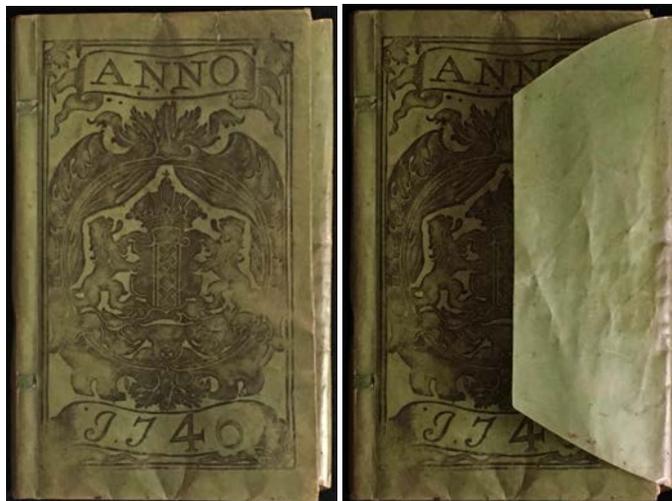


[ALMANAC]. Jan Albertsz van Dam (1670-1746). *D'Erven Stichters Comptoir Almanach, Op't Jaar onses Heeren Jesu Christi 1746. Voorsien met alle de Jaar-, Paarden-, Beesten- en Leer-markten. Als mede de Vacantien, het varen der Trek-schuyten en Beurt-schepen, het Reysen der Posten en Boden, &c. Nevens de Maans Op en Ondergang, Door Jan Albertsz van Dam.* Amsterdam, Gerrit Bos for Hendrik & Abraham Lammertyn, 1746.

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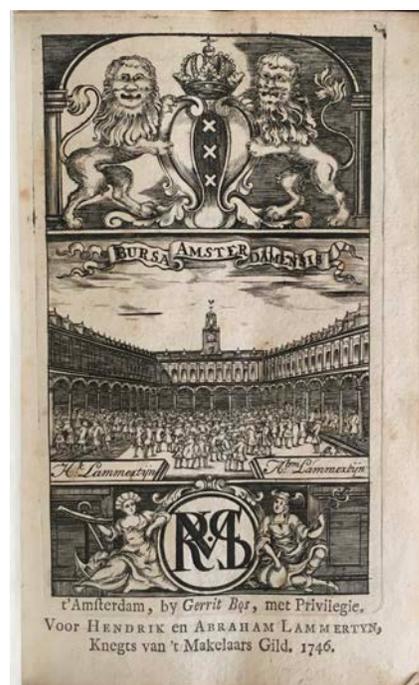
Publisher's supple green vellum cover with enclosure flap, impressively stamped with a large armorial emblem of the city of Amsterdam and the date of publication, 1746. Minor rubbing to the exterior and some a faint whisper of spotting, but a lovely and exceptionally well-preserved copy. **Rare item and especially uncommon in this condition.**

#### RARE DUTCH POCKET ALMANAC: 18<sup>th</sup> CENTURY AMSTERDAM STOCK MARKET

Notably included in this copy, a four-leaf gathering distinguishing it from other editions issued in Amsterdam by the same editor (Jan Albertsz van Dam): a list of 373 sworn brokers (gezwooren makelaars) of the city of Amsterdam, the names of the officers of the brokerage Guild, and the names of 32 Jewish brokers and merchants (Joodsche makelaars) are listed. These pocket-sized annual almanacs were meant for merchants and businessmen, and often offered as presentation or promotional copies by the Dutch East India Company, (Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie, or VOC). In addition to the list of brokers, the engraved title page, which bears the city's coat of arms and a vignette of the stock exchange itself, emphasizes the link between the VOC and Amsterdam as a financial capital of Europe, and a symbol of power. And finally, a New Year's Blessing for the brokers and merchants.

Established in 1602 by the VOC, the Amsterdam Stock Exchange is one of the oldest securities market stock exchanges in the world.

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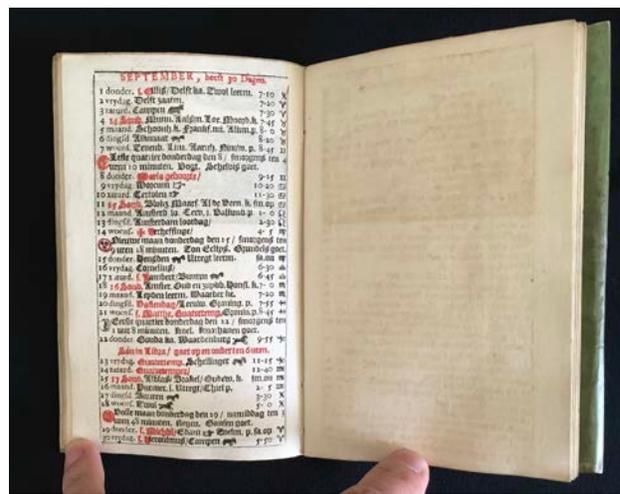
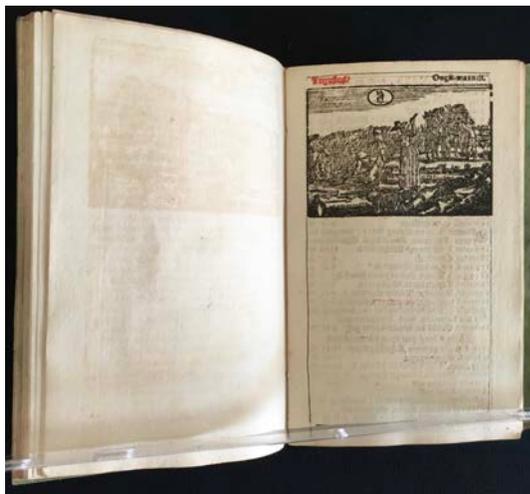
The volume's New Year's Blessing to all brokers and merchants provides interesting insight to the spirit of the VOC: the blessing wishes for booming trade and prosperous sailing as a buffer against "hellish fires", "foes", "sacrilegious Princes" and uncertain forces rising in Europe and neighboring Germany (1740 marked the beginning of the rivalry of the Austrian Habsburg Monarchy and the Kingdom of Prussia that would dominate 18<sup>th</sup> century Germany, with whom Holland shares a border). The blessing characterizes the spirit

of commerce embraced by the brokers, but also as very essence of the Dutch East India Company.



Left: The New Year's Blessing: commerce against chaos; right: the title page with the Amsterdam arms.

The volume consists of a wealth of topical information including listing of eclipses, the holidays in principal Dutch cities, a daily calendar with lunar cycles, market schedules for horses, livestock, and leather. The calendar is interfoliated with blank leaves so that each owner could make notes and remarks, and each month of the year is illustrated with a small woodcut representing that month's traditional activity (autumn harvest for September, for example). Further, there are shipping and barge schedules, departures of the post and mail service, the monthly cycles of the moon, as is customary for such almanacs.



The author, Jan Albertsz van Dam (1670 - 1746), was a mathematician , astronomer, almanac editor, land surveyor , poet , and teacher. From 1730 to 1746 he also was the examiner of new navigation officers for the Hoorn chamber of the Dutch East India Company (VOC).

The final pastedown contains a full page of manuscript notes as seen in the image below:

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