

ILLUSTRATION 1

Steinbeck's copy of *The Hymnal*, signed and dated on his fourteenth birthday (entry 409). (Courtesy of John Steinbeck Library, Salinas, California)

HEPHAESTUS

Let us go hence ; his legs are firmly chained.

STRENGTH (*To* PROMETHEUS)

Aha ! there play the insolent, and steal,
For creatures of a day, the rights of gods !
O deep delusion of the powers that named thee
Prometheus, the Fore-thinker ! thou hast need
Of others' forethought and device, whereby
Thou may'st elude this handicraft of ours !

[*Exeunt* HEPHAESTUS, STRENGTH,
and FORCE.—*A pause.*

PROMETHEUS

O Sky divine, O Winds of pinions swift,
O fountain-heads of Rivers, and O thou,
Illimitable laughter of the Sea !
O Earth, the Mighty Mother, and thou Sun,
Whose orb'd light surveyeth all—attest,
What ills I suffer from the gods, a god !
Behold me, who must here sustain
The marring agonies of pain,
Wrestling with torture, doomed to bear
Eternal ages, year on year !
Such and so shameful is the chain
Which Heaven's new tyrant doth ordain
To bind me helpless here.
Woe ! for the ruthless present doom !
Woe ! for the Future's teeming womb !
On what far dawn, in what dim skies,
Shall star of my deliverance rise ?

True to this utterance ! to its dinnest verge
I do foreknow the future, hour by hour,

moment of
release?
appeal
all winds
world of
stars
just as
his punishment

Chorus comes full account
of all P. has done.

Nor can whatever pang may smite me now
Smite with surprise. The destiny ordained
I must endure to the best, for well I wot
That none may challenge with Necessity.
Yet is it past my patience, to reveal,
Or to conceal, these issues of my doom.
Since I to mortals hrought prerogatives,
Unto this durance dismal am I bound :
Yea, I am he who in a fennel-stalk,
By stealthy sleight, purveyed the fount of fire,
The teacher, proven thus, and arch-resource
Of every art that aideth mortal men.
Such was my sin : I earn its recompense,
Rock-riveted, and chained in height and cold.

[*A pause.*

Listen ! what breath of sound, what fragrance soft
hath risen

Upward to me ? is it some godlike essence,
Or being half-divine, or mortal presence ?

Who to the world's end comes, unto my craggy
prison ?

Craves he the sight of pain, or what would he
behold ?

Gaze on a god in tortures manifold,
Heinous to Zeus, and scorned by all
Whose footsteps tread the heavenly hall,
Because too deeply, from on high,
I pitied man's mortality !

Hark, and again ! that fluttering sound
Of wings that whirr and circle round,
And their light rustle thrills the air—
How all things that unseen draw near

Are to me Fear !

[*Enter the CHORUS OF OCEANIDES,
in winged cars.*

ILLUSTRATION 2

THE MONTEREY BEACON
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THIS BOOK BELONGS
TO CAROL AND
JOHN STEINBECK.



ILLUSTRATION 3

Cover of *The Monterey Beacon* (the first appearance of Steinbeck's story, "The Snake") with the Steinbecks' library stamp. (Courtesy of Preston Beyer, Stratford, Connecticut)

Recap sheet dated June 1st 1939, and continuation of
EFR Personal Inventory of Books

Division One. List of 5 pages of books purchased from the burning of my previous library Nov. 28th 1938, thru June 1st 1939, per detail	\$ 171.69
Division Two. List of 1 page of books given me as gift christmas, birthday and "rehabilitation shower" presents from time of fir to present date. Some estimations not including sales tax	88.45
	2.65
Division Three. Books which were loaned out at the fire, and books which I got from mother's library at time their home was broken up. Mostly estimated	35.00
value of library at cost to date	297.99

Date	Name of Author	Date of Publ.	Name	pp etc	Publisher	Acquired how?	From?	Cost.
June '39	Mivas	1920	Human Paraditology	715 pp	W.Saunders	Purchased	2nd hd Harby/McKrop, S D	\$ 2.50
do	Massy	1909	Conservative Gynecology etc	463 pp	F.A.Davis Co.	"	"	.75
do	Jung	1927	Psychology of the Unconscious.	666 pp.	Dodd Mead.	"	"	2.00
do	Compl. Poets of Francois Villon, Lepper (tr)	1926.	318 pp.	Boni & Liveright.	"	"	"	1.50
June '39	Jest		Ancient History		Allyn & Bacon		Given me by Toby	.15
	Bible		King James Version					.05
	Cassell	1908	English French Pocket Dict.		David McKay			.25
	Clark	1894 (1871)	Tex Great Religions		Houghton Mifflin			.25
	German, Spanish and Latin Grammars, 8							.50
	Miclerstein, 1897		Comp. Anat. Vertebr.		MacMillan			.50
	Foster & Bal four	1896	Elem. of Embryol.		MacK			.50
	Getkie	1892	Cology, MacM					.10
	Getchell	1897	Lab. practices for beginners in botany.		MacK			.05
	Carpenter	1848	Zoology, -m. J. Orr and Co., London, 2 volumes					.50
acquired in June	Alter, 1924.		Biol. of the Vertebrates. MacK. Property of Knie, loaned infinitely					.75
	Chapman	1872	Flora of the southern US, Iyison, Makernan, Taylor & Co., N Y. Given by Evelyn					.10
	Wise & Ginzler,	1919.	FB of bacteriology. Appleton.					.50
	Haggard,	1933.	Mystery, Magic and Medicine. Doubleday, Doran.					.15
	Binns, no date.		Botanicall. Fredk. Stokes Co., N Y					.10
	Lucas, 1914.		The "don" road. B Hilt					.15
	Whittier, 1894.		Compl. Poetical Works. Houghton Mifflin					.25
								\$ 309.34

ILLUSTRATIONS 4 and 5

Sample pages of Edward F. Ricketts' "Personal Inventory of Books." (Courtesy of Joel W. Hedgpeth, Santa Rosa, California)

"To the left the office opens into a library. The walls are bookcases to the ceiling, boxes of pamphlets and separates, books of all kinds, dictionaries, encyclopedias, poetry, plays." (*Cannery Row*, Chapter V)

and Personal Inventory of Books		Brought forward		300.34				
Date	Author	Date of Title	Name	pp etc	Publisher	How acquired	From	Cost
		1943	Parish (1943) (1943) (1943) (1943)	100 pp	NY	Purch. End	Wallace St, NY	.51
		1960	Pontifical Briefs, Harpers			"	"	1.54
		1905	World, National and Dramatic Works		Houghton-Mifflin	"	"	.51
July 14	Johnson & Sneck	1927 (1926)	Seashore Animals of the Pacific Coast		MacM	Parsh.	Holmans, thru Hitch	5.25
do	Reisig	1926 (1926)	Insects of Western North America		MacM	"	"	8.75
July 25	Bergesheimer, Jos.	1925	Quist Cities	304 pp	Knopf	Parsh. End	Holmes Bk Co., S F	.52
do	Butler, Samuel	The Way of all Flesh	376 pp.	Becks, Inc, NY, Boston.	"	" Record Exchange, Eddy St SF	.25
July 28	Blake		Poetry and Prose. Random No. One Vol. Ed.	1126 pp.		Parsh. new	Holmans, thru Hitch	3.09
do	Danne		Compl. Poetry & Selected Prose.	" " 796 pp		"	"	3.09
do	Pratt		Manual of the Common Invertebrate animals.	Rev. Ed. 204 pp.	Blakiston.	"	"	4.44
Aug. 4		1927	The Philosophy of Nietzsche/ Mod. Libr. Giant.	1096 pp		Parsh. End	Creeds, N.Y.	.78
	McKean, Richard	1929	Medieval Philosophers, I.	375 pp.	Scribners.	End	"	.98
	Gaberlet, Mariel Lewin	1924	Animals of the Seashore.	412 pp.	Metrop. Press, Portl. New	"	"	2.11
Aug 25	Steinbeck, J.	1929	The Grapes of Wrath.	419 pp.	Viking Press.	Given me by Jon		2.75
	VandeVelde	1921	Sex Hostility in Marriage.	300 pp, plates etc.	Loaned to Jim Fitzgerald before the fire and brought back now.	Bought new, 1934 or so.		7.50
Sept 2	Bacroft, Giffing	1932	The Flight of the Least Petrel.	G F Putnam's Sons.	Parsh End	Liebermanns		2.04
do	Baudelaire	Complete, trans. by Arthur Symonds.	Albert & Chas Boni, N Y.	1926.	"	"	"	2.04
Oct. 7	Wilhem-Jung	1928	The Secret of the Golden Flower.	Harcourt, Brace, NY		Gift from Joe Campbell		4.00
	Wickes, Frances G.	1938	The Inner World of Man.	Barrar & Reinhart, NY.	(copy belonging to Frances Strong retained, because I had made personal and occasional-to-me annotations in it, while I bought new one for her)			3.85

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Rec'd from R. L. Steinbeck Jan 1940

ILLUSTRATION 6

Books ordered by Edward F. Ricketts through John Steinbeck and The Viking Press. (Courtesy of Webster Street, Carmel, California)

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Mr. Paul Caswell
SALINAS-CALIFORNIAN
Salinas, California

Dear Mr. Caswell:

I am gathering material for a novel, the setting of which is to be the region between San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz, particularly the Salinas valley; the time, between 1900 and the present.

An exceedingly important part of the research necessary will involve the files of the Salinas papers; will it be possible for me to consult these files? Do you know what has happened to the files of the INDEX-JOURNAL and would it be possible for you to arrange my access to them?

I expect to be in Monterey soon after January 20th; could you let me know as soon as possible (by collect wire if necessary) if these files can be thrown open to me.

I will very much appreciate your help in this project.

Very truly yours

John Steinbeck
JOHN STEINBECK *(p.c.)*

JS/tr

Please address my office: Room 806
118 E 40th St
New York 16, N. Y.

Collect

You are
Welcome to Salinas Newspaper files.

Paul Caswell, Publisher
Jan 11/48

ILLUSTRATION 7

Steinbeck's letter of request to Paul Caswell. (Courtesy of Paul Caswell, and John Steinbeck Library, Salinas, California)



ILLUSTRATION 8

Steinbeck reading back files of *Salinas Index* for his research on *East of Eden*. (Courtesy of John Steinbeck Library, Salinas, California)

“Sometimes, but not often, a rain comes to the Salinas Valley in November. It is so rare that the *Journal* or the *Index* or both carry editorials about it.” (*East of Eden*, Chapter 46)

THE PIERPONT MORGAN LIBRARY
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Dec. 20 1956

To the Director,

Sir:

I have read the rules established by the trustees for the use of the Library and its collections, and in accordance with them, I hereby apply for reader's privileges in the Library.

Name John Steinbeck

Permanent address 206 E. 72

New York address New York City

School, business or other affiliation _____

Purpose for which reader's privileges are requested (be specific) Inspection of Manuscripts and any other material pertinent to author's cycle including micro film

Date or period for which admission is requested (not to exceed one year) One year

References (with supporting letter) Viking Press, New York

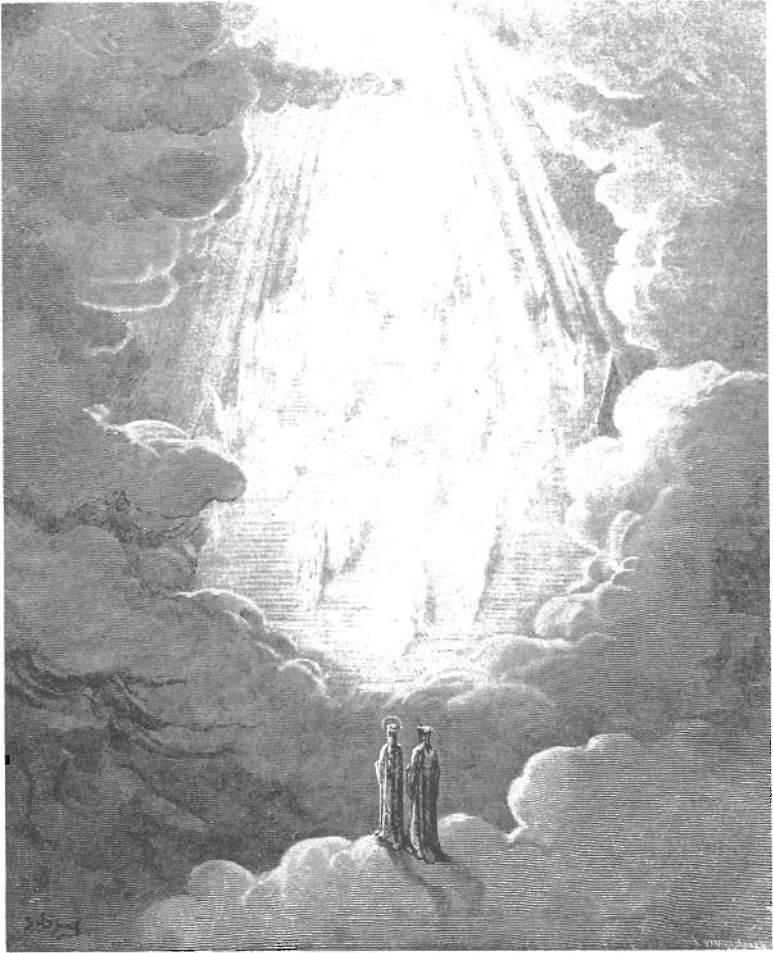
Signature John Steinbeck

Staff approval _____

ILLUSTRATION 9

Steinbeck's application for reader's privileges at The Pierpont Morgan Library. (Courtesy of The Pierpont Morgan Library)

"The Morgan Library has opened its arms and its great manuscripts to me. . . ." (John Steinbeck to Alexander Frere, 18 January 1957)



ILLUSTRATIONS 10 and 11

Gustave Doré's illustrations for Dante's *Paradisio* (entry 225). (Courtesy of Sterling Library, Yale University)

"He [Aron Trask] has no idea where he got this picture of academic life—perhaps from the Doré illustrations of Dante's *Inferno* [sic] with its massed and radiant angels." (*East of Eden*, Chapter 47)



