

Between The Covers Rare Books



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eCatalog 58: Gardening Books

A Conversation between Tom and Ashley:*

T: I've picked out a reasonably large selection of gardening books for this week's elist.

A: (awe inspired): My Hero! I never would have thought of that.

T: (modestly): Oh, it was nothing really, chosen on a mere whim.

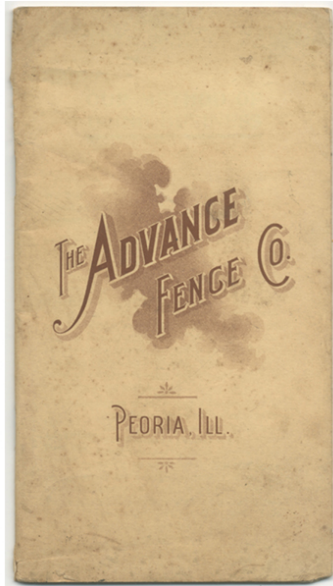
A: An inspired whim, I'd say! If I live to be a 100, I'll never be one-half the bookseller that you are.

T: Don't be silly. If you live to be a 100 you'll certainly be one-half the bookseller that I am. Maybe even five-eighths.

A: If only it were so...

*DISCLAIMER: This is not a verbatim transcript. Because of the necessity of social distancing, this dramatic reenactment was compiled from memory by

Tom. Every other effort was taken to insure accuracy.



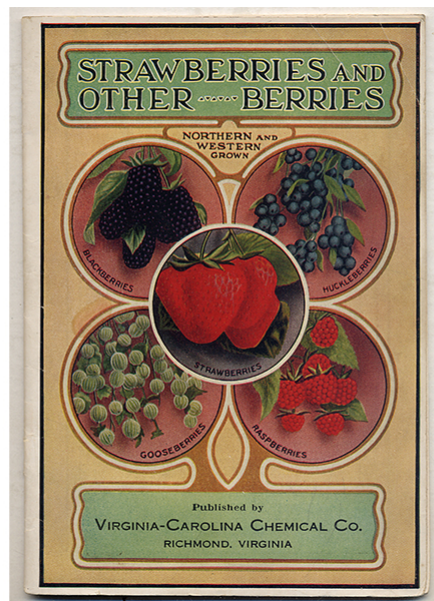
1. [Trade catalog]: *The Advance Fence Co. Peoria, Ill.*

Peoria, Ill.: The Advance Fence Co. [circa 1890]

\$150

Illustrated trade catalog of fences, barbed wire, and gates, primarily for farms.

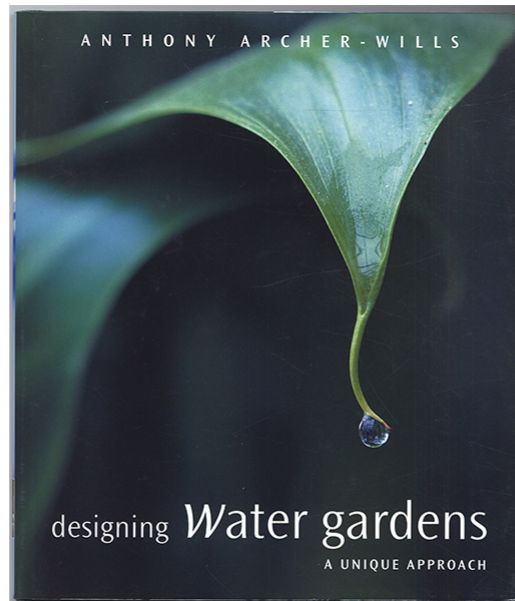
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2. Strawberries and Other Berries, Northern and Western Grown
Richmond, VA: Crop Book Dept., Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. 1919
\$85

Guide to fertilizing and growing the berries.

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3. Anthony ARCHER-WILLS
Designing Water Gardens: A Unique
(London): Conran Octopus Limited (1999)
\$30

First American edition.

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4. Lucy Leffingwell Cable BIKLE

The Voice of the Garden

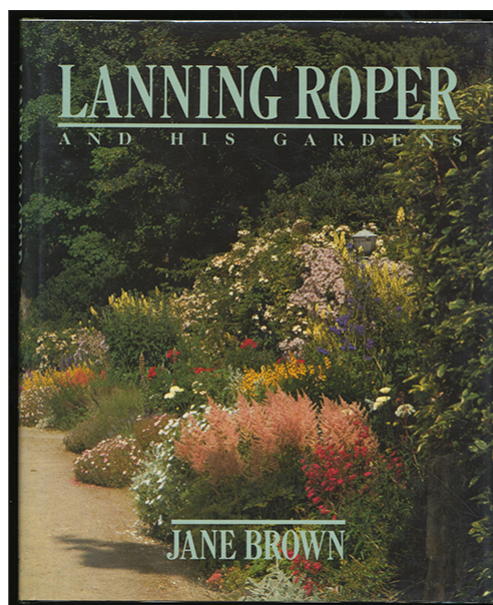
London and New York: John Lane, The Bodley Head and John Lane Company.

1912

\$125

Anthology of literature, mostly poetry, about gardens, compiled by George W. Cable's daughter.

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5. Jane BROWN

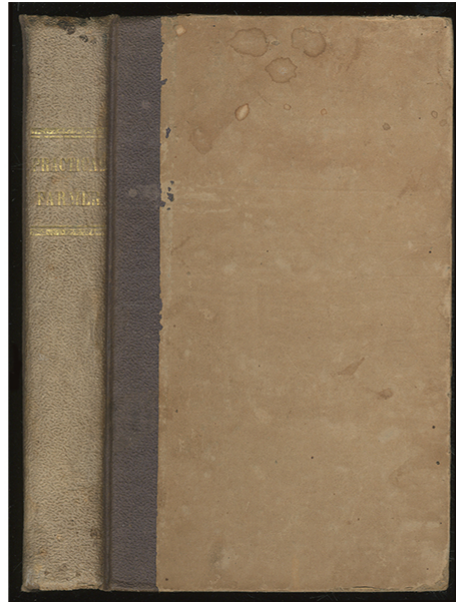
Lanning Roper and His Gardens

New York: Rizzoli (1987)

\$65

First edition.

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6. William BUCKMINSTER

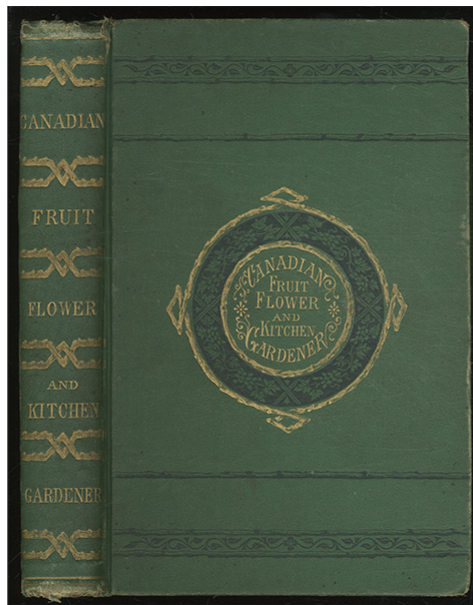
The Practical Farmer, or Spirit of the Boston Cultivator, Containing a Collection of Valuable Essays, on Practical Agriculture, & C

Boston: David H. Williams 1840

\$100

THE BOSTON CULTIVATOR, published weekly in newspaper form during the year 1839, promised its subscribers a bound volume of the year's most valuable articles.

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7. (Canada)

D.W. BEADLE

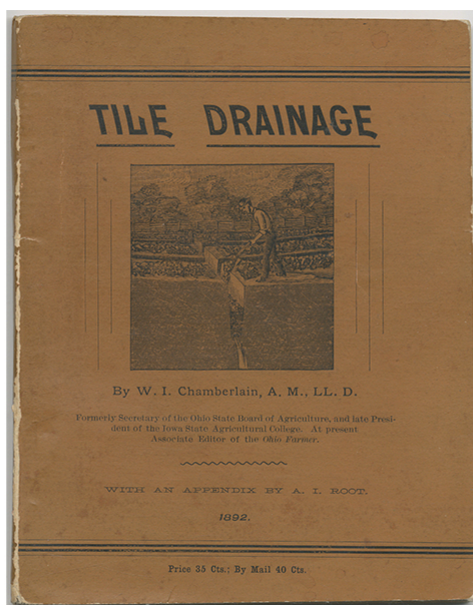
Canadian Fruit, Flower, and Kitchen Gardener

Toronto: James Campbell & Son 1872

\$100

"A guide in all matters relating to the cultivation of fruits, flowers and vegetables, and their value for cultivation in this climate."

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8. W.I. CHAMBERLAIN

Tile Drainage, or Why, Where, When, and How to Drain Land with Tiles

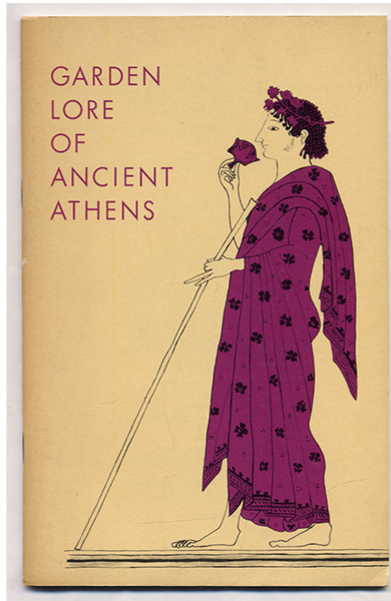
A Practical Book for Practical Farmers

Medina O[hio].: A.I. Root 1892

\$150

Second edition (the first was published in 1891).

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9. (Classical Studies)

Dorothy Burr THOMPSON and Ralph E. Griswold

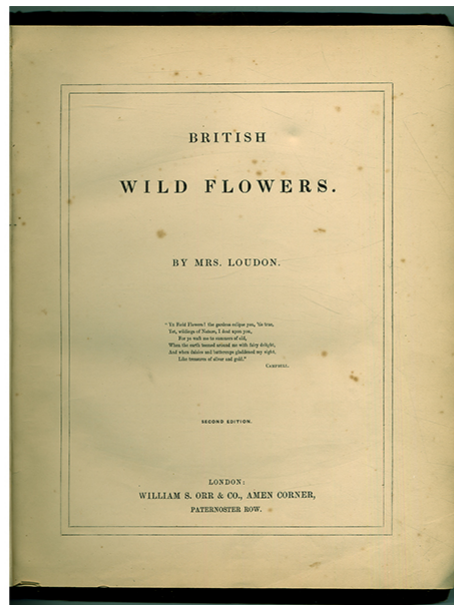
Garden Lore of Ancient Athens

Princeton: American School of Classical Studies at Athens 1963

\$40

First edition.

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10. (Color Plate Book)

Mrs. [Jane] LOUDON

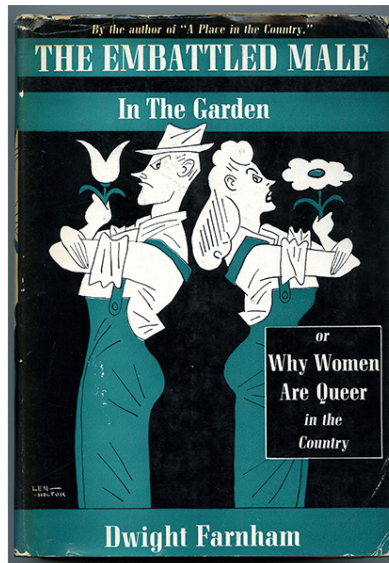
British Wild Flowers

London: William S. Orr & Co. (1848)

\$2500

Second edition. 60 hand-colored plates.

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11. Dwight FARNHAM

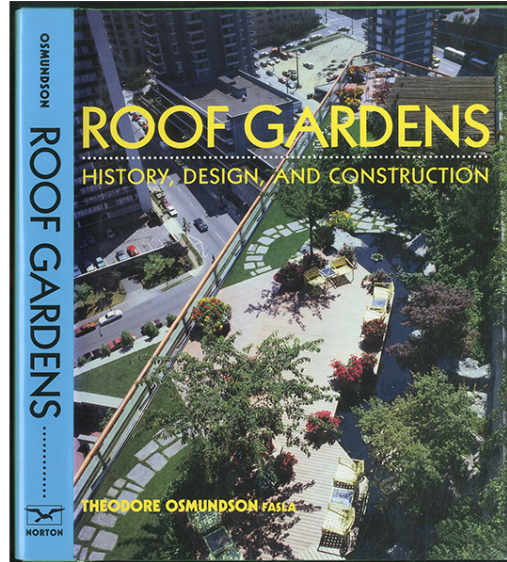
The Embattled Male in the Garden or Why Women are Queer in the Country

New York: Charles Scribner's Sons 1941

\$85

Nicely Inscribed by the author: "Elizabeth A. Hull, In memory of a very pleasant visit. Dwight Farnham. December 1945 Westport, Conn."

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12. Theodore Osmundson FASLA

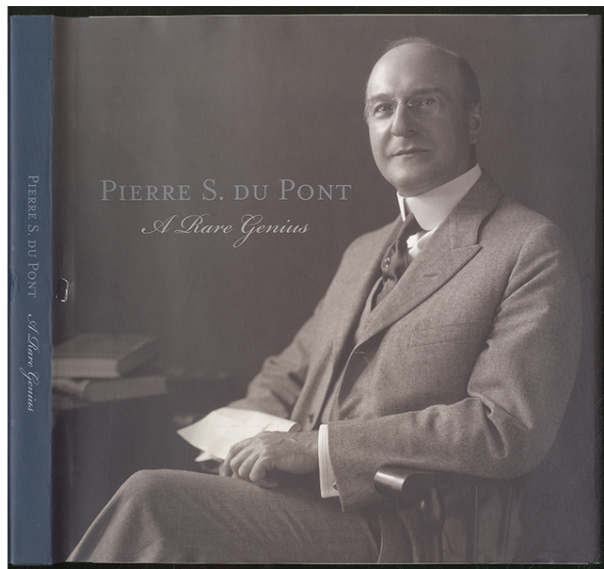
Roof Gardens: History, Design and Construction

New York: W.W. Norton & Company 1999

\$75

First Edition.

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13. Michelle FERRARI

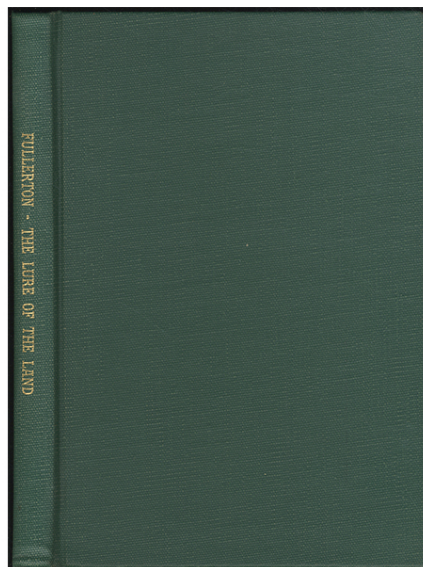
Pierre S. du Pont: A Rare Genius

(Kennett Square, Pennsylvania: Longwood Gardens, Inc. 2009)

\$50

First edition. Blue cloth slipcase is fine. CD included.

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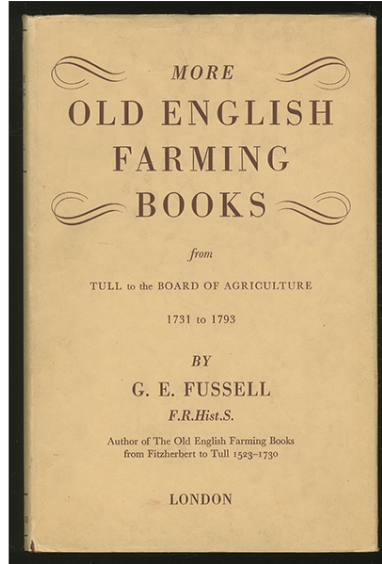


14. Edith Loring FULLERTON

The Lure of the Land: A Call to Long Island: The History of a Market-Garden and Dairy Plot developed within eight months upon Long Island's Idle Territory, long designated as "Scrub Oak Waste," and Pine Barrens.

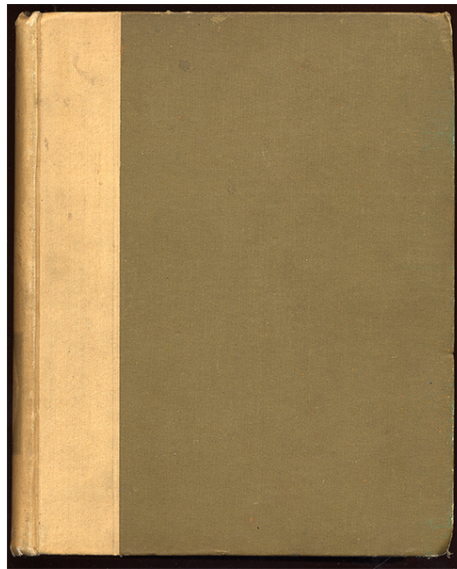
[Cover title]: The Lure of the Land: A Call to Long Island
Long Island, New York: Long Island Railroad Company 1909
\$150
Second edition.

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15. G.E. FUSSELL
More Old English Farming Books: From Tull to the Board of Agriculture,
1731-1793
London: Crosby Lockwood & Son (1950)
\$30
First edition.

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16. Mrs. Alfred GATTY, Enlarged and Re-Edited By H. K. F. Eden & Eleanor Lloyd

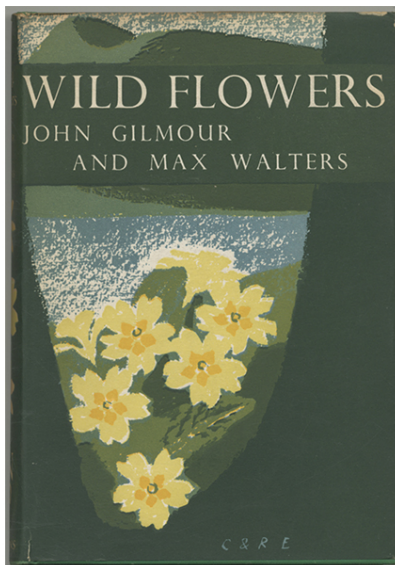
The Book of Sun-Dials

London: George Bell & Sons 1890

\$450

Third edition. Stamped "With the Publisher's Compliments" on the title page.

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17. John GILMOUR and Max Walters

Wild Flowers: Botanising in Britain

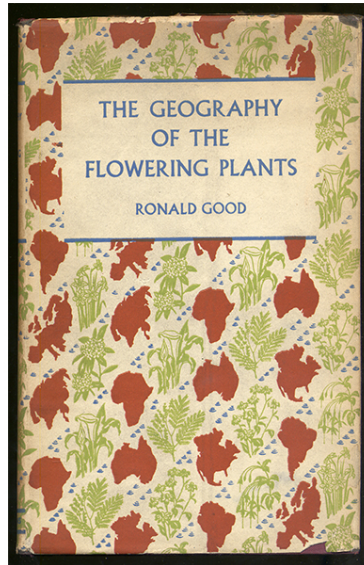
The New Naturalist

London: Collins (1969)

\$50

Fourth edition.

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18. Ronald GOOD

The Geography of the Flowering Plants

London: Longmans, Green (1947).

\$30

First edition.

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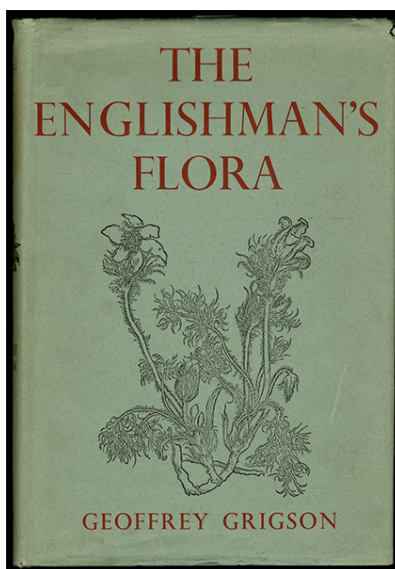
19. (Sylvester W. GOULD)

Sweet Marjoram Origanum Marjorana, S.W. Gould & Bros. Botanic Garden
Malden, Mass: [circa 1900]

\$45

One unopened packet of Sweet Marjoram, circa 1900. A still fresh smelling packet of Marjoram, known to the Greeks and Romans as a symbol of happiness.

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20. Geoffrey GRIGSON

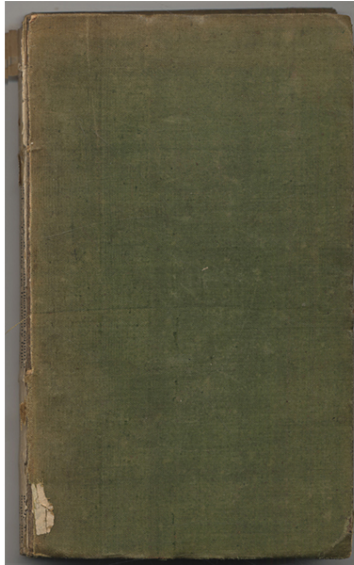
The Englishman's Flora

London: Phoenix House (1955)

\$150

First edition.

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21. Thomas HOGG

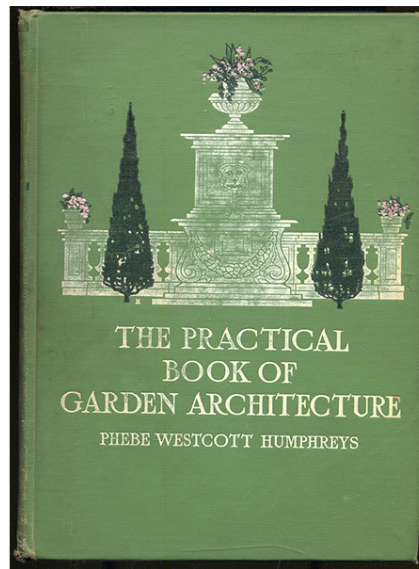
***A Concise and Practical Treatise on the Growth and Culture of the
Carnation, Pink, Auricula, Polyanthus, Ranunculus, Tulip***

London: Whittaker, Treacher & Co. (1832)

\$200

Fourth edition.

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22. Phebe Westcott HUMPHREYS

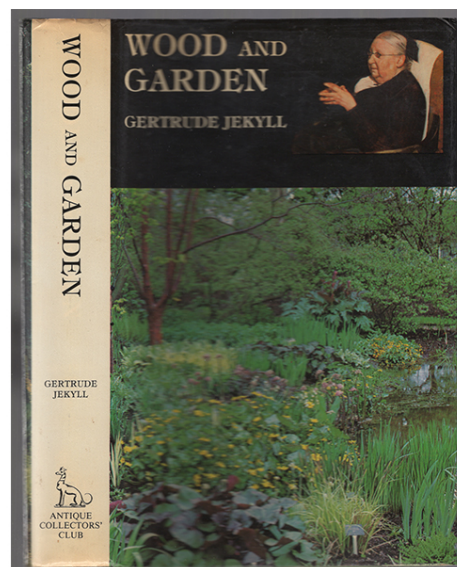
The Practical Book of Garden Architecture

Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Company 1914

\$125

First edition.

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23. Gertrude JEKYLL

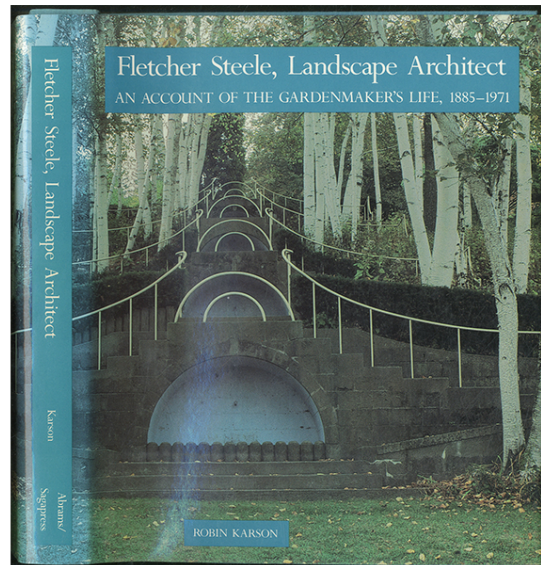
Wood and Garden: Notes and Thoughts, Practical and Critical, of a Working Amateur

(Woodbridge, Suffolk): The Antique Collectors' Club (1981).

\$30

Jekyll was a talented gardener who is the most highly regarded writer on gardening in the early part of the century.

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24. Robin KARSON

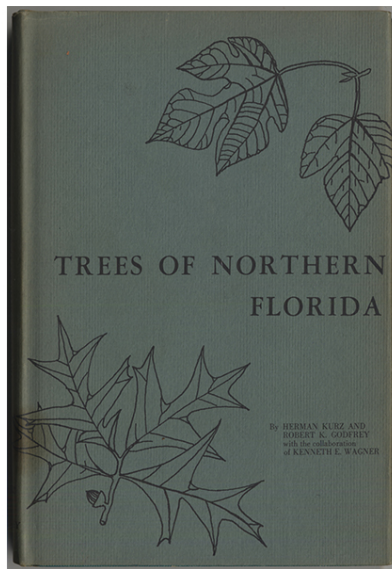
Fletcher Steele, Landscape Architect: An Account of the Gardener's Life, 1885-1971

New York: Harry N. Abrams, Inc. (1989)

\$65

First edition.

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25. Herman KURZ and Robert Godfrey with Kenneth E. Wagner

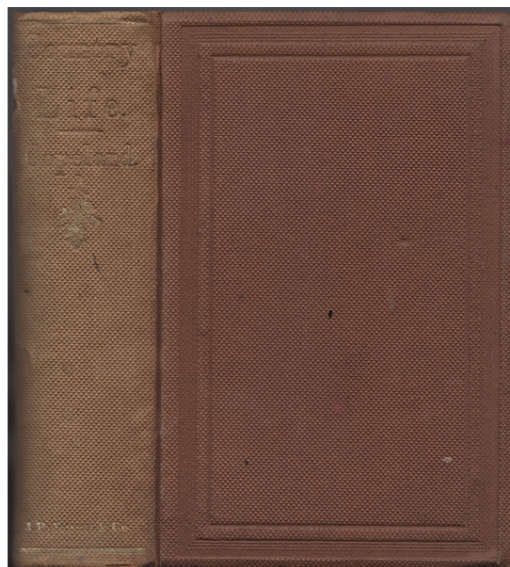
Trees of Northern Florida

Gainesville: University of Florida Press 1962

\$125

First edition.

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26. (Landscape architecture)

R. Morris COPELAND

Country Life: A Handbook of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Landscape Gardening

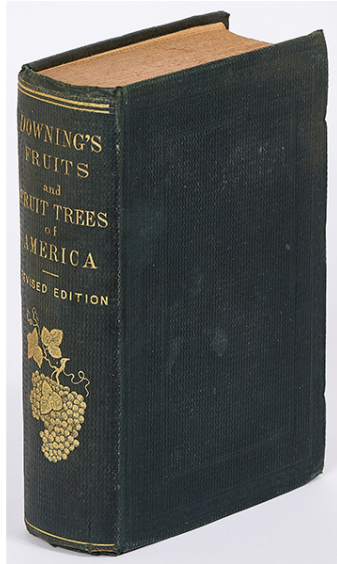
Boston and Cleveland: John P. Jewett and Company and Henry P.B. Jewett

1859

\$350

First edition.

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27. (Landscaping)

A.J. DOWNING

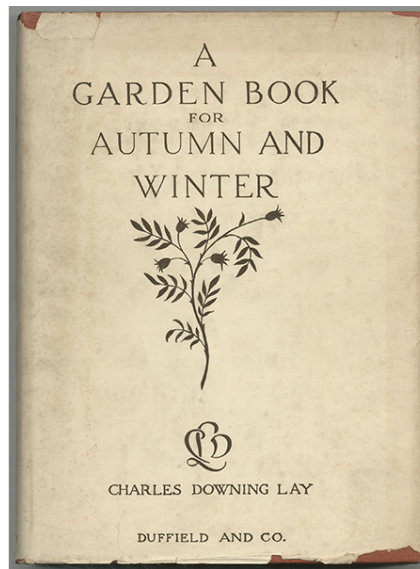
The Fruits and Fruit Trees of America; or, The Culture, Propagation, and Management, in the Garden and Orchard, of Fruit-Trees Generally; with Descriptions of All the Finest Varieties of Fruit, Native and Foreign, Cultivated in this Country.

New York: John Wiley & Son 1865

\$400

Revised edition, third thousand.

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28. Charles Downing LAY

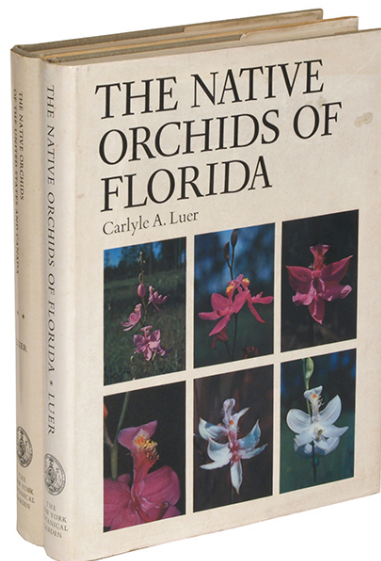
A Garden Book for Autumn and Winter

New York: Duffield & Company 1924

\$100

First edition.

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29. Carlyle A. LUER

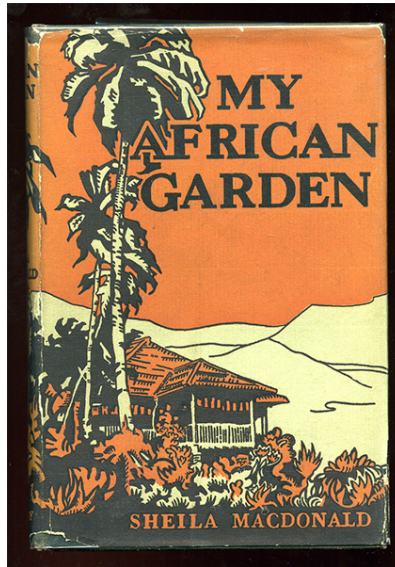
The Native Orchids of Florida [and] The Native Orchids of the United States and Canada, Excluding Florida: Two Volumes

New York: New York Botanical Garden 1972-1975

\$400

First edition. Two volumes.

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30. Sheila MACDONALD

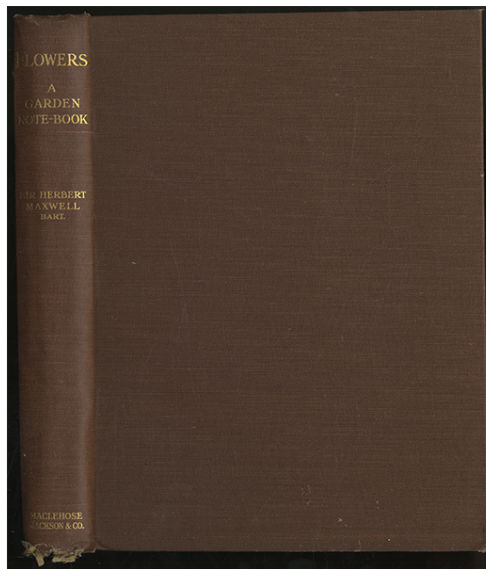
My African Garden

New York: Century Company 1928

\$150

Account of the author's garden in Rhodesia.

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31. Sir Herbert MAXWELL

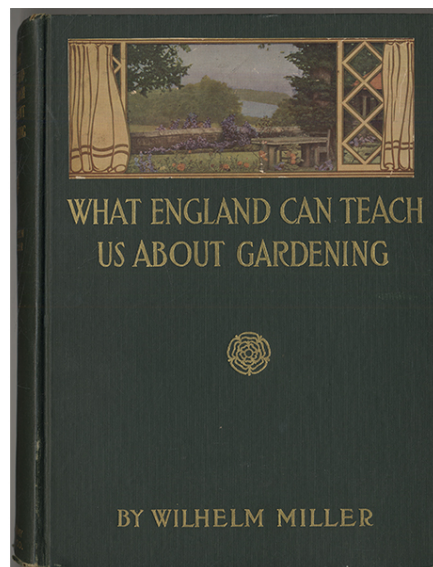
Flowers A Garden Note-Book With Suggestions For Growing The Choicest Kinds

Glasgow: Maclehose, Jackson & Co. 1923

\$80

First edition.

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32. Wilhelm MILLER

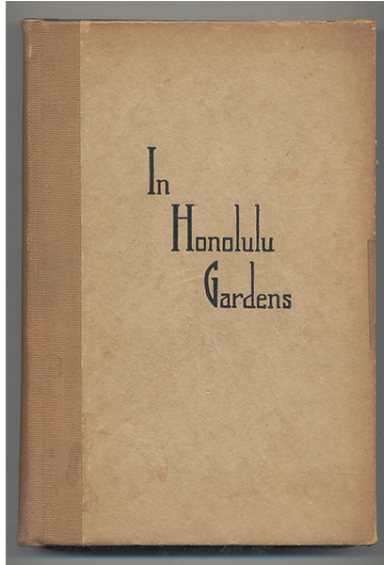
What England Can Teach Us About Gardening

Garden City: Doubleday, Page & Company 1911

\$250

First edition.

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33. Marie C. NEAL

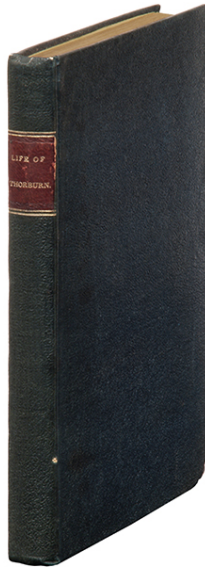
In Honolulu Gardens

Honolulu: Published by the Museum 1929

\$50

Second, revised edition.

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34. (New York)

Grant THORBURN

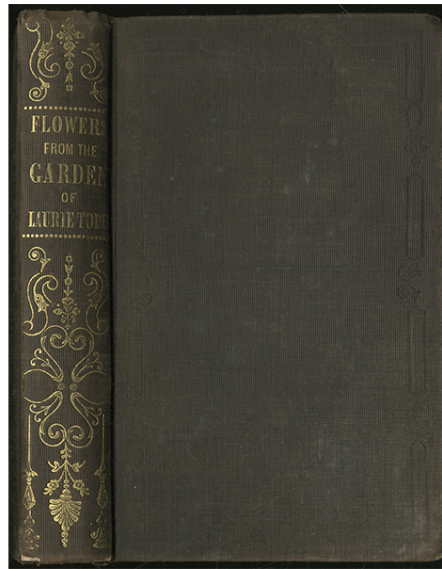
Forty Years' Residence In America: or the Doctrine of a Particular Providence Exemplified In the Life of Grant Thorburn, Seedsman, New York. Written By Himself

Boston: Russell, Odiorne, & Metcalf 1834

\$400

Inscribed by the author: "S. Sedgewick, A present from G.W. Thornburn, Jan'y, 1834." Thorburn wrote under the name Lawrie Todd, and the present volume was the inspiration for John Galt's Lawrie Todd, the first novel to use Rochester, New York, as its setting.

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Grant THORBURN

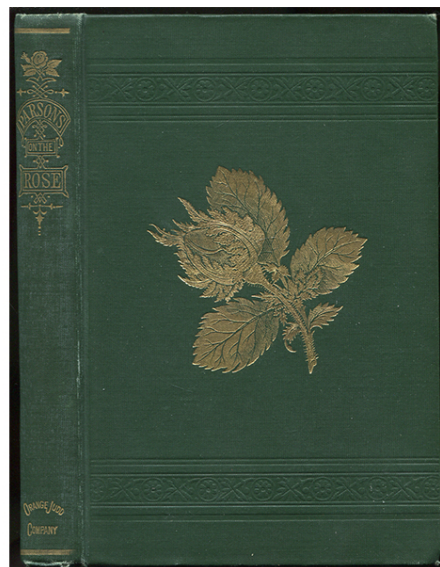
Fifty Years' Reminiscences of New-York, or, Flowers from the Garden of Laurie Todd: Being a Collection of Fugitive Pieces Which Appeared in the Newspapers and Periodicals of the Day, for the Last Thirty Years

New York: Daniel Fanshaw 1845

\$85

First edition.

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36. Samuel B. PARSONS

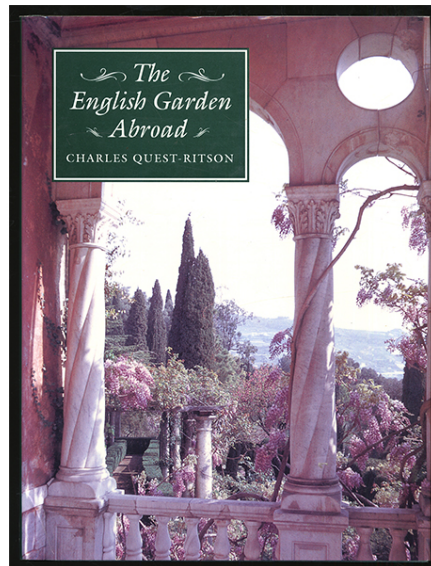
Parsons on the Rose: A Treatise on the Propagation, Culture and History of the Rose

New York: Orange Judd Company 1914

\$75

New and revised edition.

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37. Charles QUEST-RITSON

The English Garden Abroad

(New York/London): Viking (1992)

\$35

First edition.

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38. Amy Carol RAND

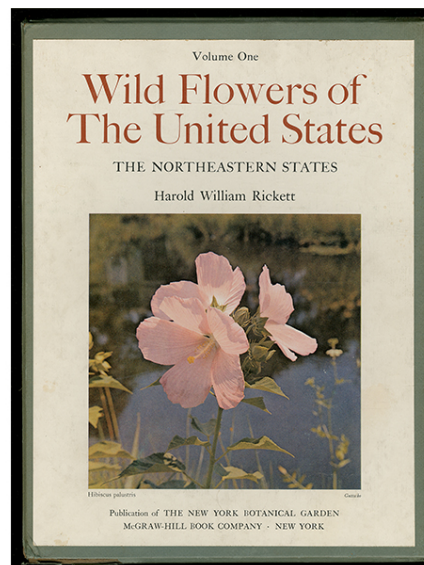
The Commuter's Garden Record

New York: H.M. Caldwell Co. (1907)

\$250

A beautifully designed book with elaborate vignettes and borders on each page, intended to be used to record gardening activities.

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39. Harold William RICKETT

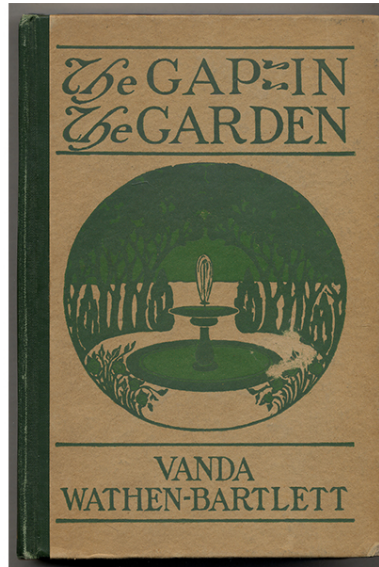
The Wild Flowers of the United States: The Northeastern States

New York: New York Botanical Garden/McGraw Hill (1966)

\$225

First edition. Volume One in two parts.

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40. (Science fiction)

Vanda WATHEN-BARTLETT

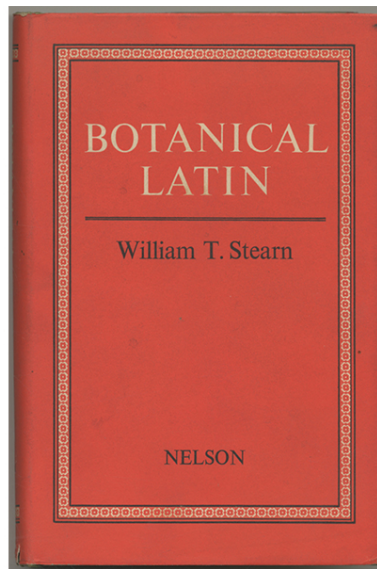
The Gap in the Garden

New York and London: John Lane The Bodley Head 1903

\$200

First edition. Romance with some occult elements.

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41. William T. STEARN

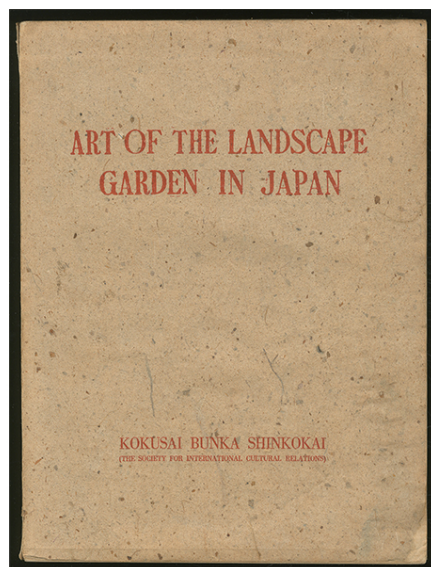
Botanical Latin

(London): Nelson (1966)

\$65

First edition.

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42. Tsuyoshi TAMURA

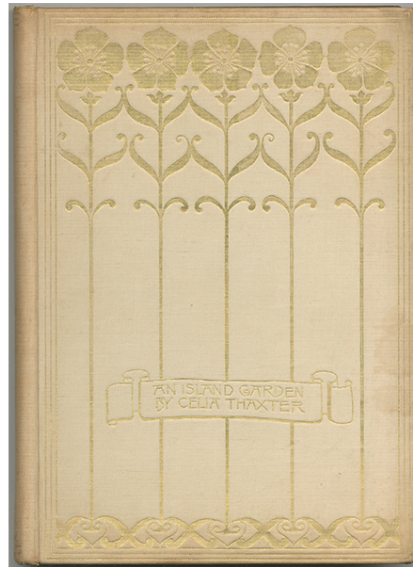
Art of the Landscape Garden in Japan

Tokyo: Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai 1935

\$125

First edition.

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43. Celia THAXTER

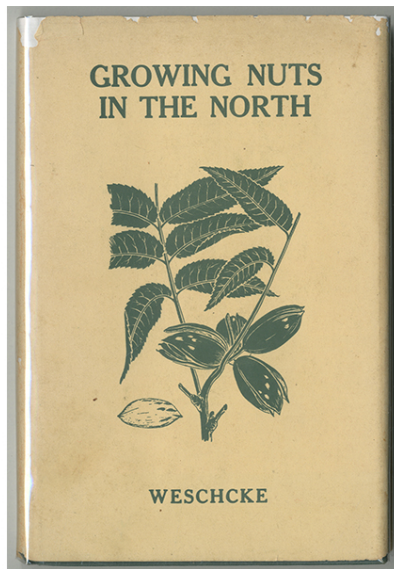
An Island Garden

Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin and Co. 1894

\$1600

First edition.

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44. Carl WESCHCKE

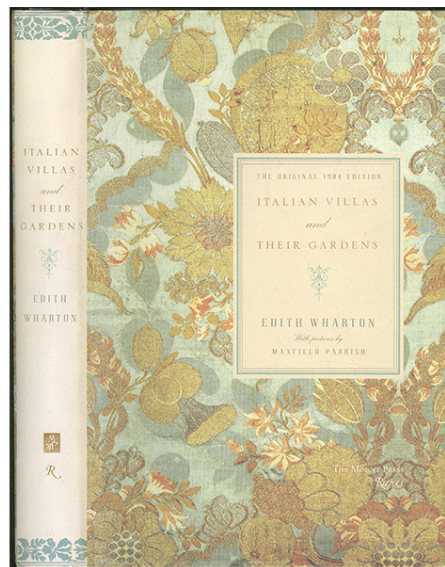
Growing Nuts in the North

St. Paul, Minnesota: Webb Publishing Co. 1954

\$35

Second edition.

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45. Edith WHARTON

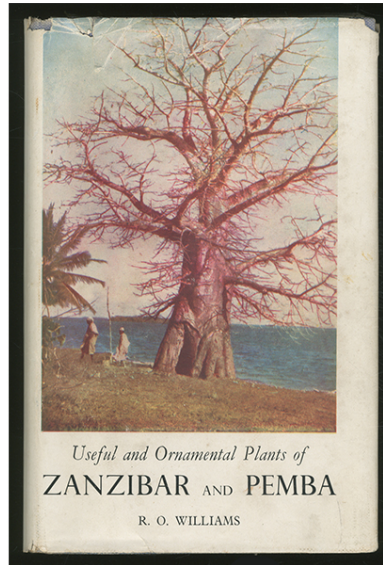
Italian Villas and Their Gardens

(New York): Rizzoli (2007)

\$100

Facsimile edition. Gift inscription to actress Marian Seldes.

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46. R.O. WILLIAMS

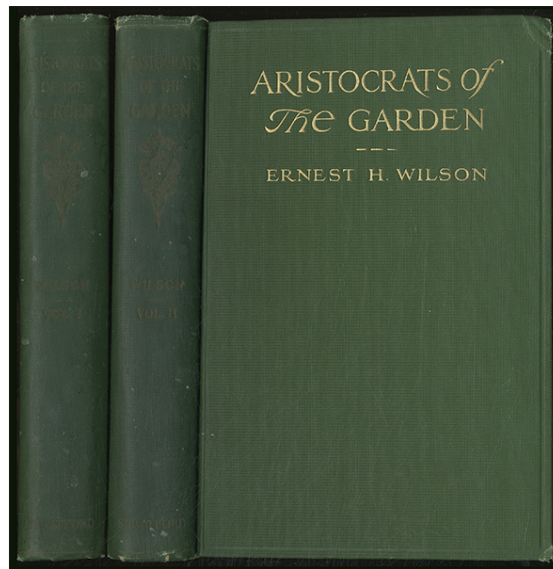
The Useful and Ornamental Plants in Zanzibar and Pemba

Zanzibar: Zanzibar Protectorate 1949

\$125

First edition.

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47. Ernest H. WILSON

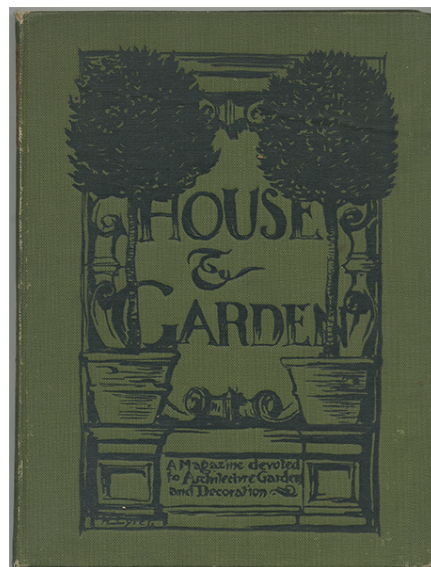
Aristocrats of the Garden: [In Two Volumes]

Boston: The Stratford Company (1932)

\$50

First edition. Two volume set.

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48. Herbert C. WISE

House and Garden: A monthly magazine devoted to architecture, gardens, decoration, Civic and Outdoor Art

Volume Three

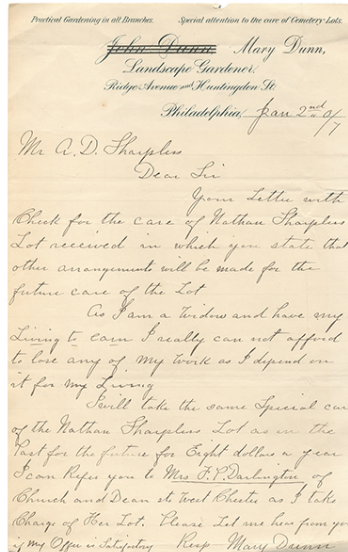
January to June, 1903

Philadelphia: Henry T. Coates 1903

\$200

Quarto.

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49. (Women Working)

Mary DUNN

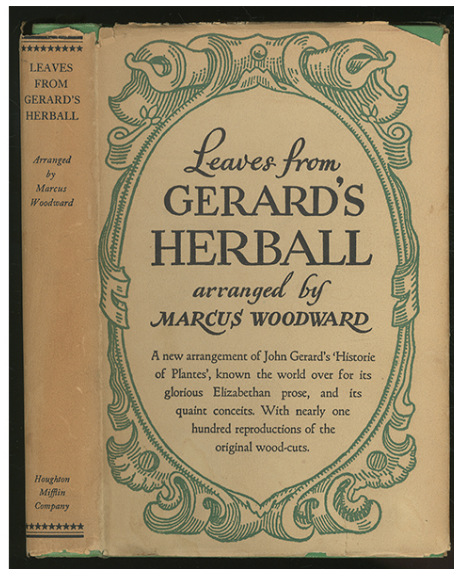
**Autograph Letter Signed from a Widow carrying on her family's
Landscape Gardening business**

Philadelphia: 1907

\$400

One page Autograph Letter, an interesting insight into a widow attempting in the face of opposition to continue her family business.

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50. Marcus WOODWARD, arranged by
Leaves from Gerard's Herball
Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company (1931)
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