



**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
HISTORICAL HOW-TO
COMMONPLACE BOOK
2014**

Our Commonplace book title page

Norman Reid
1/8/14.

A poem I discovered many years ago, and have never forgotten:

EMPTY VESSEL.

I met a gent the cairney,
A lass wi' lousie hair
Singin' til' a bairnie
That was nae langer there.

Wunds wi' warld's to singin'
Denia sing sae sweet,
The light that bends owre a' thing
I, less ta'en up wi' it.

Hugh MacDiarmid.

Extraordinary, to convey so much in 8 short lines!

Sample page from our Commonplace book (1)

Briony Aitchison

16th October 2014

This poem was told to me by a friend, nearly 20 years ago. It still makes me laugh.

The sky was dark
The moon was high
We were all alone
Just she and I

Her hair was dark
Her eyes were too
I knew just what
She wanted to do

So taking my courage
I did my best
And placed my hand
Upon her breast

Trembling and shaking
I felt her heart
As slowly she spread
Her legs apart

I knew she was ready
But I didn't know how
It was my first time
At milking a cow.

Sample page from our Commonplace book (2)

Trina Foote 20/10/14

A selection of prints.



Sample page from our Commonplace book (3)

Happiness
by A.A. Milne

John had
great Big
Waterproof
Boots on;



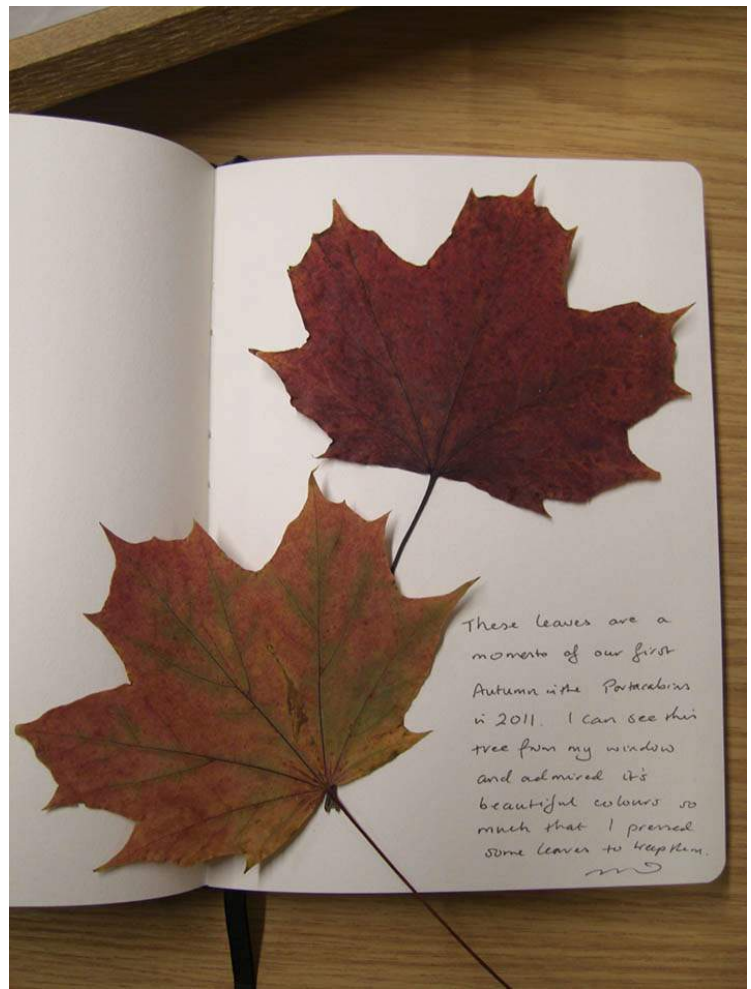
John had a
great Big
Waterproof
Hat;

John had a
great Big
Waterproof
Mackintosh -



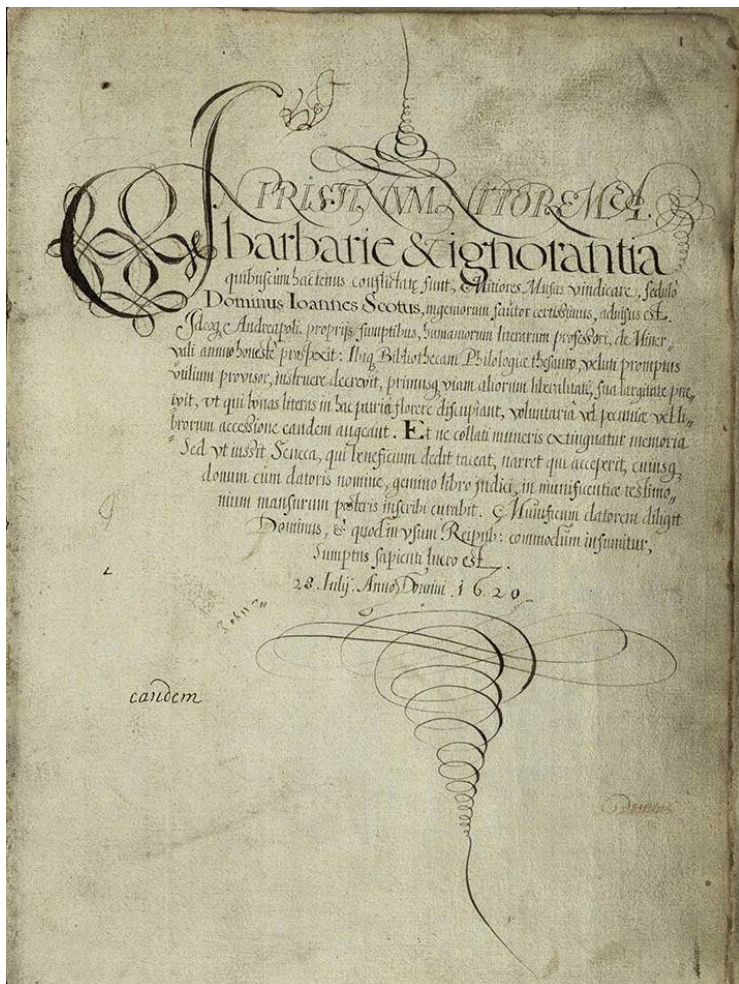
And that
(said John)
is
That.

Sample page from our Commonplace book (4)

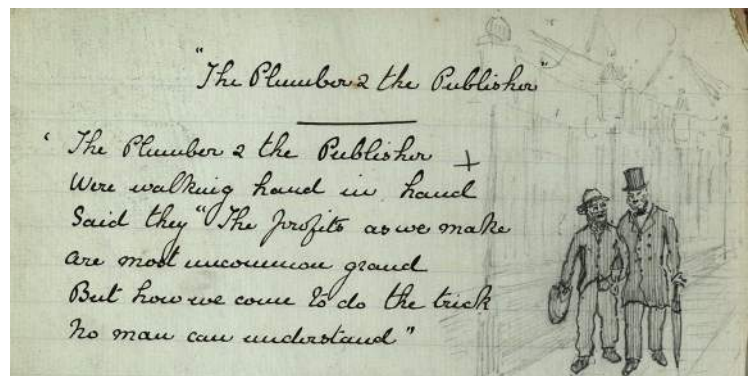


These leaves are a
memento of our first
Autumn with Postcards
in 2011. I can see this
tree from my window
and admired it's
beautiful colours so
much that I pressed
some leaves to keep them.

Sample page from our Commonplace book (5)



Title page of John Scot's Commonplace Book msPR3671_S3



Commonplace book of M V Sellar showing the 'Plumber and Publisher' by Andrew Lang ms38250



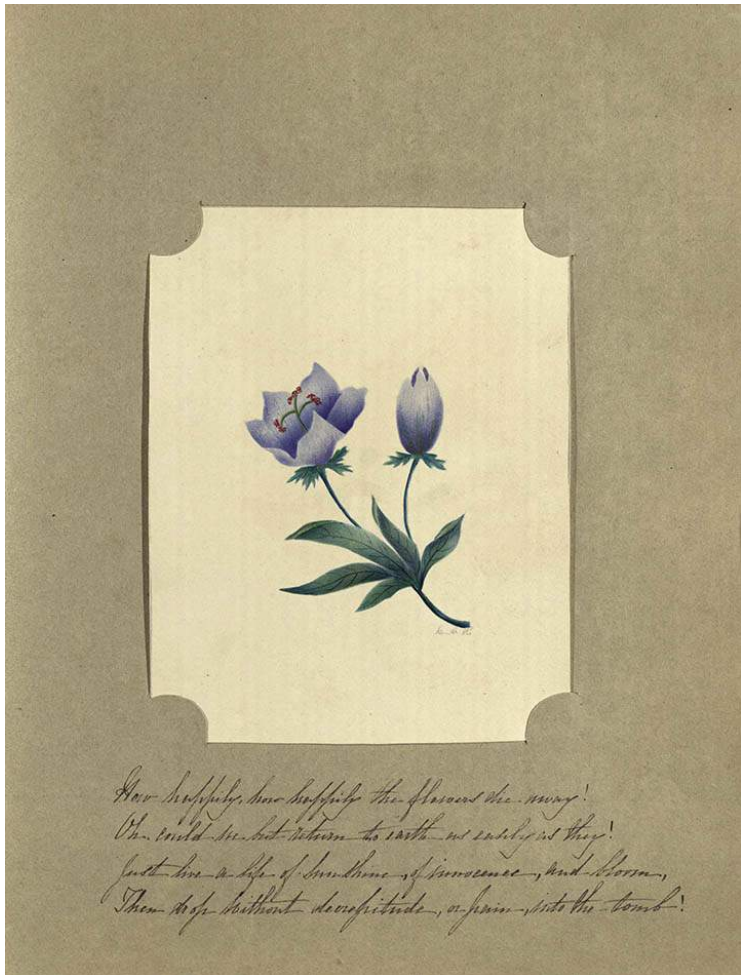
Page from a Commonplace album ms37491

The Warden's Choice.

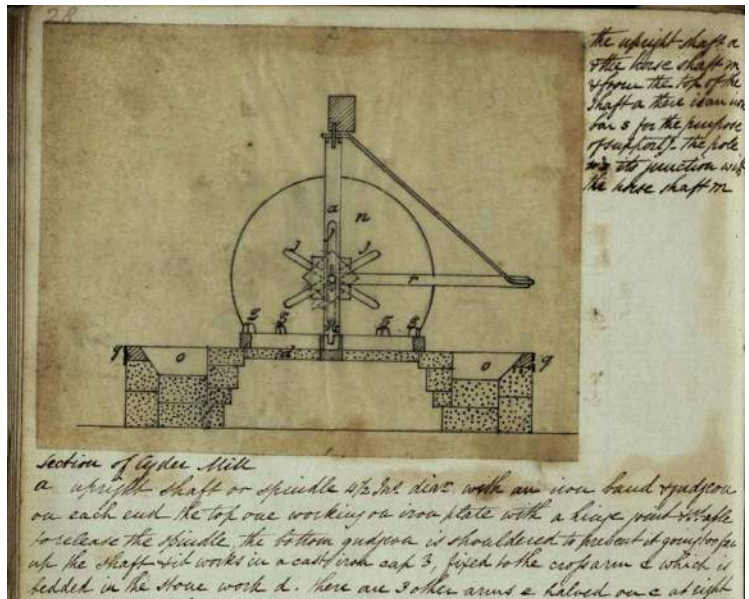
Gentle in page,
 Conduct, and equipage,
 Noble by heritage,
 Generous, and free:
 Brave, not romantic,
 Learn'd, not pedantic,
 Frivolous, not frantic,
 This must be he.

Honour maintaining,
 Manners disdaining,
 Still entertaining,
 Engaging and new,
 Sweet, but not cynical,
 Sage, but not senile,
 Never tyrannical,
 But ever true.

Page from the Commonplace book of Ethel Palmer ms38882

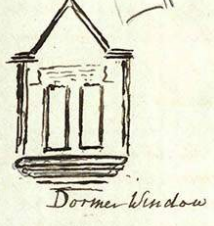
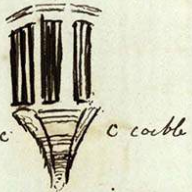
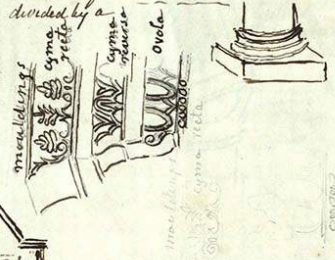


Page from the Commonplace Book of Mary Ann Arnot ms30354_5



Page showing Cyder Mill from the Agricultural Commonplace book ms38817

The lower part of a shaft formed of two Ionic mouldings divided by a hollow or Scotia -



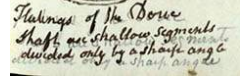
Dormer Window



Mullion window length horizontal.



The fluting of the Ionic capital is deeper than an Doric's divided by fillets of some width.



Fluting of the Doric shaft are shallow segments divided only by a sharp angle.

