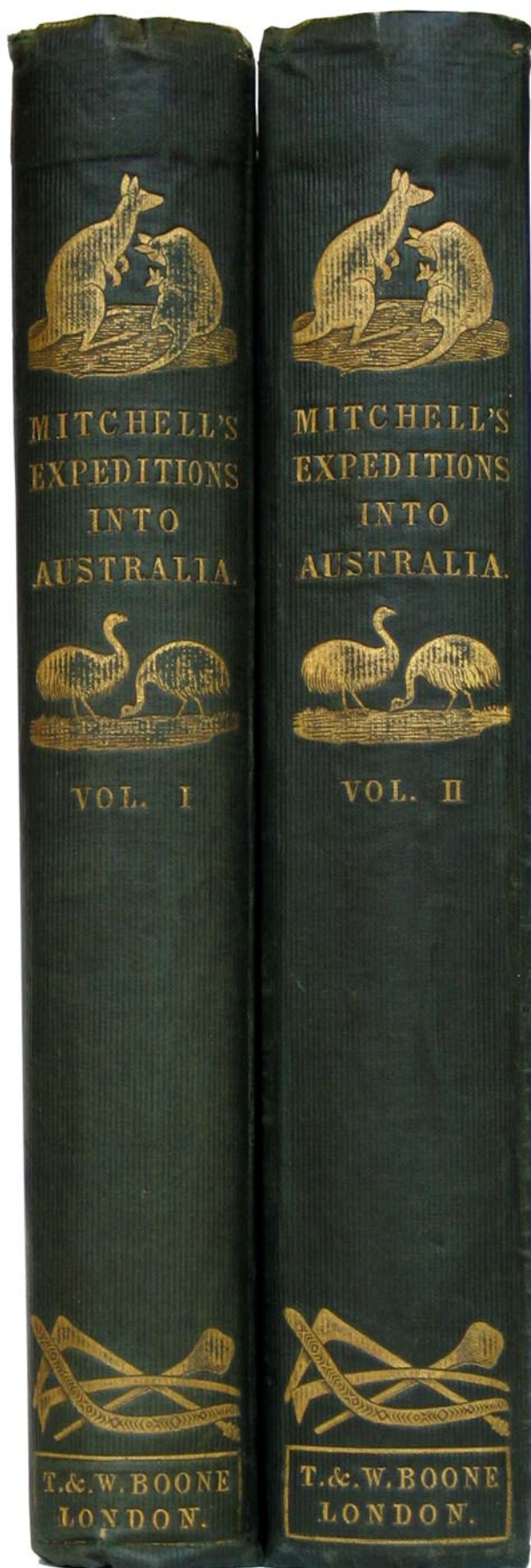
[20] KINGSLEY, Henry.  
 The Recollections of Geoffrey Hamlyn.  
*Three volumes, octavo, pp. viii (misnumbered vi), 276 (last blank), 24 (publisher's advertisements dated 15 April 1859); viii (last blank), 324; viii (last blank), 276 (last blank), 24 (publisher's advertisements dated 15 April 1859); light general use, an excellent copy, uncut in the original 'Kingsley-style' morocco-grain blue cloth, the spine lettered in gilt. Cambridge, Macmillan and Co., 1859.*  
 First edition of Henry Kingsley's first and most famous work. Based on his experience of emigrant life on the goldfields and in the bush between 1853 and 1857, it occupies a seminal position in the history of Australian literature and culture, once considered 'The Great Australian Novel'. Kingsley's was the most persuasive articulation of an Arcadian dream which brought to Australia the parents of a new generation which would itself, at the end of the century, articulate a new vision of the national identity. As such *Geoffrey Hamlyn* was and remains a central document in the history of antipodean self-consciousness. Sadleir, 1360; Wolff, 3824. **\$3300**

[19] [KERR, John Hunter].  
 Glimpses of Life in Victoria by a Resident.  
*Octavo, lithographed title-page, and seven plates, early plates and pictorial title water-stained, overall a decent copy in worn and soiled original plum cloth, decorated in gilt, black and blind. Edinburgh, Edmonston & Douglas, 1872.*  
 First edition: very scarce. John Hunter Kerr (circa 1821-1874), great-nephew of Governor John Hunter, was born in Edinburgh and emigrated to Port Phillip as a young man in 1839 on the *Midlothian*, the first ship to make the voyage from Britain directly to Port Phillip. He settled on the Yarra River near Melbourne and later on the Loddon River. Forced from the land 13 years after this book was published, he became an inspector of sheep in Hamilton, in the Victorian Western District. Kerr's is an interesting and well-illustrated personal account of the colony from first settlement to the end of the 1860s. He describes his arrival in Australia in 1839 and then gives a detailed description of early life in the colony from his own experiences of station life, Kerr also provides an excellent picture of early Melbourne and the gold diggings. His book is illustrated with handsome lithographed plates. Ferguson, 11124 (miscollated). **\$285**



21. Scarce memoir of early Melbourne and Gippsland

[21] MEYRICK, F.J.  
 Life in the Bush (1840 – 1847): A Memoir of Henry Howard Meyrick.  
*Octavo, plates and maps; very good in the original cloth with like dustwrapper. London, Nelson, 1939.*  
 First edition: very scarce. Henry Howard Meyrick was a squatter in the early days of the Port Phillip settlement. His nephew's 'memoir' includes much first-hand documentation of the early years of Melbourne and Gippsland. **\$220**



22. The discovery of Australia Felix

[22] MITCHELL, Thomas Livingstone.

Three Expeditions into the Interior of Eastern Australia, with descriptions of the recently explored region of Australia Felix, and of the present Colony of New South Wales.

Two volumes, octavo, pp. [ii] (lithographed title-leaf), xxii, [ii], 352, 16 (advertisements) + handcoloured frontispiece, 20 lithographed plates, and a folding coloured map; pp. [ii] (lithographed title-leaf), viii, [ii], 406 + frontispiece, 26 plates (one hand-coloured, five highlighted with washes, one folding), a handcoloured map, two folding handcoloured geological sketch maps; with some expected foxing and with some external use, original dark green cloth, with all required advertisements; a very good copy. London, T. & W. Boone, 1838.

First edition: Mitchell's three expeditions described here were of the greatest importance, both for the discoveries made, and for the precision with which he was capable of surveying. The first expedition (1831-2) surveyed the area between the Castlereagh and the Gwydir Rivers, ostensibly to test reports of the (mythical) large river flowing to the north-west; the second (1835) set out to trace and chart sections of the Murray and Darling rivers; the third (1836) was intended to complete the survey of the Darling. Mitchell established that the Murray and the Darling were confluent and decided to explore the country along the Murray that looked more promising. This detour culminated in the discovery of Australia Felix in 1836.

The discoveries of Mitchell and Sturt brought about a heightened level of interest in Australia, which had waned during the late 1820s and early 1830s. Of all the classic London publications from the epic age of Australian inland exploration only Mitchell's and Sturt's journals saw second editions.

As well as being a fine surveyor, Mitchell was an accomplished draughtsman, and the plates in the book are all after his own drawings. Billot, 129; Ferguson, 2553; Richards, 94; Wantrup, 124a. **\$4400**

[23] MURRAY, Robert Dundas.

A Summer at Port Phillip.

Octavo, with a frontispiece after G.A. Gilbert; a nice copy, uncut in the original green cloth, decorated in blind; the cloth with a few marks. Edinburgh, London and Dublin, William Tait et al., 1843.

First edition. Murray's vivid picture of life in Port Phillip in 1841 was, literally, based on a summer's sojourn there. He has no pretensions but hopes merely "to furnish a faithful narrative of the rapid rise and progress of this, probably, the least known of our colonial possessions". He describes the main settlement of Melbourne, its material development, population, and social progress — including the question of separation which was already attracting heated attention — and also his experience of life in the bush and the sheep and cattle stations he visited. The engraved frontispiece, "Villa on the Yarra near Melbourne", is after a sketch by George Alexander Gilbert and is one of the earliest published works by a Port Phillip artist. Billot, 343; Ferguson, 3664. **\$385**

[24] [PERRY, Bishop Charles] LAURENCE, Samuel (after) George T. PAYNE (engraved by).

Right Reverend Charles Perry, Lord Bishop of Melbourne.

Mezzotint engraving, 39 x 31 cm (image size); mounted framed and glazed; blank left margin little stained but overall in very good clean state. Cambridge, R. Rowe, n.d. circa 1847.

A very rare and finely executed portrait of Bishop Perry, published at the time of his appointment to the Melbourne diocese. The image is not recorded by Nankivell and Spence. **\$2200**

[25] PRESRAW, George Ogilvy.  
Banking Under Difficulties on the Goldfields.  
*Octavo; a decent copy in used original dark green cloth. Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, Edwards, Dunlop and Co., 1888.*

Only edition of "a classic in the literature of both countries" (Bagnall). In 1852, at the age of thirteen, Preshaw emigrated to the Victorian goldfields with his father, an Edinburgh surgeon. In 1855, after some success as a child digger, Preshaw joined the Bank of New South Wales at the Castlemaine diggings. He was transferred to Kiandra in New South Wales in 1860 when the rush began there and moved the following year to Burrangong at Lambing Flat, the site of the most vicious of the anti-Chinese riots. Later he was appointed to various banks in New Zealand as the gold rushes crossed the Tasman. When he died in 1890, he was manager of the branch at Camden in New South Wales. His lively and brightly written memoir of the frontier economy and the vicissitudes of life on the goldfields through the second half of the century is unusual for the long period of time covered, commencing with the earliest days of the Victorian diggings described in detail from his own childhood recollections and from the diaries kept by his father, who was one of the first doctors on the diggings. Bagnall, 4691; Ferguson, 14379; Hocken, 392. **\$220**

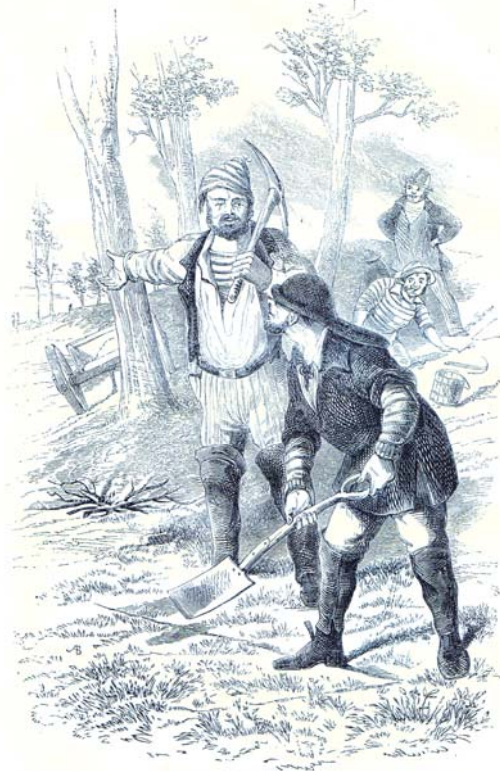
[26] RUSDEN, George William.  
The Discovery, Survey & Settlement of Port Phillip.  
*Octavo, pp. viii, 56; a very good, disbound copy. Melbourne, George Robertson, 1871.*  
First edition. Ferguson, 15213. **\$220**

[27] SADLEIR, John.  
Recollections of a Victorian Police Officer.  
*Octavo, pp. 312 + frontispiece and 34 plates; endpapers little tanned, small date inscription on front endpaper, very good in the original blue cloth. Melbourne, George Robertson and Co., n.d. but circa 1913.*  
First edition: Sadleir arrived in Victoria from England at nineteen in 1852 and joined the Victorian police. His reminiscences recount many exploits in a long career which began on the gold fields and ended with his retirement in 1896. Oddly, apart from Brennan's book and mounted trooper Burrows's rare 1859 account, Sadleir was the only goldfields policeman to publish any recollections. 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. Sadleir's book is very scarce in such good condition. ANB, 38699. **\$200**

[28] SHAW, William.  
The Land of Promise; or, My Impressions of Australia. By the Author of "Golden Dreams and Waking Realities".  
*Duodecimo, pp. xii, 288, 287-344 (last blank), [2] (integral blank); worn original blue cloth. London, Simpkin, Marshall, and Co., 1854.*

First edition. Shaw was an old Californian hand whose earlier account of his digging experiences there, *Golden Dreams and Waking Realities*, had been published in London in 1851. His more optimistically entitled account of his Australian travels is by no means a slight work. In it Shaw gives a spirited and anecdotal picture of social and economic conditions on the various diggings as well as a comprehensive and lively eye-witness description of life on the agricultural and pastoral frontier of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Ferguson, 15620 (miscollated). **\$220**

MARKING CLAIM.



"In all directions men were engaged in marking out their claims, which were eight feet square."

29. London printing of Gill's first series of gold field views

[29] SHERER, John.  
The Gold Finder of Australia; how he went, how he fared, and how he made his fortune... Illustrated with Forty-eight Magnificent Engravings, from authentic sketches taken in the Colony.

*Octavo, with an engraved frontispiece and 46 other plates; some spotting, bound in (slightly rubbed) modern half calf; Ingleton copy with bookplate. London, Clarke, Beeton & Co., no date but 1853.*

A popular and now relatively scarce book; the plates are mostly based on S.T. Gill originals – which accounts for their charm – although Sherer acknowledges only the work of the London engraver W.A. Nicholls, merely noting that they are "taken from Drawings made on the spot". Sherer was a London journalist who claims to have visited the diggings (but certainly didn't); he put together this account from various sources, both published and unpublished. Ferguson, 15634. **\$660**

[30] TUCKEY, James Hingston.  
An Account of the Voyage to Establish a Colony at Port Philip in Bass's Strait, on the South Coast of New South Wales, in His Majesty's Ship *Calcutta*, in the years 1802-3-4.  
*Octavo, bound without the half-title, as often; some foxing, but a very good, sound copy in early marbled boards, recently rebaked in calf, retaining the original label. London, Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, and Orme, 1805.*  
First edition of the only contemporary account of the abandoned 1803 settlement of Port Phillip and of the foundation of Hobart.

In January 1803 Lieutenant-Colonel David Collins was commissioned to establish a new settlement at Port Phillip on Bass Strait. This decision appears to have been largely for strategic reasons associated with the not very well disguised interest of the French in Van Diemen's Land, where a French settlement might be able to control British access to Sydney and the western Pacific. Accordingly, in April 1803, H.M.S. Calcutta sailed from England with Collins as Lieutenant-Governor of the new settlement. After landing at Sullivan Bay, he sent Lieutenant Tuckey to explore Port Phillip Bay. Tuckey's was one of the earliest surveys of Port Phillip Bay and his book records both this and his other surveys on the surrounding coasts. Tuckey's report on Port Phillip and his own dissatisfaction with the site chosen prompted Collins to write to Governor King seeking permission to remove the settlement. When King agreed, Collins moved the settlement to the Derwent River where, in February 1804, he established the future town of Hobart.

Port Phillip was not settled for more than twenty years as a result of the expedition's failure, and was used only occasionally as a harbour by the whalers and sealers of Bass Strait, until the (again unsuccessful) military settlement of Western Port in 1826.

Tuckey did not stay in Hobart but was returned to England where he published this account. His narrative of the voyage and of the quite temporary Port Phillip settlement is "an important addition to any collection of Australian books or of books relating to coastal discovery and is essential to any collection of books dealing with the settlement of Victoria or Tasmania..." (Wantrup). Billot, 2; Davidson, pp. 119-120; Ferguson, 418; Hill 2, 1723; Wantrup, 22. **\$4400**

[31] WATERS, W.J.

From Portland to Harrow in the Early Days [wrapper title]. *Octavo*, pp. [12] (last leaf blank); very good in the original (slightly faded) titling-wrappers. [Coleraine], Coleraine Albion [for the Author], 1946.

Scarce: the Henty's at Portland and later settlement over the next fifty years or so, including reminiscences of pioneers still living. **\$125**

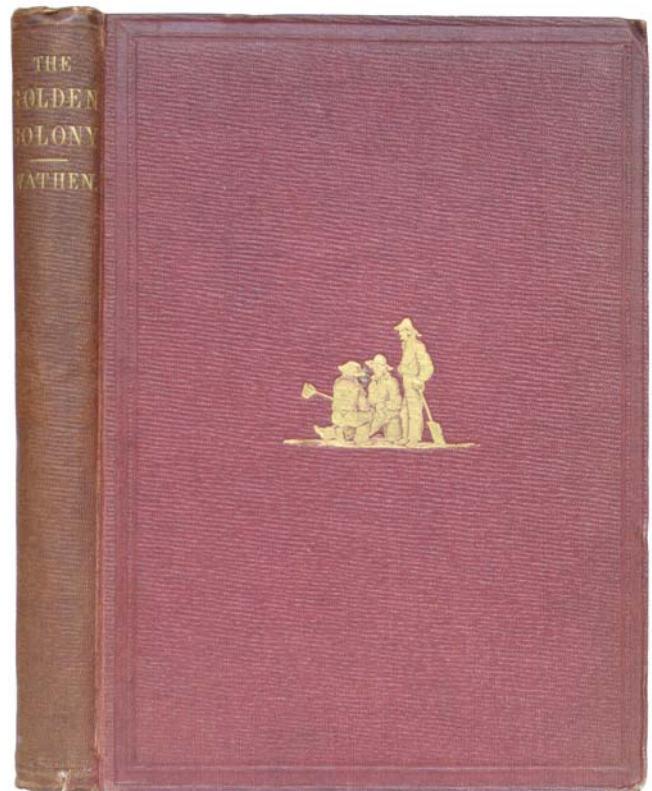
[32] WATHEN, George Henry.

The Golden Colony: or Victoria in 1854. With remarks on the geology of the Australian Gold Fields...

*Octavo*, pp. xii, 264 + frontispiece, three other plates, and a folding map, and other illustrations (all after Wathen's own drawings); original russet cloth, gilt vignette of three diggers on the front board; minor wear at the spine ends and slight cracking of the inner hinges but a particularly good copy of a book usually found otherwise. London, Longman, 1855.

An attractive copy of the first edition of this thorough account of the Victorian fields written at a critical time and one of the first books to discuss (in Chapter VI) the very recent discontent on the diggings which culminated in the Eureka Stockade massacre. While the book was in the press news was received "that the war of reprisals" between the diggers and the government had broken out again. Although written before the news of Eureka had reached England, Wathen describes the riots associated with the corrupt trial of the murderer Bentley, one of the sparks which set off the powder-keg of Eureka.

In addition to a thorough description of the diggings and digger society, Wathen's kaleidoscopic view of Victoria records aspects as diverse as religion, commerce, education, squatting, sly-grog selling, literature, digger weddings, digger hunting, night fossickers, police, the labour market, administration of public affairs and the character of men in office. Ferguson, 18214. **\$660**



32. Wathen's scarce account of the gold fields, including a very early report of the Eureka Rebellion discontent

[33] WAYTE, George Hodgson.

Prospecting; or, Eighteen Months in Australia and New Zealand.

*Octavo*, pp. viii, 178 (last blank); original dark blue cloth over bevelled boards, the cloth with quite light use and some quite pale spotting on the first few leaves but an excellent copy. London, Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 1879.

First edition: presentation copy inscribed by the author on the title-page. A visit to Australia in the 1860s, with much description of the frontier settlements in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and North Queensland. Bagnall, 5878; Ferguson, 18267. **\$495**

[34] WESTGARTH, William.

Australia Felix; or, A Historical and Descriptive Account of the Settlement of Port Phillip, New South Wales...

*Octavo*, pp. 48 (Preface to the German translation) + xlv, 440 + a folding handcoloured map, and two plates, a touch of the usual spotting and darkening of the plates, otherwise an excellent copy, uncut in the original decorated green cloth, an attractive copy. Edinburgh, Oliver and Boyd, 1848.

First edition: extremely scarce.

One of the earliest and the best and most comprehensive account of the Port Phillip District before Separation and the gold rushes. Westgarth was one of the most active commercial pioneers of the Port Phillip District and one of the most prolific promoters of the colony, publishing several books over the next three decades.

Unlike his later works, this 1848 account is extremely scarce, and rare on the market in such attractive condition. The book is notoriously hard to find complete. The large handcoloured map is based on Thomas Ham's rare Melbourne-printed map



34. Illustrating Westgarth's comprehensive early account of the Port Phillip District is this finely-executed lithograph depicting an Aboriginal group, one of the two lithographed plates drawn after extremely rare daguerreotypes taken by Douglas Kilburn in Port Phillip in 1847

of 1847 and is in effect the first British edition of the map. It is decorative and seems frequently to have been removed over the intervening years.

Furthermore, the plates appear to have been printed in coloured ink by some early photolithographic process and the paper has, in many cases, been rendered highly acidic. In some cases the paper on which the plates are printed has turned dark chocolate brown. In some cases, even, the paper has become so friable that the plates have literally crumbled away. The plates in the present copy are a little spotted – and this is usual – but are otherwise very sound and well-preserved. These plates of Port Phillip Aborigines are drawn from daguerreotypes taken in Port Phillip by Douglas Kilburn in 1847.

This is the scarce issue of the book with Westgarth's (English-language) preface to the German translation bound in. Ferguson, 4954 (q.v. on this issue). **\$1750**

[35] WHITE, Mrs. A.C. "A RESIDENT".  
Social Life and Manners in Australia: Being the Notes of Eight Years' Experience. By A Resident.

*Octavo, pp. x, 210 (last colophon only); a good copy, uncut in faded original violet cloth. London, Longman, 1861.*

First edition: a well-regarded account of the diggings and Victorian goldrush society by a woman traveller whose identity has long been unknown. Traditionally the authorship of the book has been ascribed to Elizabeth Ramsay-Laye who is better known as the author of two novels of Sydney life in the 1850s and 1860s. The basis for the attribution is non-existent and derives from an old bookseller's assertion in the Dixon Library copy. It simply does not fit with the facts: Elizabeth Ramsay-Laye visited Victoria only briefly and did not live under canvas on the Victorian diggings. Furthermore her time in Australia went well beyond the few years' visit of our author. A copy, previously handled by us (our Catalogue 12, q.v. for a detailed discussion of authorship), from the family of the author, correctly identifies her as Mrs A.C. White, wife of Major Hans Th. Fell White, 40th Regiment. Ferguson, 11497. **\$330**