

# Advent of Case Construction Cloth Covered Bookbinding in the United States

bindings as evidence of  
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## typical cloth covered bindings



J.&J. Harper  
1829-1834

## characteristics of laced construction



(Boston)  
1828

## characteristics of cased binding



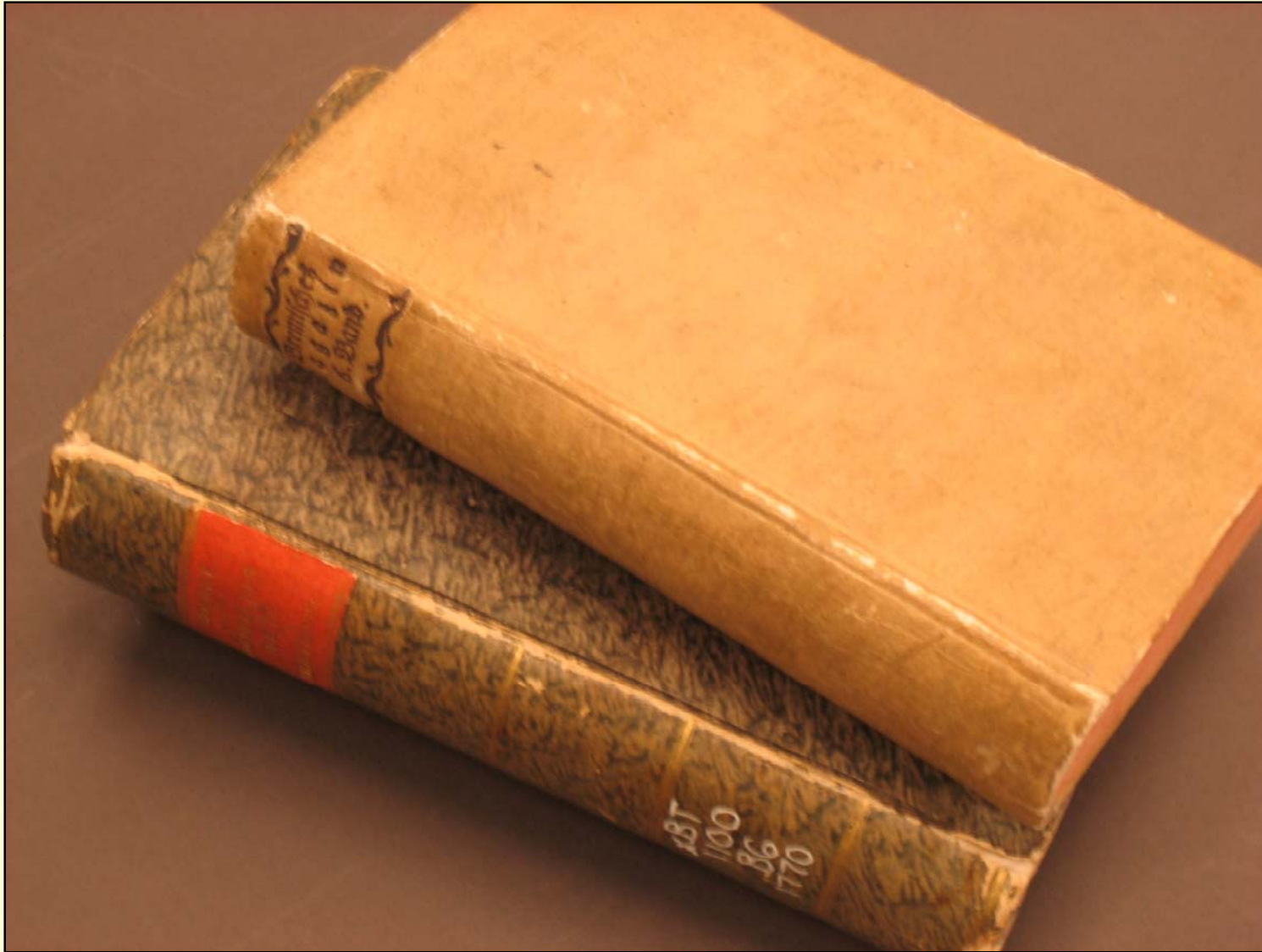
Harper &  
Brothers  
1834

## early spine stamping



Harper & Brothers  
1835 - 1836

## 18<sup>th</sup> c. German case binding



## work station laced construction

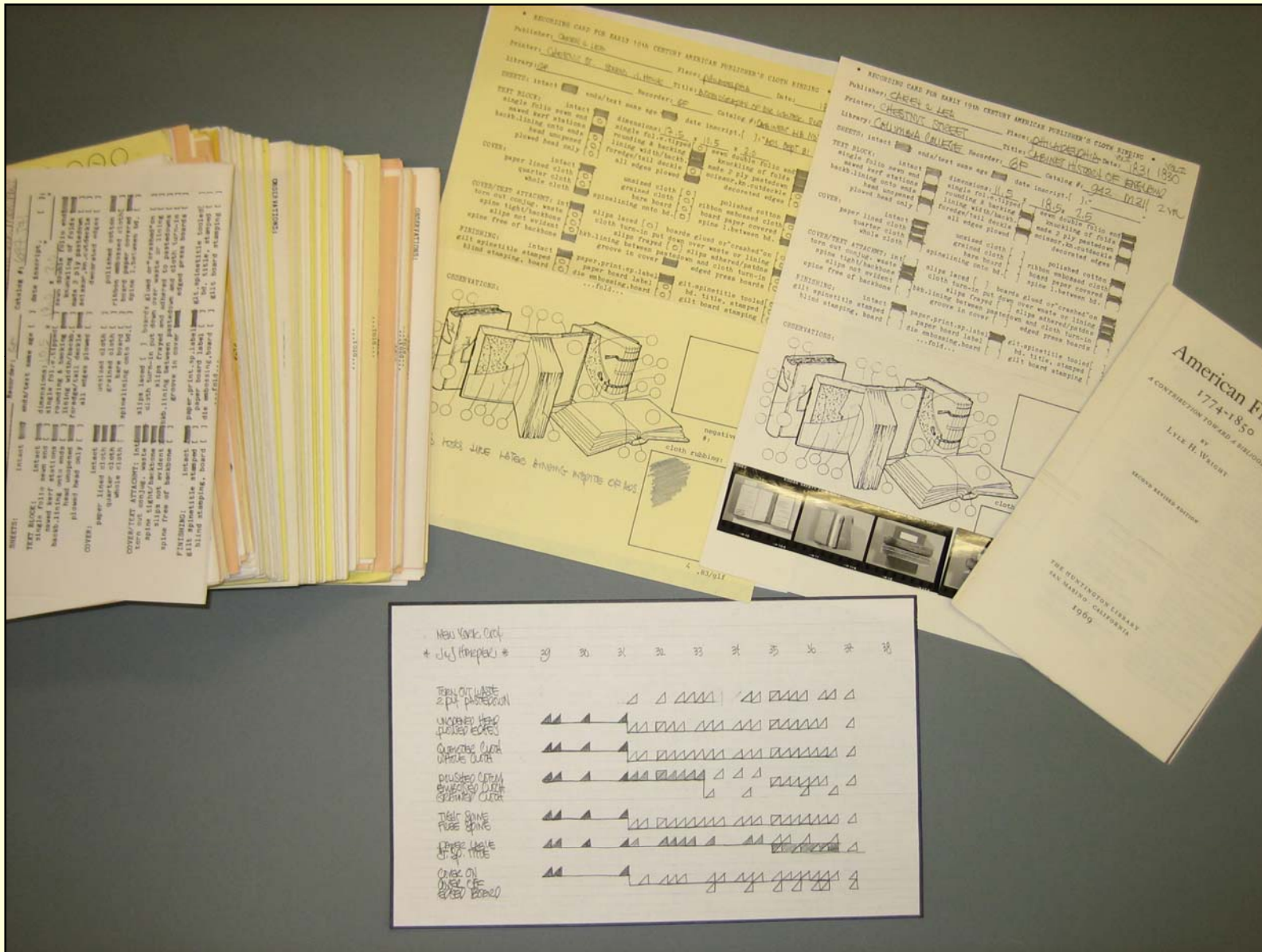


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# work stations for case construction



# recording cards and tabulation



# Advent of Case Construction

- *It is a mystery that we convey conceptual works via physical objects such as books. But that mystery hides another; that there is little correlation between the activities of making that object and the concepts conveyed.*

