



Twenty-Four Hand-Colored Etched Plates by Robert and George Cruikshank

[**CRUIKSHANK, Robert, and George Cruikshank**]. [*Comicalities*. Twenty-four Coloured Plates Designed and Etched by Robert and George Cruikshank]. N.p. (London): n.d., 1830].

Spine title: *Comicalities*. Twelvemo (5 15/16 x 3 3/4 inches; 151 x 96 mm.). Twenty-four hand-colored etched plates (plates watermarked 1828). The first plate is signed: "Rob Cruikshank," the second is signed: "R.C.," and the remaining plates are unsigned.

The plates are captioned: "Dancing Bears;" "Pounds Schillings. Pence;" "The Pauper Family & Footman;" "The Unexpected Visit;" "A Steam Packet Cabin;" "The Englishman in France;" "Going Out;" "Going Home;" "Admiral Van Tromp's Duel;" "Honour;" "Comforts of a Wife;" "The Gouty Merchant and Stranger;" "A Smoking Party;" "A Card Party;" "A Cold Duck;" "Lobster Sauce;" "Angler's Going Out;" "The Pleasures of Angling;" "The Needless Alarm;" "The Poet;" "Being well lather'd from a dish or tub. Hodge now began with grinning pain to grub;" "Sirrah! I tell you your'e a knave. To cry up razors that can't shave;" "None but the Brave deserve the Fair;" and "The Sailors Ballast."

Bound by Rivière & Son (stamp-signed on the verso of the front free endpaper) in late nineteenth-century tan polished calf. Covers with gilt triple fillet border and small circular gilt corner ornaments, spine decoratively panelled in gilt in compartments with five raised bands and dark blue morocco gilt lettering label, gilt board edges and turn-ins decoratively tooled in gilt, marbled endpapers, top edge gilt, others uncut. Two tiny expert repairs to the left-hand margin of the third plate, two additional plates with tiny marginal tears. Otherwise a fine copy.

A very scarce book. We have been unable to find this title in any of the standard bibliographies and OCLC locates only six copies in libraries worldwide.

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