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## PART I.

*Books Printed between the Years 1500 and 1600.*

1506.

- 1 VON DEN NEWEN INSULEN und landen so ytz kurzlichen erfunden seynd durch den kunigh von Portigal .... *Leipsik*. 4to. pp. 12. Fine copy in Morocco 7l. 7s.

This excessively rare book is a German translation of Vesputius' account of his discoveries.

1508

- 2 ITINERARIUM PORTUGALLENSIUM e Lusitania in Indiam & inde in occidentem & demum ad aquilonem. .... *Milan* Folio. Fine copy in Morocco, 7l. 7s.

Translated from the "*Pace Novamente Ritrovati*," by Archangelo Madrigani, who announces it as having been made from a Portuguese original. It is reprinted in Grynæus' *Novus Orbis*, &c. 1532.

1516.

- 3 PSALTERIUM, Hebræum, Græcum, Arabicum et Chaldaicum, cum tribus latinis interpretationibus & glossis. .... *Genæv.* Folio. 2l. 2s.

The Polyglott Psalter, published by Justinian, is remarkable for containing an account of COLUMBUS and his discoveries in an annotation on the 19th Psalm, "Cæli enarrant."

1519.

- 4 DENCISO, MARTIN FERNANDEZ, *Suma de Geographia que trata de todas las partidas y Provincias del Mundo, en especial de las Indias* ..... *Sevilla*. Folio, black letter, 10l. 10s.

Very fine copy, extremely rare, and apparently the first book printed in Spanish, relating to America;—unknown to Robertson.

Enciso having gained a considerable sum in St. Domingo by practicing law, was induced by Ojeda to join him in an expedition of discovery and conquest to the continent of America. After suffering great hardships and hair-breadth escapes, which are related by Herrera, he returned to Spain, and published this work for the instruction of Charles V. The account of America is principally from his own observations, and his account of his intimation to the Indians of Cenu to surrender to the King of Spain, one of the most singular relations that ever escaped the scrutiny of the Spanish Inquisition. In his Account of Africa, he speaks of a Nation in the Interior, skilled in the making of all sorts of Arms of iron and steel.

1523.

- 5 CARTA TERCERA de relacion : embiada por Fernando Cortes al Emperador Carlos V. . . . . *Sevilla*.  
Folio, **black letter**, 10l. 10s.

The original editions of the letters of Cortes are among the rarest books known. This copy wants the last leaf, which is supplied by a fac simile. It once belonged to Diego de Colmenares, who flourished in the early part of the 17th century, who supplied the leaf by a translation from Ramusio, not being able, even in his time, to find another copy.

1526.

- 6 OVIEDO: Sumario de la Natural y General Historia de las Indias. Folio, **black letter**, 12l. 12s. *Toledo*.

Extremely rare, and entirely different from Oviedo's General History printed in 1535 and 1547.

1532.

- 7 NOVUS ORBIS Regionum ac insularum veteribus incognitarum, una cum tabula cosmographica, etc. . . . . *Basilea*.  
Folio, Map, 1l. 1s.

This volume contains reprints of the following works, edited by Simon Gryneus :—

Itinerarium Portugallensium, etc. *Milan* 1508.

Vespertii Navigationes IV. from Cosmographie Introductio. *Deodate* 1507.

P. Martyr de Insulis Nuper repertis, etc. *Basilea* 1521, etc.

1533.

- 8 PETRI MARTYRIS AB ANGLERIA: de Rebus Oceanicis et Orbe novo decades tres: quibus quicquid de inventis nuper terris traditum, novarum rerum cupidum lectorem retinere possit, copiose, fideliter, cruditeque docetur. Ejusdem præterea Legationis Babylonicæ libri III, &c. . . . . *Basilea*.  
Folio, 1l. 8s.

A reprint of the extremely rare edition, printed at Alcalá (and not at Madrid as Brunet has it) in 1516.

1534.

- 9 DIE NEW Welt, der Landschaften und Insulen, etc. *Strasburg*.  
Folio, **black letter**, 1l. 1s.

A German translation of the *Novus Orbis*.

- 10 LIBRO PRIMO della Historia del' Indie occidentali, cavato da libri scritti dal Signor Don Pietro Martyre, etc. LIBRO SECONDO. Summario de la Naturale et General Historia del' Indie occidentali da Gonzalo Ferdinando del Oviedo; etc. LIBRO



ULTIMO, del Summario del Indie occidentali . . . . . *Vinegia*.  
 Quarto, 1*l.* 10*s.*

These three books are rarely found together: the last is a relation of Pizarro's Conquest of Peru.

1535.

11 LIBRO PRIMO de la conquista del PERU, & provincia del Cuzco de le Indie occidentali . . . . . *Vinegia*.  
 Quarto, 1*l.* 4*s.*

The relation of Francisco de Xerez, Secretary to Pizarro, translated into Italian by Domingo de Gastelu.—A very fine copy.

1537.

12 NUNEZ: Tratado da Sphera com a Theorica do Sol y da Luna, etc. Item dous tratados sobre a carta de marear. *Lisboa*.  
 Folio, **black letter**, 2*l.* 2*s.*

1543.

13 LEYES Y ORDENANZAS echas nuevamente por S. M. para la governacion de las Indias y buen tratamiento y conservacion de los Indios, etc. . . . . *Alcala*.  
 Folio, **black letter**, pp. 26. 21*l.*

These are the laws issued by Charles V., for the regulation of the government of the Conquests of the Spaniards in the New World, and for the better treatment of the Indians, and limiting the partitions of lands among the Conquerors, which occasioned the insurrection in Peru, headed by Gonzalo Pizarro, who, in consequence, finally ended his life upon a scaffold.

This *first* collection of printed laws relating to the new world, is of the greatest rarity. No author speaks of their having been printed, and as they were soon after revoked, it is highly probable that the edition was suppressed.

The articles relating to the better usage of the Indians were the fruit of the unremitting exertions of the benevolent Las Casas.

1544.

14 DOCTRINA CHRISTIANA para Instruccion y Information de los Indios: por manera de historia: compuesta por el muy reverendo padre fray Pedro de Cordova: primer fundador de la Orden de los Predicadores en las Islas del Mar oceano, etc.—Impressa en MEXICO; en casa de Juan Cromberger, *que sancta gloria aya*, etc.

A volume in small quarto of 60 pages, not numbered, with signatures from A to D: black letter, the type similar to that used in Seville, and other parts of Spain, about the same period. This is beyond a doubt the earliest book printed in the NEW WORLD, and shows that the honour of having carried this wonderful invention there, is due to JUAN

CROMBERGER, whose name appears in many important works printed in SEVILLE, from the early part of the century to the year 1544, in which the *CRONICA DE VALERA* was printed in his house, with the same addition to his name, "Que sancta gloria haya," (signifying that he no longer existed.) It is probable, therefore, that he died on his way to Mexico, or soon after his arrival, and that Juan Pablos, who afterwards styles himself the *first printer* in Mexico, was a journeyman printer who went with him. The Reverend Mr. Cotton, in his *Typographical Gazetteer*, who gives, on the authority of the *Bibliotheca Mexicana* of Eguiara, as the first book printed in the new world, the "*Ordinationes legumque Collectiones pro Conventu Juridico Mexicano, Mexici per Joannem Paulum Brissenstium, 1549, folio*, makes, in the true spirit of a genuine *bibliosophist*, the following apostrophe in regard to it: "But where, a man may feelingly exclaim, is so interesting and valuable a relic now to be found? has it never stepped beyond the confines of its native country? or if a single copy has chanced to have been conveyed to Europe, does it still slumber amid the dust and gloom of the *Escorial*? or still undappier, has it gone the way of every copy of its elder brother the *Mentz Donatus*, of which not even a fragment, a *ci git*, remains to bless the eyes, and empty the pockets of the curious and keen collector. I deeply regret my utter inability to offer any satisfaction on this point. Literary research is at present at a very high point of activity, and if such a volume be by any accident discovered, let us hope that this country (England) may find for it a safe and permanent home."

1545.

- 15 MEDINA: *Arte de Navegar en que se contienen todas las reglas, declaraciones y avisos que à la buena navegacion son necesarias y se deven saber* ..... *Valladolid*.  
Folio, **black letter**, 3l. 3s.

1546.

- 16 DENCISO: *Suma de Geographia, que trata de todas las partidas y provincias del mundo en especial de las Indias. Agora nuevamente enmendada de algunos defectos que tenia en la impresion pasada* ..... *Sevilla*.  
Folio, **black letter**, 3l. 3s.

An indifferent copy, but an exact reprint of the edition of 1519, which see.

1547.

- 17 OVIEDO: *Coronica de las Indias. La Hystoria General de las Indias agora nuevamente impressa, corregida y enmendada, con la Conquista del Peru (por Francisco de Xerez.)*  
Folio, **black letter**, 10l. 10s. *Salamanca*.

This work of Oviedo is the fountain head from whence most succeeding



*Books relating to America.*

writers have drawn their accounts of the early occurrences in the new world. Oviedo resided more than twenty years in America: he says, "he went there without a grey hair, and returned covered with them."

1548.

- 18 **ISOLARIO** di Benedetto Bordone nel qual se ragiona di tutte le isole del mondo, etc. Ricoretti et di nuovo ristampato con la giunta del Monte del oro nouuamente ritrovato . . . . . *Venetia*. Folio, maps, 2l. 2s.

- 19 ———, another edition, no date.

This edition was probably published before 1540. At the end is a copy of a letter from the *Prefetto* of New Spain, giving an account of the conquest of Peru, by Pizarro, in 1533. At p. 10 is a plan of the great city of Temistitan (Mexico.)

- 20 **LIBRO** de la Cosmographia de Pedro Apiano, el qual trata dela description del mundo, etc. . . . . *Anveres*. Quarto, with moveable schemes, 16s.

1551.

- 21 **CORTES**: Breve compendio de la Sphera y de la Arte de Navegar, etc. . . . . *Sevilla*. Folio, **black letter**, bad copy, 1l. 1s.

1552.

- 22 **LAS CASAS**. Brevissima relacion de la destruycion de las Indias; colegida por el obispo Fray Bartolomé de las Casas o Casaus de la orden de Sancto Domingo, etc. . . . . *Sevilla*. Quarto, **black letter**, 12l. 12s.

A complete collection of all the tracts of Las Casas, two of which are not noticed by Brunet. Beautiful copies with rough leaves, all original editions, and in the primitive vellum binding. The following are the articles contained in this collection:—

1. Brevissima Relacion, &c.
2. Pedaço de una Carta.
3. Aqui se contiene una disputa, etc.
4. Aqui se contiene treinta proposiciones.
5. Este es un tratado, etc.
6. Entre los remedios, etc.
7. Aqui se contiene unos avisos, etc.
8. Principia quaedam, etc.
9. Tratado comprobatorio, etc.

1553.

- 23 **GOMARA**: Historia general de las Indias, con todo el descubrimiento y cosas notables que han acaescido desde que se ganaron hasta el Anno de 1561, con la conquista de Mexico, y de la