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George Grosz (1893-1959), New York, Downtown Manhattan, watercolor on Michallet paper, under glass, 23¼" x 18¼", \$31,250 (est. \$18,000/25,000). John Moran Auctioneers, Monrovia, California,

> Jacques Vaché (1895-1919), Ces Messieurs, colored pencil, pencil, and ink on paper laid to Arches paper, under glass, 12½" x 8", \$46,875 (est. \$15,000/20,000). John Moran Auctioneers, Monrovia, California, June 9.



Navajo Crystal room-

size rug, \$11,875 (est.

\$2000/3000). John Moran

Auctioneers, Monrovia, California, May 25.

26" x 35½", \$37,500 (est. \$15,000/20,000). In 1880, along with his longtime partner, Isabelle, De Latoix ventured from England to America. Upon discovering the West, the self-taught draftsman dedicated his life and career to portraying New Mexico, the Plains Indians, and similar subject matter. John Moran Auctioneers, Monrovia, California, May 25.

Gaspard De Latoix (1858-1918), Two Indians on

Horseback, 1890, oil on canvas laid to waxed canvas,







Set of oversize signed photographs of some of the cast of *The Wizard of Oz*, \$62,500 (est. \$50,000 plus). RR Auction, Boston, Massachusetts, June 16.



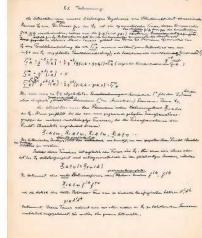
This photo of Marilyn Monroe in her iconic shimmering marquisette dress sold for \$3086 (est. \$200 plus). RR Auction, Boston, Massachusetts, June 16.



This original program for President John F. Kennedy's famous birthday celebration held at Madison Square Garden on May 19, 1962, titled "Happy Birthday Mr. President," two pages, 10½" x 8½", signed on the front in ink by Marilyn Monroe, Peter Lawford, Maria Callas, Jack Benny, Jimmy Durante, Henry Fonda, Bobby Darin, Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Peggy Lee, Harry Belafonte, Shirley MacLaine, and Diahann Carroll, sold for \$29,233 (est. \$12,000 plus). RR Auction, Boston, Massachusetts, June 16.



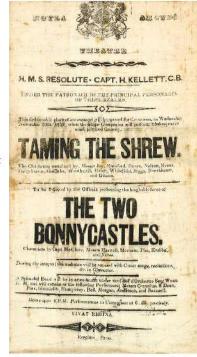
William Penn signed letter and document on Captain Kidd's treasure, December 30, 1700, \$55,263 (est. \$50,000 plus). RR Auction, Boston, Massachusetts, June 16.



Albert Einstein handwritten scientific manuscript, circa 1945, \$38,781 (est. \$15,000 plus). RR Auction, Boston, Massachusetts, June 16.

This rare theatrical playbill printed on H.M.S. *Resolute* during its Arctic expedition in the 1850s was bought in an Epping, U.K., charity shop for £5 and sold for £4750 (\$6554 U.S.) at Sworders Fine Art Auctioneers, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex, U.K., on June 30. The unnamed consignor liked the framed piece after seeing another shopper inspect it and put it down again. The owner did some research and found that a similar example had sold at Christie's in 2004 for over £2000.

The playbill, advertising performances of Taming the Shrew and The Two Bonnycastles, provides insight into the lives of the Resolute's crew. The ship was led by Captain Henry Kellett in search of Sir John Franklin's missing 1845 expedition crew. The Royal Arctic Theatre was established in the winter of 1850-51 to alleviate boredom while the ship was berthed at Dealy Island off the south shore of Melville Island, and the performances were complete with costumes and advertising playbills such as this one printed by the Resolute Press. After the 1853 season advertised in this playbill, the Resolute became stuck in ice and was abandoned, later to be found by American whalers and sailed back to Britain to be presented to Queen Victoria in 1856. As a gesture of thanks, timbers from the ship were gifted to U. S. President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880, and they were used to





make the Resolute desk, which is located in the Oval Office of the White House.