

## ANTIQUARIAN BOOK DETAILS

1. Geology and Mineralogy considered with reference to Natural Theology. Author: William Buckland. Dean of Westminster and Reader in Geology and Mineralogy to the University of Oxford. One of the Bridgewater Treatises. Third edition with additions 1858. Vol 1.

The Earl of Bridgewater left money in his will to fund 8 treatises to "explore the Power, Wisdom and Goodness of God as manifested in the creation" (Natural Theology is theology supported by science, not the miraculous). I.e. to reconcile science with the Christian faith.

William Buckland was Oxford's reader in geology, a famous scientist, and first christener of a dinosaur – the Megalosaurus.

The Bridgewater treatises are generally seen as a precursor of the Origin of Species.

First edition valued at around £1000 – third edition, say, £100 .

2, The Aquarium, an unveiling of the wonders of the deep sea. Author: Philip Gosse. Second revised and enlarged edition without colour plates. 1856. This is the first use of the word Aquarium. Philip Gosse was a sort of David Attenborough of the sea – he started a Victorian craze for Aquaria and the study of sea creatures. A first edition costs again around £1000, this edition maybe £100.

3. Curiosities of Natural History Second Series. Author Frank Buckland, son of William above. Popular Edition 1893. If Gosse was David Attenborough Frank Buckland was David Bellamy – he even looked similar, with a bushy beard, and was also a noted eccentric. His job was inspector of Salmon Fisheries and to this day there is an annual Buckland lecture on fish culture.

He wrote a number of these jolly collections of curiosities Not especially valuable in this edition but very entertaining and instructive.

4. With Kitchener to Khartoum. Author G.W. Steevens. 11<sup>th</sup> edition 1898.

Steevens was the most famous war correspondent of his day. The book describes the author's experiences following the army in the Sudan to mop up the Mahdist rebellion after the death of General Gordon. It makes a most interesting read to compare it with the experiences of war reporters presently in Afghanistan.

The book was rushed into print very shortly after the battle of Omdurman in 1898 and rapidly went into many editions.

Steevens later actually died on campaign in South Africa of typhoid soon after the relief of Ladysmith in the Boer War. Value maybe £30-50.

5. Mrs. A.B. Marshall's Book of Cookery. Revised edition with 11 extra chapters of recipes. 125 illustrations. Agnes Bertha Marshall was a celebrity cook something like Delia Smith, giving lecture-demonstrations all over the country and running a large cookery school in London which had a major effect on the cooking of her day.

The book of Cookery published in 1888 had sold 70,000 copies by 1900 but few may have survived the rigours of the kitchen as a nice clean copy like this might fetch £40-50.

6. Maitland Major and Minor. Author Charles Turley. 1905. Nice gilt decorated cloth cover. He wrote schoolboy stories like this and best-selling biographies of the polar explorers – Scott, Nansen and Amundsen. Value say £20.

7. 6 volumes of the Imperial Dictionary of Universal Biography. There were 14 volumes in all, nicely illustrated with tissue-guarded engravings. An example of the Victorian passion for solid information.