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### **Catalog 118**

### **Things laying around my living room February 2019**

Apologies for the brief descriptions, call or email if you have questions. Except for the broadside none have been offered by me before. All Exlibrians billed, return any reason, post at cost.

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**Oakland California family in Germany 1935-1937.** Pamphlets and ephemera recording the travels of Mrs. Horace P. Ross of Oakland CA in Germany. 63 items including: 15 pamphlets and other printed materials relating to hotels and restaurants including 6 menus and 2 passenger lists aboard the Seattle, Oakland to Hamburg, apparently flying under a Nazi flag, see scans. 23 booklets and pamphlets regarding travel (mostly town guides) including 3 large maps. 19 letters (stamps mostly removed). Plus half a dozen miscellaneous ephemera, totaling 63 items. According to an accompanying newspapers article Mrs. Ross and her sister were disappointed to miss the Olympics, the same Olympics where Leni Riefenstahl filmed Hitler mocking Jessie Owens. I recently purchased these from a Ross relative not far from here along with 11,000 of his scholarly books (mainly ancient & medieval history). See scans here. <https://knowledge396.wordpress.com/oakland-family-in-germany-1935-7/>  
\$800.00

**American Black imagery, mostly racist, c.1880's – 1940's.** 23 paper items and 2 books. Bought from an erstwhile customer of my Haight Street book shop c.1983, a Black man, an early Oakland Black Panther who was eventually reduced by crack (it was an epidemic then) to selling his possessions on the street out front, eventually selling even his only pair of shoes. 1 cigar label. 2 original offprints of advertisements, 12 are cards of various kinds, (one in chromo), 3 are cuts from commercial advertisements (magazines etc), 1 glossy photo reprint, 4 miscellaneous single items and two books by J. A. Rogers whom my customer believed held important secrets. Many rare images. <https://knowledge396.wordpress.com/black-american-imagery/> \$850.00

**Japan/Christianity, 14 stapled booklets, 1904-1966.** Fine condition, see link. \$100.00  
<https://knowledge396.wordpress.com/cat-118-christian-missionaries-in-japan/>

**Stahl, John, [printer]. TABVLA SMARAGDINA.** Broadside 16" x 17.5" printed on thick light green mould-made hemp paper with flecks of silver, No.86 of 91 copies, signed, very fine condition. A Latin translation of the *Emerald Tablet*, translated and beautifully printed letterpress by John Stahl of Evanescent Press, 1990. Apparently printed on the first legal hemp paper in America (since the 1920s). See my memoir for more details. \$200.00

**Stahl, John. 10 miscellaneous ephemera.** Stahl was perhaps the first publisher to print on legal hemp, Leggett CA c.1974-1983, 5 items on hemp in letterpress, 5 printed offset on commercial paper. Two are his translations of hermetic texts, and one an original hermetic work by Stahl, two are wedding announcements plus a few ever more ephemeral items. Fine condition, see link for images. John was a customer way back when, in my memoir I recount my visit to his remote outpost in the heart of the Redwood Empire, where you can drive through a tree and a minute later enter his misty compound. \$350.00

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