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19th and 20th Century Fine Bindings

Although their simple structure may indicate that parchment bindings were utilized to protect cheap editions or as temporary bindings, in the following centuries, parchment was also used to manufacture elegant bindings featuring a gold-tooled decoration.

Sixteenth

While the machines turn out cased books for transient use, hand binders are producing bindings for the shelves of scholars and collectors.

17th Century: Refinement in Style

Octavo, 766 pages; VG; bound in three quarters red morocco by Sangorski and Sutcliffe, with their stamp, red cloth boards, paneled spine with gilt titling and tooling; marbled endpapers; top edge gilt; bookplate to front pastedown; two pages added preceding the title page, with a personalized calligraphic message; very mild wear, primarily to corners; shelved case 9.

Twentieth

A full leather binding bound by contemporary binder Karen Hanmer of Illinois. The leather and metal clasps of 15th century bindings gave way to ribbon ties or no fastenings at all.

17th Century: Refinement in Style

Although books were initially stored with their fore edges outward, soon books started to be stored on the shelves spine out. As is typical with 17th century bindings, only a few tie downs for the sewn endbands were used, in this case five, which can be seen where the leather on the spine is missing.

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