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## **Guide to the Stanley S. Slotkin Printed Book Leaves Collection, 1495-1876**

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**Overview of the Collection**

**Collection Title:** Stanley S. Slotkin Printed Book Leaves Collection

**Dates:** 1495-1876

**Identification:** SC/SSB

**Creator:** Slotkin, Stanley S., 1905-1997

**Physical Description:** 0.20 linear feet

**Language of Materials:**

English

French

German

Latin

Arabic

Greek,Modern (1453-)

Welsh

Hebrew

**Repository:** Special Collections

**Abstract:** Stanley S. Slotkin was a successful Los Angeles businessman who owned the medical and party supply rental company Abbey Rents. He was also an avid collector of antique bibles and other rare books, amassing hundreds of thousands of books which he also regularly donated to various museums, universities and libraries across the United States. In the 1960s, Slotkin began to donate individual leaves from books to institutions rather than whole works, as he felt intact books were too often locked away where they could not be seen. The collection consists of 22 of these individual leaves donated by Slotkin, which he removed from various religious texts. Each leaf is mounted onto a sheet of paper which also includes a facsimile of the cover page of the work the leaf was originally from.

**Biographical Information:**

Stanley S. Slotkin was a successful Los Angeles businessman who owned the medical and party supply rental company Abbey Rents. He was also an avid collector of antique bibles and other rare books, amassing hundreds of thousands of books which he also regularly donated to various museums, universities, churches, and libraries across the United States. In the 1960s, Slotkin began to donate individual leaves from books to institutions rather than whole works, as he felt intact books were too often locked away where they could not be seen. He dismembered a number of books, and donated sets of pages to any institution that would agree to display them publicly. He was also heavily interested in archaeology, cosmetic medicine, and recreational diving and contributed philanthropically to a number of causes throughout his life.

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**Scope and Contents**

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Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 1	<b>Leaf from a French Bible, 1495</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 2	<b>Leaf from a Latin Religious Work, 1496</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 3	<b>Leaf from <i>Hippocrates in Greek and Latin</i> , 1500</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 4	<b>Leaf from a Work by Galen of Pergamon, 1515</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 5	<b>Leaf from a Greek Bible, 1557</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 6	<b>Leaf from a Martin Luther Bible, 1574</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 7	<b>Leaf from a Welsh Bible, 1579</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 8	<b>Leaf from a Hebrew-Latin Bible, 1591</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 9	<b>Leaf from a Mishna, 1602</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 10	<b>Leaf from a Hebrew Bible, 5369 A.M. [1612 C.E.]</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 11	<b>Leaf from a Roman Missale, 1624</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 12	<b>Leaf from <i>Acts and Monuments: of matters most special and memorable, happening in the Church, with an universall Historie of the same</i> , 1631</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 13	<b>Leaf from a Roman Missale, 1635</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 14	<b>Leaf from a Work by Dr. Johannes Baptistae Von Helmonti, 1667</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 15	<b>Leaf from a Roman Missale, 1677</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 16	<b>Leaf from <i>A Commentary Upon the Historical Books of the Old Testament</i> by Dr. Symon Patrick, 1678</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 17	<b>Leaf from <i>A New History of the Holy Bible from the Beginning of the World to the Establishment of Christianity</i> , 1702</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 18	<b>Leaf from a Scottish Bible, 1705</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 19	<b>Leaf from a Scottish Bible, 1715</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 20	<b>Leaf from a Commentary on the Koran by Mohammed Ben Garir El Tabri, circa 1245 A.H. [1829 C.E.]</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 21	<b>Leaf from <i>Commentary on the Koran</i> , 1276 A.H. [1859 C.E.]</b>
Flat File Cabinet 2, Folder 1, Item 22	<b>Leaf from a Koran, 1293 A.H. [1876 C.E.]</b>