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A multi-disciplinary supplement that makes available a vast new publishing record of the period

Overview
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This invaluable supplement is comprised entirely of works that fall into the scope of Ralph R. Shaw and Richard H. Shoemaker’s “American Bibliography,” which formed the basis of Early American Imprints, Series II. These works were either missed by Shaw and Shoemaker, or were listed by them but could not be found until now. The materials include works of history, literature, religion, law, biography, cartography, music, personal accounts and confessions, as well as scarce editions of works by women.

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