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Evelyn, John, 1620-1706
Sylva, or, A discourse of forest-trees, and the propagation of timber in His Majesties dominions: As it was deliver'd in the Royal Society the XVth of October, 1662: to which is annexed Pomona: also Kalendarium Hortense. 2nd ed.
247 p., 67 p. & 33 p.; 31cm.

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About

John Evelyn was an English diarist, writer, garden designer and friend of Charles II. He was a member of the group that founded the Royal Society in 1660 and he wrote the first book on the growing air pollution problem in London in 1661. Evelyn was renowned for his knowledge of trees, his treatise reputedly written as an encouragement to landowners to plant trees that would provide timber for England’s burgeoning navy. Sylva, or, A discourse of forest-trees... was a best-seller among English country gentlemen who regarded gardening and tree planting as an aesthetic exercise and an expression of status. The Library’s copy was part of the Tom Barr Smith endowment.

Current Condition

Calf with later gilt tooing to spine. Rear board detached and front board detaching as a result of the stiffening of glue used in a previous repair.
Restoration by Anthony Zammit

Board edges and all corners reinforced with custom-dyed calfskin. Additional cords sewn into textblock to provide structural support and four layers of Japanese paper used to reattach both front and rear boards.