

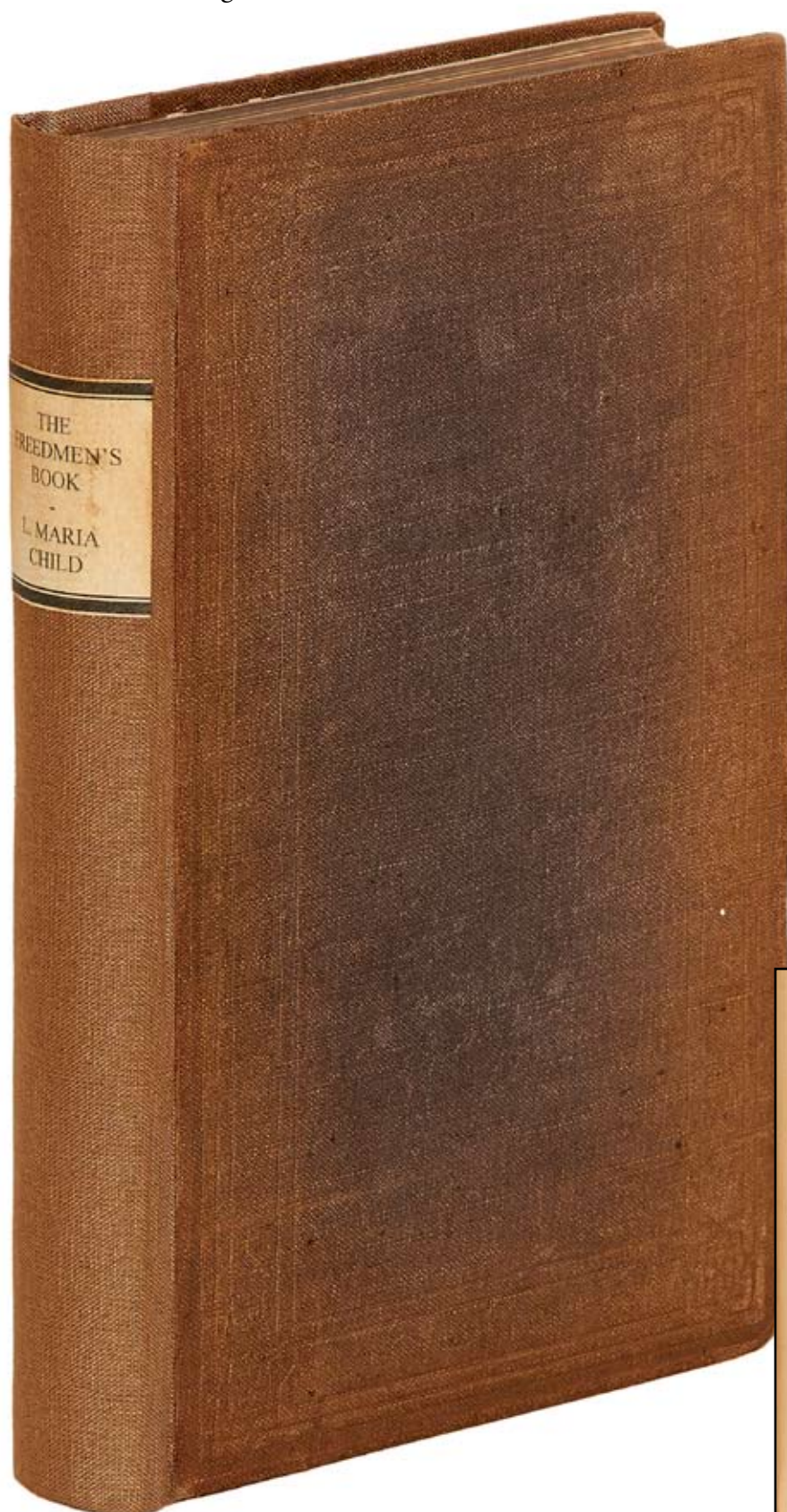
BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

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L. Maria Child

The Freedman's Book

Boston: Fields, Osgood & Co. 1869



Later printing (first published 1865). Small octavo. 277pp. Original publisher's brown cloth boards, rebacked with a new cloth spine and supplied with a later paper label and new endpapers. Light wear to boards, contents clean and sound, overall very good or better. Inscribed on the front flyleaf: "Susan Hopper, With the affectionate remembrance of her old friend, L. Maria Child./1869." Susan (aka Suzanna) Hopper was the daughter of the noted Quaker abolitionist Isaac T. Hopper, whose biography Child had written in 1859.

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THE
FREEDMEN'S BOOK.

By L. MARIA CHILD.

O dark, sad millions, — patiently and dumb
Waiting for God, — your hour, at last, has come,
And Freedom's song
Breaks the long silence of your night of wrong.
JOHN G. WHITTIER.

BOSTON:
FIELDS, OSGOOD, & CO.,
SUCCESSORS TO TICKNOR AND FIELDS.
1869.

The Child and Hopper families were close friends for many years. This book is dedicated "To the Freedmen," for whom Child says she has expressly prepared the work, "with the hope that those of you who can read will read it aloud to others, and that all of you will derive fresh strength and courage from this true record of what colored men have accomplished, under great disadvantages." It is an anthology that includes several stories and essays by Child, but also has contributions from William Lloyd Garrison, Lydia Sigourney, Frederick Douglas, Phillis Wheatley, Frances F.W. Harper, Peter Williams, and others. Exceptionally uncommon inscribed, and with a significant association. [BTC#402004]