

GUTENBERG BIBLE FETCHES £22,000

Book collectors turned up in force at Southeby's for the auction of Volume One of the Gutenberg Bible. Produced five hundred years ago it was the first book to be printed with movable metal type. Condition is excellent.

The Gutenberg Exhibition reproduced the workshop in which the bible was printed. It says much for the fine work of the craftsmen of fourteen-fifty that the type is ^{still} ~~so~~ black and clear, in ~~copies~~ which now exist.

Only three bibles survive which were printed at Mainz. The volume now auctioned was bought for five hundred pounds ^{and} thirty seven years ago. *Bidding 22,000 g in thousands*

[Ernest Maggs raised the bidding to twenty one thousand.

~~It is good news that~~ The Gutenberg Volume will remain in England as a result of this sale, though Mr. Maggs didn't ~~not~~ disclose for whom he acted.