

Accession #2005-20 C.A. Ficke Rare Book and Manuscript Collection

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Container List (Items and explanations copied from typed identification strips found in books.)

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112. Ancient Egyptian Papyri

Found upon mummies. Written 3000 to 4000 years ago. These are brittle with age. Only experts can separate the leaves without destroying them. The one papyrus contains illustrations of Egyptian Deities. The others are "Books of the Dead." They are written in Greek or Hieroglyphics, and recite the fate of man in the netherworld. They give a series of prayers to be said in the different zones through which according to ancient belief the soul is supposed to pass. (Consult Little's Living Age #1810, page 470, Feb.22, 1879)

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22. A Manuscript. Civil Code of Japan, called Civil Code of "Kyoho".

Written A.D. 1716

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Japanese manuscript #1

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Japanese manuscript #2

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13. Aesop's Fables

Printed in Amsterdam in 1667. Illustrated with 102 woodcuts.

24. Old Chinese Manuscript Books.

Written on silver glass paper of various colors. Exact date not known.

27. An Early Manuscript Koran

583 pages. Written in Arabic. Exact date not known.

*A second slip of paper read:

27. Persian poetry by Ibrahim Bahry c1100 A Letter of Liberty

64. Buddhist Sacred Book

About 200 years old. Purchased from Buddhist Priest at Temple of Second Shogun, Tokio 1904.

71. The Bible.

Printed by Robert Barker, London, 1612.

113. Babylonian Clay Tablet

Covered with Cuneiform or Wedge shape writing. The libraries of the Babylonians (3000 to 2000 B.C.) consisted of such clay tablets. They were their books. This tablet was secured at the Constantinople Museum.

An early book illustrated and written by hand.