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## A TREAT FOR BOOK BUYERS

*Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011*



*Lots 66, 16, 71, 72 & 19*

*Lot 71 is the classic Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, est £380 - £420*

The New Year brings another packed sale calendar and Chorley's next sale on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 will be a treat for book buyers who can choose from a large number of volumes from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century encompassing various subjects.

A strong section of children's books from **Just William** to **Beatrix Potter**, includes examples enriched by the work of some of the best loved illustrators such as **Edward Detmold** and **Arthur Rackham**. One of the finest examples is the classic tale of *Alice in Wonderland* by **Lewis Carroll**, Lot 71. This volume is number 781 of an edition of 1130 and is illustrated by **Arthur Rackham**, is estimated at £380-420.

An interesting collection of early prayer books and bibles goes as far back as Lot 97, a bible dated 1598. This was printed at London by the deputies of Christopher Barker and asks £200-300. Not quite as old but equally interesting is a collection of 17<sup>th</sup> Century books relating to Charles I and the English Civil War. Among these is a document, Lot 119, bearing the signature of Charles I when he was Prince of Wales. This document authorises a payment of £700, a phenomenal sum at that time but an unsurprising one given what we know about his expenditure. For example, at Christmas 1606 the bill for the linen worn by the King, Prince Henry and Prince Charles came to £4,776 – at this time, the Keeper of the King's hawks, a skilled position, was paid just over £36 per annum.

A good selection of natural history volumes is led by Lot 139, *Argentine Ornithology* by **Sclater and Hudson**, 1889. This was

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*Lot 185*  
*"Springtide of Life", watercolour*  
*by Arthur Rackham*  
*est £3000 - £4000*



*Lot 227*  
*Portrait of Quentin Crisp*  
*Oil on canvas by Gerard de Rose*  
*est £5000 - £7000*

produced as a subscriber's edition of just 200 copies and is accordingly scarce, estimate £800-1200.

Among the paintings any lovers of children's book illustrations have the opportunity to acquire an original **Arthur Rackham** watercolour. Lot 185, 'Springtide of Life', shows a nude female piper leading a group of putti bearing garlands of spring foliage in a merry procession, estimate £3,000-4,000.

A portrait of Quentin Crisp by **Gerard de Rose** and estimated at £5,000-7,000 is sure to arouse interest from lovers of this most flamboyant raconteur and icon of homosexual liberation in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. This stylish oil on canvas depicting the young Crisp seated cross-legged and with an umbrella in his right hand may well find its way into a private or public collection.

After the recent success Chorley's achieved with the sale of items from the estate of Sir Peter Scott in their December sale they hope to score another hit with **Robert Falcon Scott's** academic robe and hood, lot 486, estimate £500-800. Scott's first expedition to the Antarctic (The British National Antarctic Expedition) caught the public imagination and Scott became a popular hero. He was showered with medals and honours; notably the CVO conferred on him by Edward VII. It was also at this time that he was awarded an honorary degree (Doctor of Science) from Cambridge University and it is the associated academic gown and hood that are offered here.

Lot 591 is a particularly good quality **writing slope** dating from the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century continues the biblical theme. With various small ivory panels engraved with scenes from Noah and the Ark and the tale of Abraham it is offered at £800-1,200 and should achieve its estimate with ease.

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*VIEWING DAYS are Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-7pm, Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 8.30am-10.30am*



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