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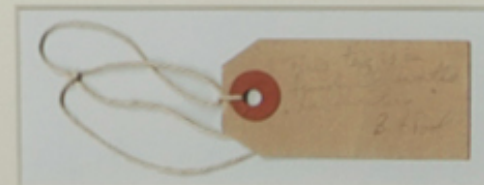








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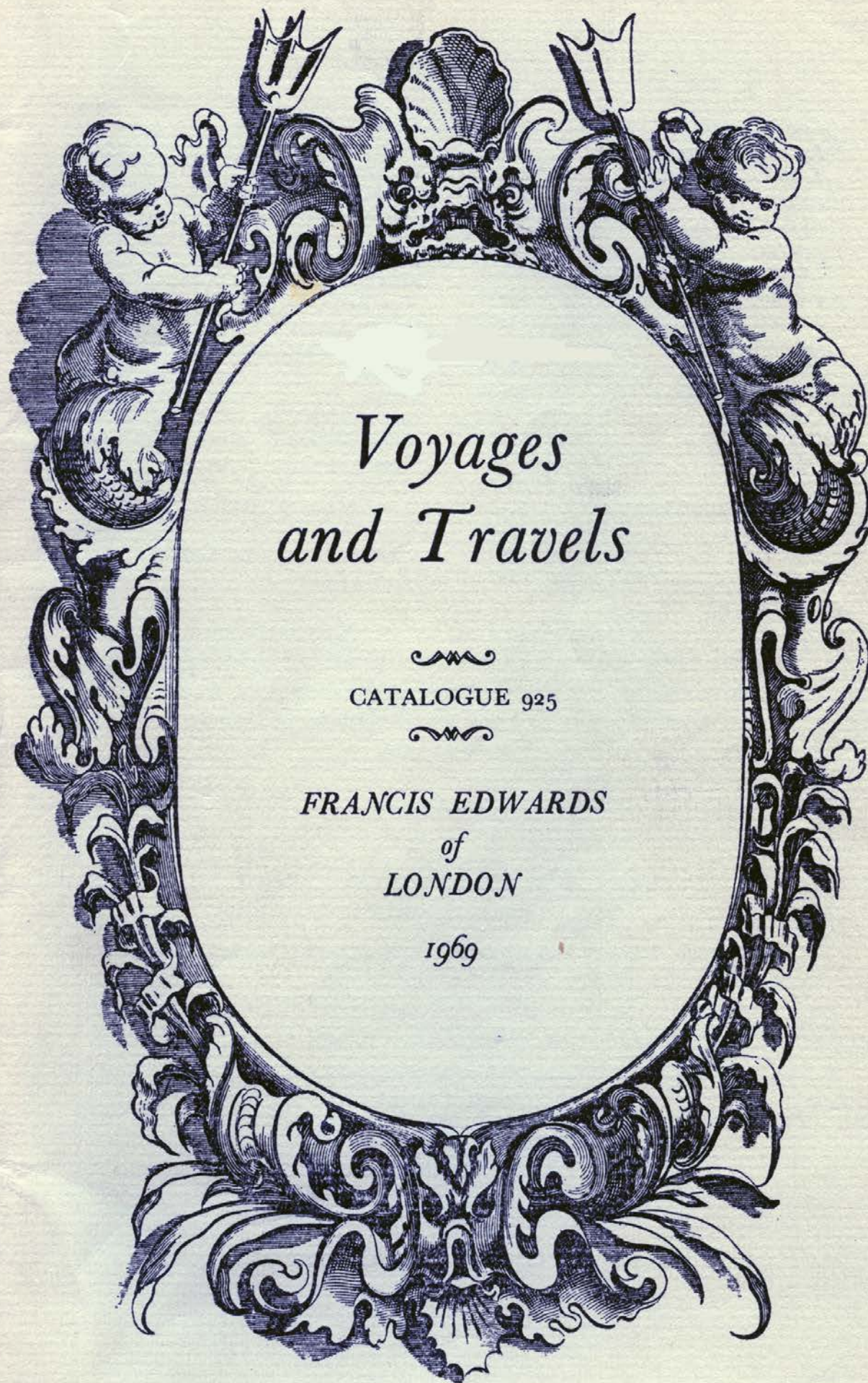




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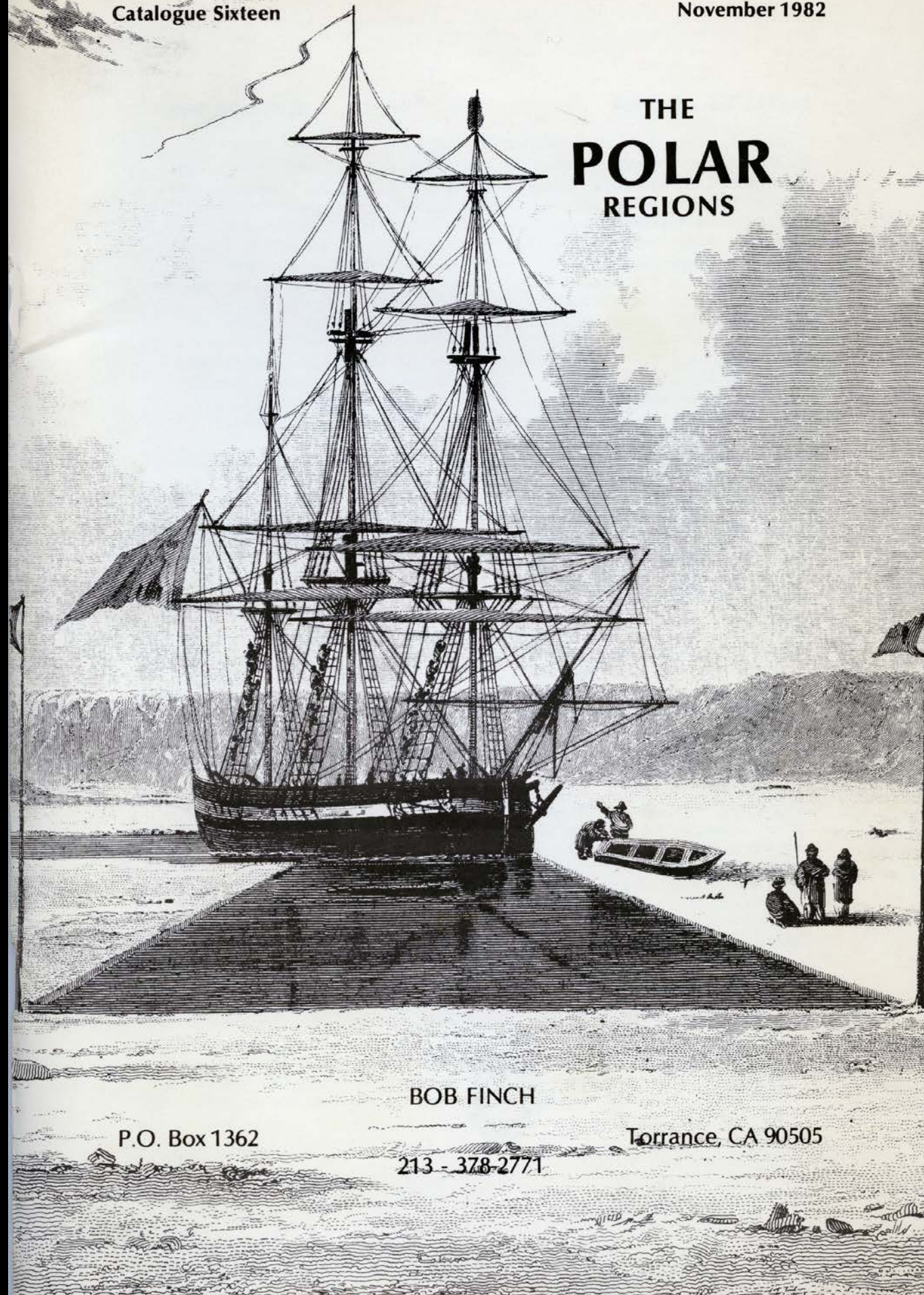
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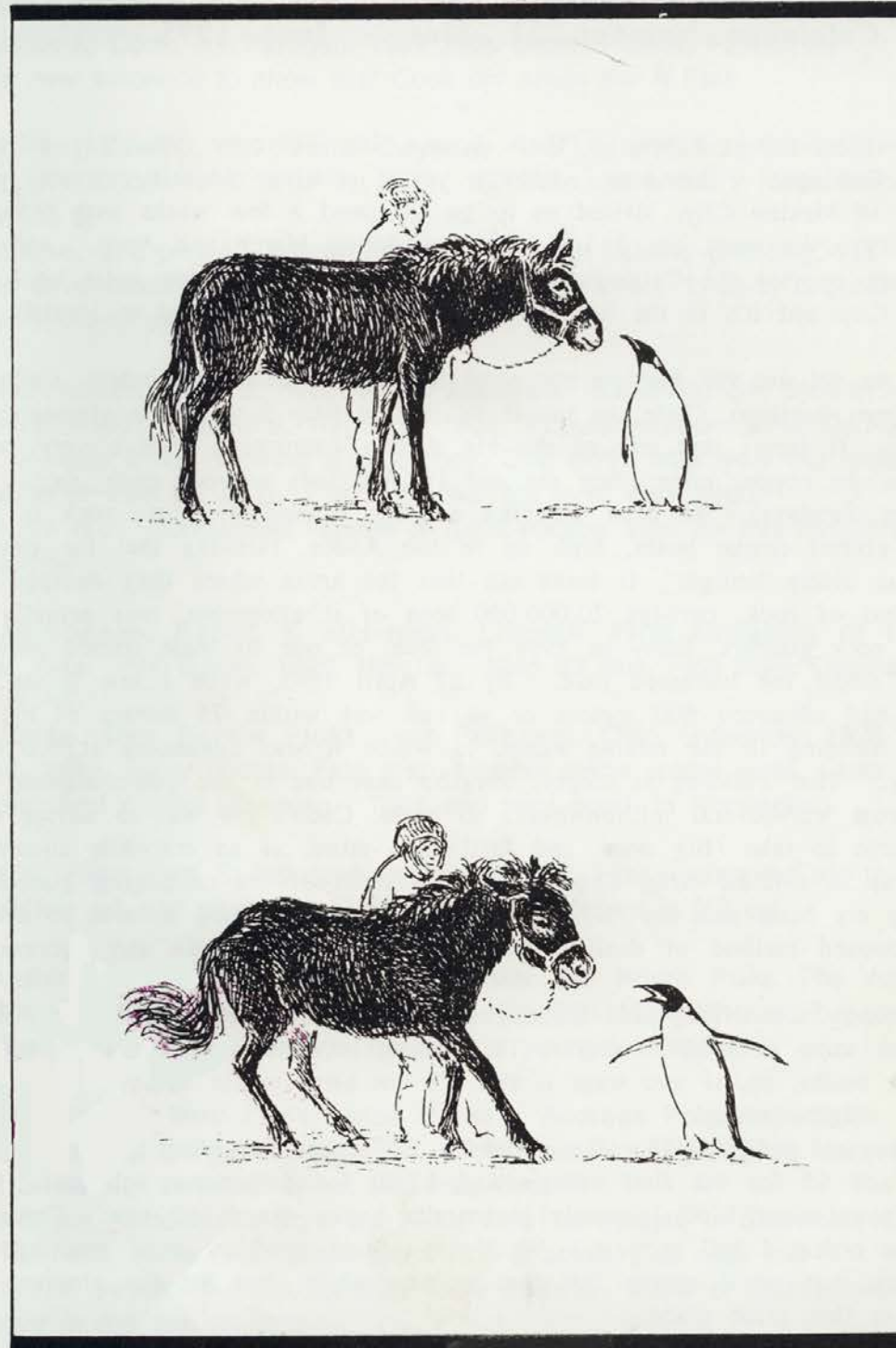
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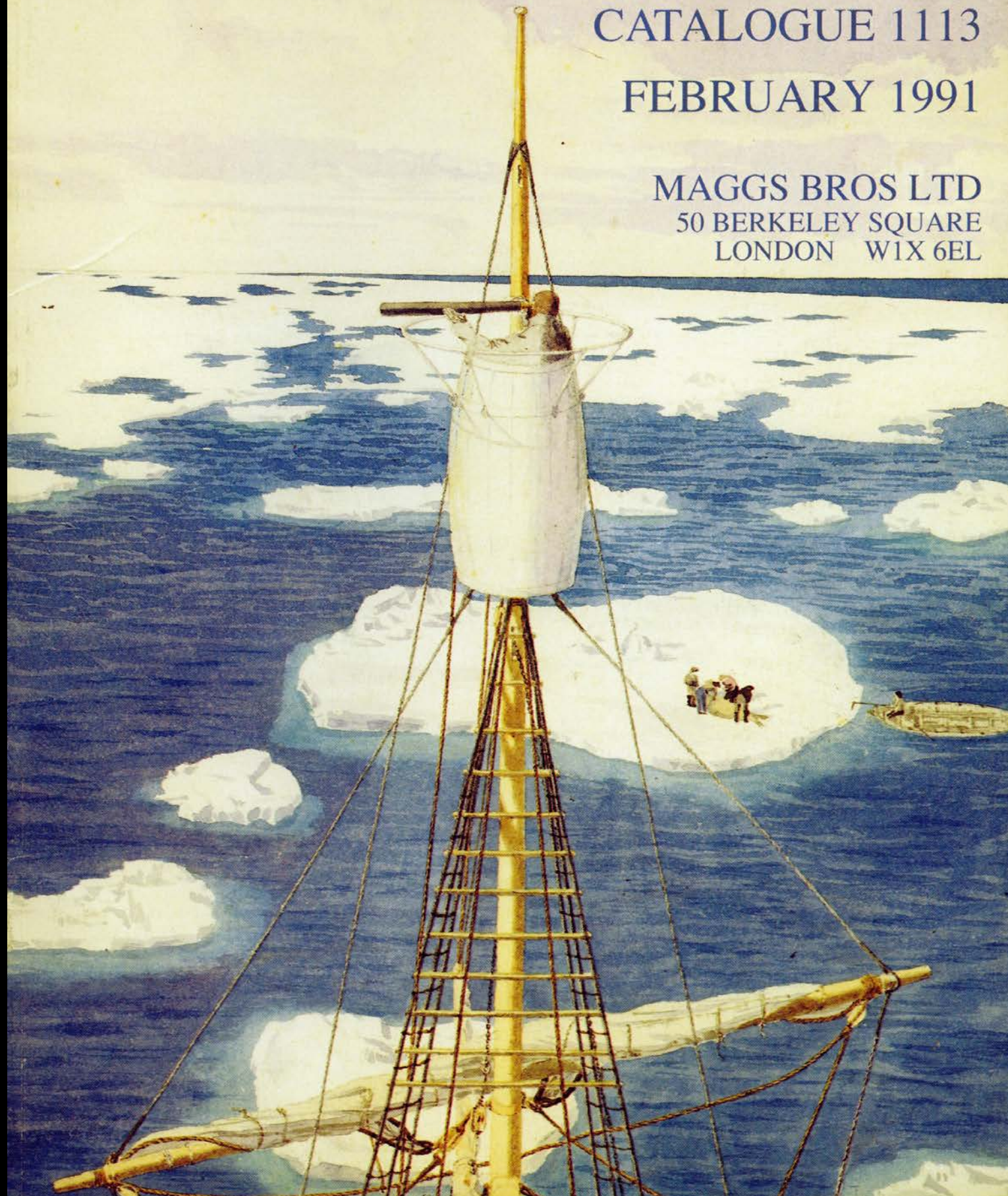
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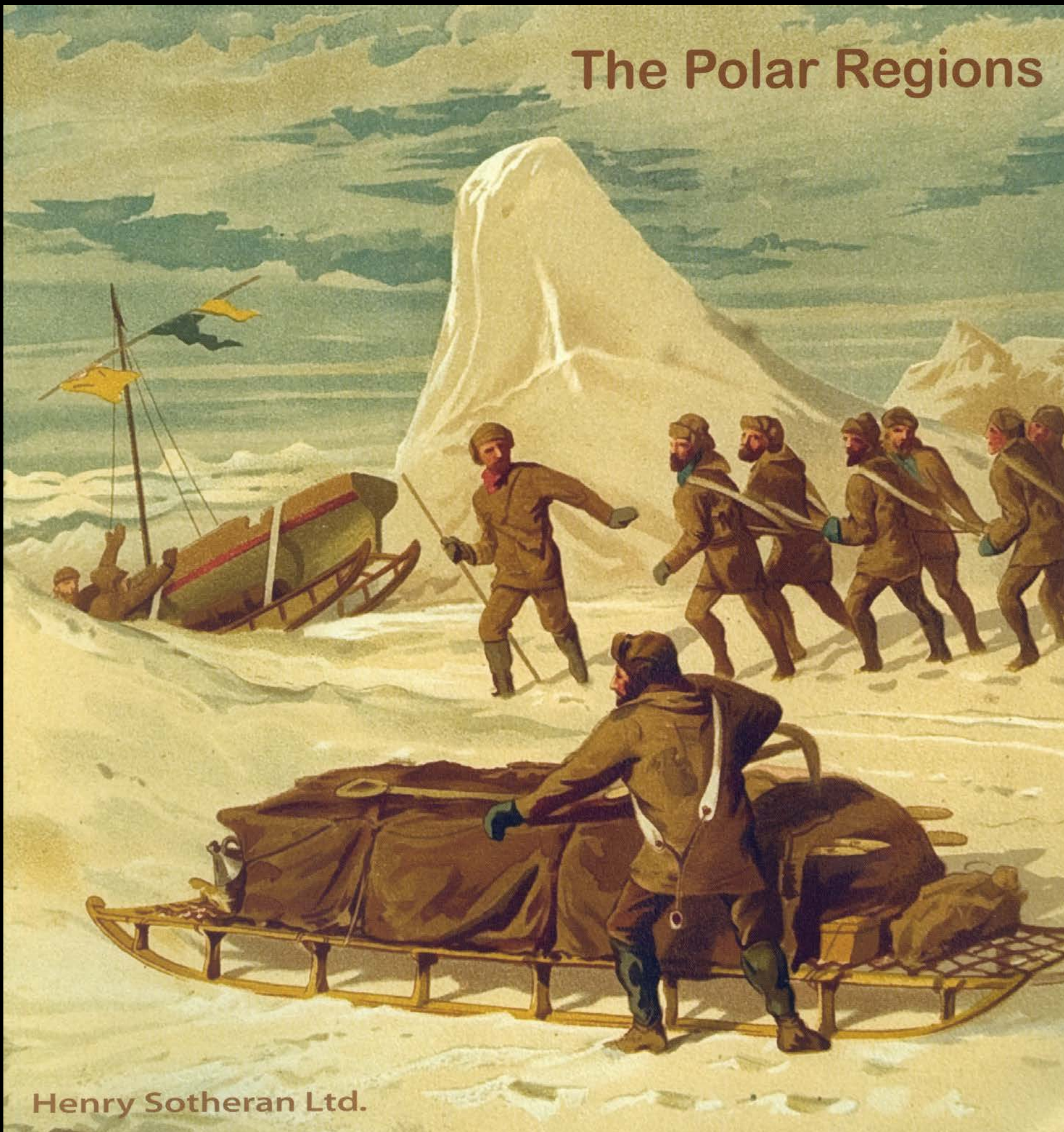
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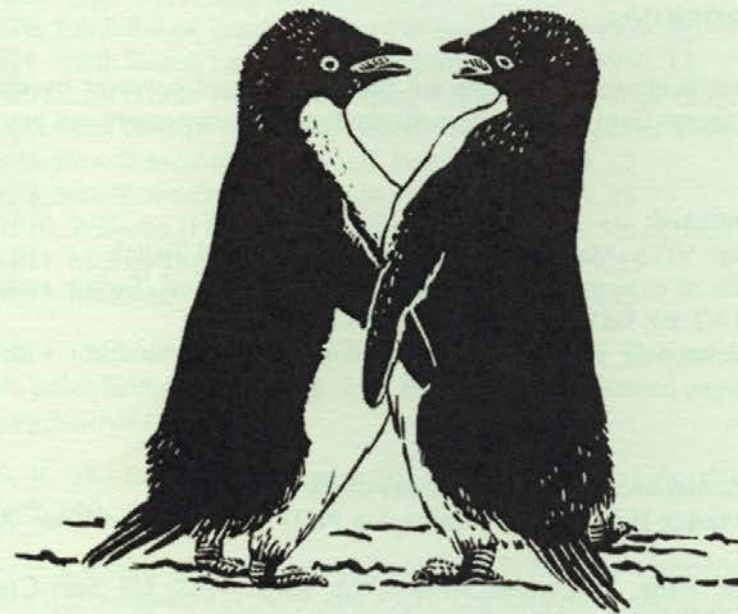
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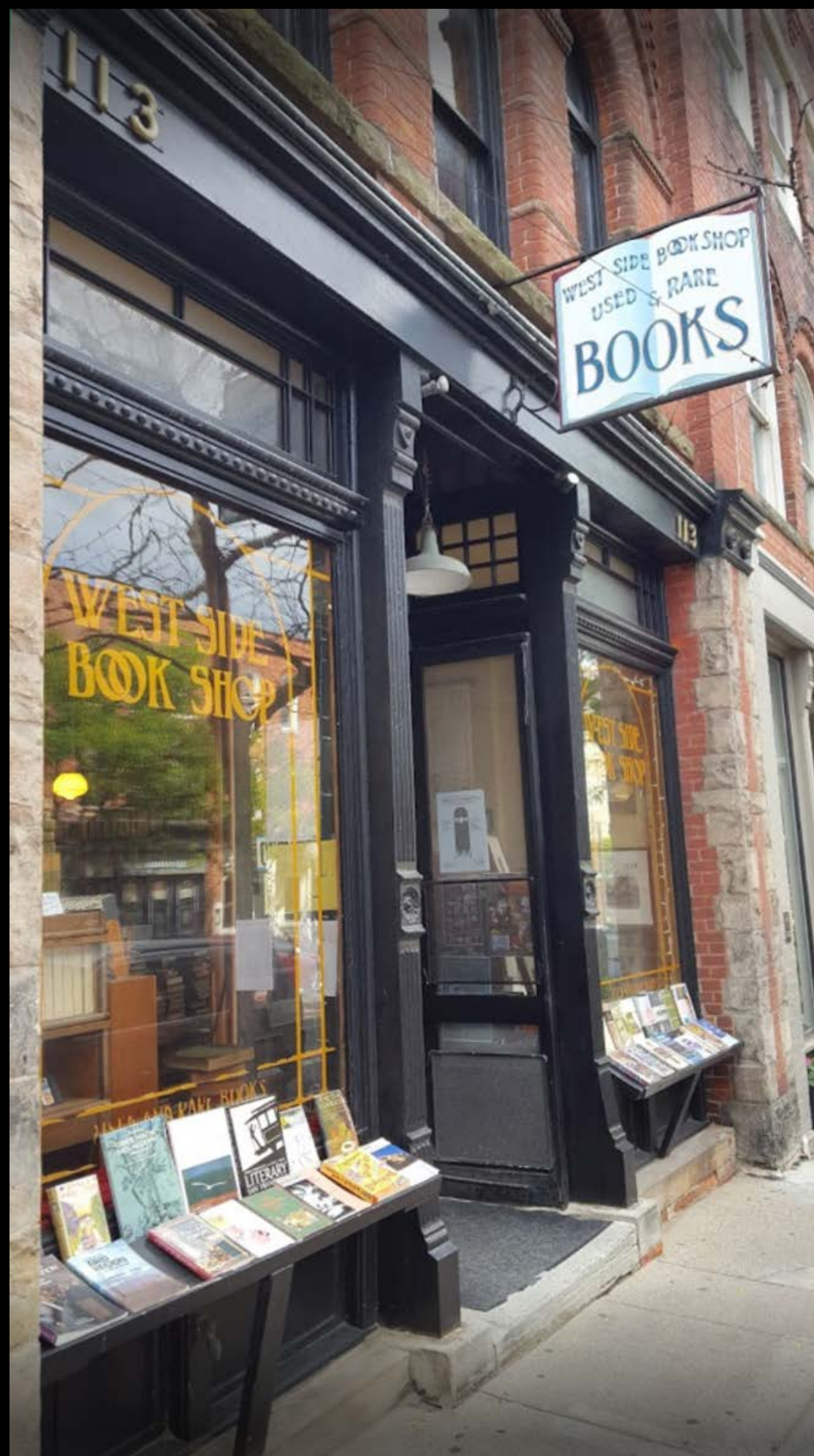
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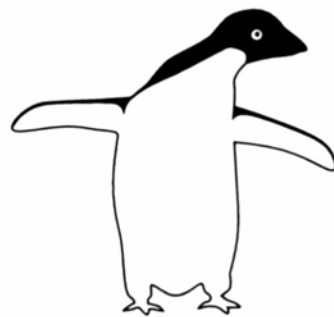


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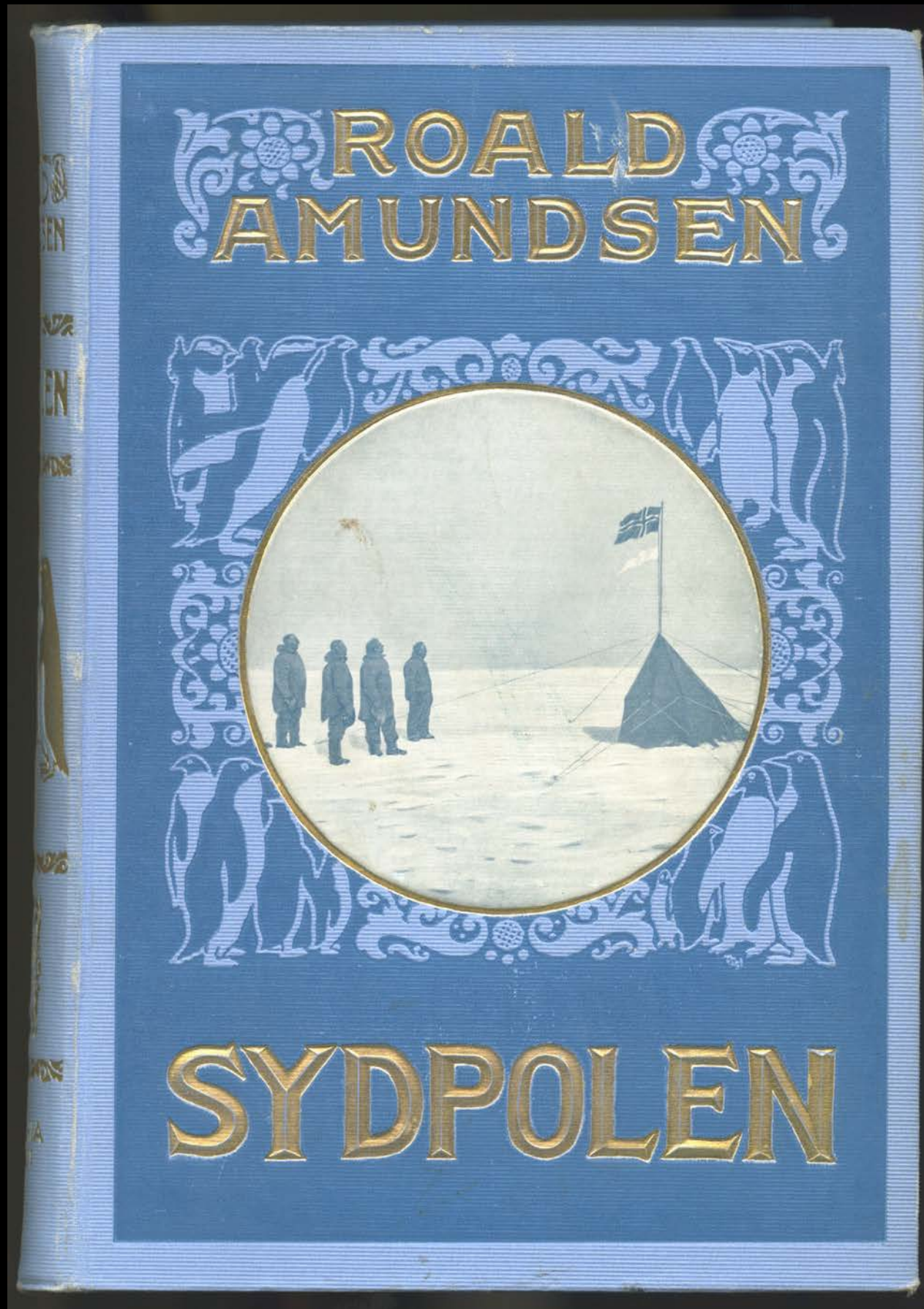
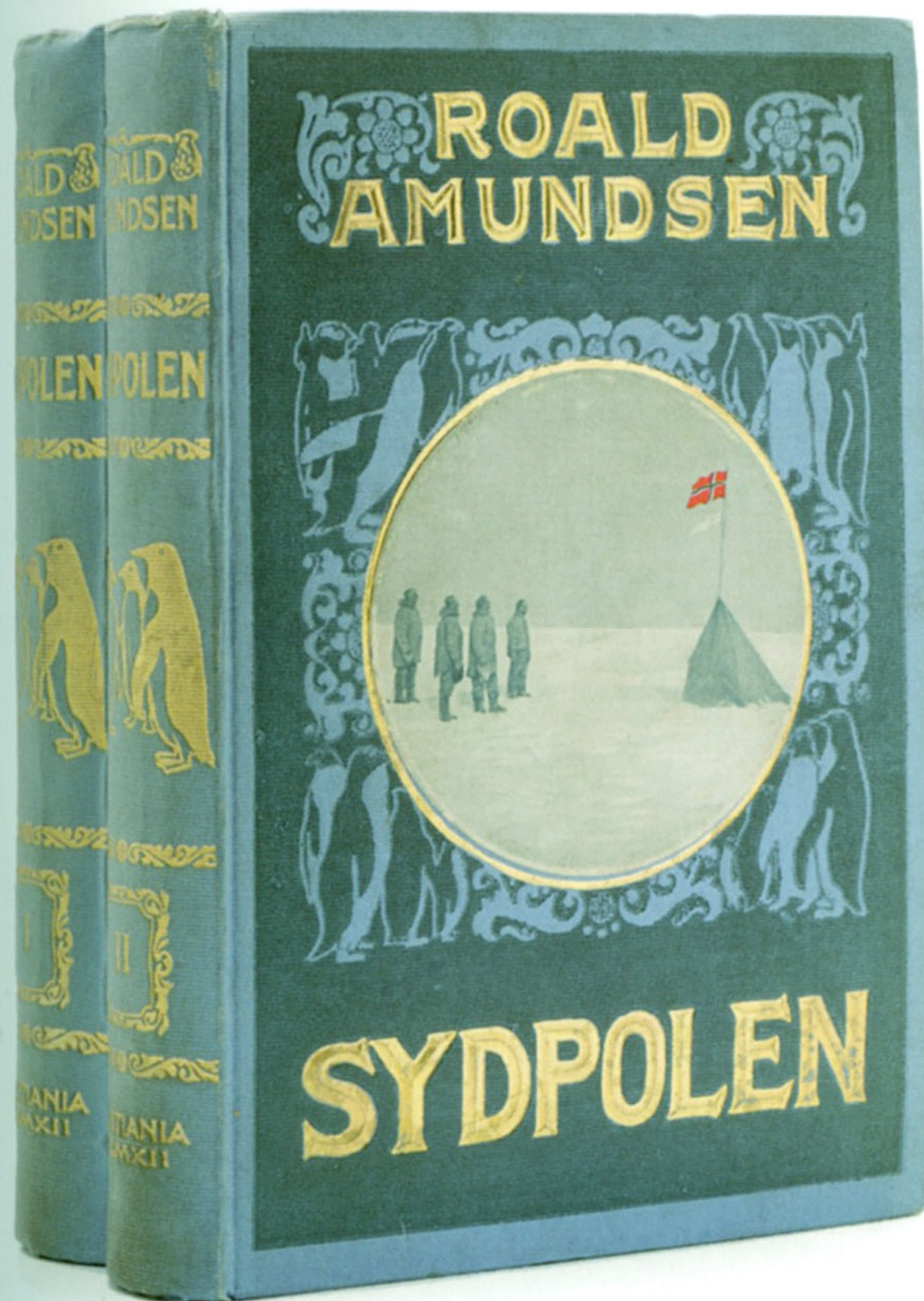






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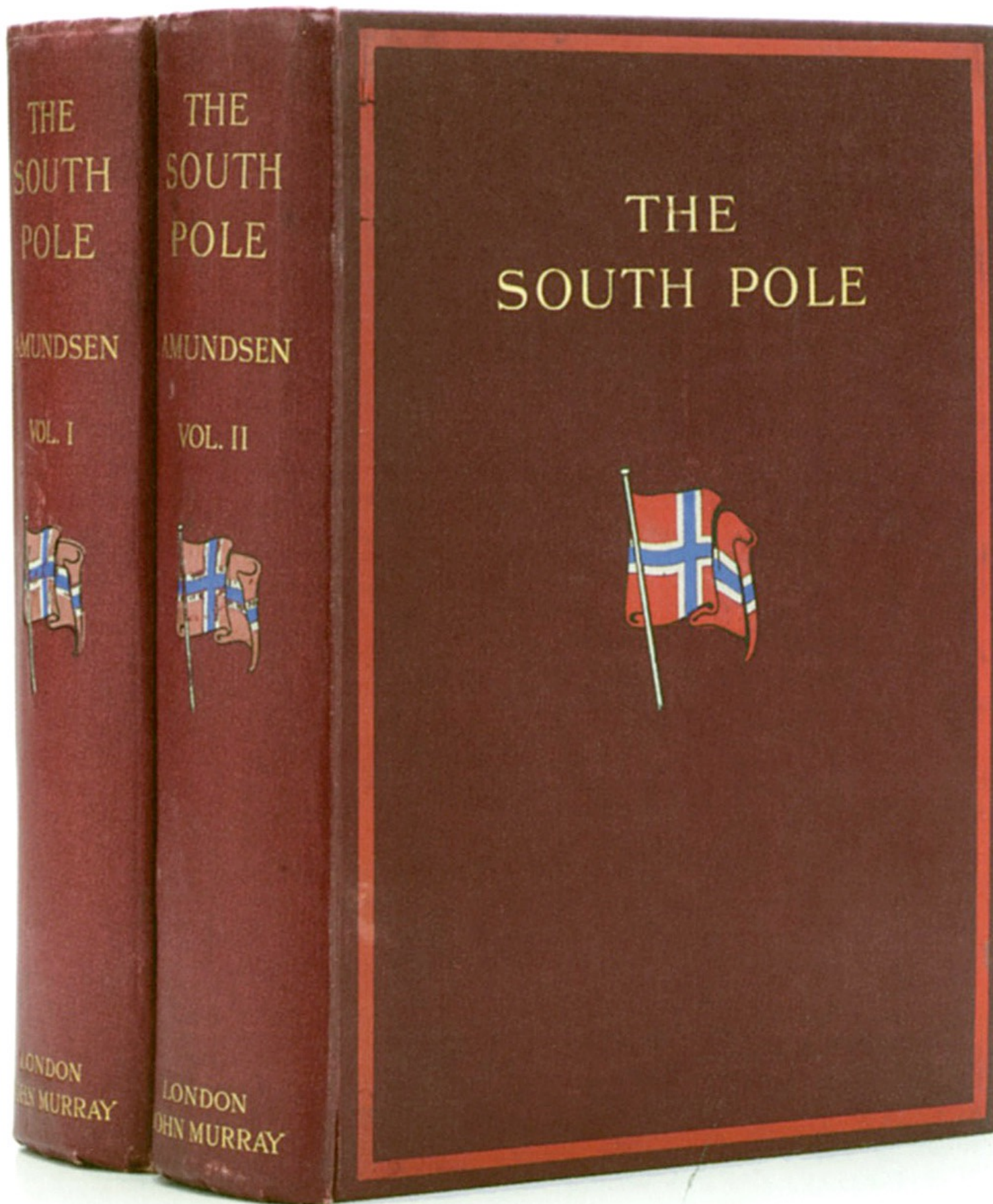






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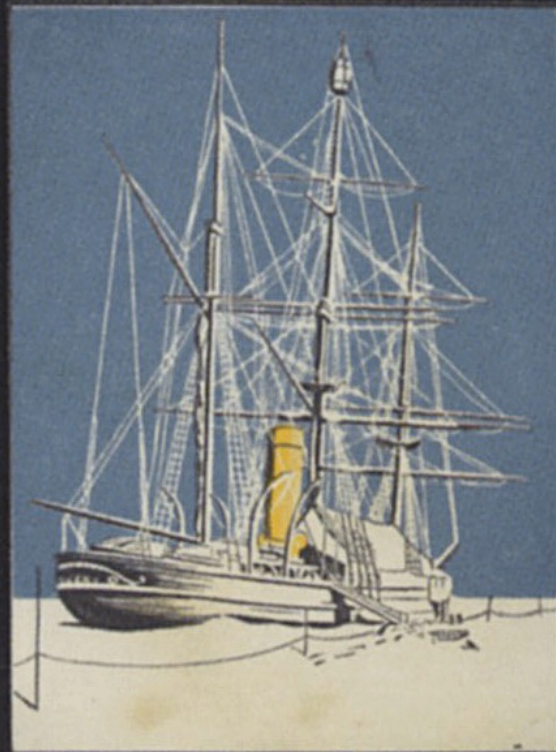
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# SOUTH POLAR



# TIMES

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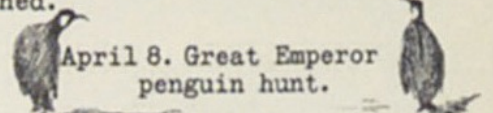
March 28. Good Friday. Two white crocuses flowered in the ward room.

March 30. Easter Sunday. The last Skua left us.

March 31. Depot sledge party left with 4000 lbs and 16 dogs.



April 3. The sledge party returned.  
April 6. An exciting seal chase.



April 8. Great Emperor penguin hunt.



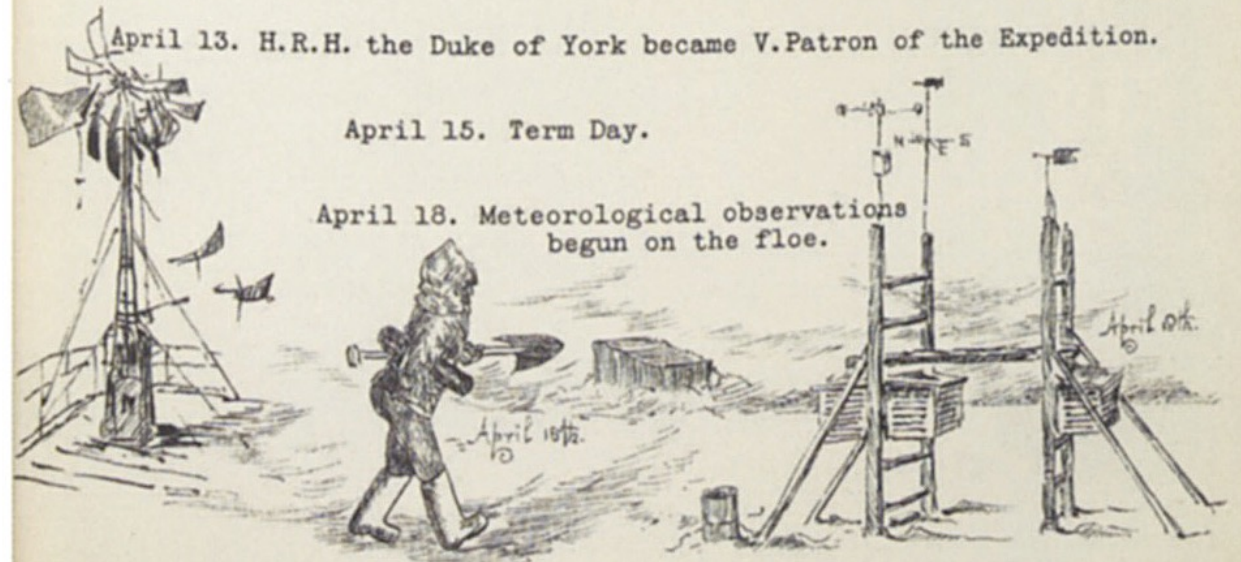
April 11. His Majesty the King became Patron of the Expedition.

April 13. Windmill collapsed.

April 13. H.R.H. the Duke of York became V. Patron of the Expedition.

April 15. Term Day.

April 18. Meteorological observations begun on the floe.















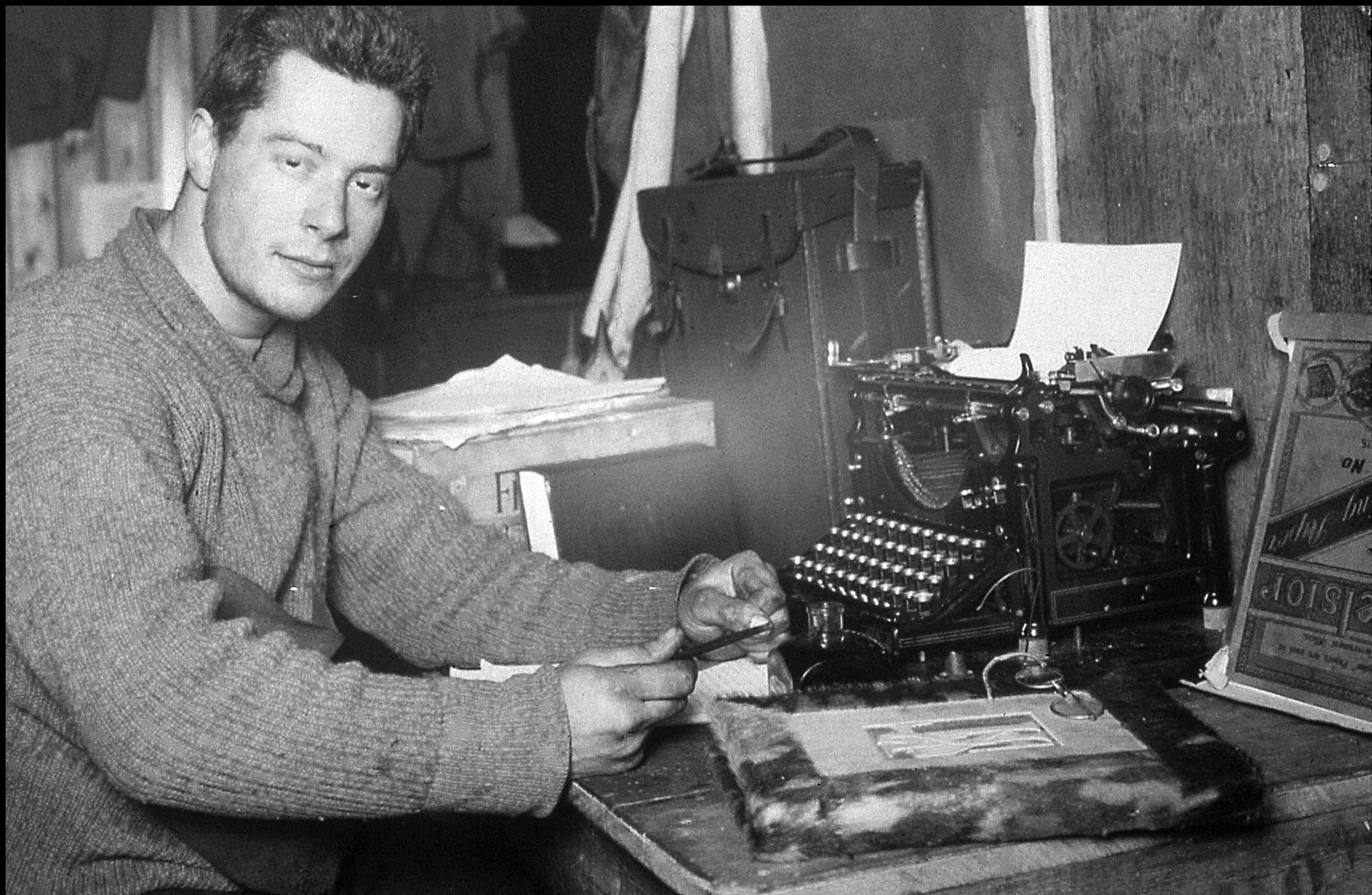
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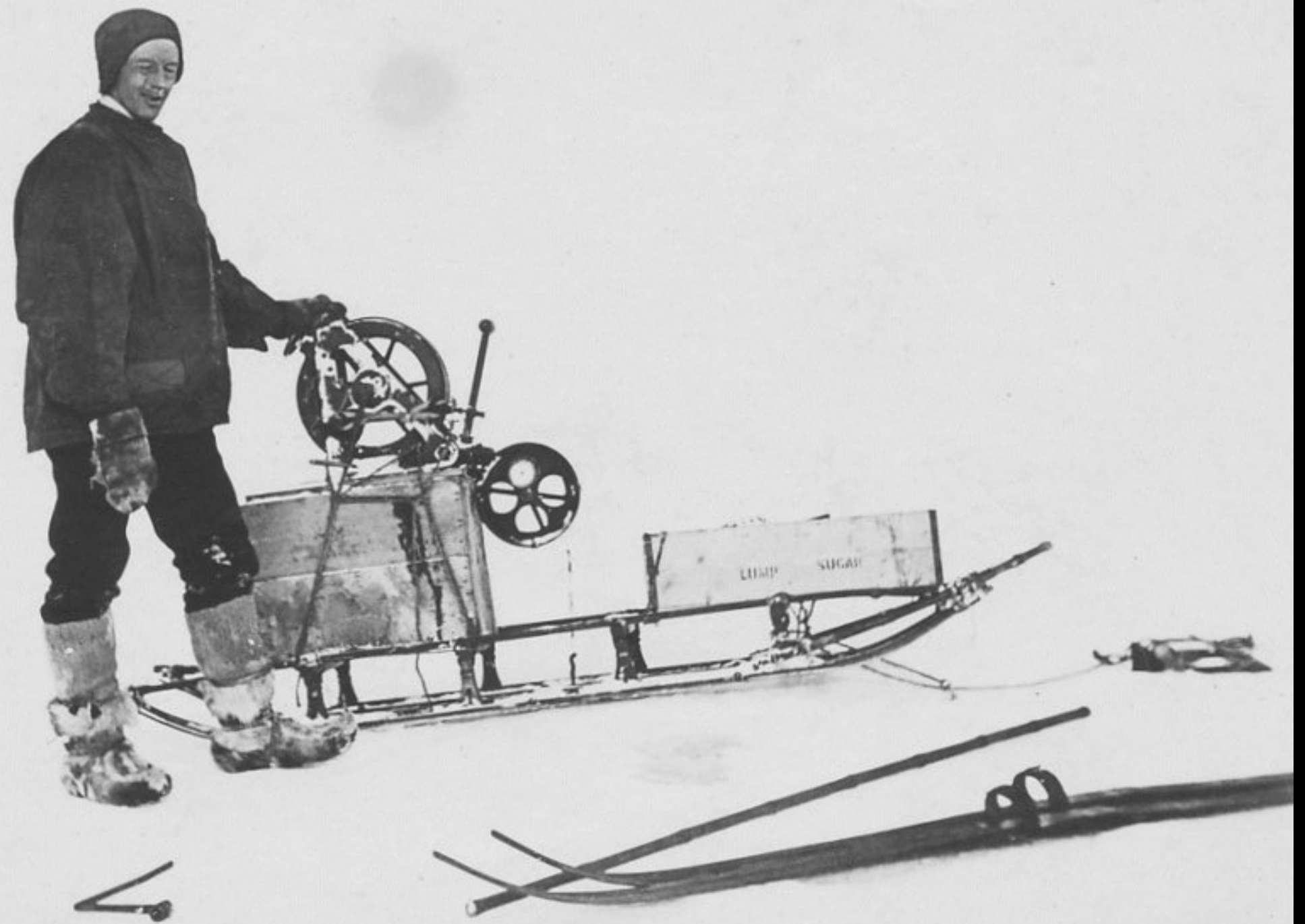




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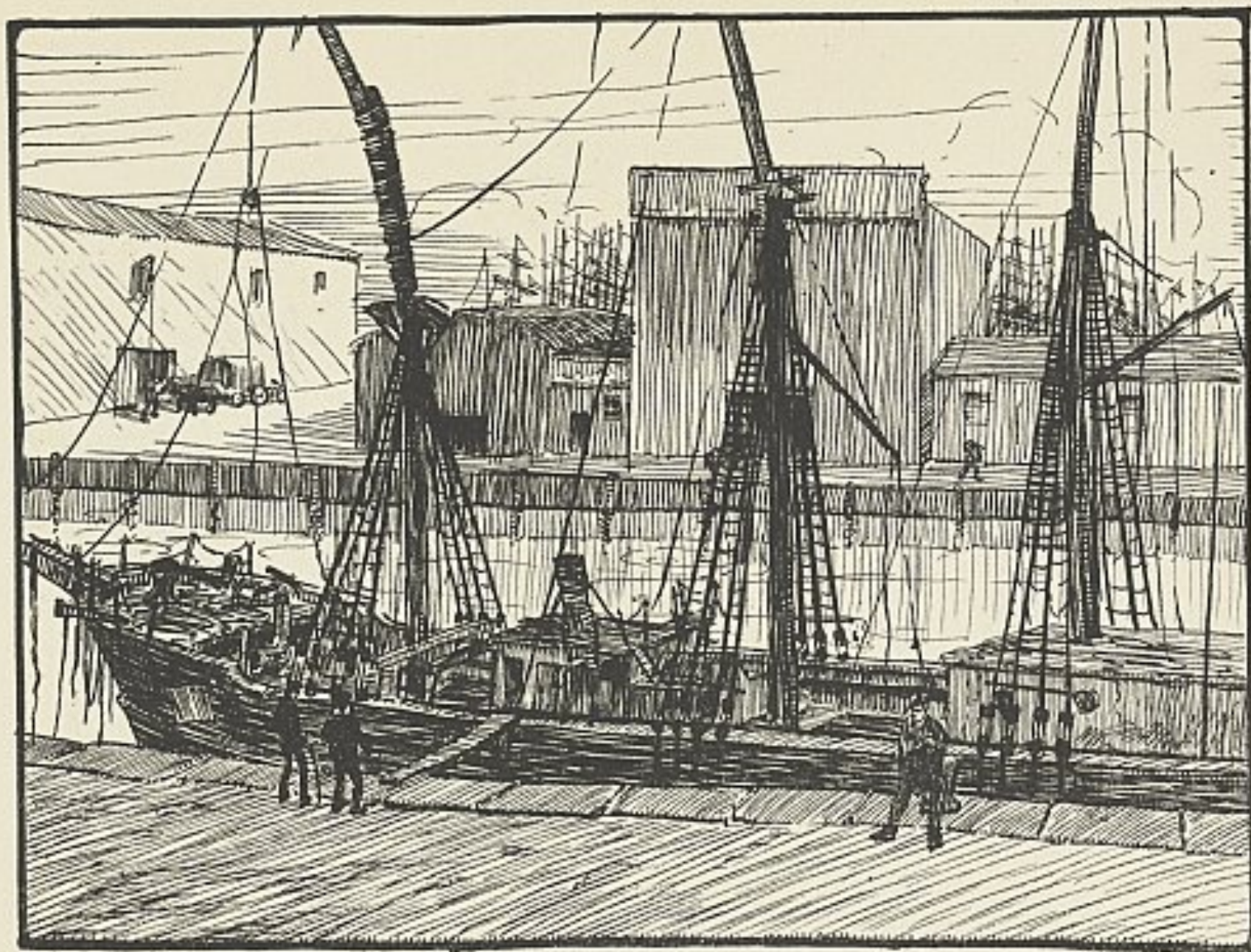












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what is there in this thing in the which I can make more gold.

And one who was called a broker, which being interpreted meaneth gambler, answered, A business man cannot afford to be sentimental; for which saying no interpretation can be found.

¶ And the heart of Shackleton was heavy, and was sunk even unto his shoes, when there arose a great and mighty man who did build ships for the Great King, and who wrought cunningly in iron, with which he made the ships so strong that they could not be broken, and he did speak in this wise saying;

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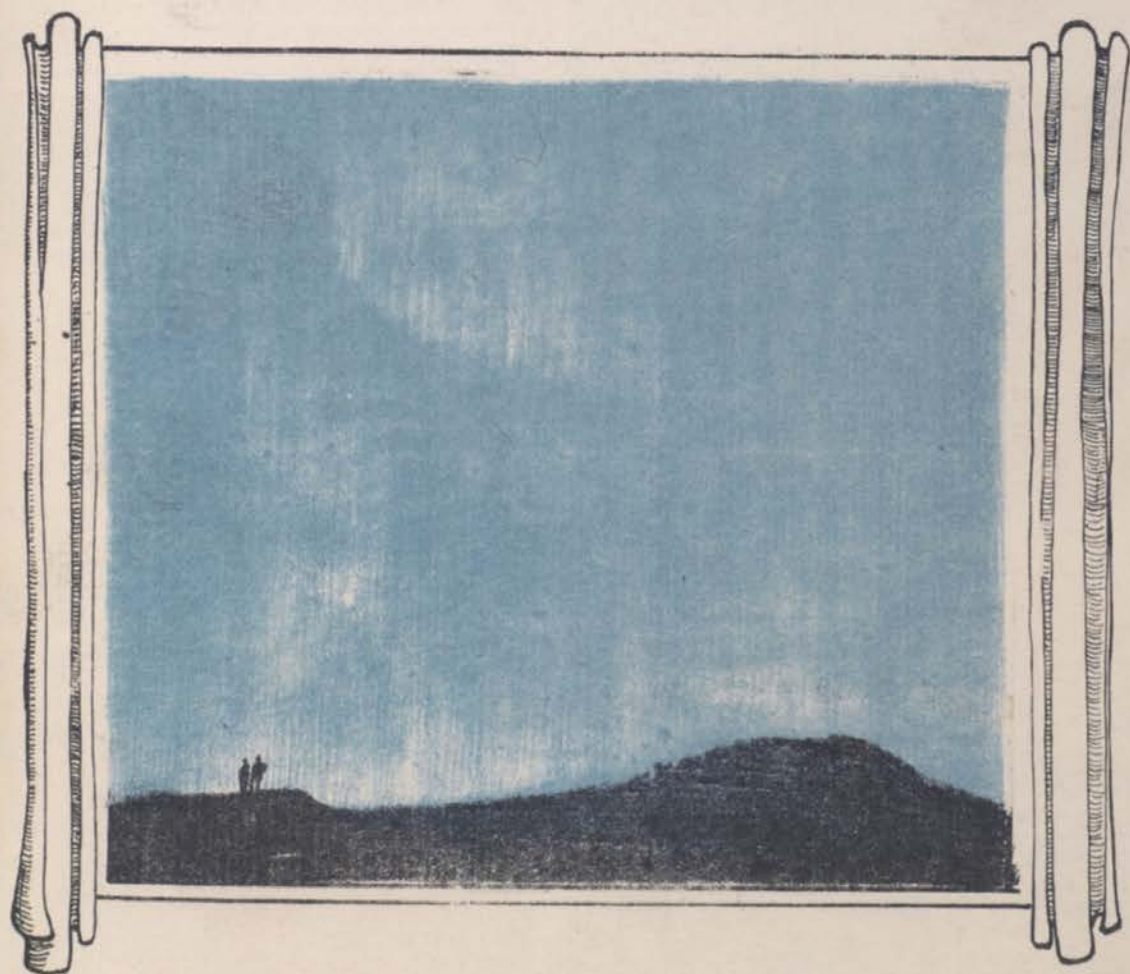














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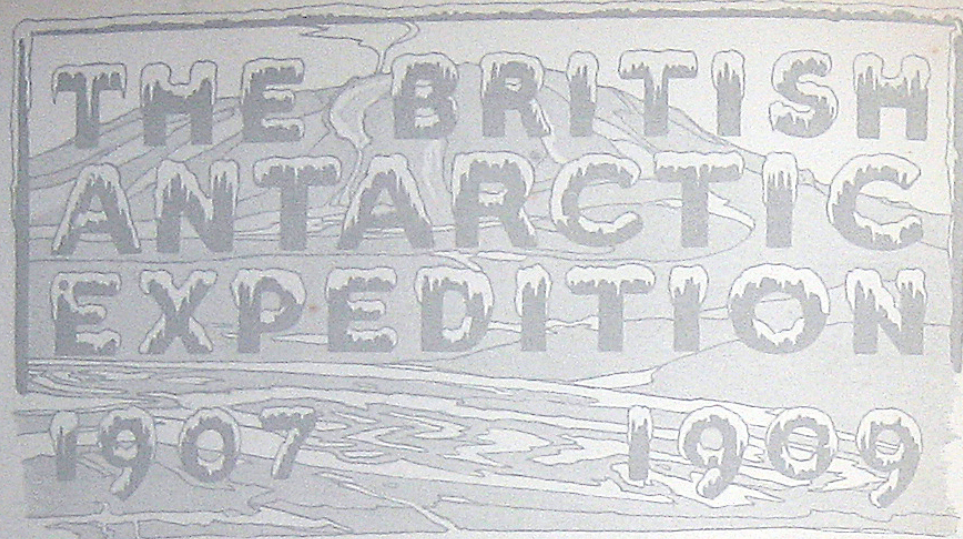
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