

The World of Rare Books

By FREDERICK M. HOPKINS

SALE OF SWARTZ AMERICANA

PART I of the library of Simon J. Swartz of New Orleans consisting of 938 lots of Americana was sold at the Anderson Galleries November 8, 9 and 10, bringing \$31,799.75. This collection consisting of books, broadsides, autograph letters, and documents relating to the Louisiana Territory, the Mississippi Valley, and the development of the West is one of the most important that has been offered at public sale. The collection covered the early days of discovery and settlement; Louisiana under French and Spanish rule; its cession to the United States; the troublesome times of the Burr conspiracy; the War of 1812 and Andrew Jackson's connection therewith; and other important events down to the present time.

A few representative lots and the prices realized were the following:

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Broadside. The proclamation establishing Spanish law in place of French law in Louisiana, New Orleans, 1769. One of the earliest specimens of Louisiana printing. \$450.

Burr (Aaron). "Private Journal," 2 vols., 8vo., Rochester, 1903. Edition limited to 250 copies. \$90.

Hearn (Lafcadio). A. L. S. 5 pp., 8vo., New York, February 12, 1890, to Henry H. Alden, relating to financial arrangements for his Japan trip. \$230.

Hearn. Autograph manuscript, signed, entitled, "The Night of All Saints," 4pp., 8vo., New Orleans, October 15, 1879. \$310.

Hennepin (Louis). "A New Discovery of a Vast Country in America," etc., maps, 8vo., half morocco, London, 1698. Tonsion issue of the first English edition. \$165.

Hutchins (Thomas). "An Historical

Narrative and Typographical Description of Louisiana," etc., 8vo., levant morocco, by Sangorski & Sutcliffe, Philadelphia, 1784. Uncut copy of the original edition. \$80.

Jackson (Andrew). A. L. S. 3 pp., folio, Nashville, January 8, to his wife, a beautiful domestic and patriotic letter. \$100.

Lafitte (Jean and Pierre). A remarkable collection of material, mainly autograph letter and documents, relating to the pirates Jean and Pierre Lafitte and their part in the war of 1812. \$830.

AMERICANA AT HEARTMAN'S

AN interesting sales of Rare Americana comprising books and pamphlets relating to the American Revolution, a few first editions and association copies, and some very fine literary and historical autograph letters and documents were sold by Charles F. Heartman, at Metuchen, N. J., November 6, and some very good prices were realized. A few lots with prices were as follows:

Almanac. "Weatherwise's Town and Country Almanack for the Year 1782," 12mo., stitched, Boston, 1781. With rare folding plate by Paul Revere. \$65.

American Revolution. "A Letter from a Veteran to Officers Encamped at Boston," 8vo., morocco, printed by Hugh Gaine, New York, 1774. \$72.50.

Revolution. Howe (John). "A Journal kept while employed as a British Spy," etc., 8vo., morocco, Concord, N. H., 1827. \$72.50.

Dana (Richard Henry). "Two Years Before the Mast," 16mo., cloth, New York, 1840. First edition. \$72.

Evans (Lewis). "Geographical, Historical, Political, and Mechanical Essays," small 4 to, morocco, Philadelphia, 1755. Second edition. Printed by Franklin and Hall. \$121.

Franklin (Benjamin). Indenture Made the Fourth Day of September, 1755, between William Seal and the Trustees of the General Loan Office of Pennsylvania . . . etc. . . . Signed by William Seal and certified by A. Hamilton. \$355.

French and Indian War. Original Manuscript Orderly Book kept at the Head-

quarters of Major Durkie at Crown Point, from August 10th to October 10th, 1759, 101 pp., small 4to, vellum. \$4.25.

Lowell (James Russell). "Democracy and Other Addresses," 8vo., half morocco, Boston, 1887. From the collection of Francis Jackson Garrison, with several autograph letters written by Lowell inserted. \$110.

A JUST TRIBUTE

MISS FLORA M. LAMB, who directs the publication of "The Mosher Books," has just issued a second collection of prose and verse chosen by the editor of *The Bibelot* entitled "Amphora," a companion volume to a collection of the same name published in 1912. This volume was partially planned by Mr. Mosher but he did not live to complete them. In addition to selections which he had included in his catalogues from 1912 to 1923, this is really a memorial volume, containing essays and poems by Mr. Mosher, a sonnet, "October in Memory of Thomas Bird Mosher" by Thomas S. Jones, Jr.; a dedication "To Thomas Bird Mosher" by Spencer Miller, Jr.; a "Foreword" by John L. Foley; a tribute, "A Golden String," contributed by Christopher Morley to *The Saturday Review*, July 11, 1925, and a pen portrait of Mr. Mosher entitled "Aldi Discipulus Americanus," contributed by Frederick A. Pottle to *The Literary Review*, December 29, 1923, both reprinted here. The frontispiece is an admirable portrait of the Portland publisher. The dedication is a just and well-phrased tribute:

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The Six Best Sellers
 *The following books are reported by Brentano's as being most in demand during the past week:

NON-FICTION
THE STORY OF PHILOSOPHY by Will Durant
 "Why We Behave Like Human Beings," by George A. Dorsey
 "The Microbe Hunters," by Paul de Kruif

Herald Tribune
 AUG. 15, 1926

Week's Best Sellers

NON-FICTION—THE STORY OF PHILOSOPHY, by Will Durant
THE SHOW BOAT, by Edna Ferber
THE MAUVE DECADE, by Thomas Beer
THE MICROBE HUNTERS, by Paul de Kruif

PUBLIC LEADER
 AUG. 14, 1926

The week's best circulators in the fiction and non-fiction divisions are listed below in the order of their popularity.

FICTION
 "The Sign of the Cross," Theodore Dreiser
 "The Sign of the Cross," John Galsworthy
 "The Sign of the Cross," Edna Ferber
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Cleveland Times
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BEST SELLERS

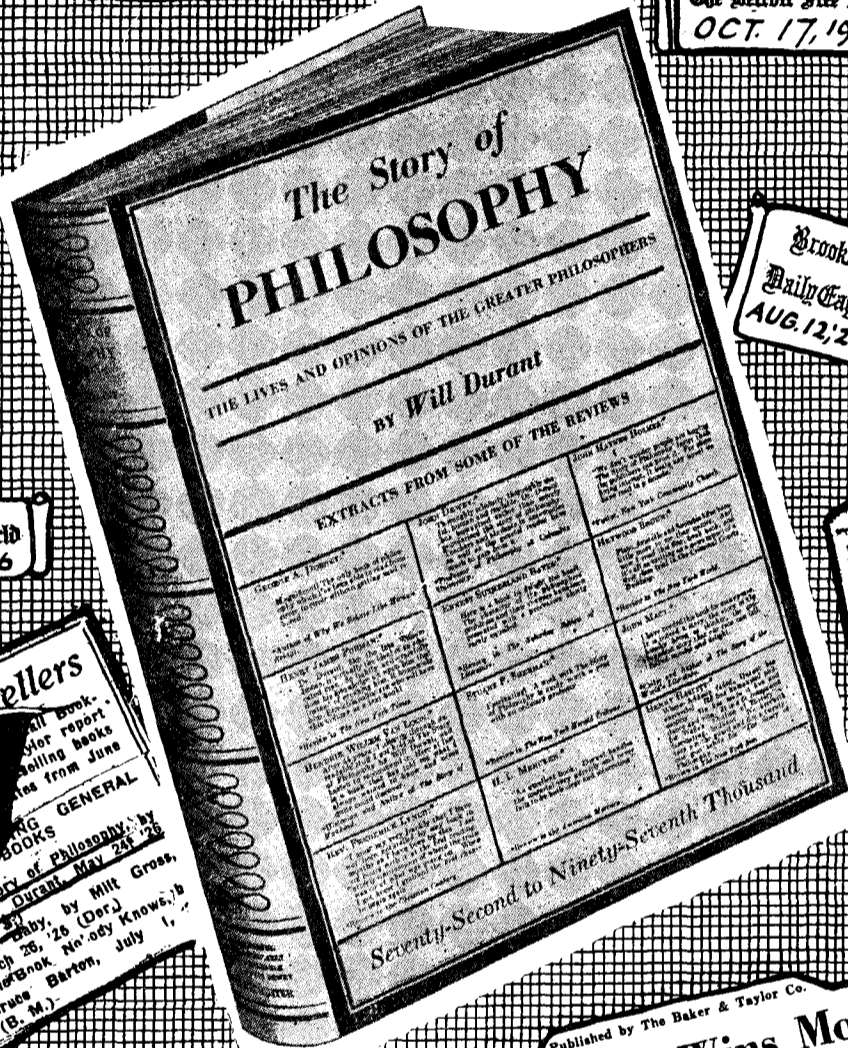
Warwick Deeping, "Sorrell and Son" and Will Durant's "The Story of Philosophy" maintain their lead in the fiction and non-fiction divisions. The latest computation of sales shows "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," the best seller, third in the fiction division.

Edna Ferber, Durant
Diary for a Long Stay

Edna Ferber's "Show Boat" and Will Durant's "The Story of Philosophy" are the leading books in the list for last week and the week before. The Baker & Taylor list for the five best sellers of the week in the non-fiction division is as follows:

Non-Fiction
THE STORY OF PHILOSOPHY, by Will Durant
THIS BELIEVING WORLD, by Lewis Browne
MICROBE HUNTERS, by Paul de Kruif
THE MAUVE DECADE, by Thomas Beer
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by Carl Sandburg

The World
 SEPT. 26, 1926



The Detroit Free Press
 OCT. 17, 1926

Brooklyn's Best Sellers

The appended list is an abridged composite scoring list based on reports of this week's sales from Abraham & Straus, Miss Adams' Book Shop, Carroll's Book Shop, Junior League Book Shop, Frederick Loew's Book Store, Rose Book Shop, Rodgers & Kentz and A. S. Knorrath.

Non-Fiction
 Durant, "The Story of Philosophy" (38)
 "Why We Behave Like Human Beings" (28)
 "Microbe Hunters" (18)
 "The Mauve Decade" (18)
 "The Man Who Knew" (12)
 "The Sign of the Cross" (11)
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Brooklyn Daily Eagle
 AUG. 12, 26

BEST SELLERS FOR THE WEEK

SHOW BOAT, Edna Ferber
LABELS FOR LAMBS, Hamilton Gibbs
CREWE TALKERS, Rose Macaulay
THE ROMAN COMEDIANS, Ellen Glasgow
THE STORY OF PHILOSOPHY, Will Durant
THE BOOK NOBODY KNOWS, Bruce Barton

The Des Moines Capital
 OCTOBER 4, 1926

IN the impartial report just compiled by the Publishers' Weekly (official organ of the book world), THE STORY OF PHILOSOPHY heads all best-seller lists in the following 66 cities.

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| EASTERN | Evansville |
| Hartford | Fort Wayne |
| Stamford | Indianapolis |
| Wilmington | Topeka |
| Washington | Detroit |
| Portland | Duluth |
| Baltimore | Minneapolis |
| Boston | Kansas City |
| New Bedford | St. Louis |
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| Philadelphia | Knoxville |
| Pittsburgh | Memphis |
| Reading | Houston |
| Wilkesbarré | Petersburg |
| York | Richmond |
| Providence | Clarksburg |
| | WESTERN |
| MIDDLE WESTERN | Long Beach |
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| | Spokane |

Best Sellers

The Story of Philosophy, by Will Durant
 "Why We Behave Like Human Beings," by George A. Dorsey
 "The Microbe Hunters," by Paul de Kruif

The Philadelphia Inquirer
 AUG. 7, 1926

Wins Month's High Score
 "The Story of Philosophy" continues its surprising success

Best Selling General Books

Sept. 20—Oct. 19
 The story of Philosophy, by Will Durant, \$5.00, May 21.
 "Why We Behave Like Human Beings," by George A. Dorsey, \$2.50, Sept. 20. (Greenberg)
 "The Sign of the Cross," by Theodore Dreiser, \$2.50, Sept. 20. (Greenberg)
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THE RETAIL BOOKSELLER
 NOVEMBER-1926

* ALL Summer and Fall, THE STORY OF PHILOSOPHY has been first on all non-fiction best-seller lists from coast to coast; first on combined best-seller lists for fiction and non-fiction in representative stores like Brentano's and Lord & Taylor's, New York; Kroch's, Chicago; Korner & Wood, Cleveland; first in the acclaim of critics, book-sellers, librarians and educators as the long-awaited humanization of philosophy. It has been called a book for the years—as enthralling as it is authoritative—by John Dewey, Hendrik Willem Van Loon, George A. Dorsey, Henry L. Mencken, John Macy, Heywood Brown, and others. First on all Christmas lists—the ideal book for intelligent readers.

BEST SELLERS OF THE WEEK

"The Story of Philosophy" by Will Durant
 "Why We Behave Like Human Beings" by George A. Dorsey
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Chicago Daily Tribune
 AUG. 11, 1926

Boston Transcript
 AUGUST 9, 1926

Fourteenth Printing Now Ready

THE public's praise of Will Durant's *The Story of Philosophy* may be most simply stated by a listing of the printings of this book.

May 29th	First Printing
June 8th	Second Printing
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July 9th	Fifth Printing
July 15th	Sixth Printing
July 22nd	Seventh Printing
August 14th	Eighth Printing
August 20th	Ninth Printing
August 28th	Tenth Printing
September 13th	Eleventh Printing
October 15th	Twelfth Printing
October 25th	Thirteenth Printing
Now ready	Fourteenth Printing

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