

**Books and Manuscripts (1706)**

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**[Americana] [Franklin, Benjamin] Franklin, Dr. (Benjamin) Chess Made Easy. New and Comprehensive Rules for Playing the Game of Chess...**

Philadelphia: James Humphrey, 1802. First American edition. 32mo. 97, (1), (8) (ads) pp. Illustrated with engraved frontispiece. Quarter brown leather, over marbled paper-covered boards, stamped in gilt, extremities worn, joints, spine, and boards rubbed; frontispiece repaired; title-page repaired and dampstained, ownership ink stamp at bottom of same, as well as pp. (5) and 51; text leaves unevenly toned; worming bottom p. 85/86 scattered minor to moderate spotting. Ford, p. 159.

The earliest known book on chess printed in America. Rare.

