

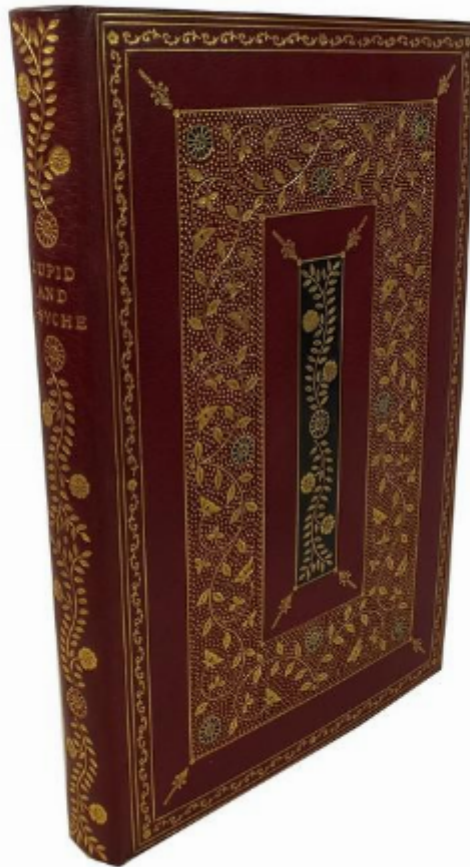


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RARE BOOKS OF OXFORD

The Most Pleasant and Delectable Tale of the Marriage of Cupid and Psyche

David Nutt

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Description

lxxxvi, 65pp, [1]. Later fine binding (by Captain C.E. Gladstone) of full crushed morocco, smooth back, with title and flower head and leafy stem devices, covers with outer double fillet border, inner volute roll with single fillet, a central black rectangular panel with flower head and leafy stem tools and fleuron corner pieces surrounded by an outer panel, again with flower head and leafy stem tools, with eight onlaid flower heads in black, with the background in pointille, gilt rule to edges, repeated flower head and leafy stem design to inner edges, with eight black morocco onlaid flower heads, blue fabric doublures, t.e.g. Very minor dulling to spine, otherwise bright and clean. Small nick to foot of title, otherwise internally bright and clean. Extra-illustrated with two plates from an earlier edition of Cupid and Psyche (c.1800), as well as an extra leaf of text (the preface to Cupid and Psyche by Hudson Gurney). The translation is from Adlington's 1566 edition of Apuleius. Original covers bound in at rear, limited to five hundred copies for sale. A handsome binding by Gladstone, with his initials to foot of front inner board. The eminent bookbinder Bernard Middleton doubts whether Gladstone would have had the capability for such high level finishing, so it is possible he bound the book and had it finished elsewhere