

Adopt a Rare Book Catalog



Fall, 2022

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 volumes highlighted in this rare book adoption catalog, 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.

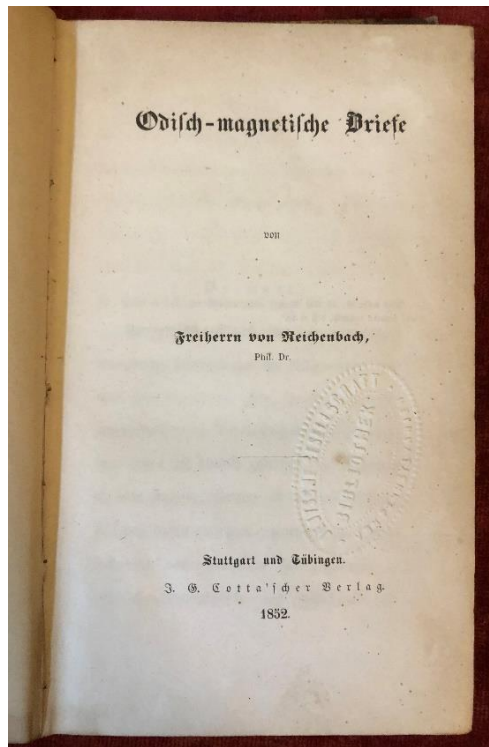
The books in this catalog are all part of the Horner Library's *popular science* section. The collection is especially strong in the many fields that would be considered 'pseudo-science' or quackery today. Yet in the 19th century, they were the subject of serious scientific inquiry. Some of the books in this catalog were featured in a recent ***Library Treasure Tour*** on the subject of mesmerism, which made us to realize their fragile condition.

When you adopt one of these books, you become a part of our thoughtful community of collection stewards. We look forward to seeing you at the Library very soon. Also, remember that adopted books make wonderful gifts during the Holiday Season. Thank you for supporting this effort!

*The Library Committee
German Society of Pennsylvania*

No. 121.

Reichenbach, Karl, Freiherr von. *Odisch-magnetische Briefe*. Stuttgart : J.G. Cotta, 1852.

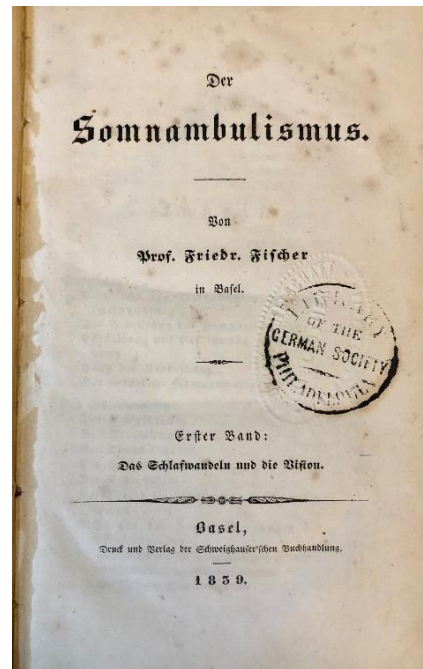
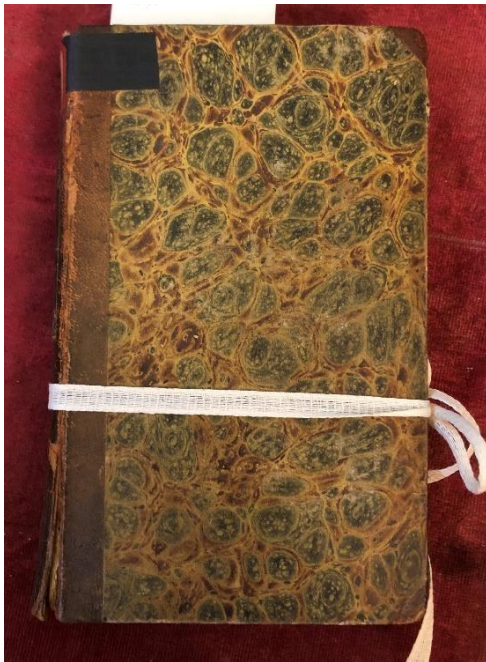


In this volume, the author lays out his theory of the “odic” or vital life force, which he explored in a number of later works. The text block has come loose from the covers and needs to be reattached. The spine has also fallen off and tape needs to be removed.

Price: \$225 ADOPTED!

No. 122.

**Fisher, Friedrich. *Der Somnambulismus*. Basel:
Schweighauser, 1839. 3 volumes.**

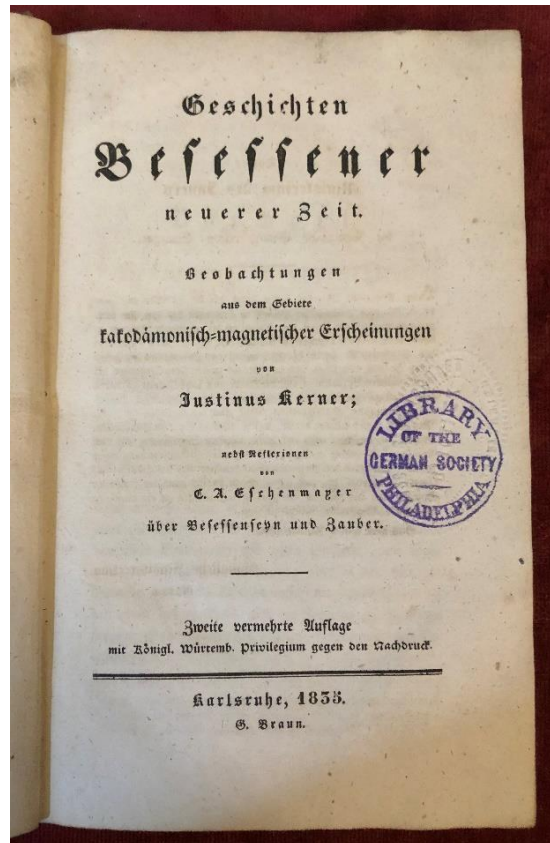


The spines on each of the three volumes in this rare set of books on somnambulism, or sleep walking, have all broken off partially or entirely. The tape should also be removed.

**Price: \$125 each or \$350 for all 3 volumes
ADOPTED!**

No. 123.

**Kerner, Justinus Andreas Christian. *Geschichten
Besessener neuerer Zeit.* Karlsruhe: G. Braun,
1835.**

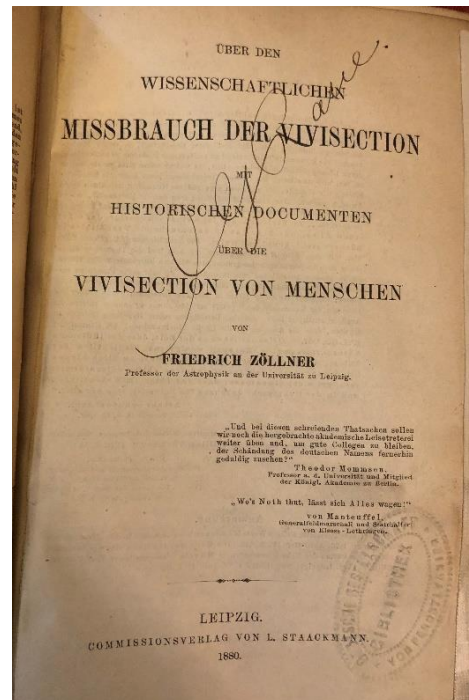


This fascinating book on spirit possession needs to have hinges reinforced and tape removed from its covers. A previous spine repair needs to be removed and replaced. Your adoption will allow this book to be handled safely again.

Price: \$210 ADOPTED!

No. 124.

**Zöllner, Johann Karl Friedrich. *Über den wissenschaftlichen Missbrauch der Vivisection.*
Leipzig : L. Staackmann, 1880.**

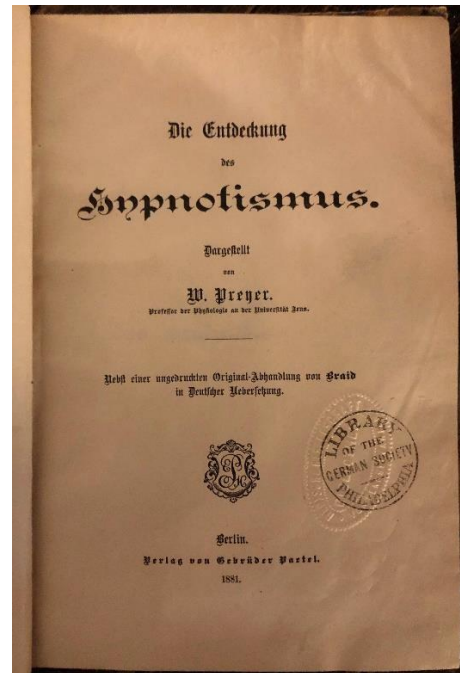
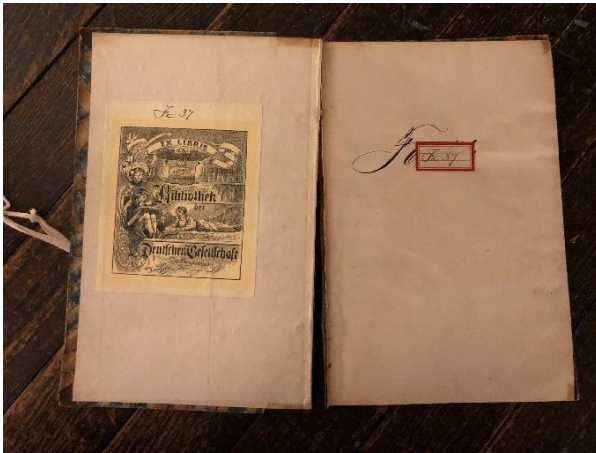


Arguing against animal experimentation in scientific research, this book includes a list of founding members of the first international organization to prevent animal cruelty. Unfortunately, the book is in rough shape: the spine has broken off at one hinge and needs to be reattached. Please adopt it today to get it looking much better than it does now and allow it to be safely handled by readers!

Price: \$275 ADOPTED!

No. 125.

Preyer, William T. *Die Entdeckung des Hypnotismus*. Berlin : Gebrüder Paetel, 1881.

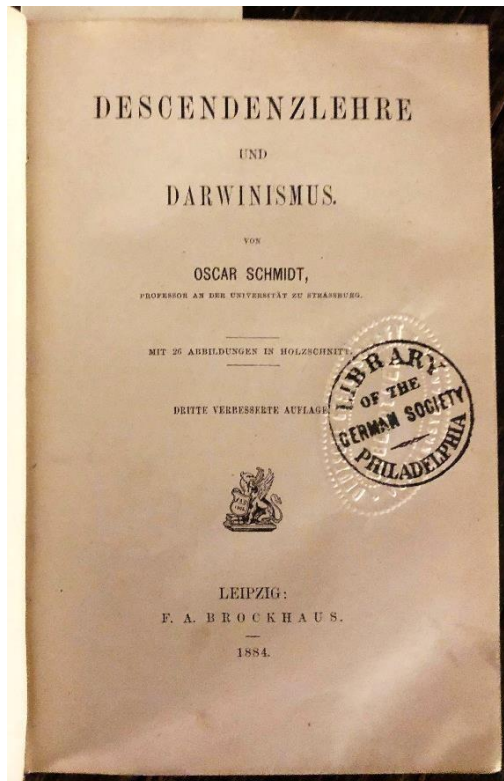


The front cover of this small volume on hypnotism has come loose and needs to be reattached. The cover's corners are also chipped and need to be touched up. Please adopt this book so it can be handled without causing further damage!

Price: \$195 ADOPTED!

No. 126.

Schmidt, Eduard Oscar. *Descendenzlehre und Darwinismus*. 3. verm. Aufl. Leipzig: F.A. Brockhaus, 1884.

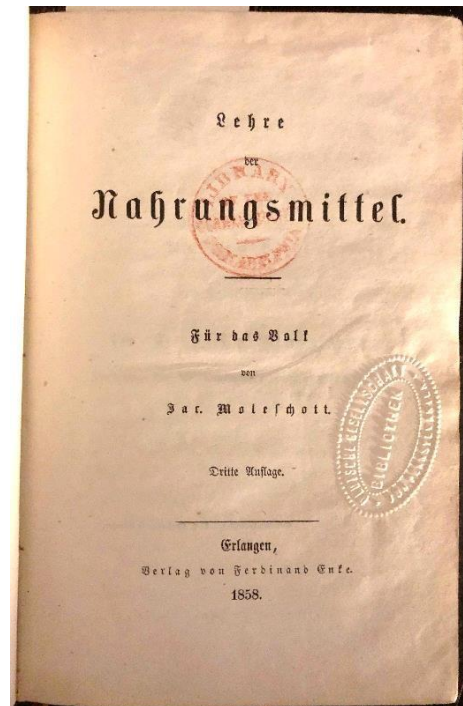
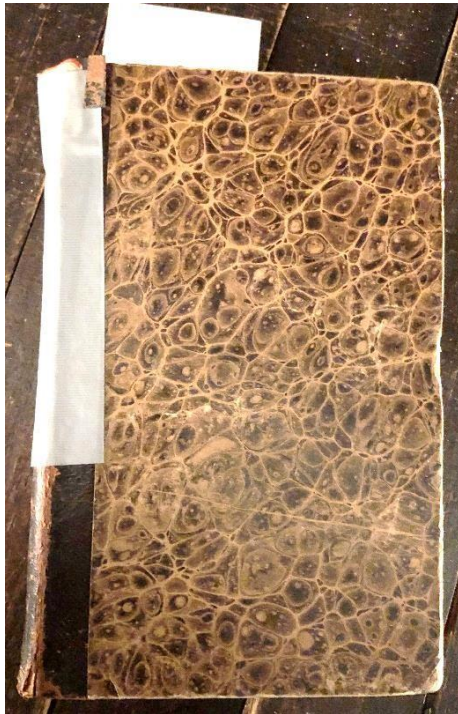


Dr. Eduard Oscar Schmidt was a zoologist and early proponent of Darwin's theory of evolution. The book's spine has dried out and fallen off. Your adoption will pay for the spine to be reattached and leather corners touched up, so it can be better handled.

Price: \$205 ADOPTED!

No. 127.

Moleschott, Jacob. *Lehre der Nahrungsmittel für das Volk*. 3. Aufl. Erlangen : F. Enke, 1858.

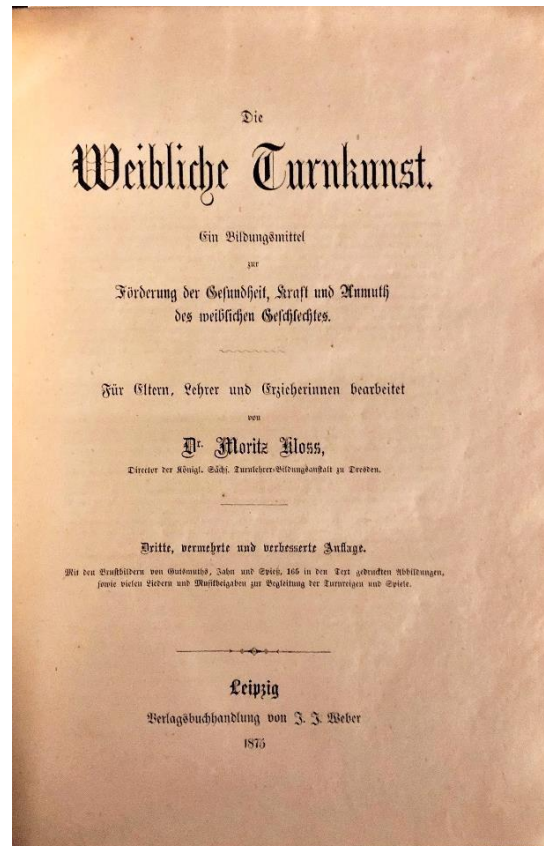


This book on nutrition, written by a physiologist at the Heidelberg University, is in need of repair. Its spine needs to have some tape removed and the spine reattached. The paper is in good shape but the text block has come loose and needs to be reglued.

Price: \$220 ADOPTED!

No. 128.

**Kloss, Moritz. *Die weibliche Turnkunst*. 3. verm.
Aufl. Leipzig : J.J. Weber, 1875.**

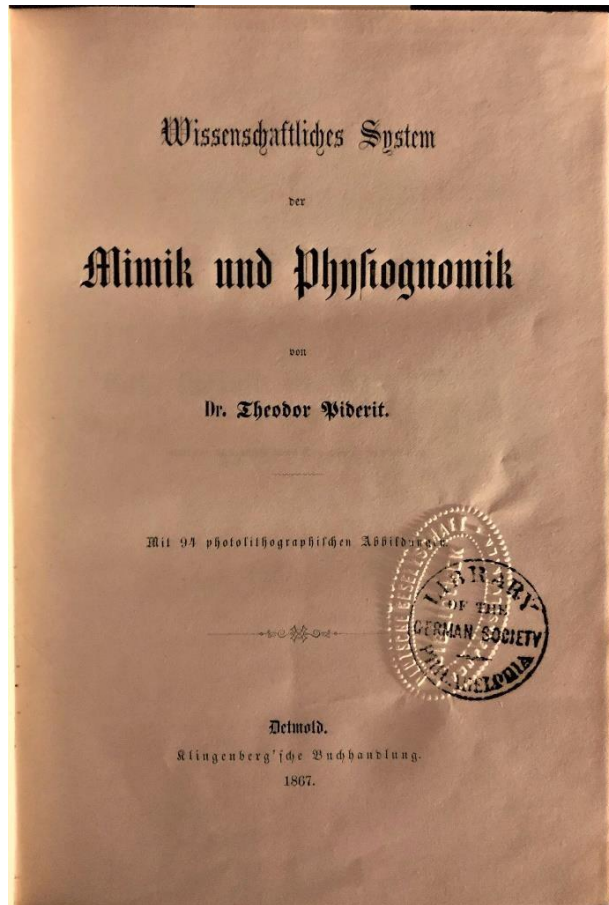
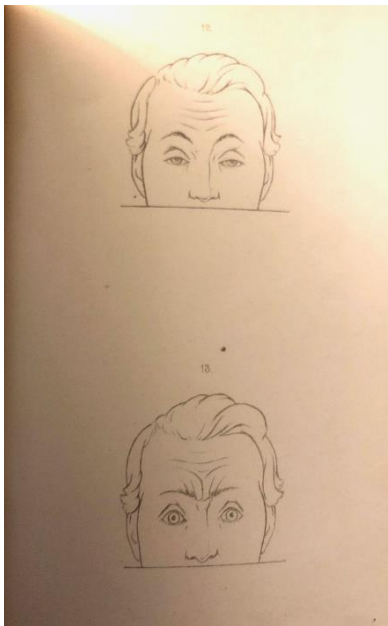


This book on gymnastics exercises for women advocates physical fitness for health, with many illustrations for reference! Its spine has come loose and tape needs to be removed.

Price: \$ 240 ADOPTED!

No. 129.

Piderit, Theodor. *Wissenschaftliches System der Mimik und Physiognomic*. Detmold : Klingenberg, 1867.

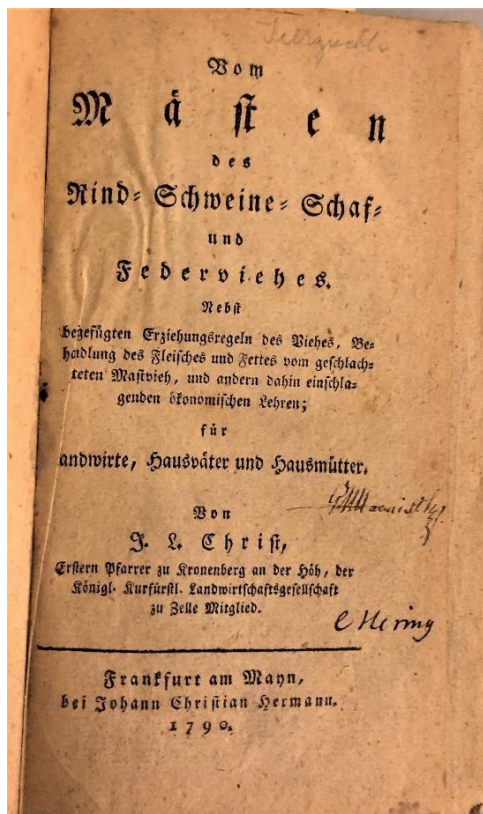


This book describes the so-called “scientific” system of physiognomy, where external characteristics, especially of the face, were supposed to reveal inner character. The spine needs to be reattached and duct tape removed so that it can be safely handled.

Price: \$225 ADOPTED!

No. 130.

**Christ, Johann Ludwig. Vom Mästen des Rind-
Schweine-Schaf- und Federviehes... für
Landwirte, Hausväter und Hausmütter. Frankfurt
a.M. : J.C. Hermann, 1790.**

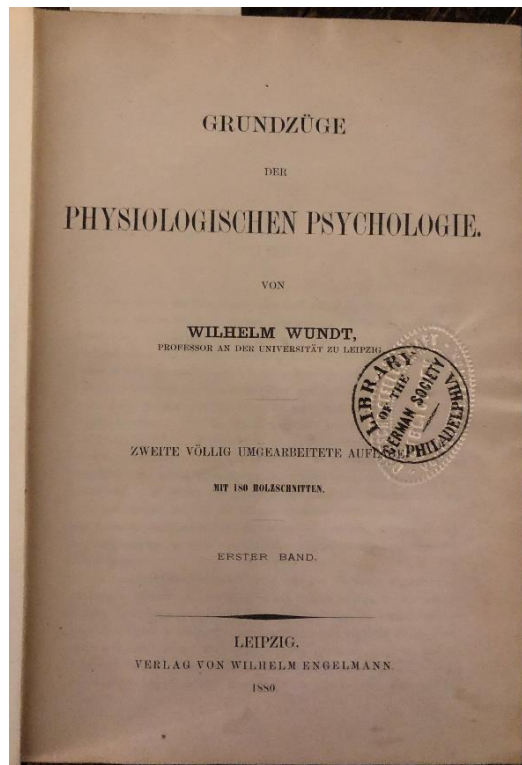


This book on raising livestock belonged to Constantine Hering, GSP Library Committee member and famous Philadelphia homeopath. Its spine has come loose and needs to be reattached. Help make this book able to be handled safely again!

Price: \$175 ADOPTED!

No. 131.

**Wundt, Wilhelm. *Grundzüge der physiologischen Psychologie*. 2. völlig umgearbeitete Aufl.
Leipzig: W. Engelmann, 1880.**



This volume by Wilhelm Wundt, considered one of the founders of the field modern psychology, is held together with lots of tape. Help us get it looking in good shape by removing the tape and repairing the broken spine!

Price: \$195

Adoption Instructions

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

The Library Committee updates 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 Bettina Hess (librarian@germansociety.org) to confirm that your book of choice is still available, and so that she can reserve it for you.

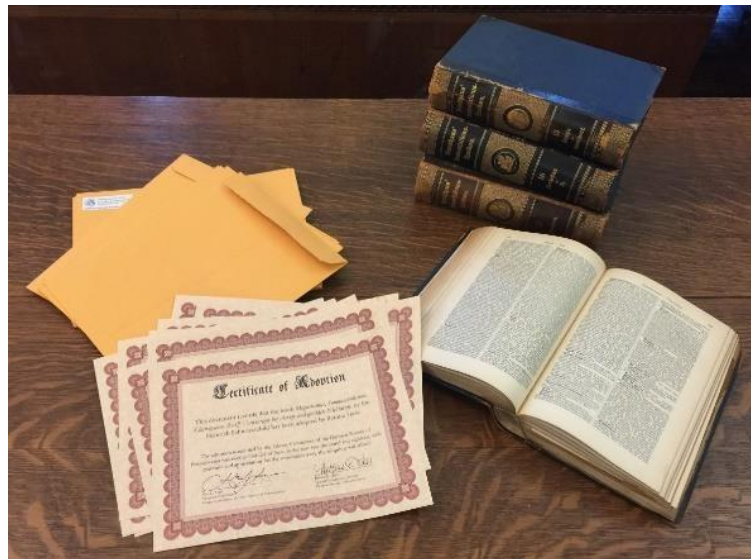
Visit <https://www.germansociety.org/donations/>. Click on the yellow “Donate” button at the bottom of the page. Enter the full amount of your book of choice in the “Other Amount” button. Then click the “Add special instructions to the seller” button and type in the number of the book you wish to adopt. 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 Bettina Hess (librarian@germansociety.org) to assure that your book of choice is still available, and so that she 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. If your group or organization would like to adopt a book, please contact Bettina Hess to coordinate.

Testimonials

...from a Library Researcher

“I was so surprised and excited when I arrived at the Horner Memorial Library as a Research Fellow in the summer of 2021 to discover one of the most comprehensive collections of German Mesmerism in North America. First editions of groundbreaking works by Franz Anton Mesmer himself are held here, alongside exciting applications of Mesmer’s theory and therapy by 18th and 19th century magnetic theorists in Germany. The Horner’s collections allow us to trace the development of magnetic theory and psychical research straight into the eventual twentieth-century psychoanalysis of Freud and Jung.

The Horner Library’s collection of German Mesmerism and animal magnetism is a truly unique and precious archive of this fascinating area of study.”



— *Dr. Timothy Grieve-Carlson,
Assistant Professor of Religion
Westminster College*

...from an Adoptive Parent



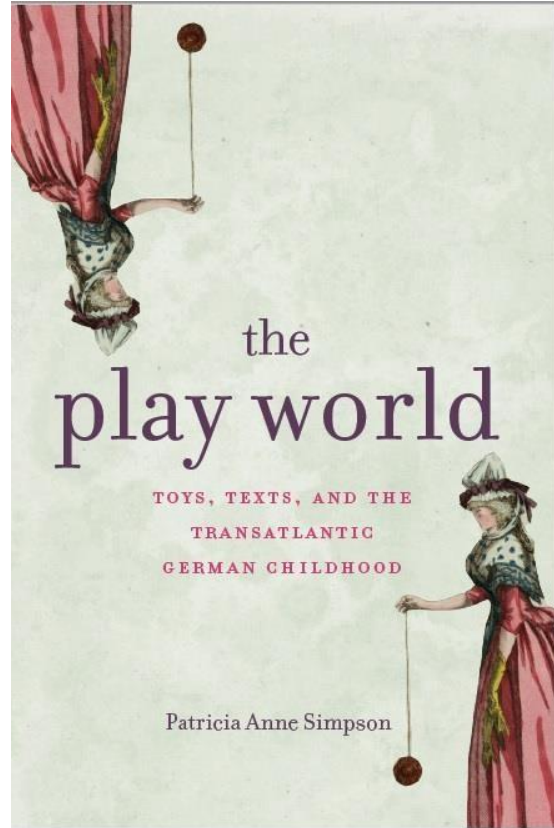
“As a literary scholar, I cherish books—and the libraries and archives that house them. I have had the privilege of doing research in archives from Buenos Aires to Berlin—and Philadelphia. As I write this, I am remembering taking a short break in the Horner Library and, uncharacteristically, looking 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

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