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## Bibliography: German Auction Catalogues

1. (DRESDEN). *Verzeichniss einer Sammlung historischer, juristischer, medicinischer, belletristischer und anderer Werke, welche zu Dresden in dem Richterschen Hause auf der Rammschen Gasse Nr. 668. am 21sten October 1807. und folgende Tage...öffentlich versteigert werden sollen durch Georg Moritz Segnitz, Königlich Sächs. Bücher-Auctionator und Taxator. 2 p.l., 286 pp. Small 8vo, orig. blue wrappers. Dresden: "Gedruckt beym Hofbuchdrucker Meinhold," 1807. \$1750.00*

A very rare Dresden book auction catalogue; Loh, V, p. 227 locates no copy. This was a large sale of 5598 lots. While most of the lots are 17th and 18th century, there are a good number of 16th-century books as well. The range of subjects is impressive, and many of the books are in French, English, and Latin.

Segnitz was a long-standing auctioneer of books, natural history specimens, and art in Dresden. He sold many famous libraries during his career. Known for issuing catalogues that listed books in no particular order, Segnitz also distributed the catalogues very haphazardly, resulting in many incredible bargains at his sales. While the books are arranged by format in this catalogue, they represent a fascinating jumble of subjects.

Fine copy in original state. WorldCat locates no copy.

2. (EILENBURG). *Verzeichniss einer bedeutenden Sammlung von gröstentheils guten und classischen Büchern aus allen Wissenschaften und Sprachen, desgl. von typographischen Monumenten, Manuscripten, Kupferwerken...und topographischen Werken, welche den 10. Juli 1809 und folgende Tage durch den Herrn Notarius Büchner in Eilenburg, ohnweit Leipzig...öffentlich versteigert werden sollen. 2 p.l., 366 pp. Small 8vo, self-bound (spine a little defective). Leipzig: 1809. \$1850.00*

A rare sale catalogue: Loh, V, p. 256 locates no copy, although WorldCat records a copy at the Sachsische Landesbibliothek, Dresden. This was a large sale of 5162 lots of books and 176 lots of prints and music; it took place in Eilenburg, near Leipzig. While the sale is anonymous, there were several notable Eilenburg residents who died that year and are candidates for ownership, including Sabina Christophora von Görne (b. 1739) and the city

physician Christian Gottlob Francke (b. 1760).

The lots are arranged by subject and then format. Section 18 is enticingly entitled "Typographische Monumente und andere Seltenheiten" and contains, amongst other notable books, a *Hypnerotomachia Poliphili* of 1499. Section 19 lists manuscripts including a 7th- or 8th-century vellum manuscript of Isidore of Seville!

Fine and fresh condition.

3. (FRANKFURT). *Verzeichniss einer vorzüglichen Sammlung von gebundenen Büchern aus allen wissenschaftlichen Fächern, vorzüglich der deutschen, französischen und lateinischen Sprache so wie von Kunst- und Kupferwerken* welche am 13. Novbr. 1809 und folgende Tage in Frankfurt am Main durch die geschworenen Herrn Ausrüfer öffentlich versteigert werden sollen. 2 p.l., 268 pp. 8vo, self-bound (margins of title a bit frayed). Frankfurt: September 1809.

\$1750.00

A very rare book auction catalogue of over 6000 lots; Loh, V, p. 256 knows of it only from a newspaper ad. This catalogue is rather unusual as there are prices alongside each lot; we learn from the Foreword that these serve as guides to bidders. Most of the books were published in Germany and France within thirty years of the auction. The arrangement is by language and then format. There are several sections of what are clearly "racy" French novels.

Very good copy. No copy in WorldCat.

4. (GEBAUER, J.J.). *Verzeichniss einer auserlesenen naturhistorischen Bibliothek und einiger andern Schriften, welche von dem allhier verstorbenen Buchhändler Herrn Johann Jacob Gebauer hinterlassen* und auf den 18ten Junius 1821...und folgende Tage in dem Gebauerschen Hause...öffentlich versteigert werden sollen durch J. Chr. Lippert. 1 p.l., 28 pp. Small 8vo, self-bound (title & verso of final leaf dusty). Halle: Gebauer, [1821].

\$2250.00

The very rare sale catalogue of the natural history library of Gebauer (1745-1818), the Halle publisher and printer. In 1772, Johann Jacob took over the publishing firm established by his father in 1733 and ran it until his own death in 1818. The publishing house was later acquired by his son-in-law C.A. Schwetschke and renamed Gebauer-Schwetschke. During Johann Jacob's proprietorship, the firm greatly expanded, specializing in scholarly, scientific, and theological works. The archive of the publishing house from its origins is in the city archives of Halle.

The main part of the catalogue consists of 697 lots; a supplement has another 112 lots of miscellaneous books. Most of the natural history books are German or Dutch and published in the 18th century.

Very good copy. Release stamp on title. Not in WorldCat.

• Loh, VI, p. 236 knows of this sale only from a newspaper advertisement.

5. (HOFFMAN, Georg Balthasar). *Verzeichniss der Bücher-Sammlung des zu Nürnberg verstorbenen Rektors Hoffmann, welche am 2. Februar 1829, und die folgenden Tage in Nürnberg...öffentlich versteigert werden.* 2 p.l., 153, [1] pp. Small 8vo, self-bound (title & verso of final leaf a little dusty). Nuremberg: J.L. Schmidmer, 1829.

\$1250.00

A very rare sale catalogue. Hoffmann (1739-1828), was rector of the famous Latin school that was part of the Holy Spirit Hospital in Nuremberg, founded in 1339. His library consisted of 2632 volumes and included some early incunabula, many 16th-century books,

and works of philology, history, etc.

Very nice copy. WorldCat locates only one copy, in Germany.

• Loh, VIII, p. 4.

6. (KEES, Jakob Friedrich). *Verzeichniss der Büchersammlung des verstorbenen Herrn Oberhofgerichts-rath D. J.F. Kees, welche nebst einem Anhang von Büchern aus allen Theilen der Wissenschaften, wobei sich Prachtwerke, Manuscripte, literarische Seltenheiten u. s. w. befinden, den 10. März 1823. im rothen Collegio zu Leipzig öffentlich versteigert werden sollen.* 1 p.l., 261, 20 pp. Small 8vo, stitched as issued (title detached). Leipzig: [1823]. \$1500.00

Kees (1750-1821), was professor of law and a judge at Leipzig and the author of a number of works on criminology, Church rights, and matrimonial law. In his anonymously published *Allgemeines juristisch-praktisches Lehrbuch...* (1789), he criticized the existing legal literature as being too complicated for laymen to understand. He also suggested that bad justice was prevalent in the German courts.

The library of Kees was large and largely concerned with legal texts. The catalogue — 5496 lots of books and 258 lots of art and autographs — includes items from other consignors. There are substantial sections of manuscripts, travel, numismatics, and auction catalogues.

Fine copy and rare; WorldCat locates only two copies, both in Germany.

• Loh, VII, p. 10.

7. (MÜLLER, Christian Gottfried). *Verzeichniss der von dem verstorbenen Herrn M. C.G. Müller, ehemaligen Rector der Stiftsschule zu Zeitz, hinterlassenen Büchersammlung welche...Montags den 20. Nov. u. f. T. 1820 öffentlich versteigert werden soll.* 1 p.l., 404 pp. Small 8vo, self-bound. Leipzig: [1820]. \$1950.00

An uncommon sale catalogue, which describes in the first half (3314 lots) the library of Müller (1747-1819), philologist, teacher, and rector of the Stiftsgymnasium at Zeitz in Saxony-Anhalt. He also served as administrator of the monastery's library at Zeitz and wrote a series of books and articles concerning the manuscripts present in the collection.

The second part of the catalogue describes another 5622 titles of early and contemporary books. It is amazing to contemplate just how many antiquarian books and manuscripts were on the market following the Napoleonic era.

Fine copy.

• A.D.B., Vol. 22, pp. 518-20. Loh, VI, p. 225.

8. (PRANDEL, August, auctioneer). [From the upper wrapper]: *Bücher-Auction! Verzeichniss einer sehr werthvollen Sammlung von Büchern aus allen Zweigen der Literatur, namentlich Literarische Curiositäten, historische Chroniken, alte Drucke, Holzschnitt- und Kunstwerke...historischen Original Manuscripten aus dem XVI. und XVII. Jahrh. Ungarn u. Böhmen betreffend, welche den 11. Dezember 1854...versteigert werden.* 84 pp. 8vo, orig. printed wrappers (lower wrapper a little stained & defective). Vienna: 1854. \$950.00

A rare and most interesting sale catalogue of 1561 lots. The collections of Hungarian and Bohemian manuscripts are most fascinating.

Fine copy.

9. (RAU, Christian). *Verzeichniss der Bibliothek des Hrn. Dr. Christian Rau...welche nebst einem Anhang von Büchern aus allen Wissenschaften, Prachtwerken, Kupferstichen u.s.w. den 1. Sept. 1818 und folgende Tage...versteigert werden soll.* 1 p.l., 78, 196 pp. Small 8vo, self-bound. Leipzig: 1818. \$1500.00

Scarce. Rau (1744-1818), studied law and philosophy at the University of Leipzig and, after earning his doctorate, became professor of law at his alma mater and a judge. He wrote a number of notable legal works. His library occupies the first part of this catalogue and number 1521 volumes. Rau was particularly interested in book auction catalogues: lots 1391-1455 describe a number of rarities. The second part of the catalogue describes 5078 volumes of miscellaneous items, including a number of early printed books.

Very nice copy. WorldCat lists no copy outside of Germany.

♣ Loh, VI, p. 175.

10. (SEYFFARTH, Gustav). *Verzeichniss der Bibliothek des Herrn Mag. Gustav Seyffarth, Prof. d. Archäologie in Leipzig, welche...am 28. April 1856 im T.O. Weigelschen Auctions-Lokale zu Leipzig...versteigert werden soll.* 1 p.l., 357, [1] pp. 8vo, orig. printed wrappers. Leipzig: 1856. \$1950.00

Seyffarth (1796-1885), German/American archeologist, theologian and polymath, was the first professor of archeology at the University of Leipzig and became involved in a lifelong controversy with the school of the French archeologist Champollion, concerning the ancient language of Egypt and its basis. Seyffarth's unfashionable views impelled him to resign his position at Leipzig in 1854. Two years later he moved to the United States, taught at Concordia College in St. Louis for three years, and then, in 1859, moved to New York, where he resided until his death.

Seyffarth's library, sold at the time of his emigration to America, was large (9164 lots) and wide-ranging, reflecting his vast erudition. It was rich in language and archeology but also strong in science, medicine, travel, literature, and music.

Very good copy and rare; WorldCat lists only one copy, in Germany.

♣ D.A.B., IX, pp. 4-5.

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