

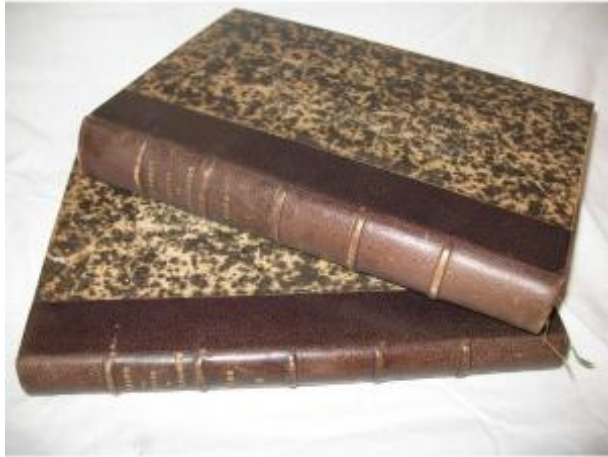


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LE PLUS BEAU CATALOGUE D'ANTIQUITES

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## Conchology Manual By Jc Chenu In 2 Complete Volumes From 1859 With Shell Plates

550 EUR



Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Paper

Length : 27,2 cm

Width : 18 cm

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Manual of conchology by Doctor Jean-Charles Chenu in 2 complete volumes with their plates edition of 1859 and 1862 Rare and complete set which are not isolated volumes coming from the natural history of Doctor Chenu but very well documented works in their own right and which are a reference in matters of conchology Masson Edition of 1859 and 1862 2 volumes with at the end of volume 2 a table with a blank column which was intended for the collector in order to put his remarks or collection numbers Numerous plates and illustrations in the text and out of text in black and white and some in color Interior in very good condition Binding with slight traces of use Leather spine with raised bands and gilded letters Slightly blunted corners Essential works for any shell collector or natural science

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enthusiast d: 27.2 x 18 cm volume 1: 508 pages  
volume 2: 327 pages Biography: Jean-Charles  
Chenu is a French doctor and naturalist, born  
August 30, 1808 in Metz and died November 12,  
1879 at the Hôtel des Invalides in Paris. He began  
his medical studies in Metz, then in Strasbourg  
before finishing them in Paris in 1825. Chenu  
then embarked on a military career in the health  
services. Chenu then obtained his doctor's degree  
in Strasbourg in 1833. He was in the south of  
France when a cholera epidemic broke out. He  
then treats the prefect of Aude, Gabriel Delessert,  
and becomes friends with him. It was thanks to  
Benjamin Delessert that he obtained the position  
of sub-inspector of mineral waters in Passy.  
Chenu will then publish several studies on the  
medical benefit of minero-thermal sources.  
Delessert also entrusted him with the  
conservation of his natural history collection,  
particularly rich in shells. From 1842 to 1854, he  
published the Conchological Illustrations or  
Description and Figures of all known living and  
fossil shells, classified according to the Lamarck  
system, etc. This work will be followed by the  
Elementary Lessons of Natural History, including  
an overview of all of zoology and a Treatise on  
conchology in 1846. Chenu undertook the  
publication in 1850 of a very important work of  
natural history entitled Encyclopedia of Natural  
History or Complete Treatise on this Science  
based on the works of the most eminent  
naturalists. Thirty-one volumes will be published,  
volumes in which many naturalists of his time  
will participate. They will be followed by the  
Alphabetical Tables of the common and scientific  
names of all the animals described and figured in  
this encyclopedia, drawn up by Desmarests in  
nine volumes. In 1855, Chenu was promoted to  
senior doctor 1st class and participated in the  
French expedition to Crimea. In 1859 and 1862,  
he published an important treatise on molluscs  
entitled Manuel de conchologie et de  
paleontologie conchyliologie. From 1862 to 1863,  
he wrote the two volumes of his Elementary



Lessons on the Natural History of Birds. He retired in 1868 with the rank of Senior Medical Officer, First Class.