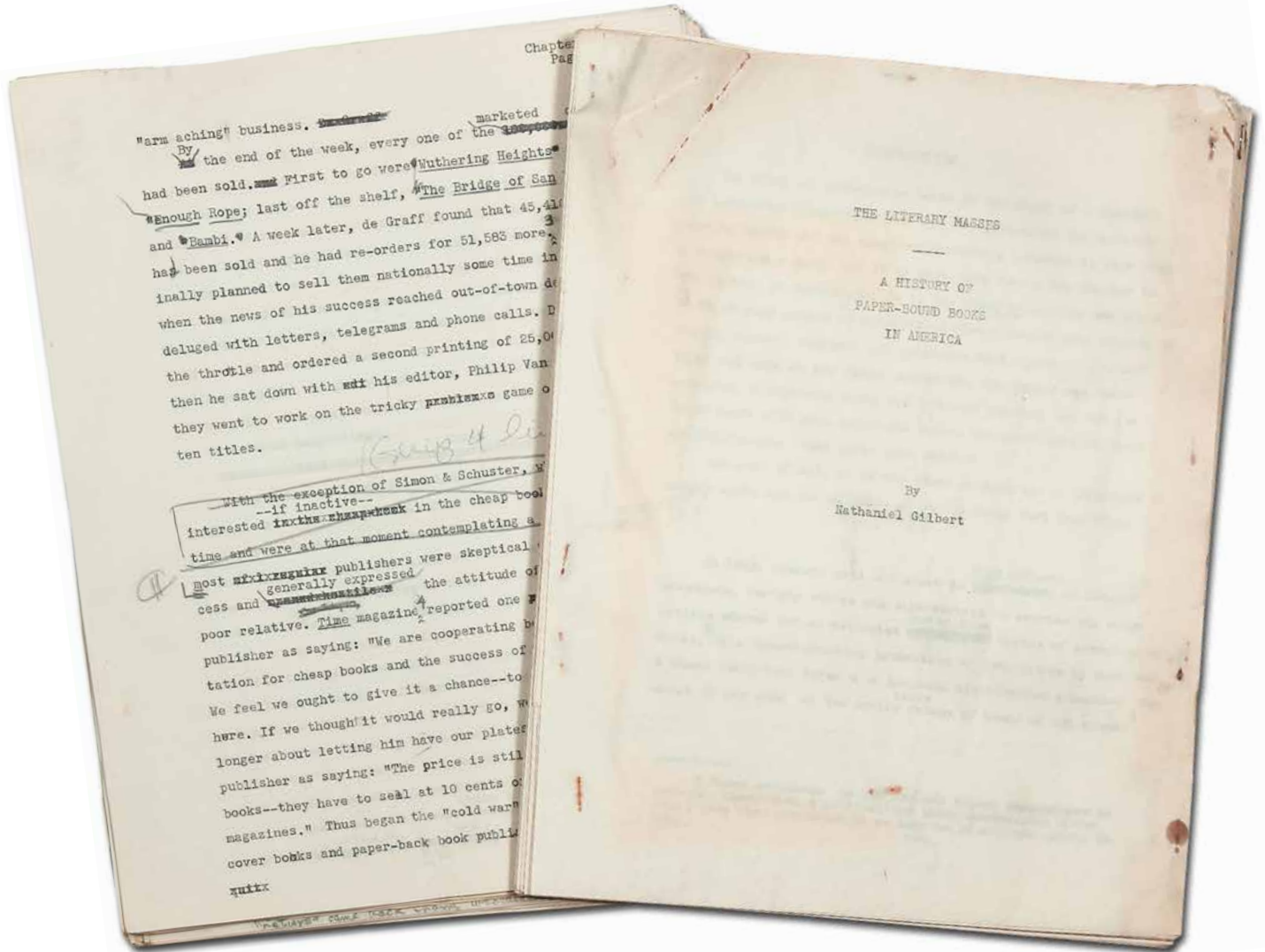


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[Manuscript]: *The Literary Masses: A History of Paper-Bound Books in America*

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