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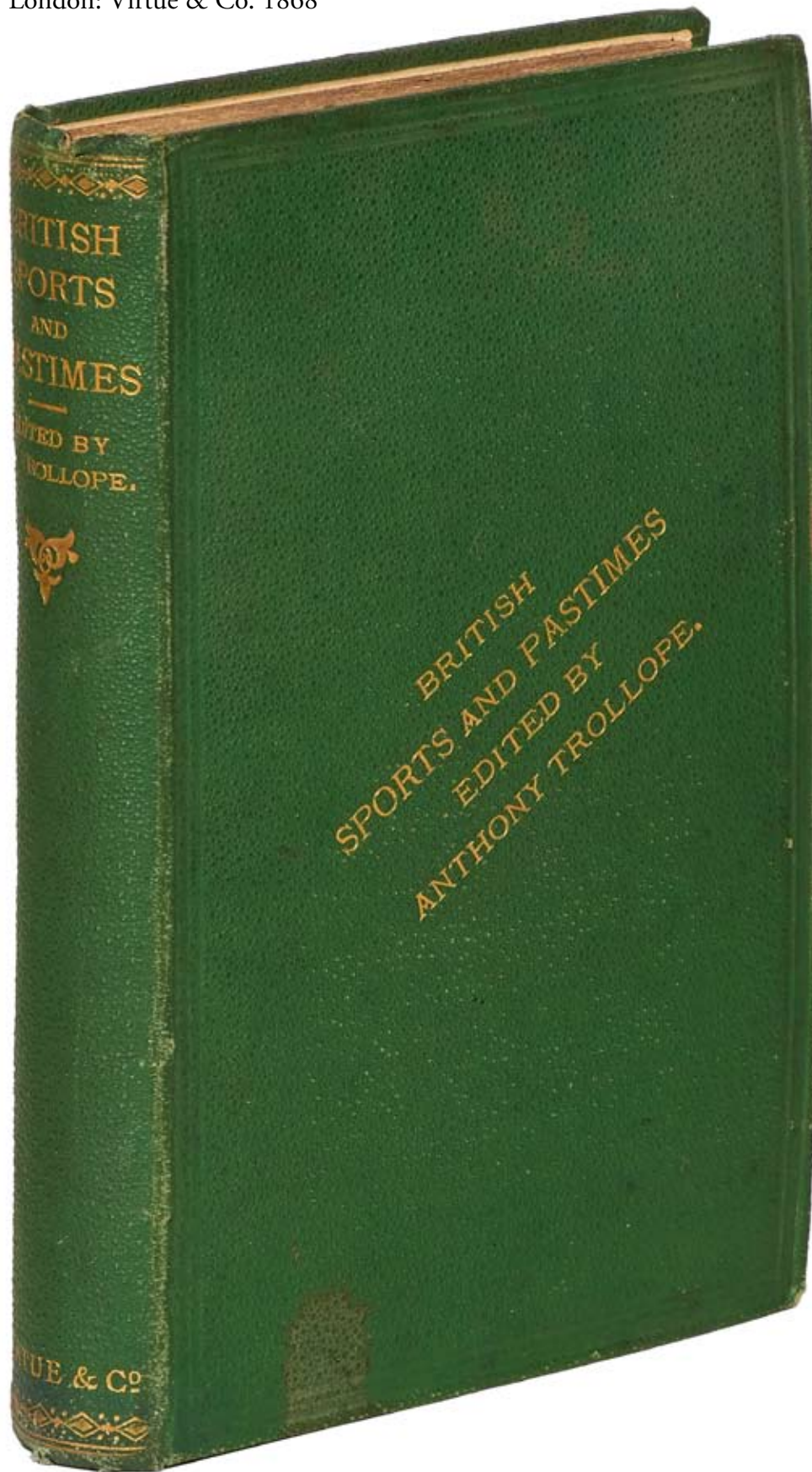
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Anthony Trollope, editor and author

British Sports and Pastimes

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First edition. Octavo. 322pp. Publisher's pebble-grained green cloth with blind-stamped rule on boards and gilt titles and decorations. Primrose yellow endpapers with Virtue & Co.'s paper label on rear pastedown. Cloth a trifle rubbed with a few small nicks and stains, inner front hinge a little tender, and the first gathering a little sprung, but a bright very good or better copy. Eight essays comprise "On Horse Racing" and "On Shooting" by Hon. Francis Lawley; "On Hunting" by Trollope; "On Fishing" by Dr. Bertram; "On Yachting" by Edward Pigott; "On Rowing" and "On Alpine Climbing" by Leslie Stephen; and "On Cricket" by Charles Mereweather (the authors are not stated but have been added in pencil to the Contents page, corresponding to *Sadleir*, p218).

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Inscribed by Trollope in black ink on the half title "M.C. Maxwell from Anthony Trollope", to which is added in pencil (likely by Trollope) "his would be colleague". When Trollope ran for the Beverley seat in Parliament in 1868 his Liberal running-mate was Marmaduke Constable Maxwell, son and heir of Lord Herries; Trollope visited the town to canvass "and spent, I think, the most wretched fortnight of my manhood" (Glendinning, p389). He ended bottom of the poll having found canvassing "absolute hell", and thus ended his foray into active politics. A nice Inscribed copy by a major English author with an interesting association. [BTC#400760]