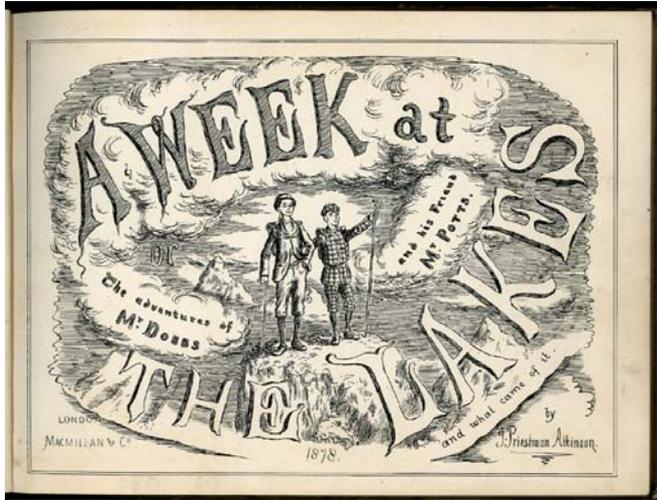


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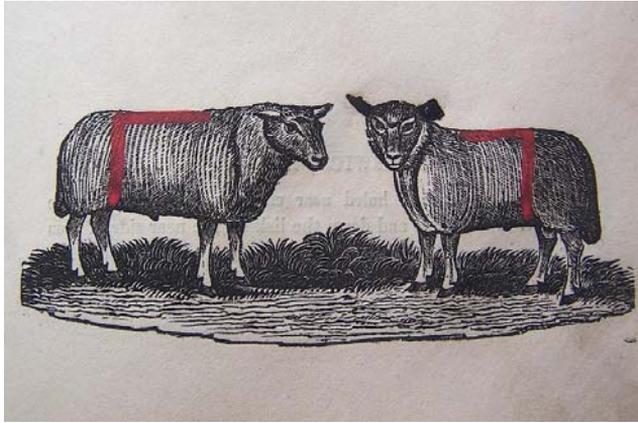


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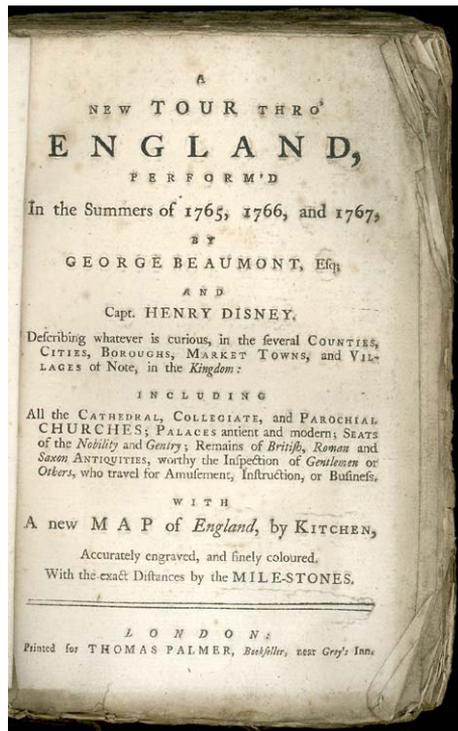
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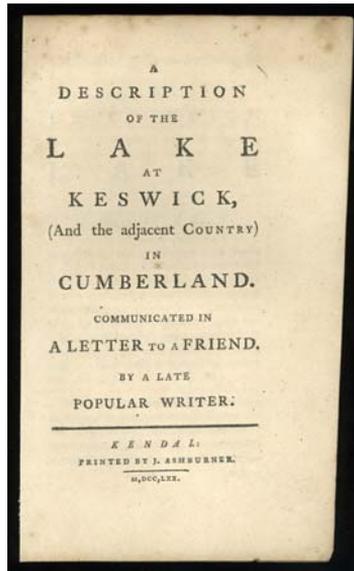


8vo. London: printed for Thomas Palmer, Bookseller, near Grey's Inn, [1768?].

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~ ESTC T124552, Brighton, BL, Cambridge, Nottingham, York; McMaster, Chicago, Delaware.

One of 2 issues, in this the final line of the title is "With the exact distances by the mile-stones"; there is no price beneath the imprint and page 137 is not numbered. Only one copy (Birmingham) is recorded of the other issue.



“Beauty, Horror and Immensity united...”
~ the ‘black-tulip’ of Lake District books ~

2. [BROWN, John]. A Description of the Lake at Keswick, (and the adjacent country) in Cumberland. Communicated in a letter to a friend. By a late popular writer. 8pp. Disbound, slight foxing but a very good copy of this great rarity. Only two copies of this ‘second’ printing are recorded by ESTC (Armitt Library, and Bodleian), and it is unrecorded in auction records.

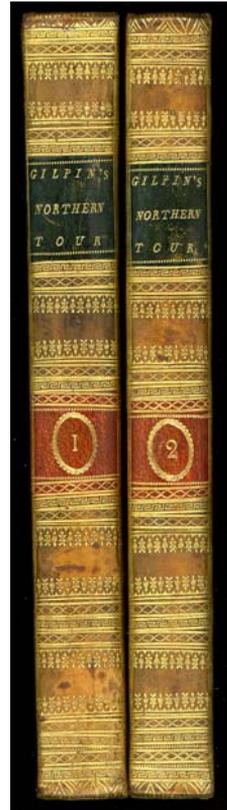
8vo. Kendal: printed by J. Ashburner. 1770. £2,200.00

~ The first ‘Lake District’ printing of this rare account, which was originally written as a private letter to Lord Lyttelton. Brown, tutor to William Gilpin, was praised by Wordsworth as ‘one of the first who led the way to a worthy admiration of this country’, and his ‘Description...’ is the earliest separately printed prose work on the Lake District.

It was published in April 1766 in the London Chronicle, and then issued as an 8 page pamphlet, first in Newcastle in 1767, with subsequent editions in 1770, 1771 and 1772. Only 7 copies are recorded of all editions [1767 Cambridge, 1770 Armit and Bodleian, 1771 BL & Cornell, 1771 variant - National Trust, 1772 BL].

3. WILBERFORCE, William. *Journey to the Lake District from Cambridge* 1779. 96pp., numerous illustrations. A very good copy in original wrappers. Private owner's book-plate. 8vo. Oriel Press. 1983. £10.00

4. GILPIN, William. *Observations, relative chiefly to Picturesque Beauty, made in the Year 1772, on several parts of England; particularly the Mountains, and Lakes of Cumberland, and Westmoreland, Second edition. Two volumes.* [2], xvi, 238pp; [2], 268, xiv pp., 30 aquatint plates. A near fine copy bound in full contemporary tree calf, gilt greek key-pattern borders. Elaborate gilt spines with black morocco title labels, and red morocco volume labels. One corner slightly bumped, but the best copy we have handled for a long time. 8vo. R. Blamire. 1788. £495.00



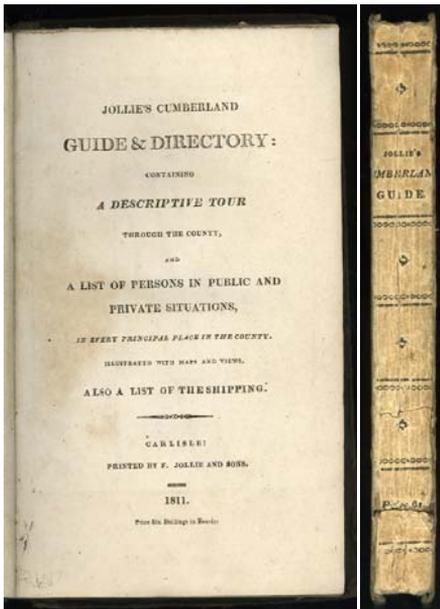
5. [WEST, Thomas]. *A Guide to the Lakes, in Cumberland, Westmorland, and Lancashire. The fourth edition. xiv, 311, [i]p advert., folding frontispiece map., engraved plate of Grasmere., half-title present.* A good copy bound in near contemporary half vellum, blue glazed paper boards. Gilt banded spine with black gilt label. One corner bumped, and some offset foxing from the map and plate. Bicknell 13.4. 8vo. for W. Richardson. 1789. £140.00

~ First published in 1778, this book was dedicated to “lovers of landscape studies and to all who have visited or intend to visit the lakes”, and was the earliest guide to picturesque mountain scenery. For nearly half a century it was carried by almost every visitor to the Lakes.

6. WALKER, Adam. [Remarks made in a Tour from London to the Lakes of Westmoreland and Cumberland, in the summer of M,DCC,XCI. Originally published in the Whitehall Evening Post, and now reprinted with additions and corrections. To which is annexed, a sketch of the police, religion, arts, and agriculture of France, made in an excursion to Paris in M,DCC,LXXXV. By A. Walker, lecturer in experimental philosophy; and author of "ideas suggested on the spot in a tour to Italy," &c.] [6], 251, [1]p. An uncut copy, bound in original boards with 19th century cloth spine. Covers rubbed and worn at edges. With the half-title, but lacks the title-page and engraved portrait. Scarce.

8vo. [London: printed for G. Nicol, Bookseller to his Majesty, Pall-Mall; and C. Dilly in the Poultry, M,DCC,XCII.]

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The first edition of
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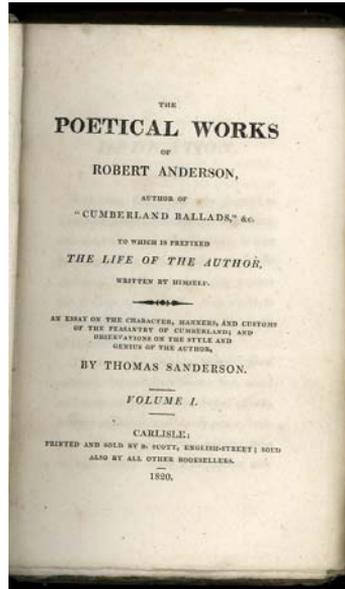
7. JOLLIE, Francis. *Jollie's Cumberland Guide & Directory: containing a descriptive tour through the county, and a list of persons in public and private situations, in every principal place in the county. Illustrated with maps and views. Also a list of the shipping.* First edition. Two parts in one. *viii, 84, xxxiv, xxxix -[xl], [1]p advert; [2], 129, [3]pp., 2 maps (one folding, one coloured), 4 plates (one folding), large folding plans of Workington and Whitehaven, and a woodcut in the text.* A very good copy in original boards with

printed backstrip. Some slight wear to the joints and head and tail, but a rare survival of a scarce title. The first edition of the first Cumbrian directory, and the first copy we have offered for sale. As in all recorded copies pages xxxv-xxxviii in the first part are omitted, and were presumably intentionally cancelled.

8vo. Carlisle: printed by F. Jollie and Sons. 1811.

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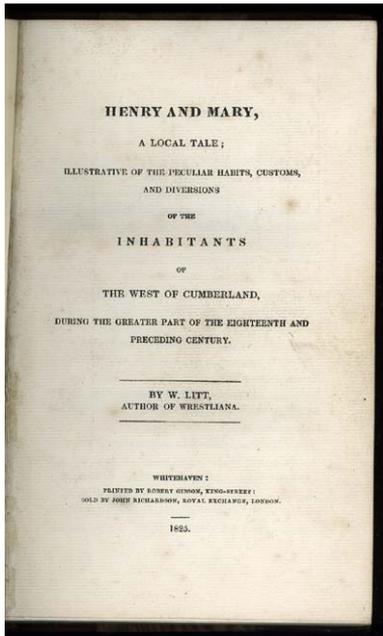
8. STAGG, John. *The Minstrel of the North; or, Cumbrian Legends. Being a poetical miscellany of legendary, gothic, and romantic tales.* [8], 352pp. A large uncut copy in original boards, with expert repairs to the upper joint, head of the spine and corners. Rather foxed. Scarce. 8vo. Manchester: printed by Mark Wardle. 1817. £95.00



Wordsworth & Southey are both listed as subscribers

9. ANDERSON, Robert. *The Poetical Works... to which is prefixed the life of the Author, written by himself. An essay on the character, manners, and customs of the peasantry of Cumberland; and observations on the style and genius of the author.* Two volumes. *lxi*, [1], 223, [1]p; [6], 278pp. Uncut copies in original boards, spines worn, but in good sound state, the text clean. The front end papers have at some time been removed. Both Wordsworth and Southey appear in the list of subscribers at the end of Volume II. Scarce, first edition. 8vo. Carlisle: B. Scott. 1820. £195.00

~ Nigel Leask, the author of *Burns, Wordsworth and the Politics of Vernacular Poetry*, makes the intriguing suggestion that Wordsworth may have co-authored one of Robert Anderson's songs 'Lucy Gray, of Allendale' (1794).



10. LITT, William. *Henry and Mary*, a Local Tale; illustrative of the peculiar habits, customs, and diversions of the inhabitants of the west of Cumberland, during the greater part of the eighteenth and preceding century. [2], ii, 3-382pp. A good copy bound by Fazakerley in late 19th century half calf, marbled boards, raised and gilt banded spine. Damage to the upper edge of the front board from a knock at some time.

8vo. Whitehaven: printed by Robert Gibson. 1825.

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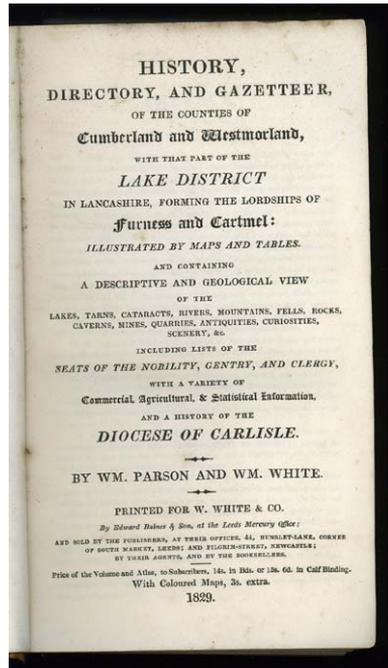
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~ William Litt is perhaps best known for his publication in 1823 of *Wrestliana*, the first book about the sport. In it he traced the history of wrestling from ancient times, looked back to 18th-Century wrestling traditions in Northern England, gave a detailed account of his contemporary wrestlers, and proposed a set of rules to regularise the sport.

He was baptised at Cleator Church in 1785 and brought up with all the advantages of a wealthy childhood for his father was “Commissioner for the Inclosure of Waste Lands in the area and he also owned coal and iron mines. His classical education was supposed to lead to Ordination in the Church of England, but his real interests lay in writing poetry for the local newspapers, horse racing and wrestling. The result was that he led a life where he did not settle to anything for long: in turn he was an agricultural labourer, collector of king’s taxes, victualler of the King’s Arms, Hensingham, author not only of *Wrestliana*, but also a novel *Henry and Mary* written in 1825. The money he made from his books he Litt then turned to smuggling. This novel, *Henry and Mary*, shows detailed knowledge of smuggling and in the preface Litt claims that ‘This work was more truth than fiction’.

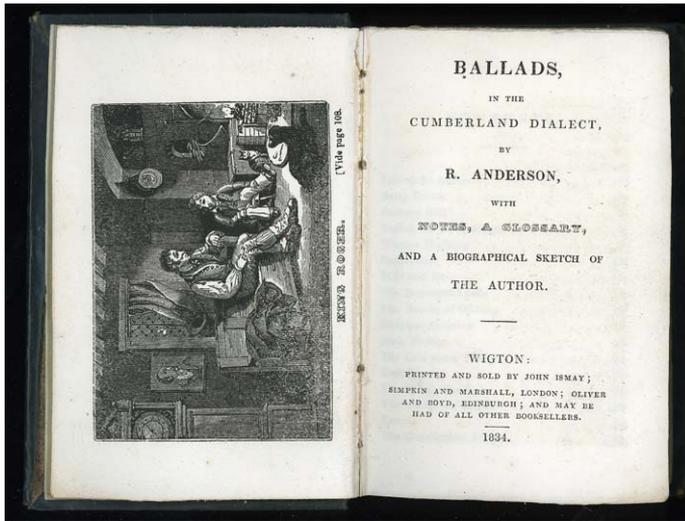
11. PARSON, William., and White, William. History, Directory, and Gazetteer of the Counties of Cumberland and Westmorland, with that part of the Lake District in Lancashire, forming the Lordships of Furness and Cartmel. 732, xxxiv, [2]pp., engraved map. A good clean copy, bound in contemporary calf, lacks the spine, and corners bumped. 8vo. Leeds: Edward Baines. 1829.

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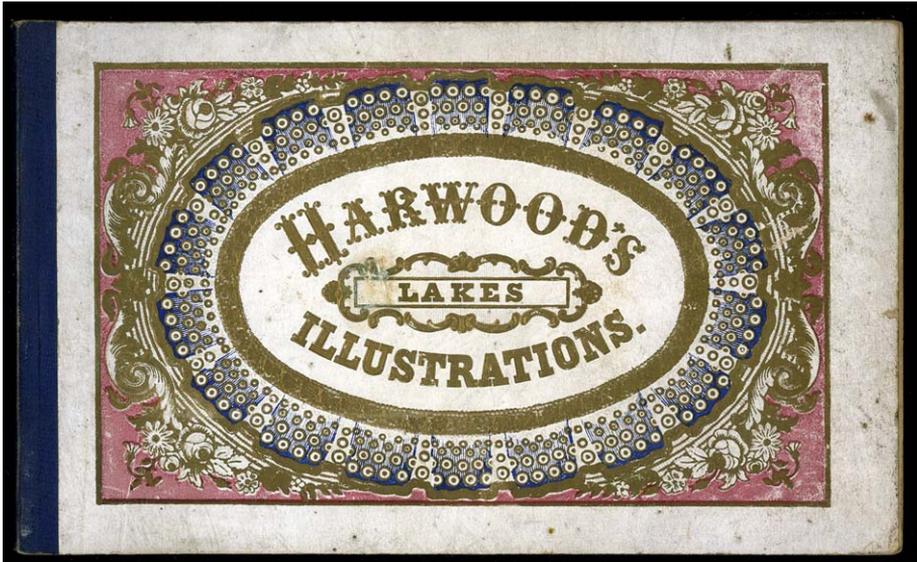
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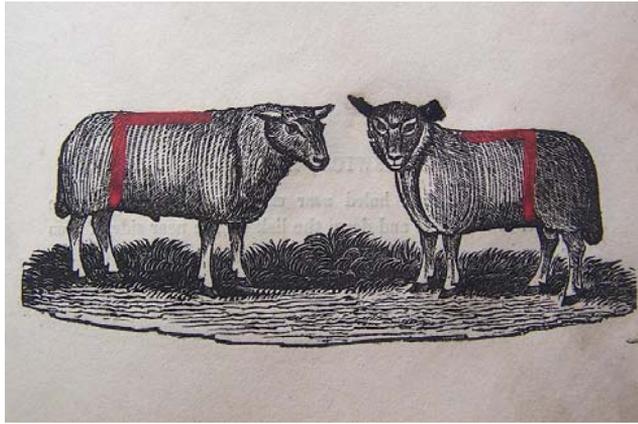
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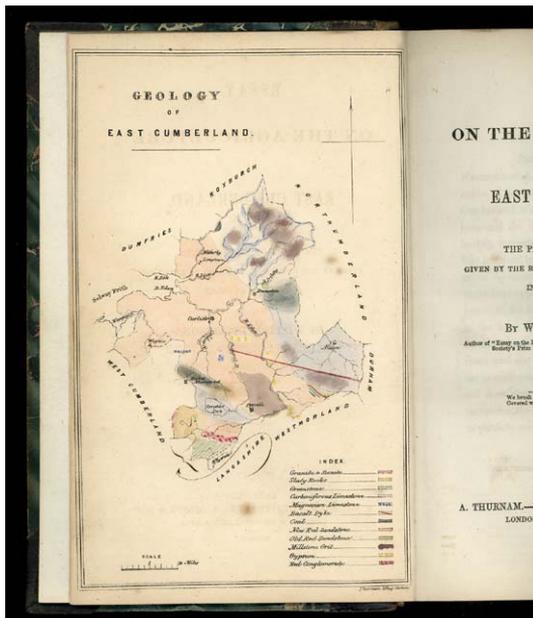
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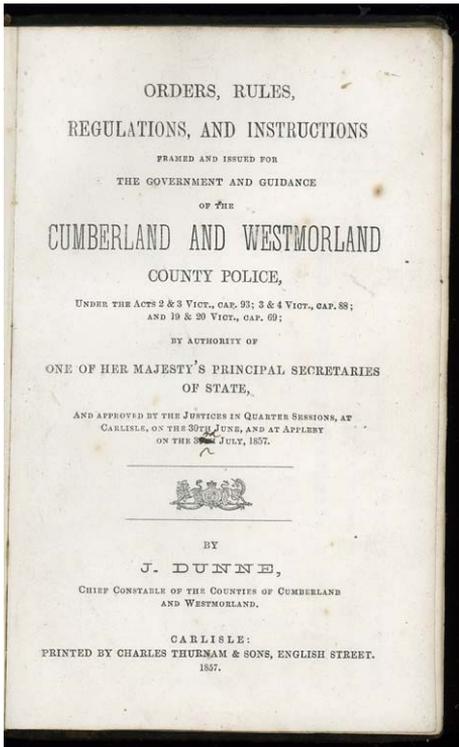
[BRITTON, John.] Cumberland. The Beauties of England and Wales. 247, [1], [12]pp *index and errata*. Bound without the title-page. 8vo. [Vernor and Hood, 1802].

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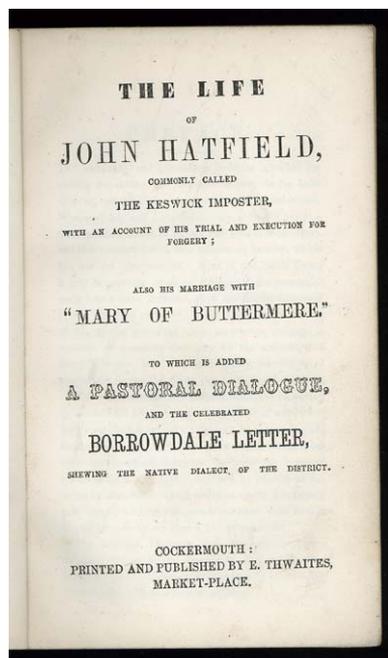
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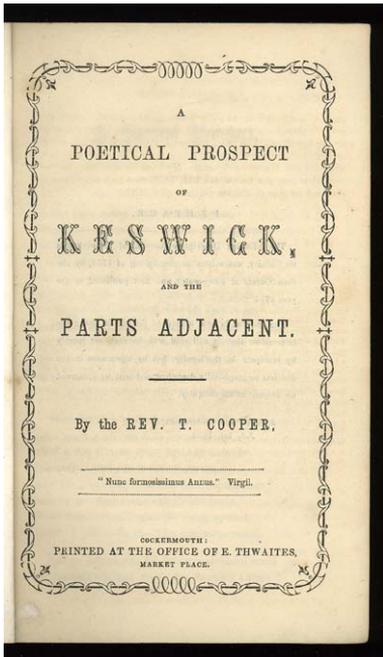
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24. [HATFIELD, John.] The Life of John Hatfield, commonly called the Keswick imposter, with an account of his trial and execution for forgery; also his marriage with "Mary of Buttermere" To which is added a pastoral dialogue and the celebrated Borrowdale letter, shewing the native dialect of the district. 28, 12pp.

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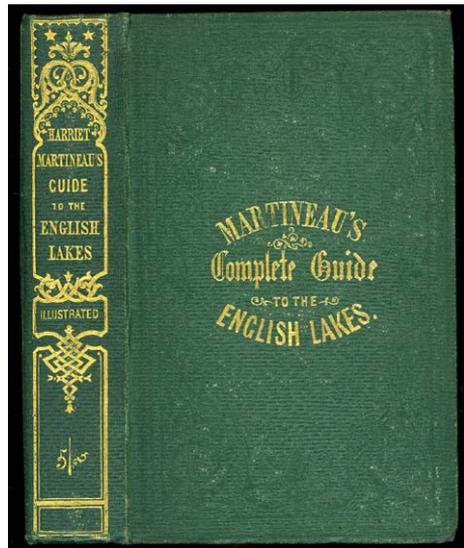
COOPER, T. A Poetical Prospect of Keswick, and the parts adjacent. 12pp.

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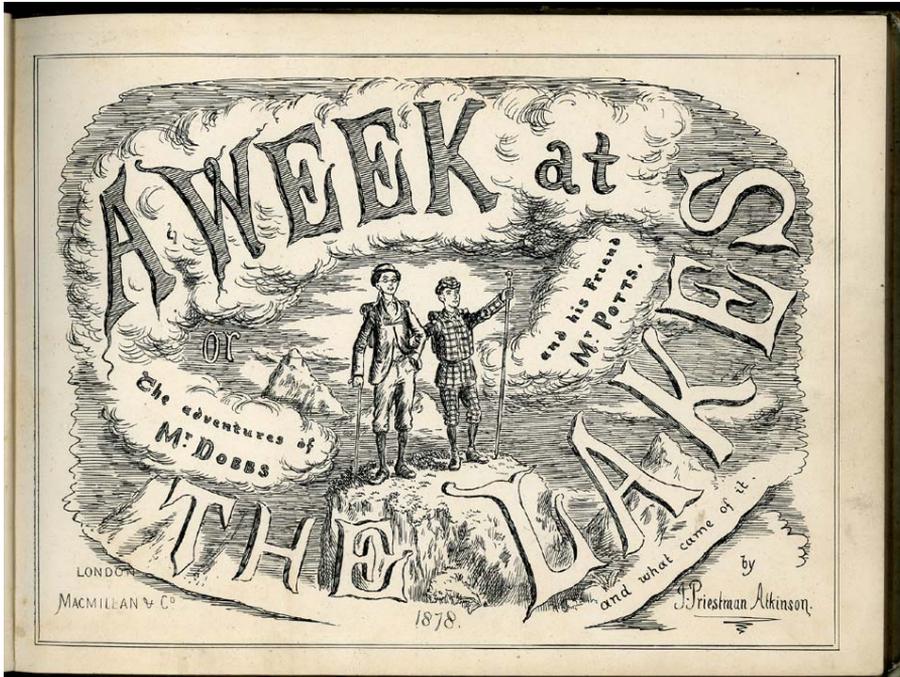
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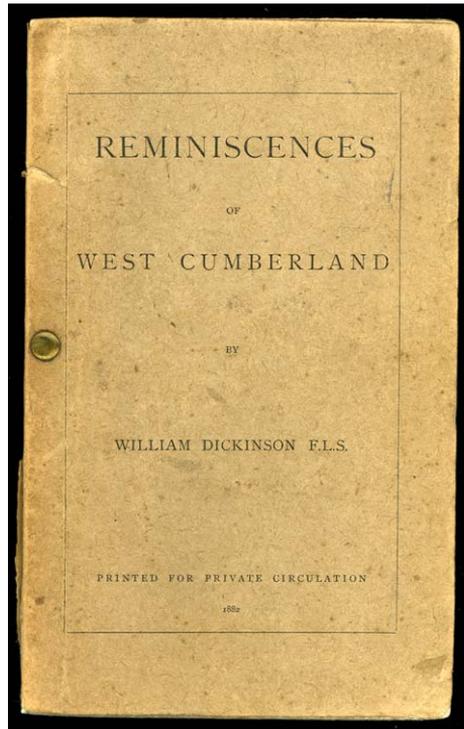
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28. DICKINSON, William. *Reminiscences of West Cumberland*. 47, [3]pp. A good copy in original buff printed wrappers. Butterfly clip to inner margin. From the library of the author, with a note on the title-page that only 100 copies were printed. There is also an additional handwritten note relating to his sighting of a Little Grebe. Scarce, Copac records a single copy only (BL).

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8vo. Carlisle: Chas. Thurnam & Sons. 1886.

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8vo. Elliot Stock. 1890.

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8vo. Gloucester: John Bellows. 1899. £75.00
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folio. Westminster: 1901 & 1905. £120.00
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8vo. Glasgow: James MacLehose. 1902. £16.00

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8vo. Glasgow: James MacLehose. 1902. £10.00
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40. RAWNSLEY, H.D. *Lake Country Sketches*. First edition. *x, [2], 241, [1]p., 10 plates*. A very good copy in original red cloth.
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8vo. Kendal: Titus Wilson. 1912. £20.00
43. CURWEN, John F. *The Castles and Fortified Towers of Cumberland, Westmorland, and Lancashire North-of-the-Sands, together with a brief historical account of border warfare*. *xv, [i], 527, [1]p., numerous illustrations*. A good copy in original gilt lettered cloth.
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