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The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby.

Stock#: 104101
Map Maker: Dickens
Date: 1838 -1839
Place: London
Color:
Condition: VG+
Size: 5.8 x 9 inches
Price: \$ 6,500.00



Description:

First Edition, First Issue, in Original Parts.

First edition, first issue, in original parts of Charles Dickens's vibrant and satirical novel following the life and adventures of young Nicholas Nickleby after his father's death leaves the family financially ruined. Forced to leave his home and seek a living, Nicholas, his sister Kate, and their mother turn to their cold and unscrupulous uncle, Ralph Nickleby. Nicholas's journey takes him from the oppressive and abusive confines of Wackford Squeers's Dotheboys Hall, a school for unwanted boys, to the hardships and trials of life in London. Throughout his travels, he encounters a wide array of characters, both villainous and virtuous, and fights to protect his sister and mother from exploitation and harm. The novel exposes social injustices and reflects on the author's critique of societal ills, including the brutal conditions of educational establishments of the time. It combines drama and comedy to explore themes of family, integrity, and the triumph of good over evil, culminating in a fulfilling resolution that sees justice served and the Nickleby family's fortunes restored.

Issue Points

First issue of the text with "visiter" in Part IV and "latter" in Part V.

Without one ad in Part VIII, but with the very rare ads in Part III and Parts XIX / XX.

This example with **all of the wafers**. "Some of [the ads] are scarce, such as "Amesbury's Supports" in Part 3, and particularly "Hill's Wafers" in Part 19/20. Where the latter is found, it should have affixed, five



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differently coloured specimen wafers, but it is unusual to see it in a complete state; more often than not, the wafers are lacking." (Hatton and Cleaver, 135)

Detailed Condition:

Twenty parts in nineteen. Octavo. Original green pictorial wrappers. (Plates generally clean and bright, with the exception of those in II (minor stain), XVIII (edges toned), XIX & XX (foxed). A few spines expertly mended. Several parts with early ink ownership signatures on front covers. Part XVII with ink stamp of a Bath subscription library.) Housed in modern ¼ blue morocco clamshell box and cloth chemise.