

**BOOKS,  
DOCUMENTS  
& MEMORABILIA**

**1****SAINT-SÉVERIN METEORITE**

**SUD-OUEST, JUNE 29, 1966.** French newspaper with an article about the Saint-Séverin meteorite fall which occurred on June 27, 1966. Newspaper in bad condition, article in good condition could be cut and put in a frame.

**2****ORGUEIL METEORITE**

**LE PETIT JOURNAL, MAY 26, 1864.** Newspaper with a short article about the meteor of Orgueil seen in southwest of France. It was published 12 days after the fall. Medium condition. Article could be cut to be framed.

**3****ORGUEIL METEORITE**

**LE PETIT JOURNAL, MAY 23, 1864.** Newspaper with a nice article about the meteorite fall of Orgueil and old meteorite falls. This newspaper was published 9 days after the fall. Medium condition.

**4****L'AIGLE METEORITE**

**JOURNAL DES DÉBATS.** August 3, 1803. Short advertising for a mineralogist store in Paris where l'Aigle specimens can be seen and most probably be bought. Medium condition.

**5****HAINAUT (BETTRECHIES) METEORITE**

**M. LECOMPTE, L'AÉROLITHE DU HAINAUT. 1935.** Complete Mémoires du Musée royal d'Histoire naturelle de Belgique. Mémoire n° 66. Presents the fall and find of the meteorite ; a large part of the Memoir is about petrography of the meteorite. Bel exemplaire. (2 specimens available).

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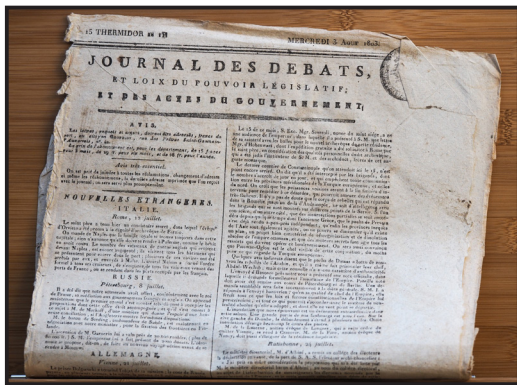
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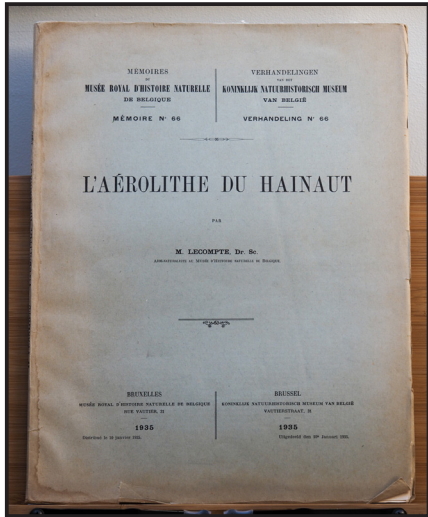
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**6****HAINAUT (BETTRECHIES) METEORITE**

**R. BRECKPOT, M. LECOMPTE, L'AÉROLITHE DU HAINAUT - ÉTUDE SPECTROSCOPIQUE. 1935.** Complete Mémoires du Musée royal d'Histoire naturelle de Belgique. Mémoire n° 66. Presents the spectrographic study of the meteorite ; with some thin sections photos of the meteorite. Uncut pages. Nice specimen.

**7****HAINAUT (BETTRECHIES) METEORITE**

**R. MARLIÈRE. AU JOUR LE JOUR, À LA RECHERCHE DE L'AÉROLITHE DU HAINAUT.** Published in Mémoires et publications de la Société des sciences, des arts et des lettres du Hainaut. 1964. Beautifully illustrated article (map, photos), 18 pages, devoted to the fall and research of the stones of the meteorite of Hainaut (France). In great condition.

**8****CHERVETTAZ METEORITE**

**M. LUGEON, LA MÉTÉORITE DU BOIS DE LA CHERVETTAZ PRÈS DE CHÂTILLENS. 1904.** Great report about this swiss meteorite fall with a nice map of the strewnfield.

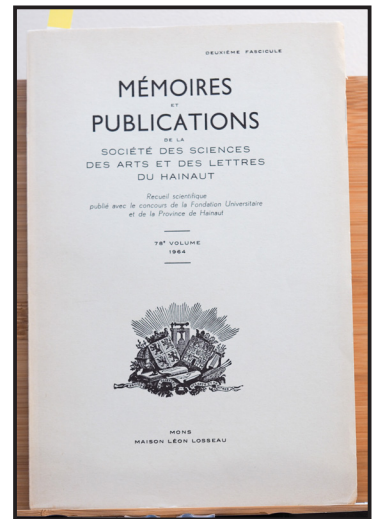
**9****ALLAN HILLS METEORITES (ANTARCTICA)**

**NIPR (JAPAN). LOCALITY MAP OF ANTARCTIC METEORITES - SHEET 1 ALLAN HILLS. 1976-1978.** Rare map and explanatory booklet of Allan Hills 76 - 77 - 78 series of meteorites. In great condition.

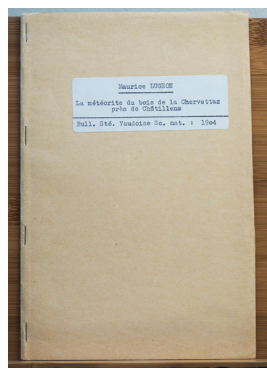
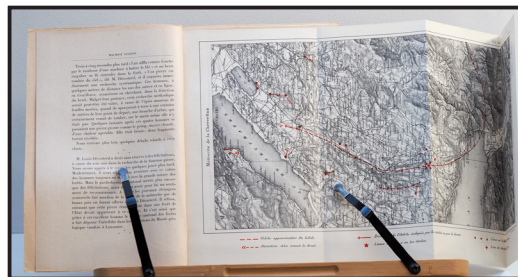
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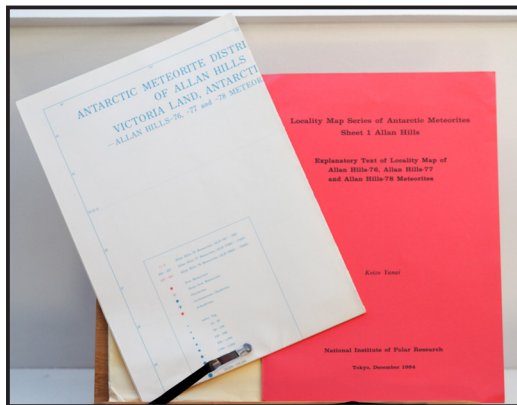
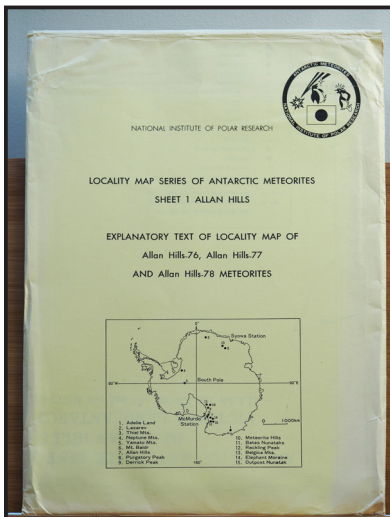
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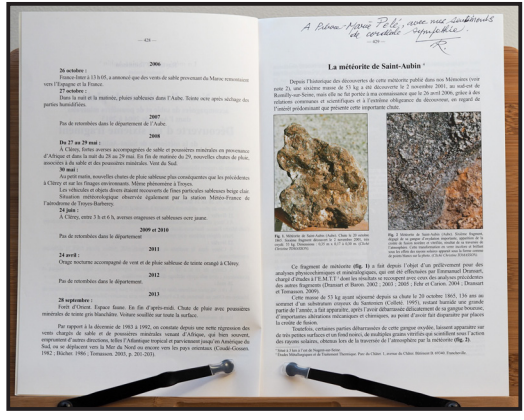
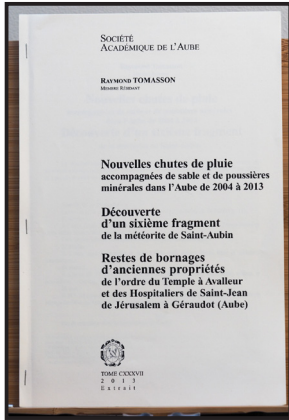
**10****SAINT-AUBIN METEORITE**

**R. TOMASSON. DÉCOUVERTE D'UN SIXIÈME FRAGMENT DE LA MÉTÉORITE DE SAINT-AUBIN.** Published in Société Académique de l'Aube. 2013. Signed specimen by the author. Article with photos on the sixth specimen found of Saint-Aubin meteorite. In great condition.

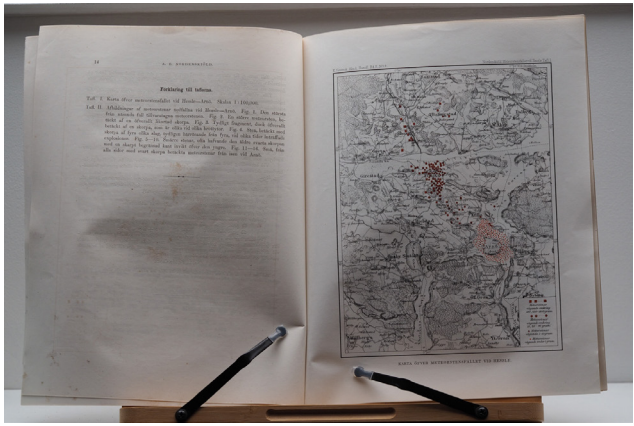
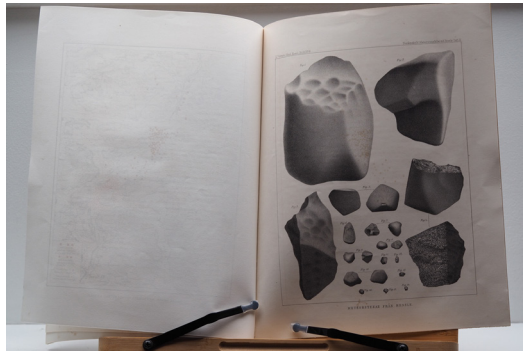
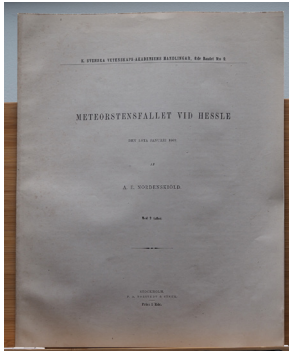
**11****HESSLE METEORITE**

**A. E. NORDENSKIÖLD. METEORSTENSFALLET VID HESSLE DEN 1 JANUARI 1869.** Published in 1870. 14 pages with one page of Hessle specimens and 1 page of strewnfield map in color. Good condition.

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# 12 JEAN-BAPTISTE BIOT LETTER TO LOUIS CLAUDE DE FREYCINET JANUARY 25, 1841

Here is a letter written and signed by Jean-Baptiste Biot, with a wax seal on it, and addressed to Louis Claude de Freycinet, a member of the Bureau des Longitudes in Paris ; it is dated January 25, 1841, in which he recommends Urbain Le Verrier who lives then in difficult conditions to be a member of the Bureau des Longitudes.

Urban Le Verrier is then 29 years old, is married, has a child, and having to live only his small place of tutor at the Ecole Polytechnique ; every day, he has to give a large part of his time and his strengths to private lessons that he would use so well to the perfection of theoretical astronomy.

J. B. Biot urged Mr. Freycinet and the Bureau des Longitudes to help Mr. Le Verrier.

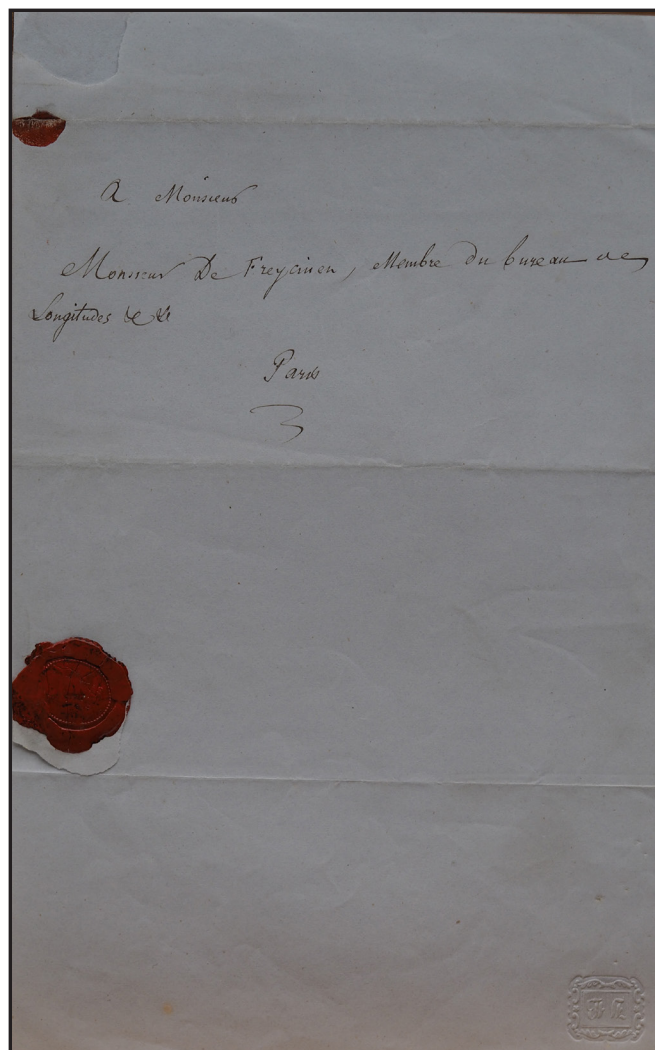
Unfortunately, Le Verrier will not be elected, as well as the candidate who is opposed to him. The position will remain

vacant for two years before being occupied by Victor Mauvais.

In 1841, the British John Couch Adams speculates that an unknown planet would be the cause of the disturbances observed for Uranus but without being able to prove it.

In 1846, Urbain Le Verrier managed to calculate the orbit, the mass and the position of this hypothetical planet. Le Verrier then contacts Johann Galle, a young astronomer at the Berlin Observatory, and asks him to point his telescope at the place of the sky that his calculations indicate. Galle finds the predicted planet within one degree of the position calculated by Le Verrier. The news makes a lot of noise. Le Verrier is in the spotlight and « his » planet is called Neptune.

As a small part of the history of astronomy, this letter opened the doors of astronomy to Le Verrier and then contributed to his discovery of Neptune.





Paris le 25 janvier 1843

Mon cher confrère

Depuis notre dernière séance, j'ai appris, sur M<sup>r</sup> Le Verrier, des détails qui m'étaient inconnus, et qui pourraient l'être aussi à d'autres membres du bureau. M<sup>r</sup> Le Verrier a 29 ans, est marié, a un enfant; et, n'ayant pour vivre que sa petite place de répétiteur à l'école Polytechnique, il est obligé, chaque jour, de donner, à des leçons particulières, une portion du temps, et des forces, qu'il emploierait si bien, et avec tant d'ardeur au perfectionnement de l'Astronomie théorique. N'y aurait-il pas une sorte de barbarie à le laisser dans cette situation, pour gratifier un homme déjà ~~de~~ <sup>à</sup> l'âge, qui n'a rendu aucun service à l'Astronomie; et dont le sort est assuré dans une carrière <sup>Toute</sup> différente? ne serait-ce pas dénaturer l'institution du bureau des longitudes, que d'agir ainsi; et est-ce là l'exemple que nous ont donné nos prédécesseurs. Je soumetts cette question à votre conscience, comme à vos lumières.

Votre dévoué confrère

J. B. Biot

Monsieur Fresneau membre du bureau des longitudes.