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Sowerby, James, and James de Carle. The Mineral Conchology of Great Britain

or Coloured Figures and Descriptions of those Remains of Testaceous Animals or Shells which Have Been Preserved at Various Times and Depths in the Earth. London: for the Author, 1812-1829-[1846]. 7 volumes (with parts 1-8 of volume 7 bound as 1), first edition, 8vo, 650 hand-coloured engraved plates (including 33bis and 184bis, several folding), 10-page article relating to French edition printed in "Magazine of Natural History" (1839) bound in at end of volume 6, contemporary half morocco gilt, spines with 2 shell motifs repeated within raised bands, gilt edges, a few plates shaved within platemark (with part loss to numeral of plate 359), tear repaired to corner of pp.1-4 in volume 2, without title in volume 7 (not called for, as in Nissen), slightly rubbed [Nissen ZBI 3917]

Note: A Fine complete set, with the very rare unfinished seventh volume.

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