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A pirated edition of Voltaire’s 1764 edition of Corneille in unusual and striking stencil-printed wrappers. The work was first published in Genava in 12 volumes, 1764-65.

First edition, oblong 12mo, pp. 55, [1]; self wrappers; saddle-stitched; 28 full-page chromolithograph illustrations by Denslow illustrating scenes in American history, and touting Fairy Soap as manufactured by the N. K. Fairbank Co.; small breaks in the spine, else very good or better. Greene & Hearn, 49: “There were two printings of the pamphlet. The first covers events through 1907. The second includes the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915 and has a new copyright notice for 1916.”

12mo, original pictorial wrappers; generally very good to fine condition. Two are first Signet editions, the balance are later printings.

First edition, large 8vo, pp. [16]; self wrappers; illustrated in color throughout; two short tears entering from the fore-margin on the last two leaves, all else near fine throughout. A seminal comic book published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation to spread knowledge of nonviolent action. Alfred Hassler led the effort with the aid of Benton J. Resnik, former general manager of comics publisher Toby Press, and with some suggestions from Martin Luther King, Jr., as Andrew Aydin has identified from their correspondence” (Aydin, *The Comic Book that Changed the World: Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story’s vital role in the Civil Rights Movement*.”
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First edition, 2 volumes in 1 volume (as usual), folio, pp. [4], 330, [6] Catalogue des Livres qui se trouvent a La Haye chez Pierre de Hondt; [4], 328, [28]; title pages printed in red and black, text in double column, engraved plate, genealogical tree of the Estienne dynasty, several engravings in the text, woodcut initials and ornaments; a very nice copy in contemporary cat’s-paw calf, gilt-decorated spine in 7 compartments, red morocco label in 1.

Designed as a supplement to Bayle’s *Dictionnaire historique*. “Prosper Marchand was a bookseller and an editor, to whom the literary
world is greatly indebted ... He died in 1756, and left his library and manuscripts to the University of Leyden. He wrote, among other works *Le Dictionnaire historique* ... the original manuscript of which ‘was all written on little pieces of paper of different sizes, some not bigger than one’s thumb-nail, and written in a character so exceedingly small that it was not legible to the naked eye. It has been said that this is the first book printed with the help of a microscope’ (Watt). It is, however, a work full of erudition although the style is characterized as not being very pure” (Bigmore & Wyman II, p. 23). The catalogue of books offered by De Hondt at the back of the first volume is an impressive 12-column affair listing approximately 200 titles in French and Latin.

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10. **[Shakespeare, William.] Kean, Charles.** A collection of thirteen playbills announcing performances featuring and/or under the management of famed Shakespearean actor Charles Kean, spanning the period in which Kean was manager of the Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. London: 1849-59. $6,500

Charles John Kean (1811–1868) was destined to usher Shakespeare into the forefront of the Victorian public consciousness. His father, Edmund Kean (1787–1833), had been lauded as a restorer of Shakespeare, garnering success through his passionate portrayals of *Hamlet*, *Lear*, and others. Charles would prove an antithesis to his father’s Romantic point of view, instead favoring scholarship and self-control over pathos and impulsivity, and aimed to ‘satisfy the Victorian audience’s appetite for instruction disguised as entertainment and accompanied by magnificent trimmings’ (Finkel, “‘A True and Perfect Mirror…’: Costumes for Charles Kean’s Revivals of Shakespeare’s Plays, 1852–1859’, as contained in *Dress: The Journal of the Costume Society of America*,...
vol. 14, no. 1, p. 7). He would succeed in creating a national theatre through Shakespearean revival.

In 1848, Kean was appointed director of royal theatricals at Windsor Castle, which led to his management of the Princess’s Theatre in London, in the next decade. Kean won Victoria and Albert’s favor with ease and, subsequently, his fame grew. Victoria’s admiration of Kean’s appreciation of realism and historical detail was often noted in her journals: ‘Shakespeare’s historical Tragedy of “King John” was admirably given [by Kean’s company] … What a noble splendid Play it is & what a man Shakespeare was! What knowledge of human nature, – what language, – what poetry, – what power of portraying characters! The dresses were magnificent & strictly correct, & the grouping, in spite of the small stage & space was beautiful. Kean acted admirably & so did Mrs. Kean…” (Queen Victoria’s Journals, online, vol. 33, p. 63). Albert, too, was often ‘in ecstasies’ during a Kean performance (Gail Marshall, Shakespeare in the Nineteenth Century, CUP, 2012, p. 158). During Kean’s management, seventeen Shakespeare plays were performed for 1264 nights (Oxford DNB).

The present collection includes twelve playbills advertising eleven such performances at the Princess’s Theatre including Hamlet, Henry V, Henry VIII, King John, King Lear, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, Othello, Richard II, and The Tempest. An additional playbill, from 1849, advertises a performance featuring Kean and his wife at the Theatre
Royal, Haymarket. Pedagogy was an integral part of Kean’s theatre. In a lengthy address on the playbill here for *The Tempest* (1857), Kean invites the public into his process: ‘In the stage arrangement, I have ventured to depart almost entirely from conventional precedent … the principal demons and goblins … are copied from the Furies depicted on Etruscan vases … In the play of *The Tempest*, no allusion being made to any definite period of action, I have exercised the liberty of selecting the thirteenth century as a date for costume. The vessel lost in the storm at the commencement, and restored in the calm at the close of the piece, is also copied from authentic records of the same period.’

i) **[Othello.]** Theatre Royal, Haymarket. Crowded with rank & fashion!!! Mr. Charles Kean and Mrs. Charles Kean (Her First Appearance since her indisposition) Together With Miss Laura Addison And Mr. James Wallack Will perform To-Night in the revived Tragedy of Othello. The Laughable Piece de Circonstance, called The Pas de Fascination Will be performed To-Night … After which, a Concert … [with arias by] Donizetti … To conclude with, an Original pièce de circonstance, in One Act, by J. Stirling Coyne, called The Pas de Fascination Or, Catching a Governor … Douglas Jerrold’s revived Drama of The Housekeeper; As Performed Before Her Majesty The Queen. His Royal Highness Prince Albert, The Royal Family … With (At Second Price) the Comedy of The Wonder … and last Nights Of the popular and acknowledged best Burlesque, entitled Camaralzaman and Badoura, Or, The Peri who loved the Prince … [London:] W.S. Johnson, “Nassau Steam Press,” … [1849]. Playbill (520 × 478 mm); in two columns, folded, with some creasing and light toning.

ii) **[Henry VIII.]** Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Last Four Nights of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kean and of
the Management of Mr. A. Harris … The Performance will commence with The Rendezvous! … After which, (At A Quarter To Eight) will be re-pre-sented, With New Scenery, Dresses, and Appointments, Shakspeare’s His-torical Play of King Henry The Eighth. Terminating with the Dream Of Queen Katharine … To conclude with the Farce of Borrowing A Husband! … Grand Extra Night Friday, October 17th, For the Benefit of Mr. H. Barnett. (Acting Manager) … [London:] Printed by J. Miles & Co. … [c.1850].

iii) [Macbeth.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. [Caption title:] Under the Management of Mr. Charles Kean … Shakespeare’s Tragedy of Macbeth … [London, c.1853]. Playbill (504 × 249 mm); one column, possibly attached from the rest of the playbill, some light toning, two crude tape repairs, some light creasing, with one larger tear, not affecting text.

iv) [Macbeth.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Under the Man- agement of Mr. Charles Kean … Shakespeare’s Tragedy of Macbeth … After which … a new Drama, in Three Acts … Marco Spada … Anne Blake will be repeated on Thursday next … [London:] John K. Chapman and Co., Steam Machine Printers … [1853]. Playbill (495 × 698 mm); tri-fold lightly toned with some creasing, minor tears.


vii) [The Tempest / Richard II.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Last Week of Shakespeare’s Play of The Tempest on Monday, Nov. 23rd, 1857 … [it] will commence with a new Farce, in one Act, by John Oxenford, Esq., entitled A Case of Conscience … after which … Shakespeare’s Play of The Tempest … on Monday next, Nov. 30, will be reproduced Shakespeare’s Tragedy of King Richard The Second … [London:] John K. Chapman and Co., Steam Machine Printers … [1857]. Playbill (480 × 710 mm); tri-fold on blue paper, some light toning and creasing, a small (1 cm²)
torn through one of the letters in the second column, unaffectioning text, and a crude tape repair to lower left-hand corner.

viii) [Henry VIII.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Mr and Mrs Charles Kean every Evening. In consequence of the great Success attending the Reproduction of Henry the Eighth, it will be repeated every Evening until further Notice … Monday, Sept. 8th, and during the Week the Performances will commence with the lost letter … after which … King Henry the Eighth! … To conclude every Evening, the laughable Farce of Two Polts … [London:] G. Stapleton, Printer … [c.1858]. Playbill (475 × 493 mm); in two columns, folded; some light toning and creasing, printer’s ink smudges towards head above theatre name, unaffectioning text.

ix) [Hamlet / King Lear.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Louis the Eleventh will be repeated To-night, for the last Time this Season … to conclude with a new Farce, by Messrs. Stirling Coyne and Coupe, entitled Samuel in search on Himself … Shakespeare’s Tragedy of Hamlet will be repeated (for the last Time this Season) on Monday next … on Saturday next, April 17th, will be produced, Shakespeare’s Tragedy of King Lear … [London:] John K. Chapman and Co., Steam Machine Printers … [1858]. Playbill (505 × 500 mm); in two columns, folded; lightly toned, some creasing at edges.

x) [Much Ado About Nothing / Macbeth, King John.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Under the Management of Mr. Charles Kean … farewell Season of Mr. Charles Kean as Manager of The Princess’s Theatre. This Evening, Saturday, Nov. 20th, 1858 the Performance will commence with the Comedietta, in one Act, entitled Living Too Fast … After which will be revived Shakespeare’s Comedy of Much Ado About Nothing … Macbeth will be repeated … Preceded by a new Farce, to be called Thirty Three, Next Birth Day. Shakespeare’s Comedy
of Much Ado About Nothing will be repeated … Preceded by the Farce of Living Too Fast! King John will be repeated on Thursday next … [London:] John K. Chapman and Co., Steam Machine Printers … [1858]. Playbill (506 × 500 mm); in two columns, folded; lightly toned with some creasing at edges.

xi) [Much Ado About Nothing / Macbeth.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Farewell Season of Mr. Charles Kean as Manager of The Princess’s Theatre … This Evening, Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 1858, the Performances will commence with the Comedietta, in One Act, entitled Living Too Fast … after which, will be Repeated Shakespeare’s Comedy of Much Ado About Nothing … to conclude with (26th Time) a new Farce, by J.M. Morton, Esq., entitled Thirty Three, Next Birth Day … Shakespeare’s Tragedy of Macbeth will be repeated To-Morrow … on Monday, December 27th, (Boxing Night) will be produced a new grand comic Christmas Pantomime, entitled the King Of The Castle Or, Harlequin Prince Diamond And The Princess Brighteyes! … preceded by Colman’s Comedy of The Jealous Wife … [London:] John K. Chapman and Co., Steam Machine Printers … [1858]. Playbill (500 × 490 mm); in two columns, folded, lightly toned with creasing and small tears, crude tape repairs along middle fold, some soiling (probably from printing press) on second column, though not affecting legibility.
xii) [Henry V.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Under the Management of Mr Charles Kean … Last Weeks Of Mr Charles Kean’s Management … Monday, June 6th, 1859, and during the Week … Shakespeare’s Historical Play of King Henry the Fifth. Chorus, at the commencement of each Act, Mrs Charles Kean … [London:] G. Seapleton, Printer … [1859]. Playbill (509 × 500 mm); in two columns, folded, lightly toned and creased.

xiii) [A Midsummer Night’s Dream / King VIII.] Royal Princess’s Theatre, Oxford Street. Last Night but one of Mr. Charles Kean’s Management … This Evening, Saturday, Aug. 27th, 1859, will be presented … Mr. Lovell’s Play, entitled The Wife’s Secret … to conclude with … Shakespeare’s Midsummer Night’s Dream … the last Night of the Season, will be next Monday, Aug. the 29th and will conclude Mr. C. Kean’s Management, when will be presented Shakespeare’s King Henry the Eighth preceded and followed by a Farce … [London:] “Nassau Steam Press,” W.S. Johnson … [1859]. Playbill (505 × 500 mm); in two columns, folded, lightly toned with creasing, large tear in upper right-hand corner of right column, affecting six or so lines of text only.

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