

Taschenbuch für das Jahr 1805, der Liebe und Freundschaft gewidmet

Frankfurt am Mayn: Bei Friedrich Wilmans [1804]

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A scarce German yearbook of poetry and prose: “dedicated to love and friendship,” in a remarkable morocco binding with a contemporary hand-painted porcelain medallion of a young couple, protected by glass and inset on the top cover. 12mo. pp. [24], [1-3] 4-256, [6]. Illustrated with an engraved frontispiece plate and seven other engraved plates. The text block is neatly split between the first section of five preliminary letterpress leaves and the calendar table (consisting of 14 letterpress leaves and seven plates); lacking the first leaf of the calendar table (January and February), the first few gatherings are loose, else very good. Bound in dark red morocco with fore edge flap and two expanding pockets on the front and back covers and leather pencil sheath; eight small corner bosses, metal borders to the cover edges, and metal clasp (lacking the intervening strip of leather from the fore edge flap). With a hand-painted circular porcelain medallion of a young couple neatly enclosed within a circular brass and glass frame mounted on the top cover of the album.

This attractive couple is depicted arm-in-arm, the young man gazing with loving eyes on the woman, who is depicted looking straight ahead and holding a staff much like the Greek goddess Athena. They could be the actual couple who owned the volume, or popular figures from contemporary German literature, like Young Werther and Charlotte. A scarce 1805 Taschenbuch (*OCLC* locates only two copies), in an exceptional “Cosway-style” binding. [BTC#429595]

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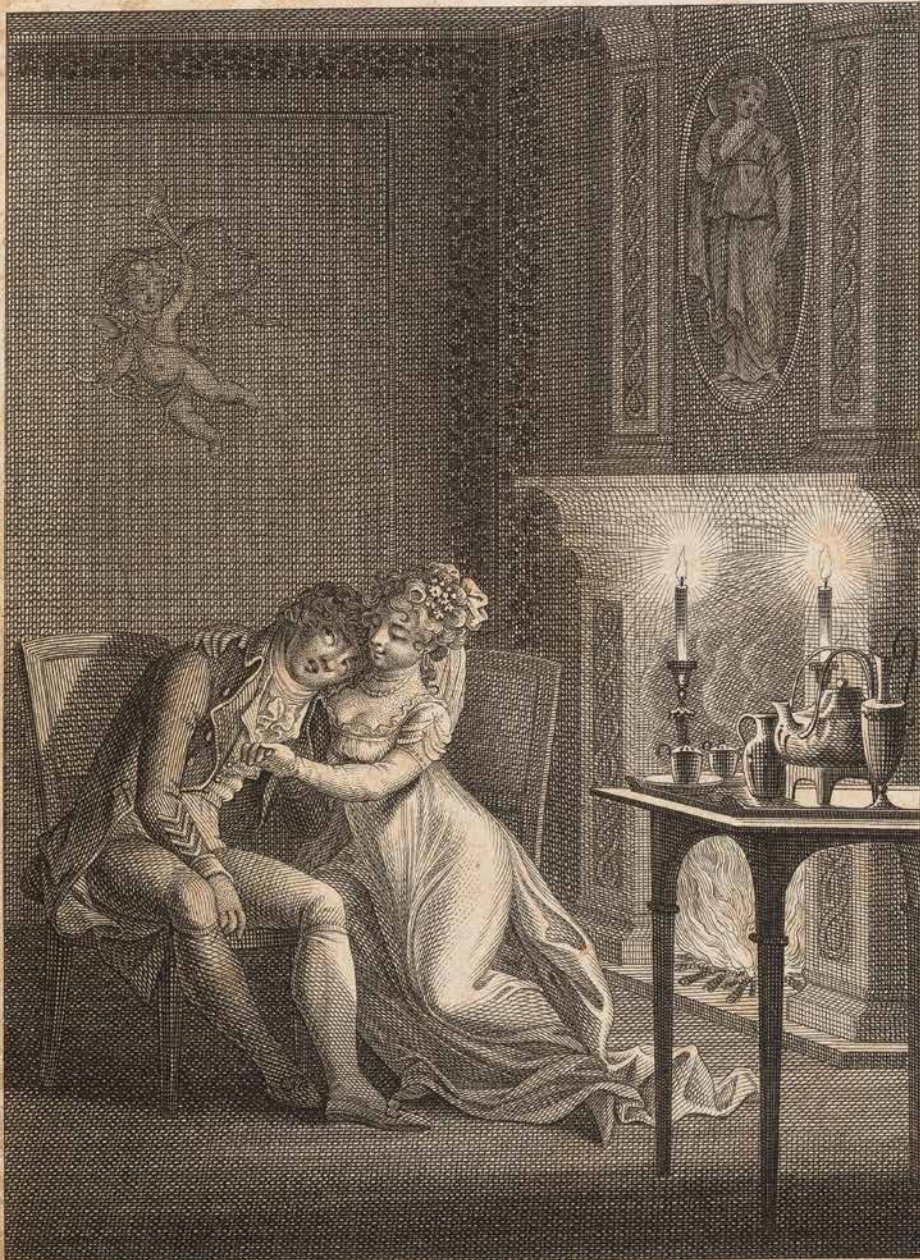
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Sc. aus Ferdinand Holo. v. Tr. v. Mastfer.
Was quält dies gute Herz?