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# Dr. Syntax

Engravings and books of  
Rowlandson-Combe and Ackermann

## Rowlandson, Thomas (English 1756 - 1827)

A selection of works from the three tours of Dr. Syntax. Hand colored engravings of scenes drawn by Thomas Rowlandson to complement the text of William Combe, as published by R. Ackerman, London at various times and in various editions beginning in 1812. The selections here for the first tour, "The Tour of Dr. Syntax in Search of the Picturesque" are from the First American Edition, taken from the Second London Edition with plates engraved, published and sold by William Charles, Philadelphia, circa 1813. These engravings have a great amount of hand colored detail. The book available on the first tour (#3501) is the 3rd London edition. The selections from the second tour - "Dr. Syntax in Search of Consolation" and the third tour- "Dr. Syntax in Search of a Wife" are believed to be circa 1820s (The 2nd tour first published in boards in late 1820, the 3rd tour in 1821.) and are not as complete in the hand coloring of the details as those of the first tour. The engravings of the First Tour all generally have "Drawn and etched by Rowlandson" printed lower left of the image and in the lower center margin "London, pub. Aug. 16, 1813 at R. Ackermann's Repository of Arts, 101 Strand" or similar. The images are not always perfectly rectangular either. The engravings from the 2nd and 3rd tour are marked only "Drawn by Rowlandson". All are in protective archival mats.



For each of the works listed herein we give the condition of the work, the image size which includes the title, and the sheet size, which are all approximately the same as they were originally published in book format. As might be expected the condition shows age and tone with some soiling and foxing. The hand coloring on the engravings of the first tour is particularly good. The latter two tours are later issues and with less distinctive coloration and priced appropriately much less. More detail can be found on the web site for each item, particularly the books.

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## Doctor Syntax Works

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax setting out on his tour** 2655  
**to the lakes"** \$95  
**Date** 1813 **Height** 5" **Width** 7 7/8"



#1 (departure scene) Soiling in the margins and on reverse. Much foxing, some in the image. Age Tone. Good color. Sheet size - 5 5/8" x 9 1/4"

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax with My Lord"** 2660  
**Date** 1813 **Height** 4 5/8" **Width** 7 3/8" \$110



#14. Soiling in the margins and on reverse. Some light stains in the front margin, age tone but good color. Sheet size - 5 5/8" x 9 1/4"

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax made free of the** 2661  
**cellar"** \$110  
**Date** 1813 **Height** 4 3/4" **Width** 7 3/8"



#15 Soiling and minor staining in the margins and on reverse. Age tone but good color. Sheet size - 5 5/8" x 9 1/4"

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax drawing after nature"** 2662  
**Date** 1813 **Height** 4 3/4" **Width** 7 1/4" \$110



#17 Soiling in the margins and on reverse. A few fox marks. Age tone. A 2" tear slanting across the upper margin reaching to the image edge (taped on reverse). good color. Sheet size - 5 1/2" x 9 1/4"

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax returned from his** 2663  
**tour"** \$110  
**Date** 1813 **Height** 4 11/16" **Width** 7 3/8"



#28 Soiling in the margins and on reverse. A few fox marks and light stains - none in the image area. Age tone but good color. Sheet size - 5 3/4" x 9 1/4"

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax stopt by** 2656  
**Highwaymen"** \$110  
**Date** 1813 **Height** 5" **Width** 7 7/8"



#3 Soiling in the margins and on reverse. A few fox marks and minor stains. Age tone but good color. Sheet size - 5 5/8" x 9 1/4"

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## Doctor Syntax Works

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax Bound to a tree by Highwaymen"** 2657  
**\$110**

**Date** 1813 **Height** 5" **Width** 7 1/2"



#4, . Soiling in the margins and on reverse. A few fox marks, several in the image. Age tone but good color. Sheet size - 5 5/8" x 9 1/4"

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque". **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax pursued by a bull"** 2658  
**\$110**

**Date** 1813 **Height** 4 5/8" **Width** 7 1/8"



# 8 Soiling in the margins and on reverse. Several minor spots in the image. Age tone but good color. Sheet size - 5 3/8" x 9 1/4"

1. "The Tour of Dr. Syntax In Search of the Picturesque". **Item #**  
**Dr. Syntax mistakes a gentleman's house for an inn** 2659  
**\$110**

**Date** 1813 **Height** 5" **Width** 7 7/16"



#9 Soiling in the margins and on reverse. A minor stain in the white of the tablecloth. Age tone but good color. Sheet size - 5 1/2" x 9 1/4"

2. "Dr. Syntax, in Search of Consolation" **Item #**  
**"Miss Worthy's Marriage, Dr. Syntax in the Chair"** 3673  
**\$30**

**Date** ca 1820+ **Height** 5" **Width** 8"



#24 of 2nd tour, Good condition: Age toning to paper, rough bottom edge where removed from book binding, some foxing on front and rear. Original book page size = 6 x 9.75"

2. "Dr. Syntax, in Search of Consolation" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax and the Gypsies."** 3672  
**\$30**

**Date** ca 1820+ **Height** 5" **Width** 8"



#5 of 2nd tour, , #36 from beginning of series. Good condition. Light age toning to paper, rough bottom edge where removed from book binding. Several minor small stains on reverse. original book page size = 6 x 9.75"

2. Dr. Syntax, in Search of Consolation" **Item #**  
**"Dr. Syntax, Setting out on His 2nd Tour"** 3671  
**\$30**

**Date** ca 1820+ **Height** 5" **Width** 8"



#4 of 2nd tour, " #35 from beginning of series. Good condition. Light age toning to paper, rough bottom edge where removed from book binding, a few stains on reverse. Original book page size = 6 x 9.75"

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## Doctor Syntax Works

3. "Dr. Syntax in Search of a Wife  
"The Banns Forbidden."

Item #  
3674

3. "Dr. Syntax in Search of a Wife"  
"Dr. Syntax with a Blue Stocking  
Beauty."

Item #  
3675

Date ca 1821+ Height 5" Width \$30

8" Date ca 1821+ Height 5" Width \$30 8"



#5 of 3rd tour, #60 from beginning of series. Good condition. Age toning to paper, rough bottom edge where removed from book binding. Original book page size = 6 x 9.75"

#6 of 3rd tour, #61 from beginning of series. Good condition. Age toning to paper, rough bottom edge where removed from book binding, very minor stains on left and right sheet margin. Original book page size = 6 x 9.75"

3. "Dr. Syntax in Search of a Wife"  
"Dr. Syntax Presents a Floral  
Offering."

Item #  
3676

The Tour of Doctor Syntax in Search of the Picturesque. Pub. by Ackermann, 101 Strand, London, 3rd edition, April 1st, \$450

Item #  
3501

Date ca 1820+ Height 5" Width \$30

Date 1813 Height 9.5 Width 6.25



#8 of 3rd tour, #63 from beginning of series. Good condition. Age toning to paper, rough bottom edge where removed from book binding, a few stains on reverse. Original book page size = 6 x 9.75"

Tight binding in good condition, some pencil marks on the front blank pages, stains on edges of some pages not going into the text, particularly on page iii, 1,2, and 95 to 100. paper somewhat toned with some bleeding. More detail on web site.

Dr. Syntax, The tour of in Search of the Picturesque.

Item #  
3768

Book: Rowlandson, Thomas, Water Color Drawings.

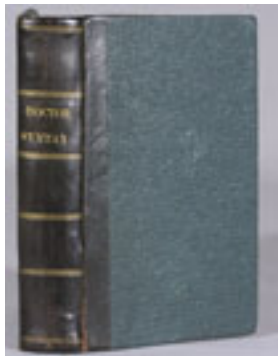
Item #  
3599

Published by R. Ackermann,  
London. Miniature edition \$425

Heintzelman, Arthur W. Pub by  
Watson-Guptill Publications, NY \$8

Date 1823 Height 5.675 Width 3.75

Date 1947 Height 13 Width 10 1/4



Rebound and missing the Ackermann ad and the first 2 pages of Canto 1, but with instead plate #5 from tour #2, (Dr. Syntax and the Gypsies). End papers toned and show some separation at binding. tear in rear end paper. More detail on web site.

Catalogue of 52 watercolors in the collection of the Boston Public Library, each printed on separate page (some color, some b/w) with text on each on opposite page. Also articles by Heintzelman. Hard cover. dust jacket. 127 pages