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Attributes of the Prophet: Arabic manuscript in black and red with text and ruling in geometric patterns

[WASF AL-RUSUL].

[Kitab Wasf al-Rusul wa al-Imama].
[Near East, ca. 1820?] Small folio (ca. 21 x 30 cm). Arabic manuscript in a naskh script, written in black ink on paper, with headings, key words and short passages in red, ruled in red throughout (often in complex patterns to form tables and geometric shapes) and with a diagrammatic human body also in red, 2 leaves with circular diagrams, some ruled leaves blank (text never completed). Contemporary limp leather.

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The litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Dutch, beautifully illustrated by the Klauber brothers

MANUSCRIPT - RELIGION - DUTCH]. [KLAUBER, Joseph Sebastian and Johann Baptist KLAUBER (engravers)].

[Litanie van de heilige maagd Maria].
[Flanders?, early 19th century]. 8vo. With 56 tipped in numbered engraved plates, and a hand-drawn frame in brown ink on every page, in which the text is written. Contemporary gold-tooled mottled calf in a clear plastic protective sleeve, with the title lettered in gold on a black morocco spine label, engravings with red edges.

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Against Portugal's centralized power in Brazil

AZEREDO COUTINHO, José Joaquim da Cunha de.

Alegasão jurídica, na qual se mostra que são do padroado da coroa, e não da Ordem militar de Cristo, as igrejas, dignidades, e benefícios dos bispados do Cabo de Bojador para o sul, em que se compreendem os bispados de Cabo Verde, S. Thomé, Angola, Brazil, India até á China. Oferecida a Sua Alteza Principe do Brazil regente de Portugal. Lisbon, Antonio Rodrigues Galhardo, 1804. 4to. With a woodcut coat of arms of Portugal on title-page. Contemporary, elaborately gold-tooled red morocco, with the coat of arms of Portugal on the front and back board, gilt edges, marbled endpapers.

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Unusual grammar book for the Hindustani language, meant for Portuguese missionaries

[HINDUSTANI - GRAMMAR].

Gramatica indostana a mais vulgar que se practica no imperio do gram Mogol, para uso dos muitos reverendos padres missionarios do dito imperio.
Lisbon, Impressão Regia, 1805. Small 8vo (17.5 x 11.5 cm). With a woodcut vignette on the title page. Mid-19th-century half gold-tooled tanned sheepskin, marbled paper sides. With the title in gold on the spine, marbled endpapers.

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"Ces Arabes paroissent destiné à jouer un grand rôle dans l'histoire"

[CORANCEZ, Louis Alexandre Olivier de].

Histoire des Wahabis, depuis leur origine jusqu'à la fin de 1809.
Paris, Crapelet, 1810. 8vo. Remains of original grey temporary wrappers. Stored in gilt modern quarter morocco box.

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Jewish prayer book in German, especially for Jewish women and gentiles

EUCHEL, Isaac Abraham.

Gebete der hochdeutschen und polnischen Juden. Aus dem Hebräischen übersetzt mit Anmerkungen versehen.
Vienna, J.B. Zweck, 1813. 8vo. With a woodcut head-piece. The book is printed in Gothic type, with the original titles also in Hebrew type. Contemporary blind-tooled half calf.

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Very rare pamphlet on Hindu religious practices

WILKINSON, Rev. M.

Missionary fragments. Second series. Reverend M. Wilkinson, missionary to North India. Cornhill, Ipswich, printed by Robert Root, [ca. 1840]. 16 x 10 cm. Original printed paper wrappers, side stitched through 3 holes.

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Richly illustrated pioneering work of modern Christian biblical scholarship

LABORDE, Léon de.

Commentaire géographique sur l'exode et les nombres.
Paris and Leipzig, Renouard (Firmin Didot), 1841. Folio With 13 plates (3 folding and 8 full-page) showing a total of 19 maps, 8 of which are lithographs. Including:
(2) Discours du Roi. Royal Séance du 9 janvier 1843.
Large 8vo. 4 pp.
(3) [A richly illustrated advert for two other works by Laborde (Voyage en Orient and Voyage de l'Arabie pétérée)].
Large 4to. 4 pp.
Contemporary half maroon leather, marbled paper sides, gold-tooled spine, marbled endpapers

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Prayer in Maori for adults seeking baptism

[COLENZO, William].

[Drop-title:] He Inoinga ma te tangate e wakaaro atu ana ki te Iririranga.
[Heretaunga, William Colenso, ca. 1847]. Leaflet (17.2 x 11 cm).

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More on Australia, New Zealand & the Pacific

Urdu Gospel of St Luke and Acts of the Apostles, printed at Calcutta in Arabic type

[BIBLE - LUKE & ACTS - URDU].

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles in Hindustani.
Calcutta (Kolkata), The Bible Translation Society, American and Foreign Bible Society, 1850. 12mo. With the title in Hindustani (Urdu) and English, and the text in Urdu only. The pages procede from right to left like a normal book in Arabic type. Set in 2 sizes of Arabic type with the English title in roman capitals. Contemporary dark brown cloth.

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Nice set of 3 well-preserved altarcards, calligraphed in red and black and profusely illustrated from around 1850

[19TH-CENTURY ALTAR CARDS].

[3 altar cards].
ca. 1850. Central altar card (47 x 69,5 cm) with two side cards (42 x 33 cm).

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Rare work of the Basel Missionary Press in Mangalore

KITTEL, Ferdinand.

Ueber den Ursprung des Lingakultus in Indien.
Mangalore, [printed by Stolz & Hirner, Basel Mission Press, Mangalore, for:] Basel mission book & tract depository, 1876. 8vo. With the title on the front wrapper in a printed decorative frame. Orange printed paper wrappers.

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Single 8vo leaf with 5 Christian prayers for children, in Maori

[PRAYERS - CHRISTIAN - MAORI].

He inoi ma nga tamariki.
[Napier?, printed by Robert Coupland Harding?, 1889?]. 8vo (18 x 12,5 cm). Single leaf, printed on 1 side.

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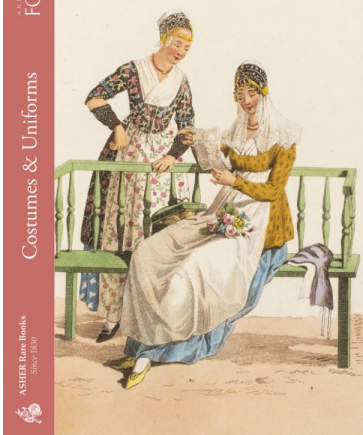
One of the "greatest Maori publications of the 19th century" (Lineham)

[BIBLE - NEW TESTAMENT - MAORI].

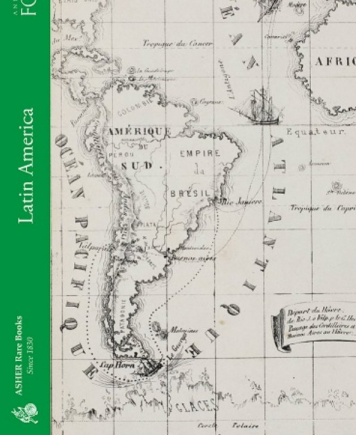
Ko te Kawenata Hou a te tatou Ariki a te Kai Whakaora a Ihu Karaiti. He mea whakamaori mai no te Reo Kariki.
London, printed for the British and Foreign Bible Society, 1894. 8vo. Publisher's brown cloth.

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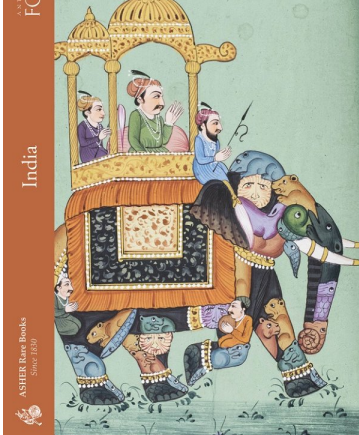
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