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Wakefield, Priscilla, 1751-1832
*An Introduction to botany: in a series of familiar letters, with illustrative engravings*
Dublin: Printed by Thomas Burnside for Messrs P. Wogan and 7 others, 1796
186 p., 12 leaves of plates; 17 cm.

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About

Priscilla Wakefield (nee Bell) was born in Tottenham, north of London. She married Edward Wakefield and had three children, whom she supported financially by writing. She wrote on a wide range of subjects, including natural science and children’s literature, completing seventeen books in just two decades. She was also one of a number of female English writers of the late 18th century, who began to demand a wider life for women, founding a number of charities including a Female Benefit Club and a Penny Bank for children, which later developed into Britain’s first savings bank.

**Condition**

12mo. Leather binding presented by K.A. Wills with inscription to front endpaper. Open tears to leather on front board. Leather missing from tail of spine. Front paste-down torn and lifting from board. Front end paper also stuck to paste-down and staining to rear papers.