

Adopt a Rare Book Catalogue



A photo of Book Restorer Ruth Scott-Blackson's work to repair an historic volume.

Spring, 2021

Library Committee

German Society of Pennsylvania

A Note from the Library Committee

At the Horner Memorial Library of the German Society of Pennsylvania, preservation is a top priority. We strive to take care of our holdings so that future generations can learn about German-American heritage and enjoy our remarkable, thought-provoking artifacts.

By adopting one of the precious volumes highlighted in this rare book adoption catalogue, you will help us achieve our goal of German-American cultural heritage preservation across the generations. Your generous contribution will pay for Philadelphia-based Book Restorer Ruth Scott-Blackson to repair the book and return it to the Library for readers to study.

All the books chosen for this adoption catalogue connect to topics that will be covered in the Library Committee's new *Library Treasure Tour* public program series, which will be unveiled soon. Watch German Society communications for further details!

When you adopt a book, you become a part of our thoughtful community of collection stewards. We look forward to seeing you at the Library very soon. Thank you for supporting this effort!

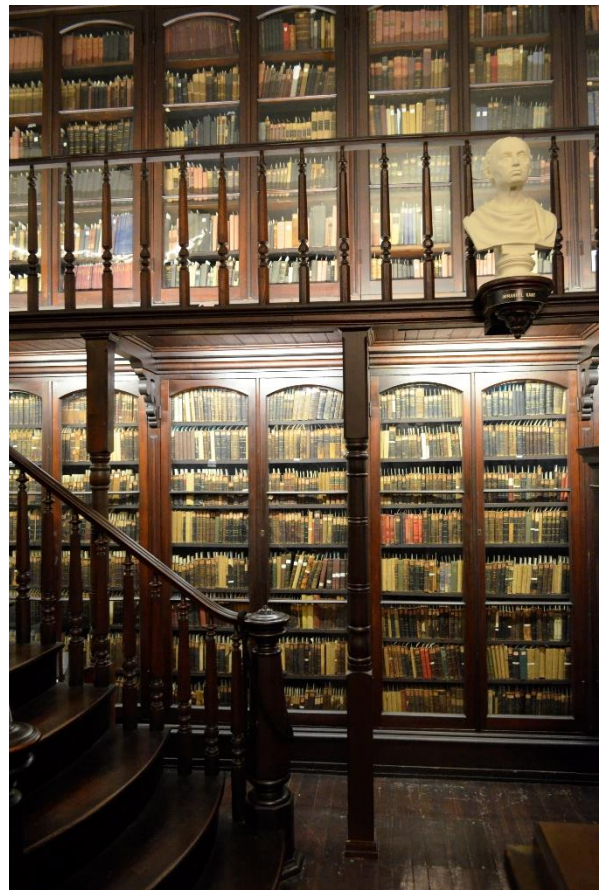
*The Library Committee
German Society of Pennsylvania*

Special Offer!

Anyone who adopts a book from the spring, 2021 catalogue will receive one free ticket to a *Library Treasure Tour*.

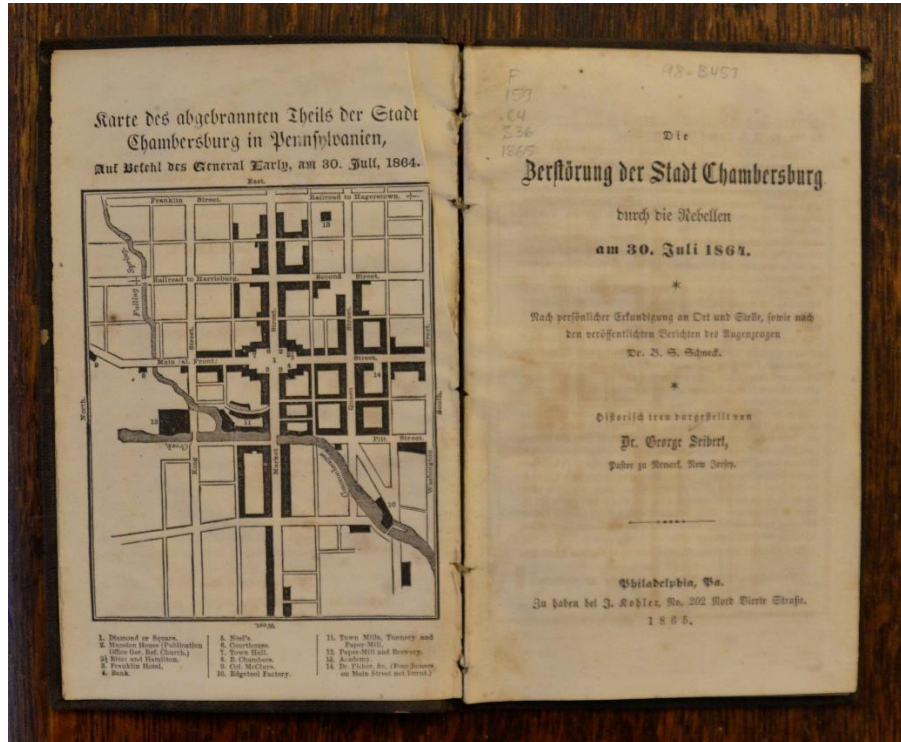
The German Society of Pennsylvania Library Committee is preparing a new, hands-on, small-group public program to be unveiled later in 2021, or when pandemic circumstances allow. Called *Library Treasure Tours*, the programs will be led by recognized experts in German history, literature, and culture. Participants will handle and learn from rare books and manuscripts in the Library's collection in our beautiful 19th-century reading room! Tour topics include the history of travel, Germans in America, a rare Francis Daniel Pastorius manuscript, and the history of the consequential University of Pennsylvania/German Society of Pennsylvania connection.

**When you adopt a book,
we will reserve a free
seat for you in the first
season of these exciting
new tours!**



No. 99.

Dr. George Seibert, *Die Zerstörung der Stadt Chambersburg durch die Rebellen am 30. Juli 1864.* Philadelphia: J. Kohler, 1865.

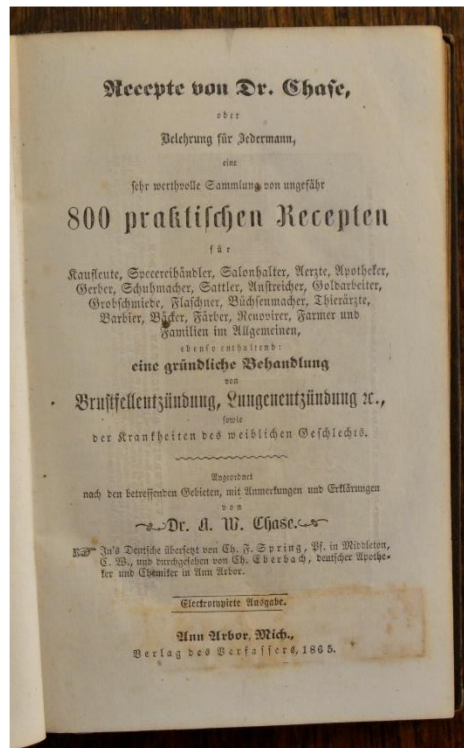


The tragic story of the Raid on Chambersburg is written on the hearts of all loyal Pennsylvanians. This precious little volume tells the story of that pivotal historical event. Published in Philadelphia, the book was printed by German Society member J. Kohler. The spine on the book needs to be repaired.

\$160 ADOPTED!

No. 100.

Dr. A.W. Chase. *Recepte von Dr. Chase, oder Belehrung für Jedermann, eine sehr werthvolle Sammlung von ungefähr 800 praktischen Recepten...* Ann Arbor, MI: Verlag des Verfassers, 1865.

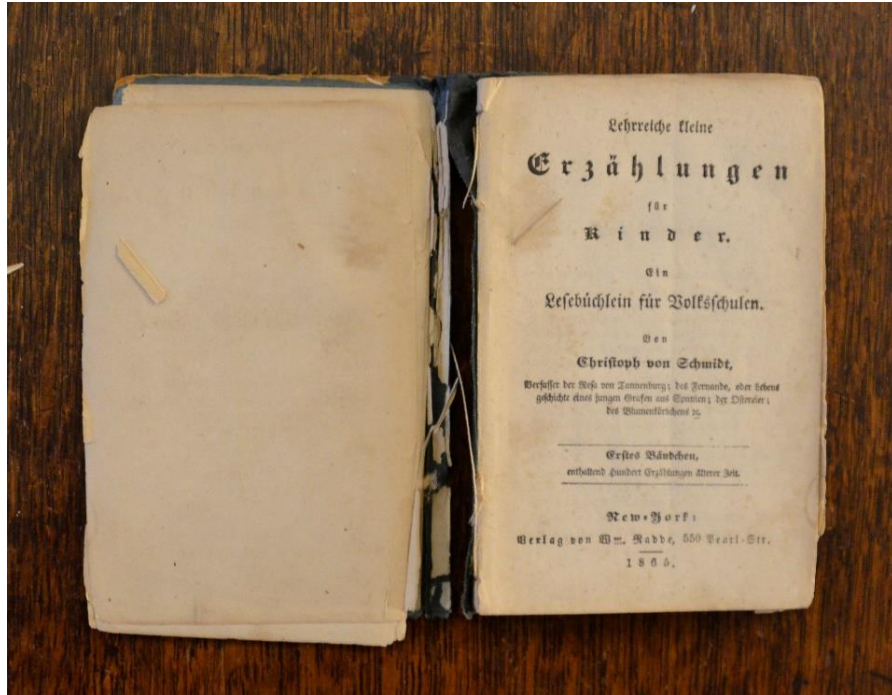


The binding on this volume typifies the publishing aesthetics of the mid-1800s, with a beautiful, blind-embossed binding. Published in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the book offers a variety of medical, culinary, and other household recipes.

\$185 ADOPTED!

No. 101.

Christoph von Schmidt. *Lehrreiche kleine Erzählungen für Kinder. Ein Lesebüchlein für Volksschulen.* New-York: Verlag von Wm. Radde, 1865.

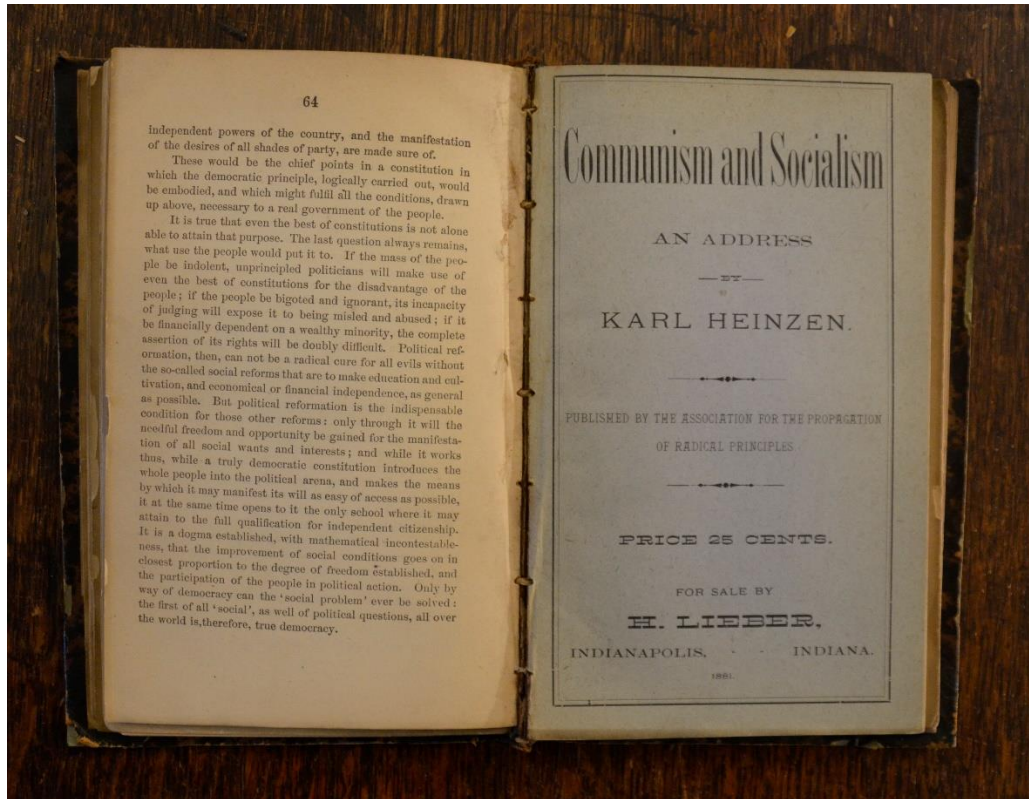


This precious little children's book, published in New York City, has a broken spine that needs to be replaced, and several detached pages that need to be re-adhered to the rest of the text block. Adopt this book and help preserve a charming piece of New York City's German heritage!

\$195 ADOPTED!

No. 102.

Karl Heinzen, bound pamphlets. Indianapolis: H. Lieber, 1881.

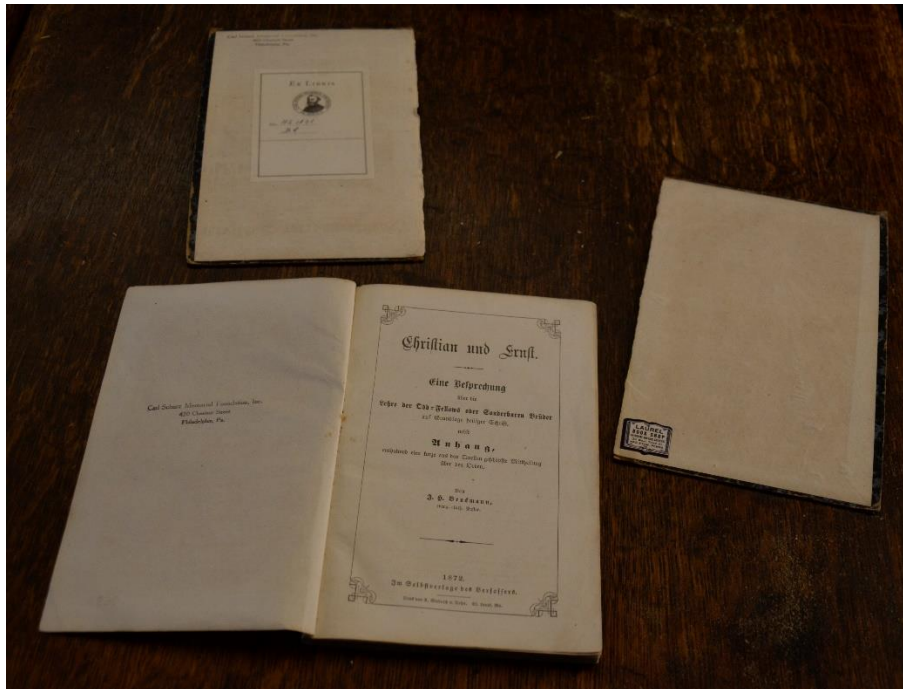


Murder. Communism. Socialism. Separation of church and state. Piety?! These are the topics covered in the pamphlets bound together in this volume, printed by the Association for the Propagation of Radical Principles. Your adoption will help the book become more useful to researchers by removing old library tape, reinforcing the hinges, and cleaning up deteriorating leather.

\$200

No. 103.

J.H. Brockmann. *Christian und Ernst. Eine Besprechung über die Lehre der Odd-Fellows oder Sonderbaren Brüder auf Grundlage heiliger Schrift...* St. Louis, MO: Im Selbstverlage des Verfassers, 1872.

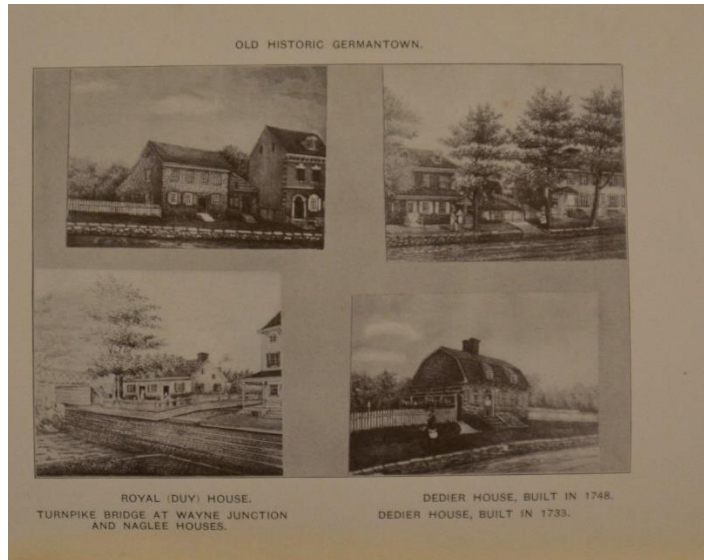
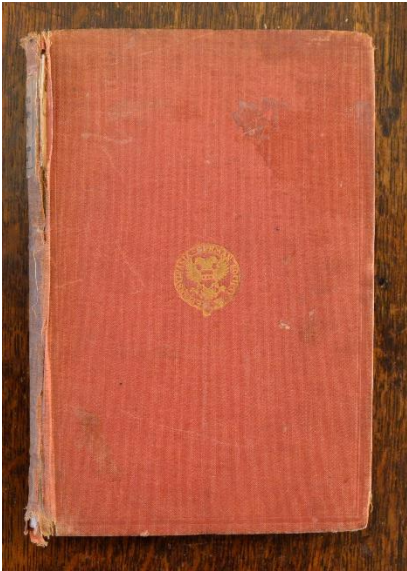


The late 1800s were a time of robust membership in fraternal organizations including the Odd Fellows. This book, written as a dialogue between two Odd Fellows, illuminates this mysterious world so little known to us today. As the pictures here underscore, the book has entirely fallen apart. Adopt this volume to reattach the book's covers to its otherwise intact text block.

\$225

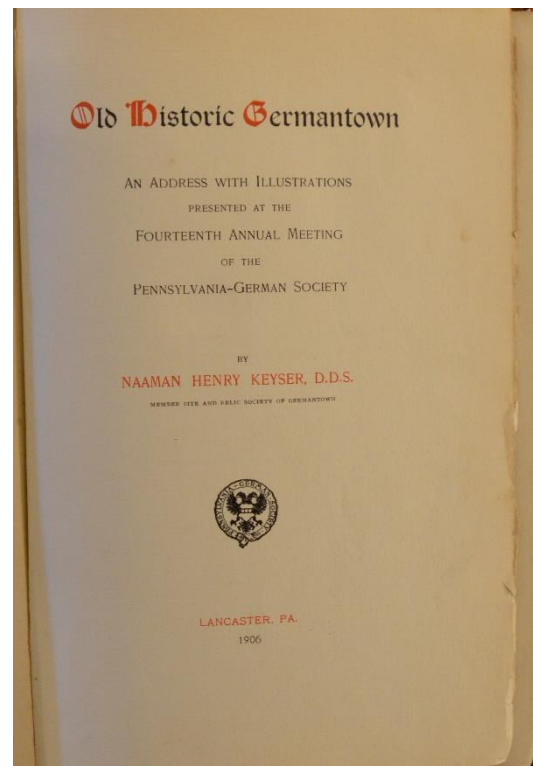
No. 104.

Naaman Henry Keyser, D.D.S., *Old Historic Germantown*. Lancaster, PA: 1906.



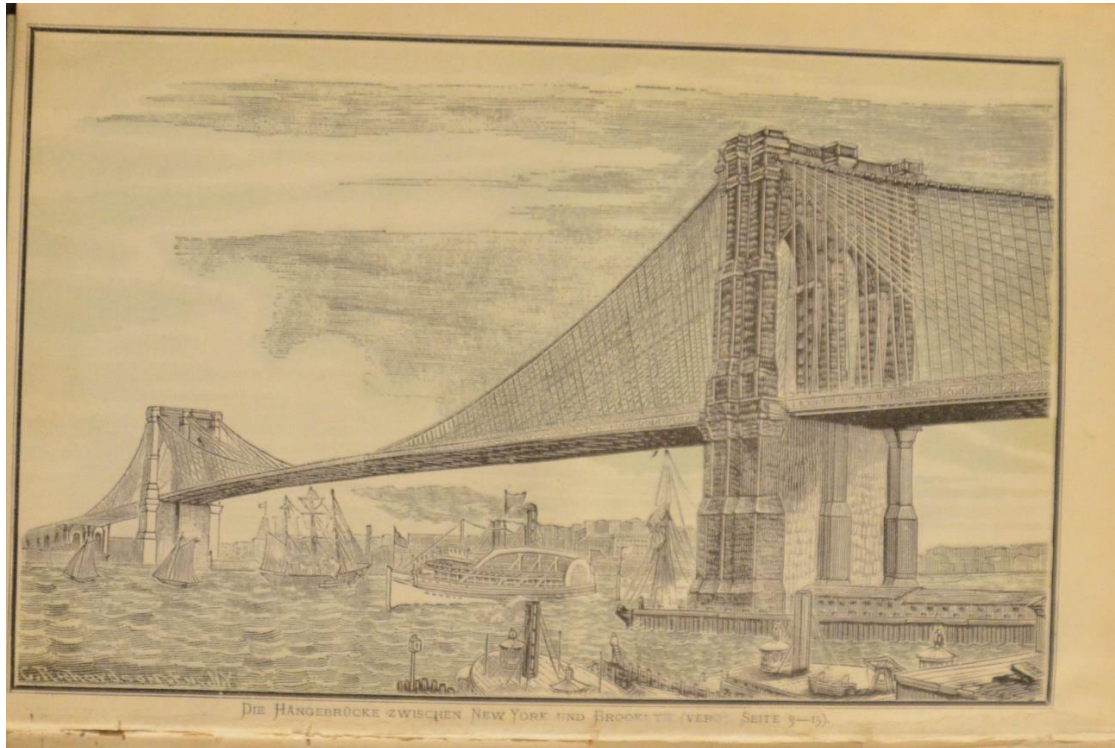
Follow in Francis Daniel Pastorius's footsteps by adopting this book, which documents the early history of Germantown. Though the book is in deteriorated condition today, its pages are filled with beautiful illustrations and information about Pennsylvania's early heritage.

\$235 ADOPTED!



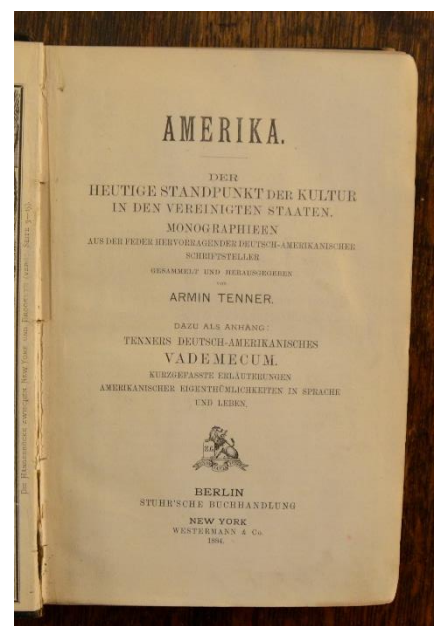
No. 105.

Armin Tenner. *Amerika. Der heutige Standpunkt der Kultur in den Vereinigten Staaten.* New York: Westermann & Co., 1884.



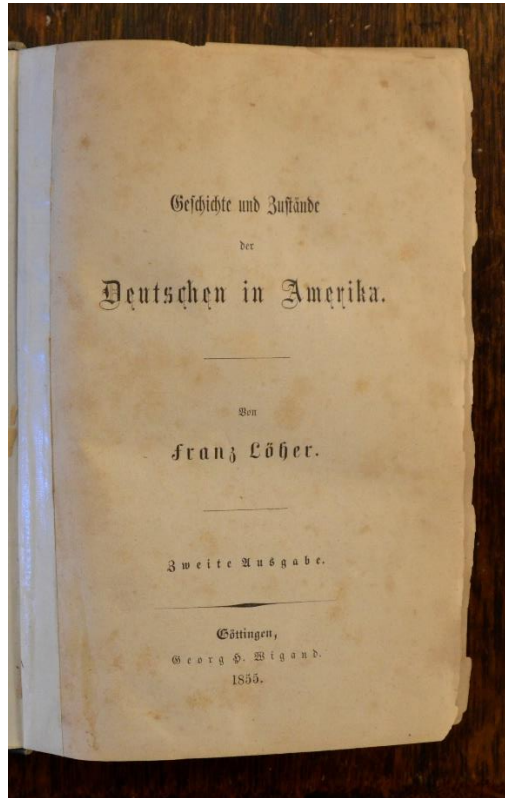
This lovely, quarter-bound volume comes complete with a beautiful frontispiece depicting the Brooklyn Bridge. Catch a glimpse of New York City's exciting German-American past! Adopt this book today.

\$245 ADOPTED!



No. 106.

Franz Löher. *Geschichte und Zustände der Deutschen in Amerika*. Göttingen: Georg H. Wigand, 1855.

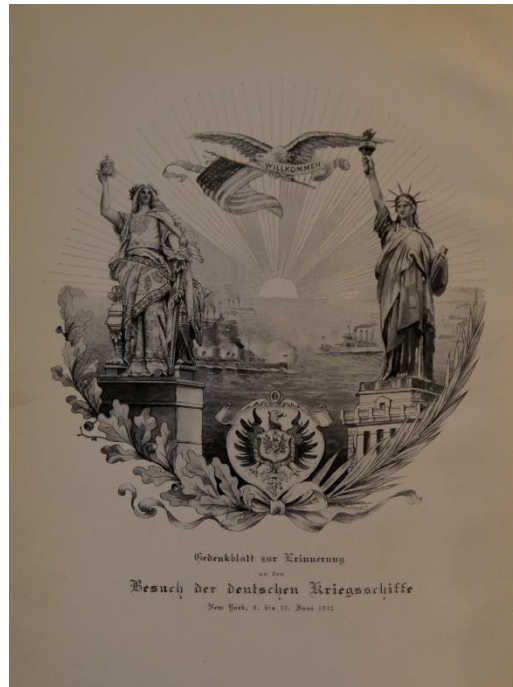
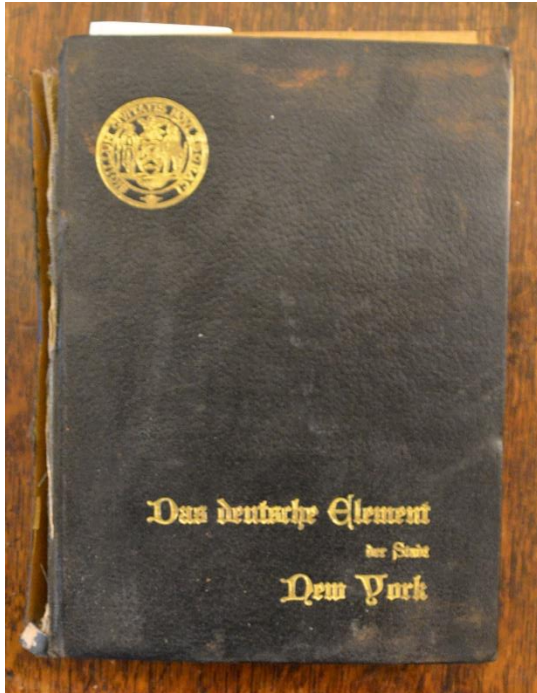


The German Society's Library collection is filled with scholarly commentary on the nature of the relationship between Germany and the United States, and the role of Germans in American culture. This book reflects the interest in this subject in the 1850's, a time of increased German immigration. Its front and back cover both need to be reattached, as do several loose pages.

\$260

No. 107.

**Otto Spengler. *Das deutsche Element der Stadt New York. Biographisches Jahrbuch der Deutsch-Amerikaner New Yorks und Umgebung...*
New York: 1913.**

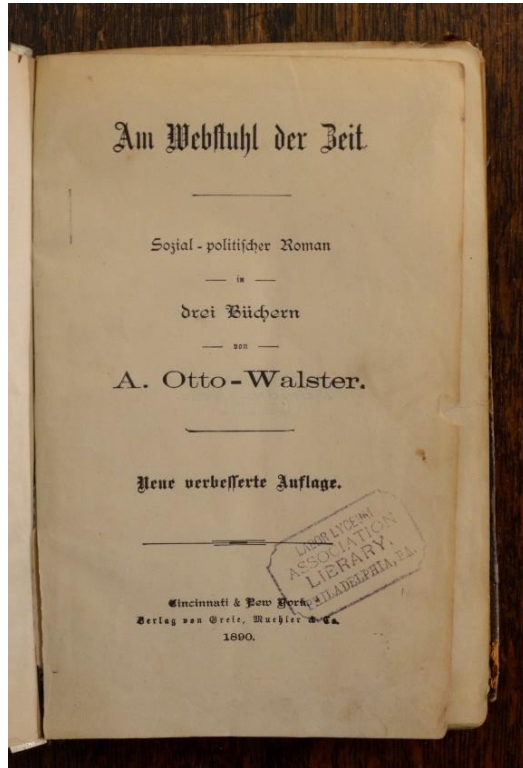


This volume lays bare New York's rich German ethnic heritage. Beautifully bound, the book's casing is almost entirely detached, though the text block remains more or less intact. The precious volume offers a salient glimpse into German life in New York City in the early 20th century.

\$270 ADOPTED!

No. 108.

A. Otto-Walster. *Am Webstuhl der Zeit. Sozial-politischer Roman in drei Büchern.* Neue verbesserte Auflage. Cincinnati and New York: Verlag von Greie, Muehler & Co., 1890.



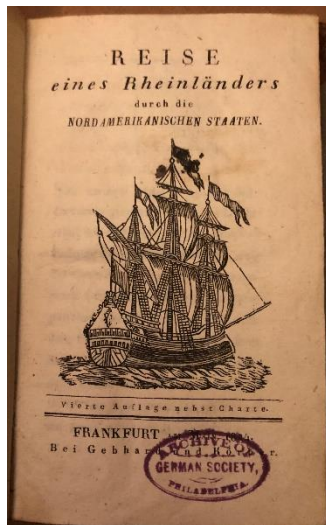
Looking for an intense, gripping read? Then put down your John Grisham novel and pick up this suspenseful volume! Check out this social-political story. The spine is disintegrating and needs to be repaired, and old library tape needs to be removed.

\$290 ADOPTED!

No. 109

NEW! Group Adoption Opportunity

Reise eines Rheinländers durch die Nord Amerikanischen Staaten. Frankfurt am Main: Gebhard und Körber, 1824.



It takes a village to raise a child, and sometimes, it takes a community to adopt a rare book!

In addition to the solo book-adoption opportunities that the Library Committee has

traditionally offered as part of its adoption program, we are pleased to present this group adoption opportunity for members of our community who wish to participate in the program, but at a lower price point. Donations in

the amount of \$10 and above are invited to contribute to the restoration of this volume. Once we reach the total adoption cost, we will restore this book and offer another volume for group adoption.

Donors toward group adoption will not receive a printed Adoption Certificate but will have their name noted in the German Society Library's catalog record for the book. Please contact Adoption Coordinator Dr. Alex L. Ames to discuss how much you wish to contribute.

This book, which is part of the German American Collection at the Library, connects to many of the upcoming *Library Treasure Tours* the German Society of Pennsylvania Library will soon start offering; it addresses early travels through North America and comes complete with an evocative image of a sailing vessel on the title page. The book is in good condition except that its brittle and broken spine needs to be repaired. Voyage with us into history by helping to adopt this precious volume!



\$125 ADOPTED!

Adoption Instructions

If you wish to adopt your book via credit card...

The Library Committee plans to update the online Adoption Catalogue regularly, to prevent the same book from being adopted by more than one supporter. However, it is recommended that you call or e-mail Adoption Coordinator Dr. Alex L. Ames (320-282-9345, alames@udel.edu) to confirm that your book of choice is still available, and so that he can reserve it for you.

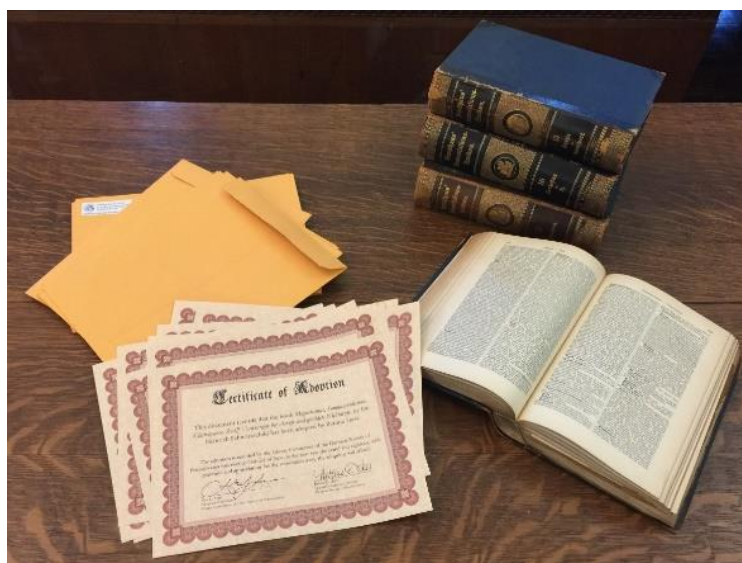
Visit <https://www.germansociety.org/donations/>. Click on the yellow “Donate” button at the bottom of the page. Enter the full amount of your book of choice in the “Other Amount” button. Then click the “Add special instructions to the seller” button and type in the number of the book you wish to adopt. Provide all of your billing information in the boxes provided, and click “Donate Now.”

If you wish to adopt your book by mailing a check...

Please call or e-mail Adoption Coordinator Dr. Alex L. Ames (320-282-9345, alames@udel.edu) to assure that your book of choice is still available, and so that he can reserve it for you. Once your item is confirmed and reserved, mail a personal check, made out to the German Society of Pennsylvania, to:

Bettina Hess
Librarian
German Society of
Pennsylvania
611 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Please indicate in the memo line of the check the number of the book you have adopted.



Remember: You may adopt a book in honor of a loved one! Inform us of what name should go on the Certificate of Adoption and send someone a special surprise.

Testimonial

From an Adoptive Parent

“When the Adopt-a-Rare-Book program began, I welcomed the opportunity to participate. The Horner Memorial Library is, to me, the jewel in the crown of the German Society, and I am always in awe when I am there and consider the many treasures it contains. When I think of the long history of the library, I realize there may be many books in need of repair. And I have a friend who I know will be delighted when she learns that a rare book will be rescued as a birthday gift to her.”

—Doris MacPherson, adoptive parent of 3 German Society of Pennsylvania Library rare books



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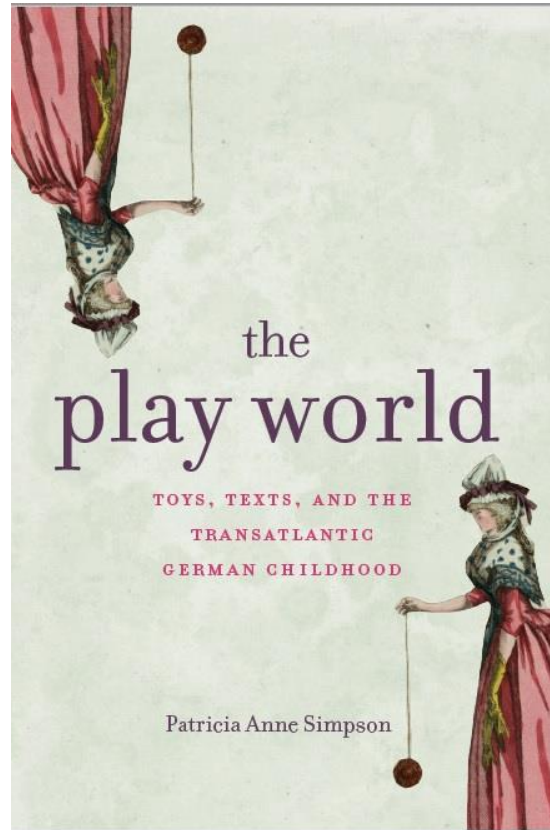
“As a literary scholar, I cherish books—and the libraries and archives that house them. I have had the privilege of doing research in archives from Buenos Aires to Berlin—and Philadelphia. As I write this, I am remembering taking a short break in the Horner Library and, uncharacteristically, looking up from the pages. I had been reading a manual for women, published in the early 19th century, a text that became central for my

own work on the play world. The steamy humidity of a Philadelphia summer seemed quite distant from the world in which mothers were learning clear lessons about how to deal with drafts in the children’s room. I remember thinking, ‘This is my happy place.’

In the age of digitized books, I also feel deep gratitude to those who make otherwise inaccessible sources from the past available for posterity. I feel equally grateful to those who preserve the books themselves, the pages that have not yet found their way to the scanner. When I sat in the library with the books before me, I read the inscriptions and imagine these objects as gifts given a century ago and the light by which the pages were read; or the voices raised in song from hymnals that carried the cadences of faith across the

Atlantic. I'm neither a particularly sentimental nor religious person, but for the scholar in me, the words on the page opened aperçus into lives I can only imagine more vividly for having read them.

Few things make my heart sing more than a book that has been cared for. I've had the experience of turning a brittle, yellowed page, and no matter how gingerly I do so, sometimes with literally baited breath, the paper disintegrates between my gloved fingers. Sometimes a book comes to me with a delicate ribbon tied around it to keep the binding together. No matter how gently I might rest the book between the supporting sponges, bits of the book's spine break off. All the while, I remain cognizant of the fact that as a



reader, I am privileged. Adopting books, for me, is just one small way of paying that privilege forward.”



—Prof. Dr. Patricia Simpson, Library researcher, author, and rare book adoptive parent

About the Horner Memorial Library, German Society of Pennsylvania



Mission:

The purpose of the German Society of Pennsylvania Library and the Library Committee is to nurture the study of German-American history, literature, and culture, for the benefit of GSP members, scholars, and the general public. The Library and Committee do this by guaranteeing the physical *sustainability* of our collections, enhancing *discoverability* of our collections via cataloguing and interpretation, and building a *community* equipped with the language abilities, paleography skills, research expertise, and enthusiasm for intellectual inquiry to make use of our holdings.

Core Values:

Sustainability

Discoverability

Community