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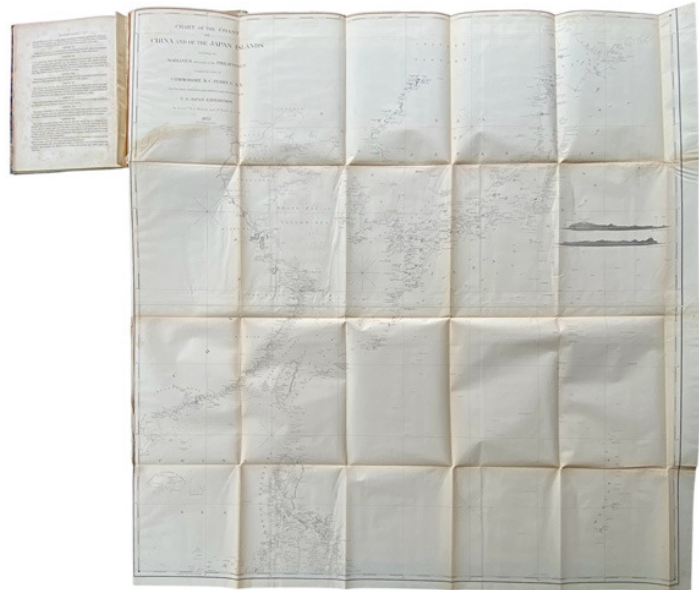
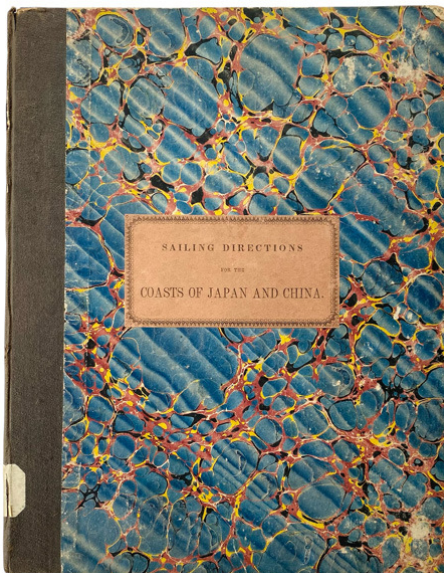


JAPAN – A SHORT CATALOGUE

1. **MAURY, William Lewis & Silas BENT - Sailing Directions and Nautical Remarks; by officers of the late U.S. naval expedition to Japan, under the command of Commodore M.C. Perry**

Washington: A.O.P. Nicholson, 1857

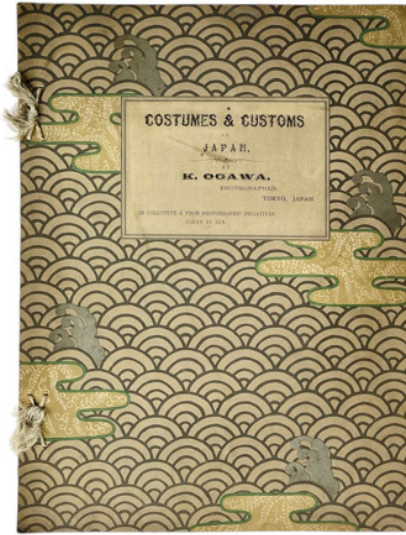
First separately issued edition of this report of surveys of Japanese waters conducted during Commodore M.C. Perry's expedition to Japan 1853-54. Quarto, 23.5cm x 30cm, pp 21, [18]. Contains the extra-large "Chart of the Coast of China and of the Japan Islands", 107cm x 109cm, drawn by Edward Sels, dated 1855. Also includes a "Fac-simile of the original treaty with Japan, with the English version". The information in this book was originally published in Perry's three volume report on his expedition but appears here as Perry considered this information would be useful to mariners. Bound in original quarter cloth over marbled boards with printed label to upper board. The map has a 15cm tear at the gutter repaired with old tape, else all in Very Good condition. [B8913] £1,200



2. **OGAWA Kazumasa (1860-1929) – Costumes and Customs in Japan. Two volumes**
Tokyo: K. Ogawa, 1895 [Meiji 28]

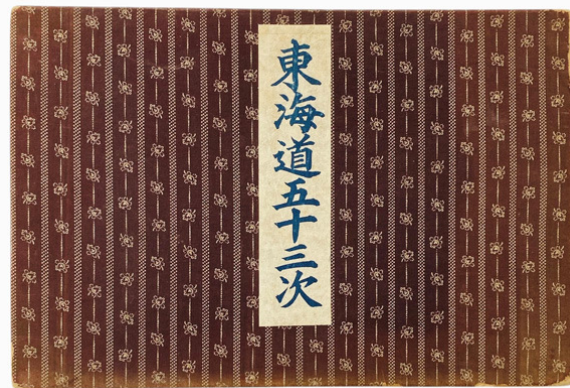
Two volumes, complete. Each 29.5cm x 40cm, silk tied card wraps. Each volume has twelve collotype plates with tissue guard. The second volume also has a printed note at

front where Ogawa thanks Prof. Burton of the Imperial University for negatives of several of the plates. Both volumes are with the colophon bound in at rear in Japanese, as called for. In Very Good Plus condition, clean and unmarked within, no spotting of foxing; covers a little marked and dust dulled, volume two has a crease across the lower corner of the rear cover also affecting the final plate. [B9115] £900



3. **Utagawa (Ando) HIROSHIGE (1797-1858) - Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido**
東海道五十三次, *Tōkaidō Gojūsan-tsugi*

Oblong folio, concertina style with images on both sides, containing 55 woodblock prints, 36.5cm x 24.5cm. Circa 1900 [?]. Hinges of boards professionally strengthened with new washi tape. Brown patterned silk covered hard boards, Japanese title label to upper board. The fifty-five prints include the start (Nihonbashi) and finish (Sanjo Ohashi) of the route. Prints have pencil number and caption in English at the bottom, else in fine condition. Boards a little rubbed. [B8803] £2,500



4. **OGAWA Kazumasa (1860-1929) – Japanese Shipping Ancient and Modern**

Tokyo: Mercantile Marine Bureau, Department of Communications, March 1909.

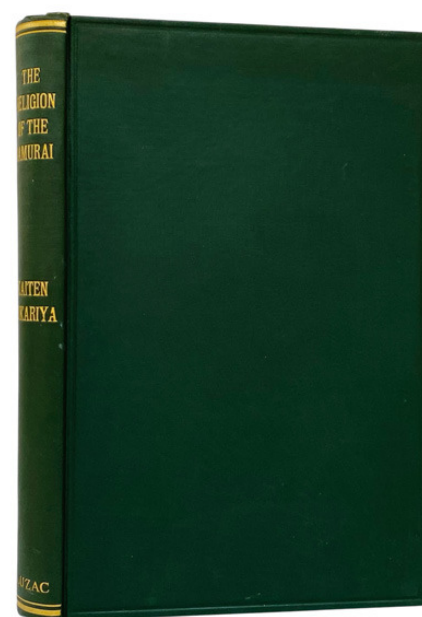
First edition. Two volumes. Oblong folio with 67 full page images and oblong octavo with detailed captions in English and Japanese. Both with silk covered hard boards and purple silk ties. Ex-libris University Club of Seattle library with bookplates to front paste-downs. Near Fine condition, a little rubbing to the silk at corners of the boards. Rare, OCLC lists four holdings only (U. Wash, V&A London, BL & Waseda U.). There was another edition printed in November 1909 which had 73 images but seemingly was issued without the text volume. [B8802] £3,250



5. **NUKARIYA, Kaiten - The Religion of the Samurai. A Study of Zen Philosophy and Discipline in China and Japan**

London: Luzac & Co., 1913

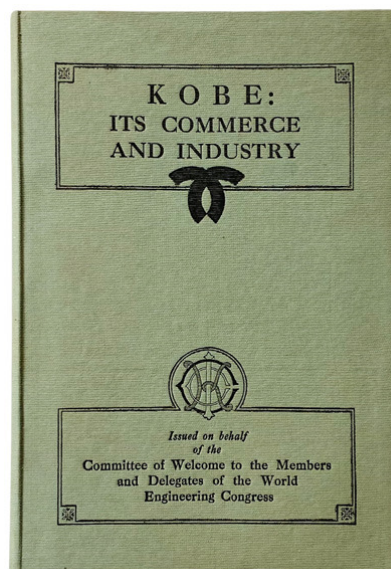
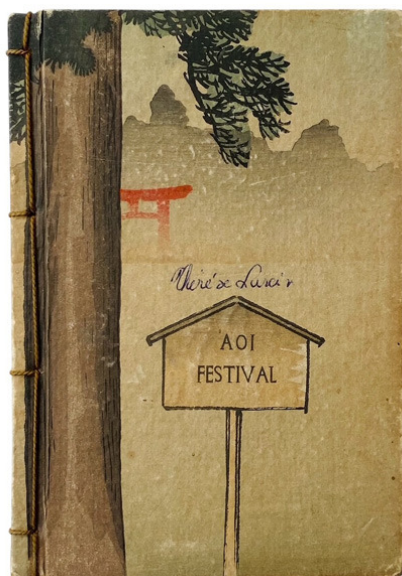
First edition. Royal octavo, pp xxii, 253. Bound in green cloth covered hard boards, gilt to spine. No jacket. Other than a small bookseller's label to the bottom of the front pastedown the book is clean and unmarked internally. Boards and gilt are bright and clean, corners sharp, binding tight. The only issue to note is that several of the pages show some light paper creasing, presumably either from handling or a printing issue. Overall the book grades Near Fine. Scarce book in commerce though widely held institutionally. [JMB-68] £300



6. **AKIYAMA, Aisaburo - The Aoi Festival**

Kyoto: Shotaro Sato, 1924

Second edition (although not noted within the book, OCLC lists an earlier 1918 printing). Small octavo, 12cm x 17cm, 25 pages. With a folding illustration bound in at the front. String bound in Japanese style in decorated paper covered rigid boards. The bottom of the title page notes that this book is on sale at the Miyako Hotel in Kyoto. The Aoi Matsuri (葵祭), also referred to as the Kamo Festival in Kyoto, is held annually on May 15th. This book provides tourists and other visitors to Kyoto with an overview and information on the festival and the significance of the various elements of the procession. There is a small neat previous owner's name to the upper board; overall the book is in Very Good Plus condition. Uncommon. [B9158] £175



7. **KOBE: Its Commerce and Industry**

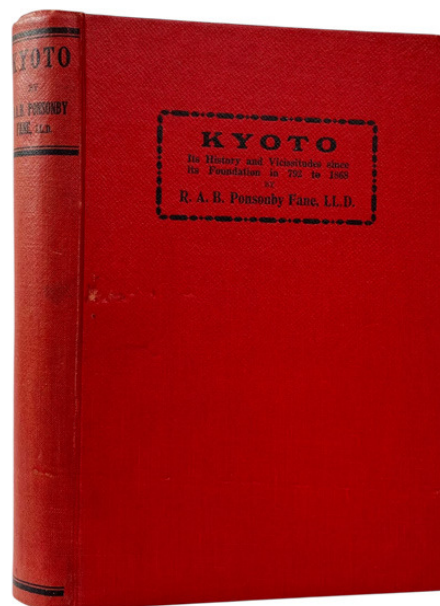
Kobe: Chamber of Commerce & Industry, [1929]

First edition, small octavo, 13cm x 19cm, 96 pages, bound in green cloth covered rigid boards. Issued on behalf of the Committee of welcome to the Members and Delegates of the World engineering Congress. Map of Kobe in colour facing the title page. The index lists another map at p97 which is lacking. Illustrated with photographs. A short book providing much information on the Kobe Chamber of Commerce and commercial activities in Kobe. Other than the missing map, this book would be in Fine condition. Rare, OCLC lists only one copy of this book at the British Library. [B8817] £150

8. **PONSONBY FANE, R.A.B. - Kyoto. Its History and Vicissitudes since its Foundation in 792 to 1868**

Hong Kong: Rumford Printing Press, 1931

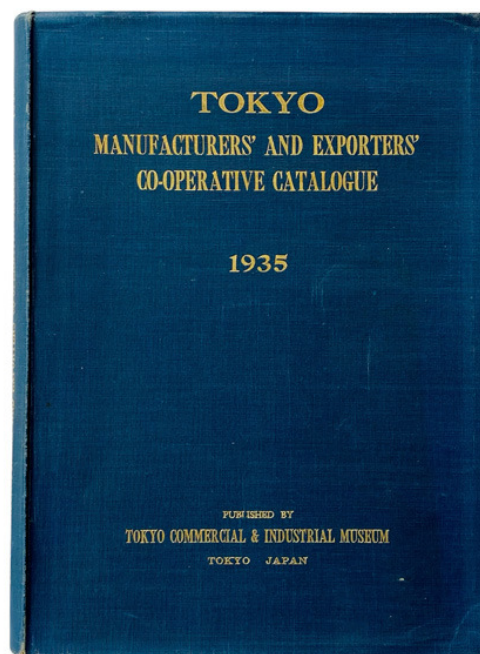
First edition. Octavo, pp [16], 434. With 28 illustrations, some being plans and maps. Bound in red cloth covered hard boards, with black lettering to spine and upper board. This volume collects four papers written by Ponsonby Fane for the Japan Society in London and published originally in volumes XXII to XXV of the society's journal. The book is clean inside, boards bright and undamaged, spine is unfaded, overall in Near Fine condition. Uncommon. [JMB-74] £200



9. **Tokyo Manufacturers' and Exporters' Co-operative Catalogue, 1935**

Tokyo: Tokyo Commercial & Industrial Museum

Third issue, 1935, of a catalogue first issued in 1933. Quarto, pp vii, vii, 265, [1], + 6 pages list of members of the Tokyo Exporters Association at rear. Each member has a one page entry for an advertisement of their goods, some are text only, others with illustrations including photographic. One page foreword written by Hiroshi Yano, President of the Tokyo Commercial and Industrial Museum, where he notes the success of the first two issues of this catalogue and that this third issue is expanded with more advertisers. Bound in blue cloth covered stiff card covers, with gilt lettering to front and spine. Internally clean, covers a little rubbed, overall Very Good Plus condition. Rare, OCLC lists only one copy of this book held at the National Diet Library in Japan.[B8827] £450

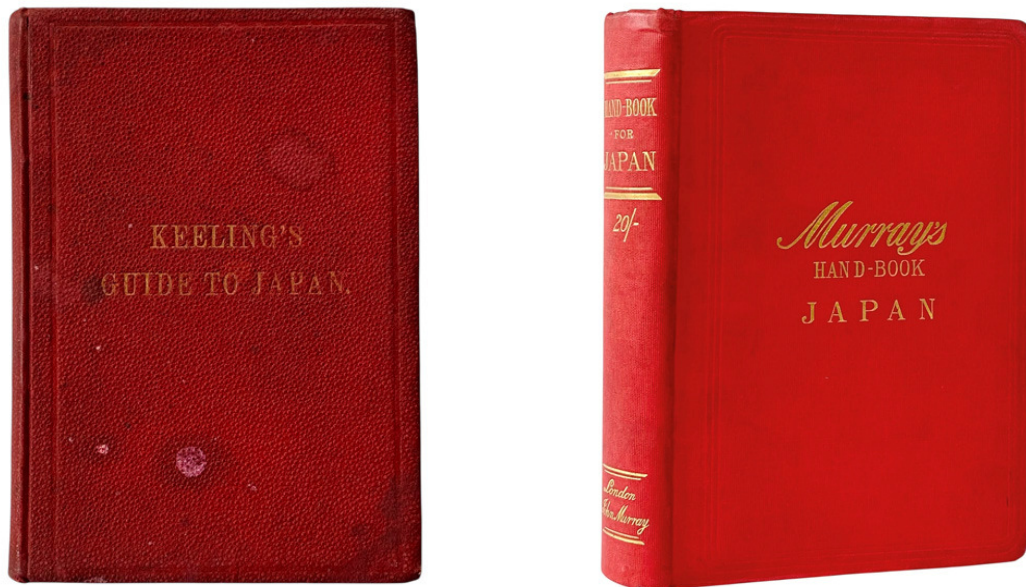


TOURISM & TRAVEL IN JAPAN

10. **FARSARI, A. - Keeling's Guide to Japan**

Yokohama: A. Farsari / Kelly & Walsh, Limited, 1890

Fourth edition, revised and enlarged, second issue. Small volume, 11.5cm x 16cm, pp [9], 164 + 14 pages commercial advertisements at rear. With ten maps, the map of Tokyo hand coloured. Bound in red leather effect boards, gilt title to upper. There is a small bookseller's label to the top corner of the front paste-down from Z. P. Maruya & Co. Otherwise internally clean and unmarked. Binding solid, covers and marked and stained. Overall Very Good condition copy of a scarce early guidebook. [B8754] £275



11. **CHAMBERLAIN, Basil Hall & W.B. MASON - A Handbook for Travellers in Japan, including the whole empire from Yezo to Formosa. With twenty-eight Maps and Plans and Numerous Illustrations**

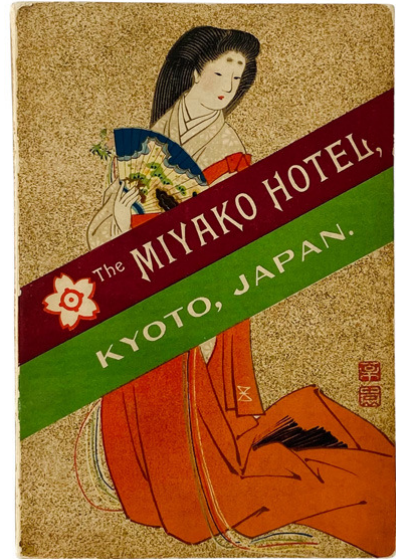
London: John Murray, 1899

Fifth edition, revised and augmented, of this long running and important travellers' guidebook. 12.5cm x 18cm, pp x, 577 + 54 pages commercial advertisements at rear. Bound in red fabric covered rigid covers. Folding map of Japan is present in the rear pocket. All other maps, plans and illustrations are present. Commercial adverts as the end papers including for Lane Crawford and for Kelly & Walsh to the front. An excellent early guidebook in Near Fine condition, covers bright and clean. [B9191] £135

12. **THOMSON, Bernard - A Guide to the districts of Kyoto, Nara and Yamada**

Kobe: H. Kodama, 1909

Fourth edition. 16mo, 10cm x 15cm, 190 pages, maps. Bound in decorated card wraps, advertising the Miyako Hotel, Kyoto. The first six pages and four photographs are about the Miyako Hotel, which, along with the Nara Hotel, the Gonikai at Yamada and the Arima Hotel, sponsored the guide book. A detailed guidebook covering Kyoto and the surrounding areas. In Very Good Plus condition. OCLC lists five holdings of this 1909 edition. Earlier editions of this guide credit Nihei Nishimura, rather than Bernard Thomson, as the author. [B8926] £275



13. **60 Selected Pictures of Mikados Empire. Fine Souvenir for Visit to Japan. Coloured by Hand**

[no colophon, no publisher's information, not dated, circa 1910]

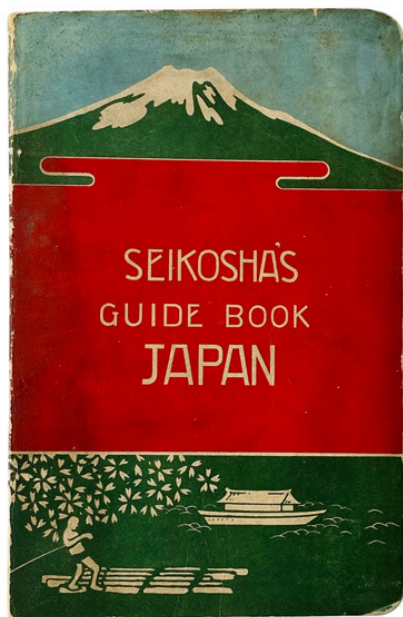
Oblong octavo, 22cm x 15.5cm, punch-hole binding with cloth covered hard boards, paper title label pasted to upper cover, lacks the tie through the holes. Within are sixty coloured photo images, each with caption below. The colouring was carried out prior to printing, the book itself is not individually hand coloured. With one plate showing trams on Nihombashi Street, which commenced service in 1903, as well as early motor cars, and another mentioning Emperor Meiji, we date this volume circa 1910. In Very Good condition, clean inside, title label a bit rubbed and the string tie is lacking. [B9201] £120



14. **HIROOKA, Kosaku - The Latest Guide-Book for Travellers in Japan. Including Formosa, Chosen (Korea) and Manchuria**

Tokyo: Seiko-Sha / Maruzen Co. Ltd, 1914

First edition. Small octavo, 12cm x 18cm, pp xlii, 256 + 29 pages commercial adverts at rear. Bound in stiff card covers. Folding map of Japan by The Seiko Sha tipped in facing page 1. Illustrated. A comprehensive guidebook prepared by Hirooka who was secretary of the Kihin-kai, or Welcome Society of Japan, from its formation in 1893, and then one of the councilors from 1909 until the society was dissolved in 1914. This guidebook was intended to replace and update the society's own popular guide. In Very Good condition, first page dust marked, else clean internally, covers are somewhat grubby and there is a crease up the rear cover. OCLC lists only three copies of this 1914 edition including one in Japan at Waseda U. [B8753] £225



15. **Miyako Hotel Album**

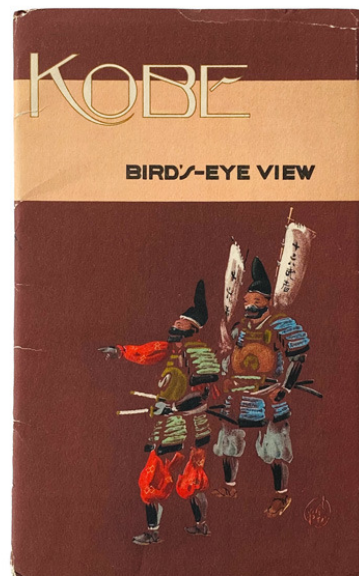
Kyoto: Miyako Hotel, no date, c1920(?)

Oblong octavo, 15.5cm x 22.5cm, containing 32 unnumbered leaves of plates, rectos only, each with a brief caption in English only. Bound in tan card wraps with title in gold to the upper cover. Complete with the original brown card slipcase. Several of the photo illustrations are in colour. Photographs show the exterior and interior of the hotel including rooms, bars and restaurants. A couple of the captions refer to the 'new annex' which may provide a further clue to date. In Fine condition, well preserved by the slipcase. Rare, we find two copies only on OCLC, both at University of California. [B8846] £240

16. **Japan – Handy Travellers’ Guide 1922**

Tokyo : Japan Government Railways, 1922

First edition. Small octavo, 12cm x 18cm, 60 pages, plus maps, photo illustrations and colour prints throughout the book. There is also a large colour map bound in at the rear, titled “Map of Japanese Government Railways”. Bound in soft wraps with purple silk ties. Issued by the JGR, this book has much focus on the railway system with diagrams of the various train carriages on the Tokyo-Shimonoseki Special service as well as rail timetables and a detailed folding fare chart at rear. In Very Good condition, with a stain at the top of the front cover, and a little corner wear at top rear. [B8877] £120



17. **A Bird's Eye View of Kobe**

Osaka: Toppan Printing Co. Ltd, not dated [mid 1930's]

Fold-out panoramic bird's eye view of Kobe, in card wraps, 14cm x 22cm, the panorama opening to 80cm x 21cm. Shows the region and the railway lines from Osaka through Kobe to Himeji. Orientated to view towards the sea, the artist has given much detail, in a three-dimensional format, to the cities and transport links and added silver tone clouds around. There is an artist's signature in a small box at right, but this remains unidentified. The panorama is in Fine condition, the covers a little worn and rubbed at edges. [B8834] £280



18. **Pop-up Souvenir – Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Nikko**

Stiff card covers, decorated, 15cm x 10cm, opens to reveal a pop-up of the shrine, and with sliding brass clip to keep the pop-up open. Not dated but circa 1930's. The rear cover has a map of the vicinity, showing the route to the shrine including from the Nikko Kanaya Hotel. An attractive and uncommon tourist souvenir. In just about Fine condition. [C8843] £225



19. **YAMAGUCHI, H.S.K. - In Commemoration of the Completion of the Flower Palace, Fujiya Hotel and the Fuji-View Hotel**

Miyanoshita, Hakone: The Fujiya Hotel, 1936

First edition. Quarto, 19cm x 27cm, text in Japanese though with the one page introduction, written by H. Yamaguchi, the hotel's Managing Director, and photograph captions also in English. Unpaginated. Bound in card wraps. A commemorative book issued by the hotel upon the rebuilding and expansion of the buildings damaged in the 1923 Great Earthquake. Includes numerous photographs, building plans and floor layouts and at the rear 41 pages of commercial advertisements of companies, engineers, builders and suppliers, involved in the building project. There is a blue ink stamp of the hotel information office to the upper cover, else the book is clean, covers a little worn with a 2cm closed tear to the bottom edge and a chip to the lower corner of the rear cover. Overall book grades Near Fine. [B8828] £300



20. **KANAYA, Masao – Nikko Kanaya Hotel 80 Years**

Nikko: Kanaya Hotel Company Ltd., 1954

First edition. Folio, 21cm x 30cm, 48 pages (unnumbered). Bound in stiff card wraps decorated with a colour illustration by Kohei Sakami of the hotel with the Shinkyo Bridge in the foreground, to front and rear covers. Bilingual text in Japanese and English, with brief commentary on the hotel through its first 80 years; the main content of this book being photographs, multiple on each page, illustrating the history and operations of the hotel from its founding, as Kanaya Cottage-Inn in 1873 by Zenichiro Kanaya. The Nikko Kanaya Hotel, still operating today having recently celebrated its 150th anniversary is one of the oldest and best known resort hotels in Japan. Isabella Bird wrote of her time staying here and meeting Zenichiro Kanaya in her 1880 book, *Unbeaten Tracks in Japan*. The book is clean inside, covers well rubbed and the spine split throughout. Grades Good Plus. Rare, we find no copies on OCLC or in commerce. [B8812] £300

