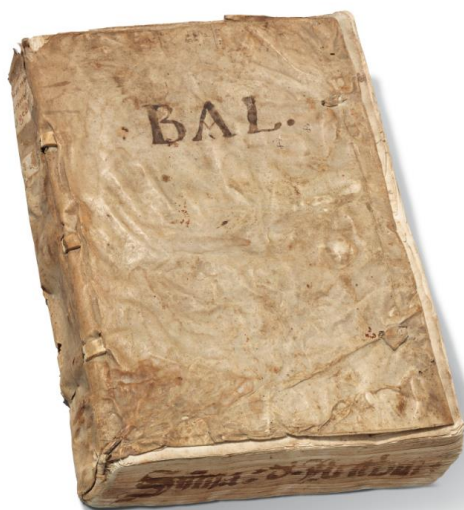


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SUMMA DE ARITHMETICA: THE BIRTH OF MODERN BUSINESS AND THE SPRING SALE OF BOOKS & MANUSCRIPTS INCLUDING AMERICANA

TOTAL: \$4,693,750



LUCA PACIOLI (1447-1517). *Summa de arithmetica, geometria, proportioni et proportionalita*.

Venice: Paganinus de Paganinis, November 1494.

Estimate: \$1,000,000 – 1,500,000

PRICE REALIZED: \$1,215,000

New York – On June 12, the Christie's New York **Summa de Arithmetica: The Birth of Modern Business** and the **Spring Fine Books and Manuscripts Including Americana** auctions achieved a total of **\$4,693,750**. The dedicated single-lot sale for **Luca Pacioli's Summa de Arithmetica** (1447-1517) realized **\$1,215,000** after two minutes of competitive bidding between the telephones and the room.

Notable results included **Edgar Allan Poe's gold pocket watch** bearing his engraved name within, which realized **\$250,000**; signed galley proofs of **Francis Crick and James Watson's articles on DNA: "Molecular Structure of Nucleic Acids,"** which achieved **\$350,000**, exceeding the high estimate of \$250,000; a first French edition of **Karl Bodmer's Voyage dans l'intérieur de l'Amérique du Nord**, which sold for **\$187,500**; and **Marcus Elieser Bloch's Ichthyologie, ou Histoire naturelle, generale et particuliere des poisson**, which realized **\$100,000**.

Additionally, strong results were achieved for **Benjamin Franklin's "the first American" letters to Henry Homes, Lord Kames**, which realized **\$106,000**; Albert Einstein's correspondences including two **letters between Albert Einstein and Paul Epstein**, which realized **\$93,750** and **\$81,250**; and a **Thomas Jefferson signed letter to John Page**, which realized **\$85,000**.

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NOTABLE RESULTS



KARL BODMER (1809-1893) – MAXIMILIAN ZU WIED-NEUWIED, Prince Alexander (1782-1867). *Voyage dans l'intérieur de l'Amérique du Nord exécuté pendant les années 1832, 1833, et 1834.*

Estimate: \$100,000 –150,000
PRICE REALIZED: \$187,500



EDGAR ALLEN POE (1809-1849) – French. An 18k gold key-wound quarter repeating open-face pocket watch.

Estimate: \$80,000 –120,000
PRICE REALIZED: \$250,000



FRANCIS CRICK (1916-2004) and JAMES WATSON (b.1928). Galley proof signed ("Francis Crick" and "James D. Watson") with two annotations. "Molecular structure of nucleic acids: A structure for deoxyribose nucleic acid." *Nature* 171 (1953): 737-738.

Estimate: \$180,000 – 250,000
PRICE REALIZED: \$350,000

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