

CHRISTIE'S

FINE PRINTED BOOKS INCLUDING COLLECTIONS OF BOOKS ON COOKERY AND OBSTETRICS

South Kensington – Wednesday 14 February 2007

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

Sold: £240,888 \$469,009 €358,923 Sale No: 5135
Lots Sold: 115 Lots Offered: 231 Sold by Lot: 50% Sold by £: 77%
£: \$ 1.947 £: € 1.490

Lot	Price			Estimate	Buyer
63	£ 35,400	\$68,924	€52,746	£20,000-30,000	Bernard Quaritch
François Pierre de La Varenne (1618-1678) <i>Le pastissier François</i> . The second edition of one of the most sought after cookery books of the Middle Ages, which includes recipes for terrines, cakes, tarts, pies, fritters, biscuits and at least sixty ways of cooking eggs. Varenne was the first author to break with Italian traditions, and revolutionized Medieval French cookery, being credited with introducing Bisque, Béchamel sauce, and Sauce Hollandaise					
21	£ 21,600	\$42,055	€32,184	£8,000-12,000	Private
Petrus de Crescentiis (c.1233–c.1320) <i>Opus ruralium commodorum</i> . The third edition of the first printed book on agriculture from the library of John Evelyn, noted authority on various aspects of botany and garden history					
118	£ 19,200	\$37,382	€28,608	£8,000-12,000	Private
Scriptores rei rusticae, edited by Philippus Beroaldus (1453-1505) Fourth edition of these classical Roman texts on agriculture. Together they form the principal source of information on Roman agriculture and life, including the cultivation of vines, olives, beekeeping and husbandry.					

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Cookery Book Collection (lots 1 – 134) realised: £208,884 / \$384,501 / €294,251

The Valentines Cards (lost 228, 229 and 230) realised: £180 for lots 228 and 230.

“This was an excellent collection of cookery books, with German and Swedish titles particularly well represented. There was strong bidding across the board, but particularly for the earlier and rarer titles, most of which sold over their estimates.”, said **Crispin Jackson, Head of Sale**.

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