

The Rare Books Catalogue as the Foundation of the Scholarly Database

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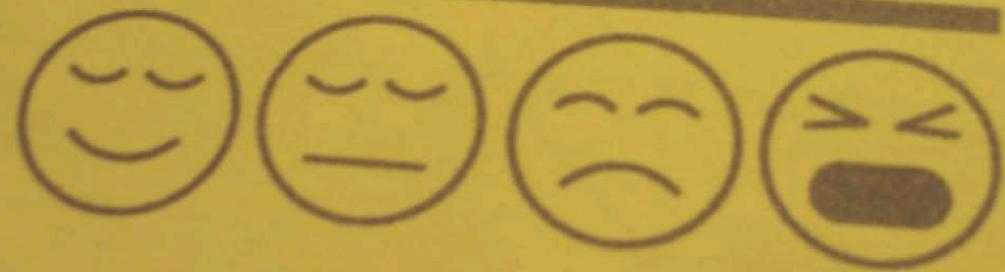
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Preamble 2 : On an Exhibition Wall in Lisbon ...

... quando uma coleção se mantém una, a utilidade do catálogo é óbvia; quando a coleção se dispersa, o catálogo serve muitas vezes para confirmar a autenticidade de uma pintura, acrescentar-lhe valor imaginário e atribuir-lhe uma história.

Horace Walpole

... while a collection remains entire, the use of the catalogue is obvious; when dispersed, it often serves to authenticate a picture, adds to its imaginary value, and bestows a history on it.

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Aedes Walpolinae. Rev. ed. 1752: xxxi, quoted in Paulino, Carla with Santos, Ana Teresa and Antunes, Ines. *Calouste S. Gulbenkian and English Taste*. Lisbon: Foundation Calouste S. Gulbenkian, 2015.

Writers' Libraries

“A set of books or other printed works owned by the author at a particular moment in time ... Writers' libraries in the possession of institutions are often (although not always) a collection of their books at the time of their death, or a subset thereof.”

- Richard W. Oram. *Collecting, Curating, and Researching Writers' Libraries: A Handbook*. 2014: 1-2.

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WASHINGTON, 1952

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Writers' Libraries

“Most of us would agree that a catalogue of a private library can serve as a profile of a reader, even though we don’t read all the books we own and we do read many books that we never purchase. To scan the catalogue of the library in Monticello is to inspect the furnishings of Jefferson’s mind.”

- Robert Darnton. *The Kiss of Lamourette: Reflections in Cultural History*. London: Faber, 1990: 162.

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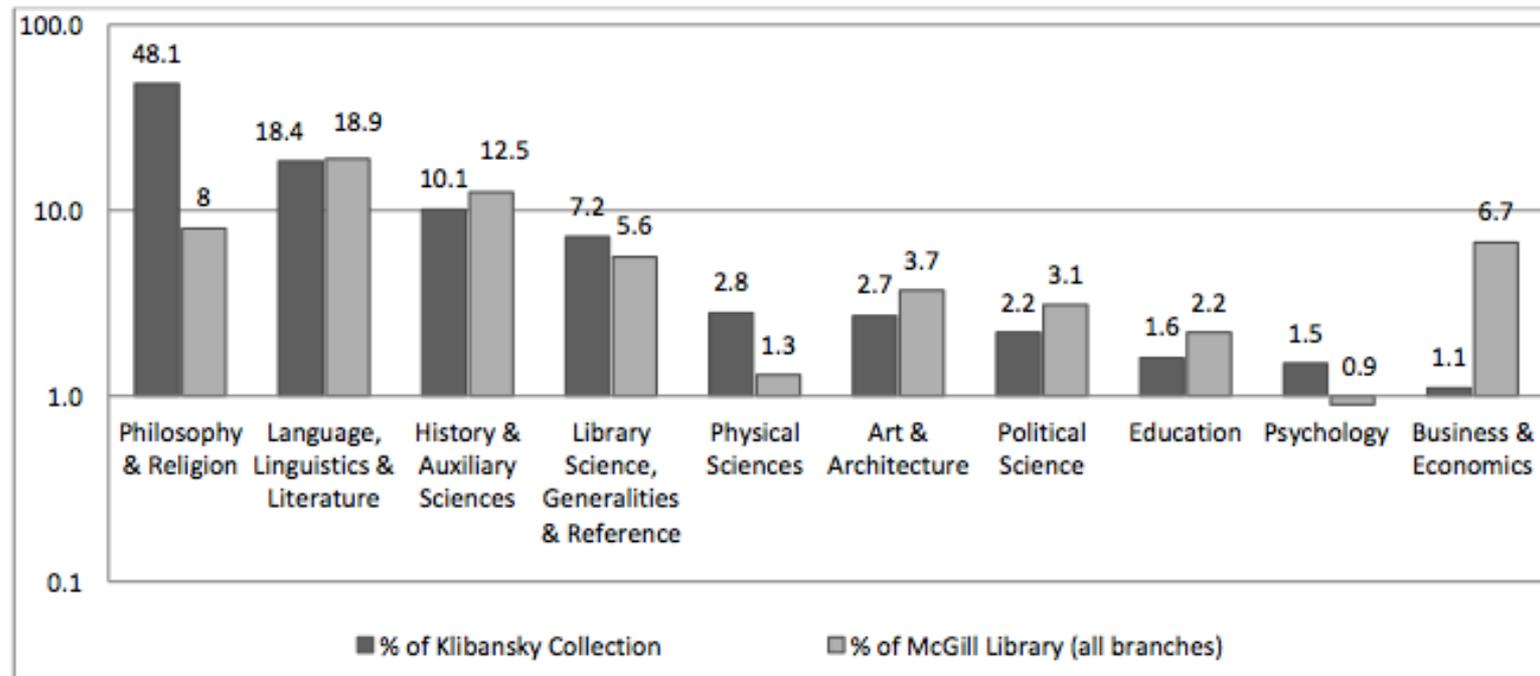
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Quantitative Analysis from LMS Output

Figure 12. Top 10 RKC Broad Subject Areas as a percentage of the collection (logarithmic scale)



- Jillian Tomm. *The Imprint of the Scholar: an Analysis of the Printed Books of McGill University's Raymond Klibansky Collection: thesis.* Montreal: McGill University, 2012: 112.

Quantitative Analysis from LMS Output (with critical judgment)



“As we might expect from a man self-educated beyond secondary-school level, we can see a mixture of university and popular presses. After establishing that most of the Oxford University Press entries on the catalogue actually represent offprints from the same journal, we can see that Dent (the publisher of the Everyman series) forms the largest proportion.”

Quantitative Analysis from LMS Output

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Ballantyne, 186-?].DESCRIPT. pp.3-919 : ill. ; 18 cm.NOTE ULL copy is from the library of Walter de la Mare with his autograph comments in the
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Quicke.'NOTE ULL copy bound in black cloth, with gilt edges. UK-LoURL.NOTE ULL copy comprises vol. 2 only and lacks preliminaries. UK-LoURL.ADD AUTHOR
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cm.NOTE Poems by J.R. Ackerley, A.Y. Campbell, Edward Davison and Frank Kendon.NOTE "This volume comprises four independent books of
verse which the authors did not consider suitable for separate publication. ... Most of the poems included have already appeared in The
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and later husband and father, in search of freedom and personal sunrise in the city of New York and of the consummation of his life.IMPRINT
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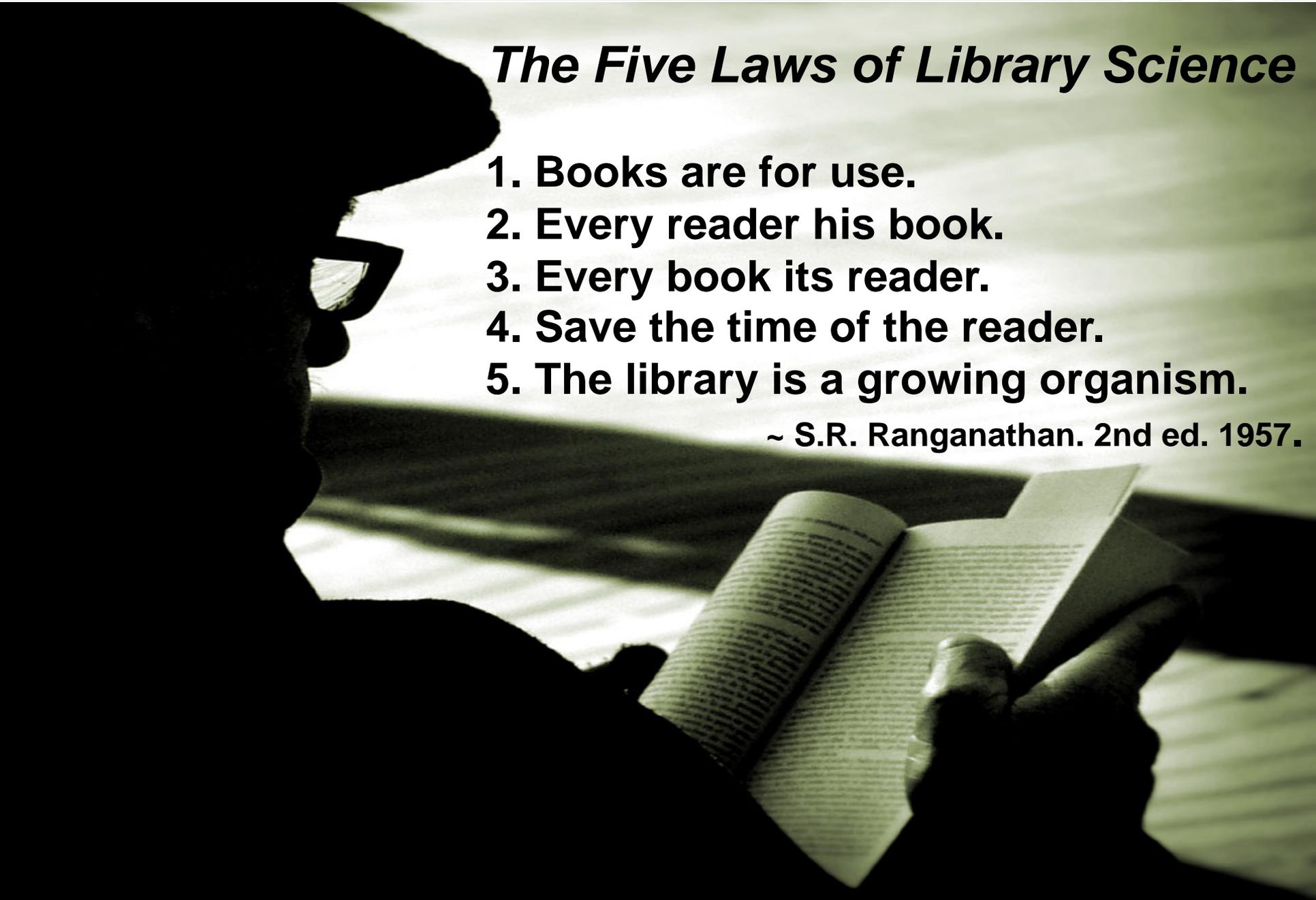
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The Five Laws of Library Science

- 1. Books are for use.**
- 2. Every reader his book.**
- 3. Every book its reader.**
- 4. Save the time of the reader.**
- 5. The library is a growing organism.**

~ S.R. Ranganathan. 2nd ed. 1957.



“ Four generic user tasks have been defined for the purposes of this study. The tasks are defined in relation to the elementary uses that are made of the data by the user:

- to find entities that correspond to the user's stated search criteria (i.e., to locate either a single entity or a set of entities in a file or database as the result of a search using an attribute or relationship of the entity);
- to identify an entity (i.e., to confirm that the entity described corresponds to the entity sought, or to distinguish between two or more entities with similar characteristics);
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THOREAU'S LIBRARY

BY

Walter Harding



Professional Assistance

“I should add here that Miss Sarah Bartlett has checked my list against the Concord Library holdings.” (p. 10)

“Although the editors of Emerson’s *Journals* state that Thoreau bequeathed ... books to Harvard, Mr. Robert H. Haynes, Assistant Librarian ... assures me that there is no record.” (p. 23)

- Walter Harding. *Thoreau's Library*.
University of Virginia Press, 1957.

Collaboration

“It occurs to me that professional librarians should often team up with literary scholars for joint efforts on these projects – the resulting studies would be less eccentric in catalog form, would offer fuller cross-indexes and bibliographies, and yet could link the association volumes to the authors’ writings.”

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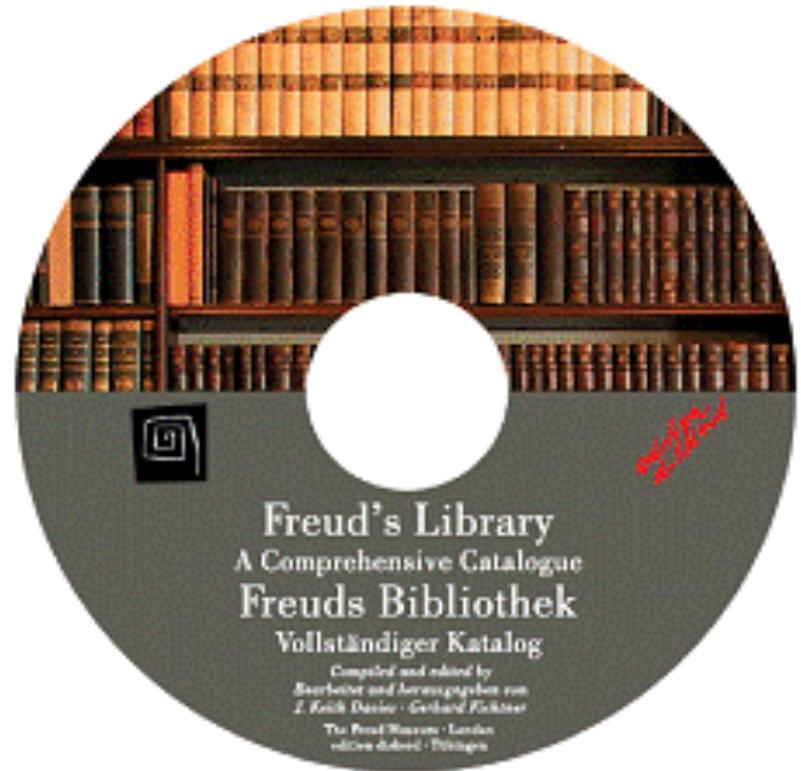
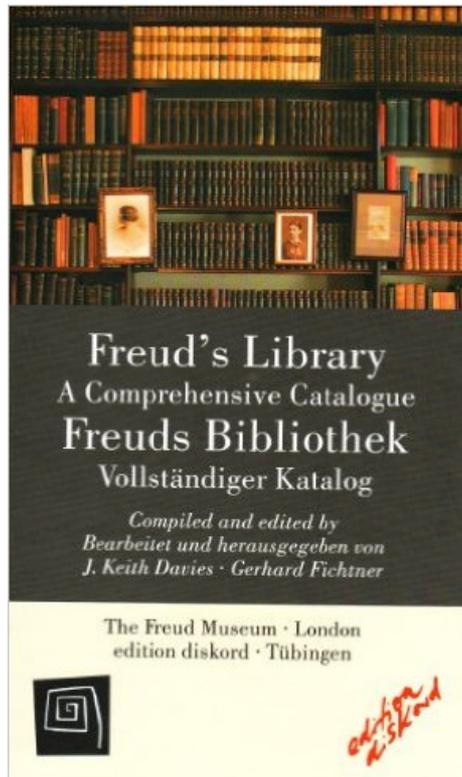
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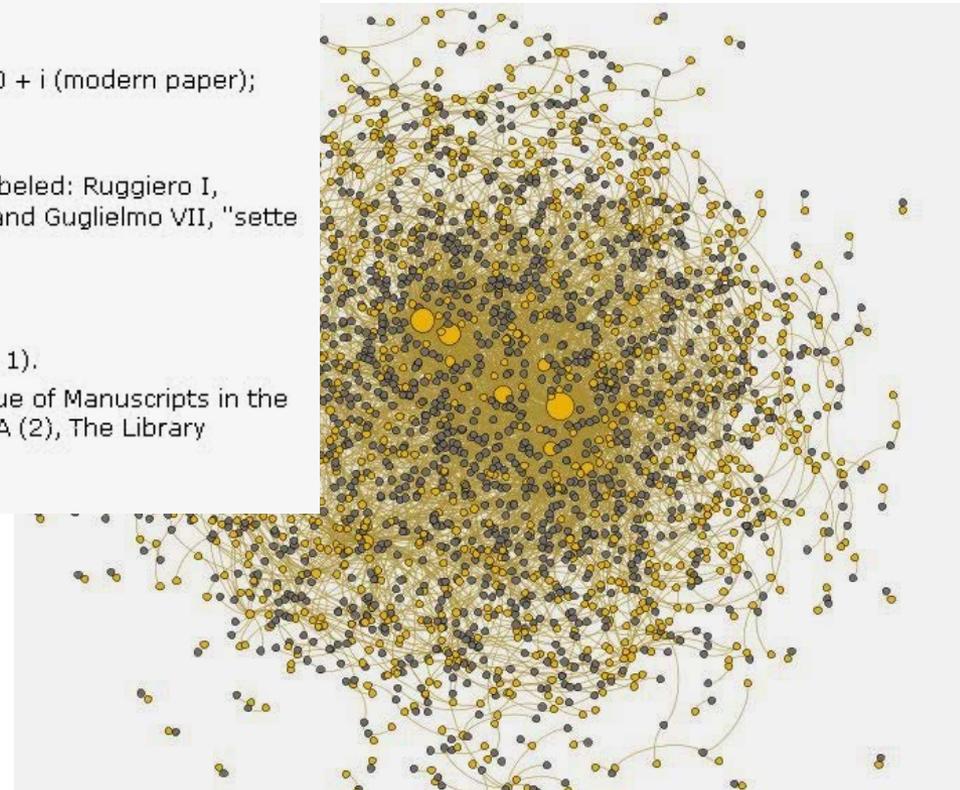
Automation

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- Gribben (1986): 162.

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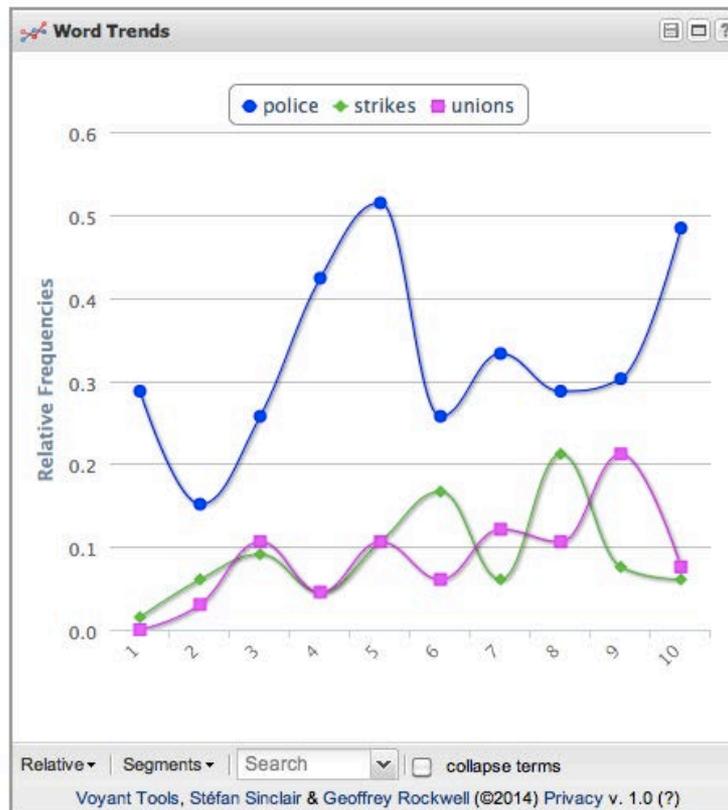
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- Mitch Fraas.

Charting former owners of Penn's Codex Manuscripts. *Mapping Books: [Blog]*, 24 January 2014, <http://mappingbooks.blogspot.co.uk/2014/01/charting-former-owners-of-penns-codex.html>

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Word trend graph of 'Title' field for data exported from [British Cartoon Archive](#) database for years between 1960 and 1979 ([dataset](#), [Voyant](#))

James Baker.

On metadata and cartoons. *Digital Scholarship Blog*, 16 May 2013, <http://britishlibrary.typepad.co.uk/digital-scholarship/2013/05/on-metadata-and-cartoons.html>

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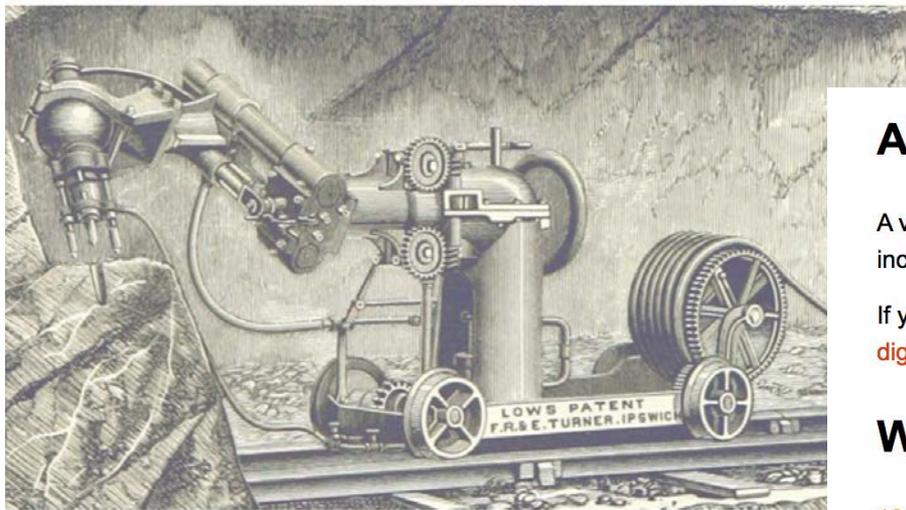
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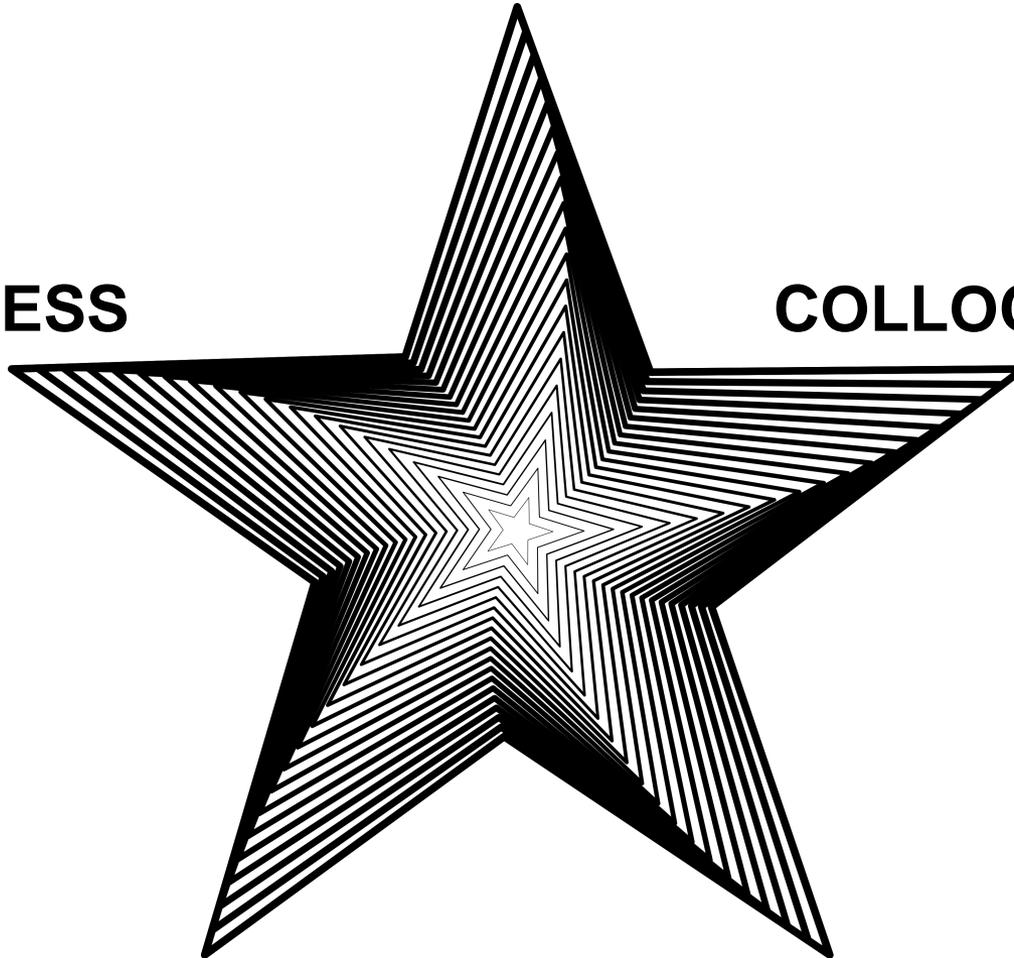
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