Collection Summary
Title: Otto H. F. Vollbehr Collection of Printers' and Publishers' Marks
Span Dates: 1490-1820
Bulk Dates: 1536-1699
ID No.: RB015001
Creator: Library of Congress. Rare Book and Special Collections Division
Extent: 21 containers
Extent: Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 8.4
Extent: Approximate number of items: 15,000
Language: Collection material is primarily in Latin
Location: Rare Book and Special Collections Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2012659634
Summary: The Otto H. F. Vollbehr Collection of Printers' and Publishers' includes samples of such in nearly all of the major European countries. They chronicle the early example of printing through the seventeenth century.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Vollbehr, Otto H. F. (Otto Heinrich Friederich), 1869-1946
Völcker, Georg

Subjects
Colophons--Specimens.
Engraving--Printing--Specimens.
Imprints (Publishers' and printers' statements)--Specimens.
Printers' marks--Specimens.
Title pages--Specimens.
Wood-engraving--Printing--Specimens.

Titles
Printers' and publishers' marks
Vollbehr collection of printers' and publishers' marks

Form/Genre
Engravings.
Woodcuts.

Provenance
Otto Vollbehr, the donor of this collection, was a German industrialist whose family had made a fortune in the dyestuff industry; he took up book collecting when his physician recommended that he adopt a hobby following a railway accident which left him with a serious nervous condition. In addition to collecting books he acquired “ready-made” collections of 15th-18th century book illustrations and of printers’ marks, which Vollbehr gave to the Library of Congress in 1928.

Processing History
This collection was put together by Georg Völcker, who organized the collection and inserted full-page printed dividers bearing his name. The printers’ marks, (for the most part single leaves and cuttings) were hinged to stiff paper backings, which had become quite brittle and have been removed. Multiple hinges on the backs of the leaves and evidence of earlier paper backings make it clear that Völcker’s collection was in part assembled from additional ready-made collections.
Single items in the collection were used occasionally for staff presentations, but the collection was not otherwise processed until 2010.

**Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the Otto H. F. Vollbehr Collection of Printers' and Publishers' Marks is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.)

**Access and Restrictions**

The Otto H. F. Vollbehr Collection of Printers’ and Publishers’ Marks is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Rare Book and Special Collections Reading Room prior to visiting.

**Preferred Citation**

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Otto H. F. Vollbehr Collection of Printers’ and Publishers’ Marks, Rare Book and Special Collections Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Printers' and Publishers' Marks Collection of Otto Vollbehr (1872-1945) spans the years 1490-1820, with the bulk of the material dating from 1536-1699. The specimens are organized into a single alphabetical series, by country, city, printer, and date.

The content of the volumes from which they were taken, to infer from the title pages, is primarily religious or legal. It is likely that these title pages and other cuttings were taken from volumes that were destined to be discarded; many of them are stamped as duplicates.

**Arrangement of the Records**

This collection is arranged in 1 series:

- Printers’ and Publishers’ Marks (1536-1699)
## Description of Series

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**Czech Republic**  
Carlsbad, Prague, Trappau  
**Denmark**  
Copenhagen  
**England**  
| **BOX 2** | **France A-V (except Lyon and Paris)**  
Amberes, Angers, Arran, Avignon, Bordeaux, Bouillon, Caen, Carpentras, Dijon, Douai, Firmi, Gui, Goa, Grenoble, La Rochelle, Liege, Lille, Limoges, Lisieux, Marseilles, Metz, Mons, Montpellier, Nancy, Nantes, Nice, Orange, Orleans, Pézenas, Poitiers, Pont-à-Mousson, Reims, Rennes, Rouen, St. Germain, Saumur, Soissons, Tetonville, Toulouse, Touron, Tours, Trevoux, Troyes, Valence, Ville-Franche |
| **BOX 3** | France  
Lyon |
| **BOX 4** | France  
Paris |
| **BOX 5** | Germany A-C  
Aldorf, Altenberg, Altona, Amberg, Augsburg, Bamberg, Bautzen, Bayreuth, Berlenburg, Berlin, Blankenburg, Braidenberg, Braunschweig, Bremen, Breslau, Bützingen, Bützow, Carlsbad, Celle, Coburg, Cologne, Colmar |
| **BOX 6** | Germany D-G (except Frankfurt)  
Darmstadt, Dessau, Dessavia, Dresden, Duisberg, Düsseldorf, Eichstadt, Eisenach, Eisleben, Erfurt, Erlangen, Esslingen, Frankenthal, Frankfurt am Oder, Freiberg, Freiburg im Breslau, Freisingen, Geldern, Gera, Giessen, Görlitz, Goslar, Gotha, Göttingen, Greisswald, Groningen, Grottkau |
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Magdeburg, Mainz, Mannheim, Marburg, Meiningen, Mengeringhausen, Mühlhausen,  
Munich, Neuberg an der Danau, Münster |
| BOX 10    | Germany, N-S  
Neuberg an der Danen, Nuremberg, Oettingen, Offenbach, Onolsbach, Oppenheim,  
Osnabruck, Passau, Pedeponti, Pforzheim, Posen, Quedlinburg, Raupbeuren, Regensburg,  
Reutlingen, Rinteln, Rodelheim, Rostock, Schleswig, Schlettstadt, Siegen, Solingen,  
Speyer, Stettin, Stralsund, Strassburg, Straubing, Stuttgart, Sulzbach |
| BOX 11    | Germany, T-Z  
Trier, Tübingen, Ulm, Uelsen, Wahrenberg, Wandsbeck, Weimar, Weinheim, Weissenburg,  
Weissenfels, Wesel, Wittenberg, Wolffenbüttel, Worms, Würzburg, Zerbst, Zulichau,  
Zweibrücken, Zwickau |
|           | Hungary  
Budapest, Eger |
|           | Ireland  
Dublin |
| BOX 12    | Italy, A-Fe  
Alexandria, Alvisopoli, Amiterm, Ancona, Aquila, Arezzo, Bassono, Belluno, Bergamo,  
Bevagna, Bologna, Bracciano, Brescia, Cagliari, Camerino, Campania, Carpoi, Carrara,  
Cassalmaggiore, Catona, Cesena, Cheraseo, Como, Cremona, Cuneo, Este, Faenza, Fano,  
Fermo, Ferrara |
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Monteregali, Montisfuscoli |
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Pistoia, Ravenna, Reconate, Reggio, Rimini |
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Rome, Roveredo |
| BOX 16    | Italy, S-V (except Venice)  
Siena, Sora, Terni, Turin, Udino, Urbino, Vercelli, Verona, Vicenza, Viterbo |
| BOX 17    | Italy  
Venice, A-L |
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Venice, M-Z |
| BOX 19    | Luxembourg  
Netherlands, A-H  
Amsterdam, Arnheim, Delft, Deventer, Dordrecht, the Hague |
| BOX 20    | Netherlands, L-Z  
Leyden, Maastricht, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Zutphen |
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