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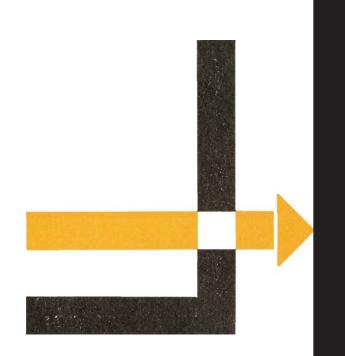
Cover image: Detail from El Lissitzky

Announcements and order forms in German (Foto-Auge), French (Oeil et Photo), and English (Photo-Eye) for the book: Franz Roh and Jan Tschichold, Foto-Auge: 76 Fotos der Zeit. Stuttgart: Akademischer Verlag Dr. Fritz Wedekind & Co., 1929 Offset lithograph and letterpress on paper 5 3/8 x 4" (13.6 x 10.1 cm) (see pp. 72-73)

Works in this volume are cross-referenced to "Summary Catalogue of Typographical Work by El Lissitzky" and the "Annotated Transcript of El Lissitzky's Proun Inventory" in Peter Nisbet, ed., *El Lissitzky, 1890-1941: Catalogue for an Exhibition of Selected Works from North American Collections, the Sprengel-Museum Hanover and the Staatliche Galerie Moritzburg Halle* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Art Museums, Busch-Reisinger Museum, 1987), by the abbreviation: [Nisbet].

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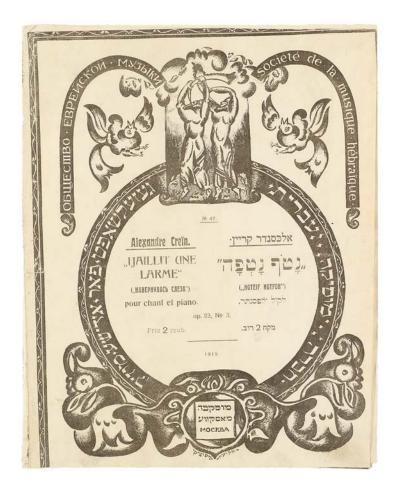
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VITEBSK 1919-1920 Cover for sheet music of the *Société de la musique hébraïque* (Society of Jewish Music), no. 47: *Ijaillit une Larme / Noteif Notfoh* by Alexandre Creïn Moscow: Obshchestvo evreiskoi muzyki, 1919 Sheet music, two folded sheets (four pages) 12 1/8 x 9 5/8" (32 x 25 cm) [Nisbet 1919/10]

Note:

Lissitzky's uniform design for sheet music of the Société de la musique hébraïque was used for a series of musical compositions, including those by Alexandre Creïn (1883-1951) and by the Jewish music revivalist Joel Engel (1868-1927). Known examples of Engel's compositions in the series include: "Mélodie de mon père" (no. [24]), "Air de dance" (no. 32), "Joc, dance" (no. 33), "Oh! Si mes voeux étaient accomplish!" (no. 48), and "Vois la-bas" (no. 50).

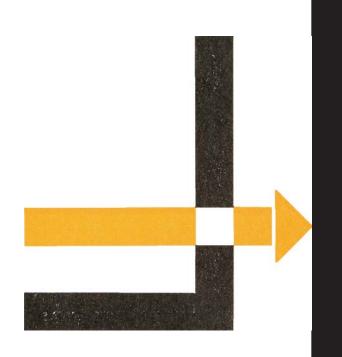


East German facsimile of the poster: Klinom krasnym bei belykh (Beat the Whites with the Red Wedge), 1960s (after 1920 original)
Lithograph on paper 19 1/8 x 27 1/4" (48.3 x 69 cmt)
[Nisbet 1920/5]

Note:

It is uncertain if any original copies of this poster survived. For discussion, see Nisbet 1920/5.



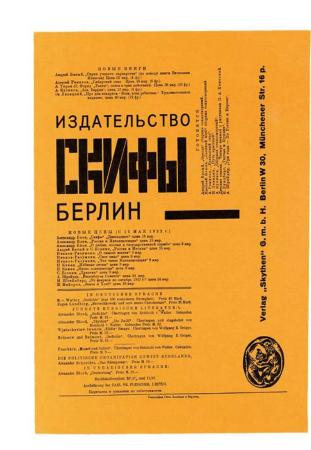


BERLIN 1922-1923 Front and back of flyer announcing the publication list of *Izdatel'stvo skify* Berlin (Verlag Skythen Berlin), "publishing house launched to publish book series on philosophy, theory, history, creativity, cultural history, literature, and sociology," new prices as of May 15, 1922
Letterpress on paper 12 1/4 x 9" (31.1 x 22.8 cm)

Note:

Lissitzky's of Two Squares (p. 16-17) is announced in the list of "New Books" at top, left.

The Verlag Skythen, Berlin also published Lissitzky's journal Veshch in 1922 (see pp. 18-19) and Mayakovsky: Misteriia ili Buff (see pp. 20-21).



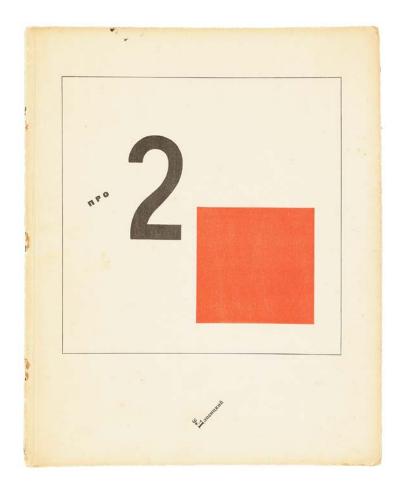


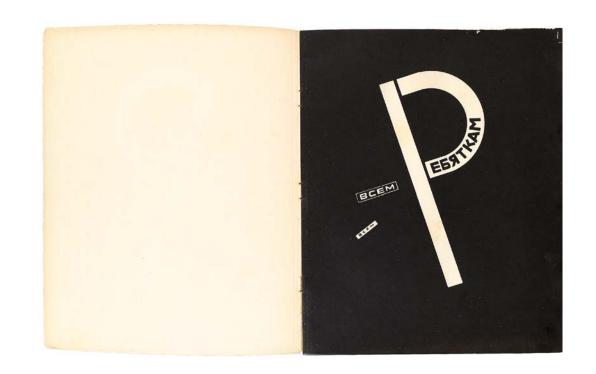
Cover and complete contents of *Pro dva kvadrata* (Of Two Squares)
Berlin: Verlag Skythen, April 1922
Letterpress on paper
11 1/8 x 8 7/8" (28.2 x 22.5 cm)

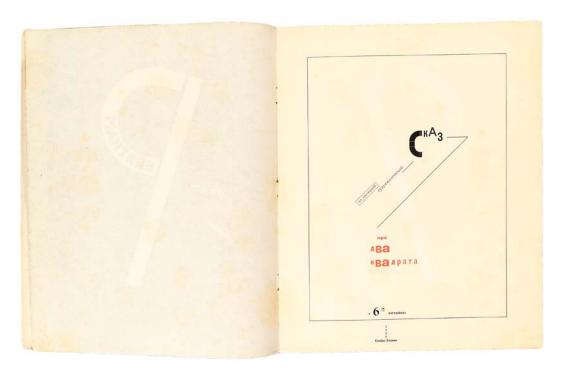
[Nisbet 1922/7]

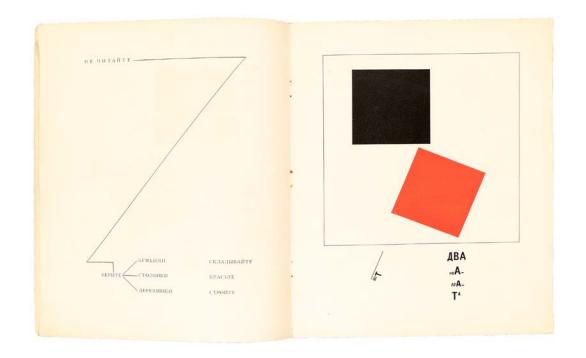
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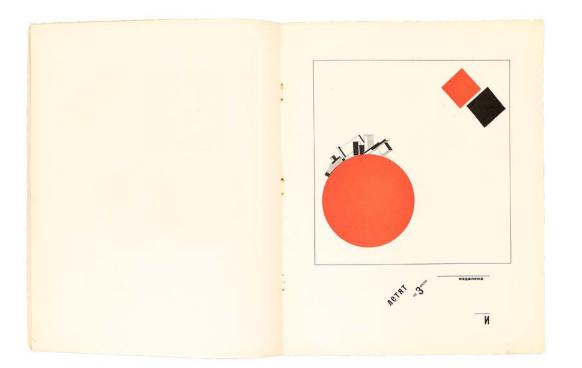
Per the book's penultimate page, it was "построено 1920 витебск" (created 1920 in Vitebsk) and, according to the title page, printed two years later, in 1922, by the Verlag Skythen in Berlin. In 1922, this book was also published in a Dutch edition: Van twee kwadraten (The Hague: De Stijl, 1922).

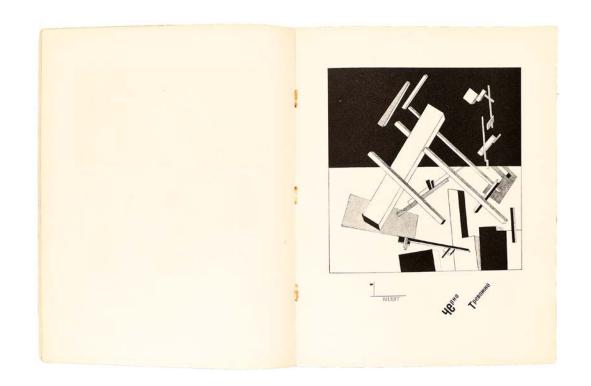


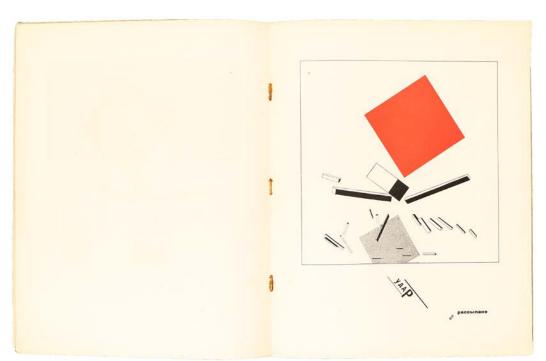


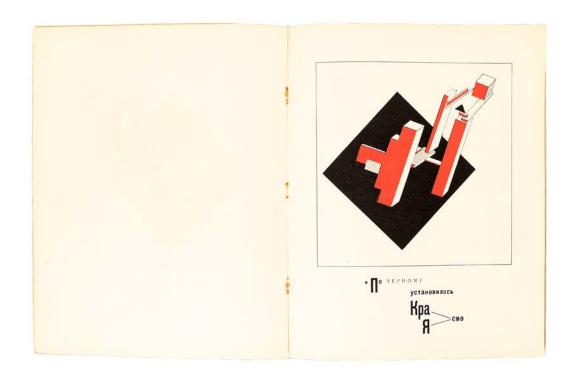


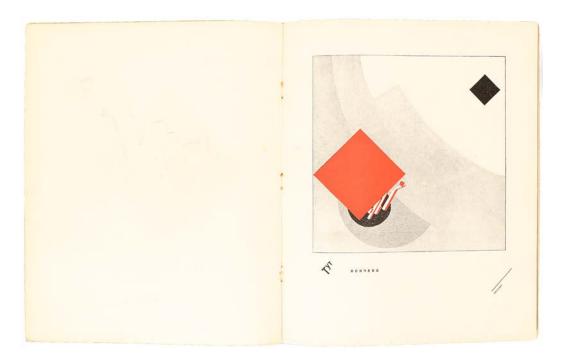


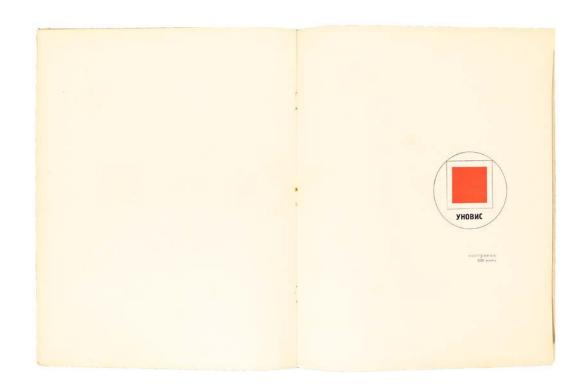


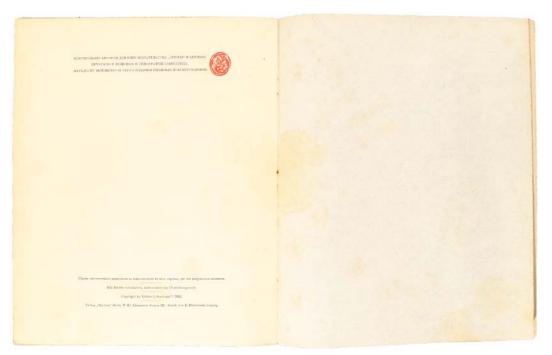


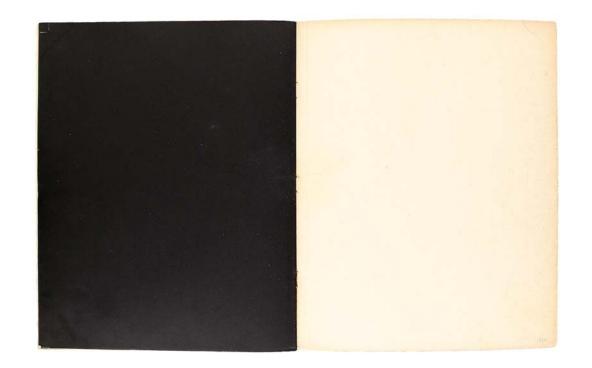


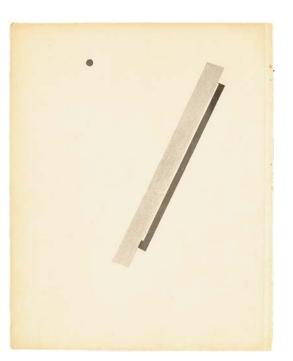












Covers of Veshch / Objet / Gegenstand (Berlin: Verlag Skythen), no. 1-2 (March-April 1922)
Letterpress on paper
12 1/8 x 9 1/8" (30.8 x 23.5 cm)
[Nisbet 1922/5]

Cover of Veshch / Objet / Gegenstand (Berlin: Verlag Skythen), no. 3 (May 1922)
Letterpress on paper
12 1/4 x 9 1/8" (31 x 23.5 cm)
[Nisbet 1922/5]

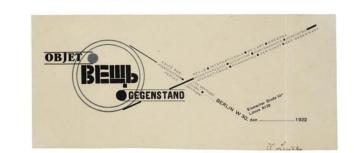
Letterhead: Veshch / Objet / Gegenstand, c. 1922 Letterpress on paper 3 7/8 x 8 7/8" (9.8 x 22.5 cm) [Nisbet 1922/4]

Note:

This letterhead has been cropped from the original full-sizedsheet.



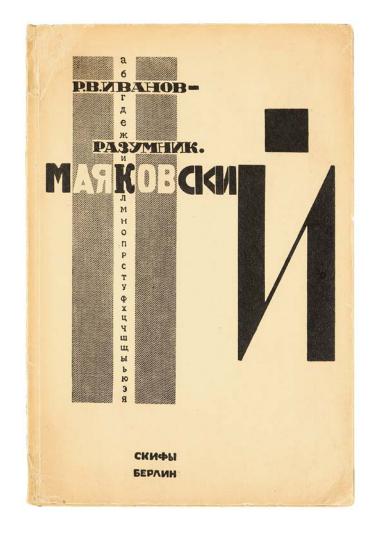




Cover of *Mayakovsky: Misteriia ili Buff* (Mayakovsky: Ministirium or Buffo) by R. V. Ivanov-Razumnik

Berlin: Skythen, April 1922

Letterpress on paper 8 11/16 x 5 15/16" (22.1 x 15.1 cm) [Nisbet 1922/9]

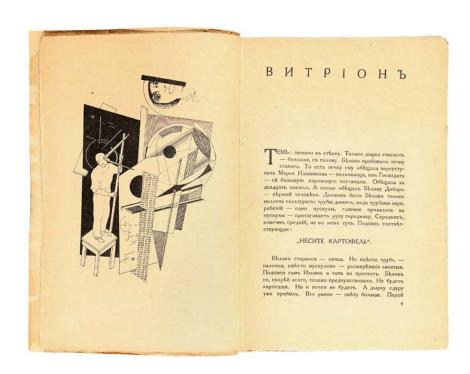


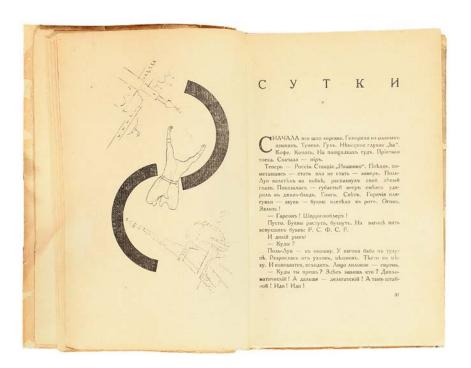
Cover and internal illustrations from *Shest povestei o legkikh kontsakh* (Six stories with easy endings) by Ilya Ehrenburg. Six letterpress illustrations.

Moscow-Berlin: Helikon, August 1922

Letterpress on paper
7 7/8 x 5 1/8" (20 x 13 cm)
[Nisbet 1922/12]















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РЕЖИССЕРУ, актерамъ, а также публикъ поредъ пачадолъ севаса необходимо напомиято о събдуцикъ фактакъ;

1. Эдиссовъ (а можетъ бълетъ и не онъ) заобрълъвишематографъ. Центръ инвематографическато производства городъ Аосъ-Ангелосъ въ Съверной
Америкъ; во Франція фирма Пать, Гозовъ и арванускаютъ донодьно заминтельных ерий фильмъ
(Petit Larousse).

2. Въ 1919—20 годахъ на югѣ Россіи происходила гражданская пойна. Такъ названаемъме "сенивинцикъ (посъдъствія "врангелевця") при содійствія
цинкилельяннясь дералав защам въ осени 1919 г.
общирную территорію, приблизавсь въ Москић. Но
пекоръ, разбитве и распой дранісі, принудання была
затвориться въ Крыму (Ист. Вел. Росс. Рев. томъ ІХ,
стр. 215—328).

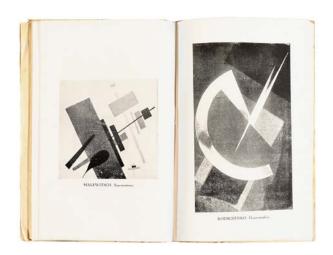
3. Русскіе обладають и якоторыми психологическими особенностими, дълающими весьма актрудии-



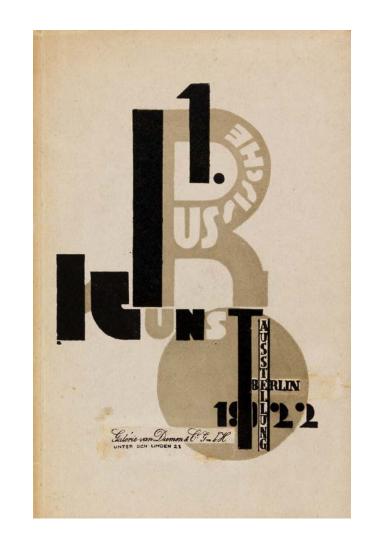
Cover, right, and spreads, below (reproduced works by Malevich, Rodchenko, Lissitzky, and Puni) from 1. Russische Kunstausstellung Berlin (The First Russian Art Exhibition Berlin)
Berlin: Galerie von Diemen, 1922
Letterpress on paper
8 7/8 x 5 3/4 x 1/8" (22.5 x 14.6 x 0.3 cm)
[Nisbet 1922/16]

Note:

This landmark exhibition was on view at the Galerie von Diemen in Berlin from October 15 to the end of December 1922. Although the organizers hoped that it would travel to other European capitals and even to New York, the exhibition only traveled to the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam (28 April – 28 May, 1923). This copy of the catalogue includes a four-page insert in Dutch for the Stedelijk show with a "Hollandisch Voorwoord" by W. Steenhoff; a list of works shown in Amsterdam, though not in the catalogue (nos. 595-623); and a list of works in the catalogue, though not shown in Amsterdam.



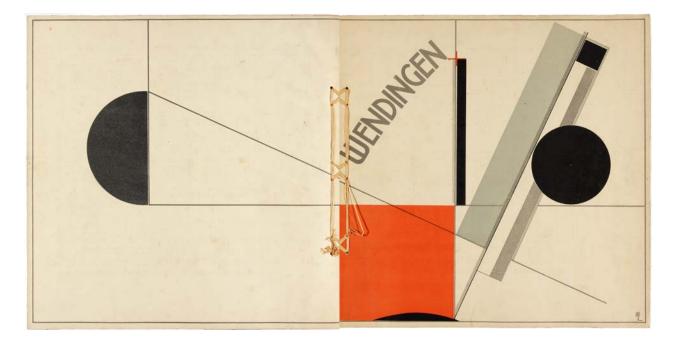




Front and back covers of *Wendingen* (upheaval), vol. 4, no. 11 (November 1921 [sic])
Lithograph and letterpress on paper with string binding 13 x 13 1/8 x 1/8" (32.9 x 31.8 cm)
[Nisbet 1922/15]

Note:

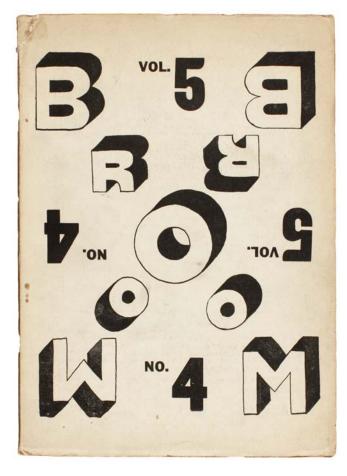
While this issue is dated November 1921, evidence suggests that it actually appeared as late as November 1922.



Cover of *Broom* (Berlin and New York), vol. 4, no. 3 (February 1923)
Letterpress on paper
13 1/8 x 9 x 1/4" (33.3 x 22.6 cm)
[Nisbet 1923/2]

Cover of *Broom* (Berlin and New York), vol. 5, no. 4 (November 1923) Letterpress on paper 10 7/8 x 7 7/8" (27.3 x 19.8 cm) [Nisbet 1923/10]

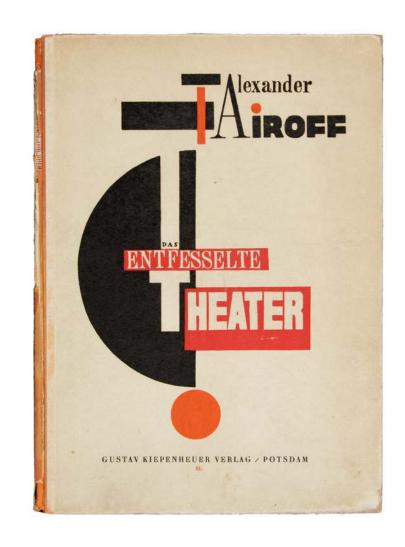




Cover of Das Entfesselte Theater: Aufzeichnungen eines Regisseurs (Theater Unbound: Notes of a Director) by Alexander Tairoff
Potsdam: Verlag Gustav Kiepenheuer, 1923
Lithograph and letterpress on paper
9 5/8 x 6 5/8" (24.5 x 16.8 cm)
[Nisbet 1923/5]

Announcement for *l'Exposition de Maquettes de Decors et Costumes du Theatre Kamerny*, Galerie Paul Guillaume, Paris, March 23, 1923 Letterpress on paper 4 1/8 x 5 1/4" (10.4 x 13.3 cm)

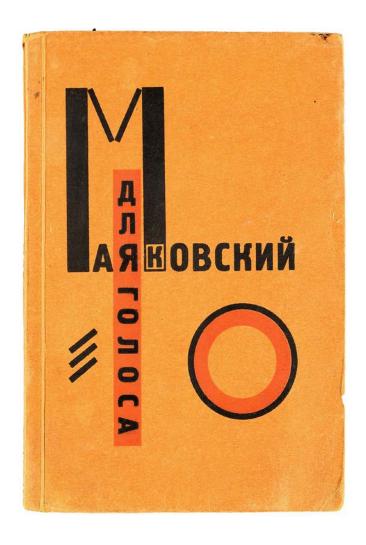
Alexandre Taïroff, Directeur Artistique du Théâtre Kamerny de Moscou, vous prie de bien vouloir assister à l'Exposition de Maquettes de Décors et Costumes du Théâtre Kamerny, organisée par "Tchérez", qui aura lieu à la Galerie Paul Guillaume, 59, rue La Boëtie, le Vendredi 23 Mars 1923, de 10 h. à Midi et de 2 à 6 h., pendant une journée seulement.



Cover and spreads from *Dlia golosa* (For the Voice) by Vladmimir Mayakovsky
Moscow-Berlin: Gosudarstvennoe izdatel'stvo,
(Berlin branch of the state publishing house),
1923 (before May)
Letterpress on paper
7 3/8 x 5 1/4" (10 x 13.3 cm)

Note:

One of the earliest achievements in innovative Russian book design, Mayakovsky's poems were to be read aloud; Lissitzky's design, employing tabbed pages, emphasize the concrete qualities of printed letters on the page.

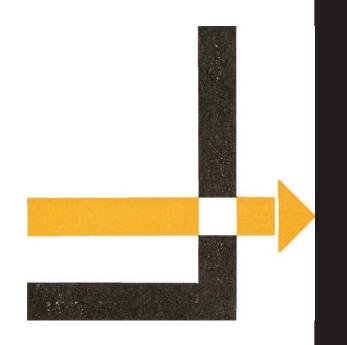












HANNOVER and LOCARNO 1923-1925

Colophon for the portfolio of ten lithographs: Figurinen, Die plastische Gestaltung der elektro-mechanischen Schau: Sieg über die Sonne (Figures, the sculptural design of the electro-mechanical show: Victory over the Sun) Hannover: Leunis and Chapman, 1923 Lithograph on paper 20 x 17.3" (51 x 44 cm) [Nisbet 1923/8]



Flyer: Merz-Matinéen (Merz Matinées): Kurt Schwitters, Raoul Hausmann, 1923 Letterpress on paper 9 x 11 1/8" (22.9 x 28.2 cm) [Nisbet 1923/9]

Note:

This flyer was printed in two versions: on red paper and on natural paper (as seen here).



Cover, right, and spread, below, from *Merz* (Hannover), no. 8/9. *Nasci* (Latin for nature) (April-July 1924)
Letterpress on paper
12 x 9 1/8" (30.4 x 23.2 cm)
[Nisbet 1924/15]





Cover and spreads from brochure for Pelikan office products: Pelikan Schreibband (typewriter ribbon) / Pelikan Druckstöcke (printing materials), 1924
Lithograph cover, letterpress interior
8 7/8 x 6 3/4" (22.5 x 17.1 cm)



Fig. 1

Kurt Schwitters

Merz, no. 11. Typoreklame, Pelikan-Nummer (Typographic Advertising, Pelikan Number), 1924

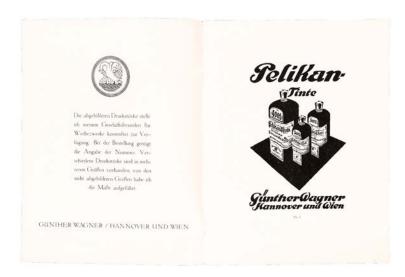
Letterpress on paper

11 1/2 x 17 1/4" (29.2 x 43.8 cm) - open

Note:

This issue of *Merz* is traditionally attributed to Schwitters, but Ellen Lupton has suggested that this spread, in which the representation of the Pelikan products resembles those in Lissitzky's brochure seen opposite, might be attributed to Lissitzky.

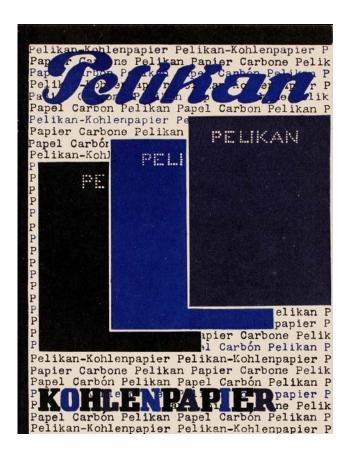






Advertisement: Pelikan Kohlenpapier (carbon paper), 1924 Lithograph on card $5.7/8 \times 4.1/2$ " (14.9 x 11.4 cm) [Nisbet 1924/4]

Advertisement as printed in the newspaper Papier-Zeitung (date unknown): Pelikan Kohlenpapier (carbon paper), Günther Wagner, c. 1924 Offset lithography on newsprint 6 1/2 x 5 1/4" (16.5 x 13.3 cm)





Product label: *Pelikan Siegellack* (sealing wax), 1924 Letterpress on paper 2 3/4 x 10 3/4" (6.9 x 27.3 cm) [Nisbet 1924/14]

Two packages for *Pelikan Siegellack* (sealing wax), 1924 Lithograph on board Left: 3 1/2 x 8 3/8 x 1 1/2" (8.8 x 21.2 x 3.8 cm) Right: 4 x 9 5/8 x 1" (10.1 x 24.4 x 2.5 cm) [Nisbet 1924/14]







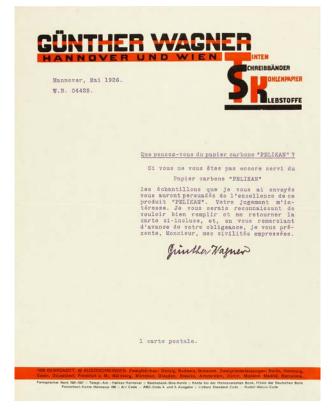
Counter display card: *Pelican Drawing Ink*, 1925 Lithograph on card 12 3/4 x 17 3/8" (32.3 x 18.7 cm) [Nisbet 1925/6]



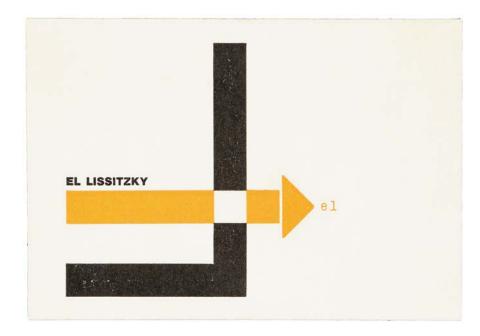
Letterhead: Günther Wagner, 1924 Lithograph on paper 11 1/4 x 8 5/8" (28.5 x 21.9 cm) [Nisbet 1924/12]

Typed form letter requesting evaluation of Pelikan carbon paper, signed by Günther Wagner, on Günther Wagner letterhead, May 1926
Lithograph on paper
11 1/4 x 8 5/8" (28.5 x 21.9 cm)



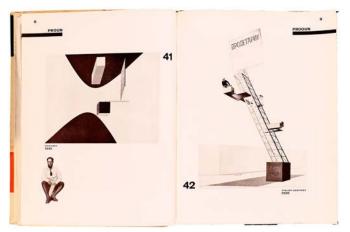


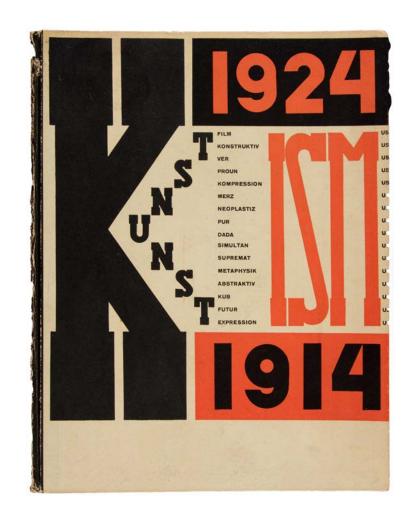
Letterhead: El Lissitzky, 1924 Letterpress on paper 3 1/4 x 4 5/8" (8.2 x 11.7 cm) [Nisbet 1924/17b]

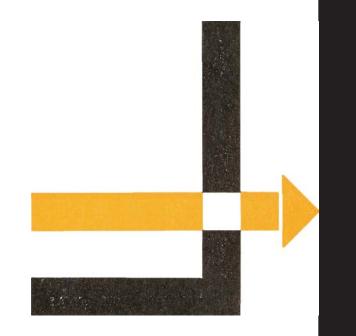


Cover, right, and three spreads, below (Reproduced Proun works by Lissitzky) from *Die Kunstismen / Les Ismes de l'Art / The Isms of Art,* 1914-1924
Erlenbach-Zurich, Munich and Leipzig: Eugen Rentsch, 1925
Lithograph on paper
10 1/4 x 8 x 1/8" (26 x 20.3 x 0.3)
[Nisbet 1925/2]









MOSCOW, COLOGNE, DRESDEN, LEIPZIG 1926-1939 Cover and spread (including reproduction of Lissitzky's Wolkenbügel) from ASNOVA. Iszestiia assotsiatsiia novykh arkhitektorov / Mitteilungen der Assotiation Neuer Architekten / Revue de l'association d'architectes contemporaines (Revue of the Association of New Architects), Moscow, 1926
Letterpress on paper 14 x 10 1/2" (35.5 x 26.7 cm)
[Nisbet 1926/1]

Note:

This was the only issue of the journal to appear.

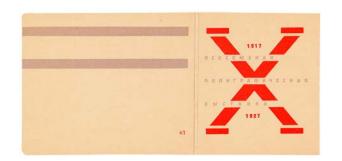




Three views (folded, front, and back) of invitation to the opening of *Vseoyuznaya Poligraficheskaya Vystavka* (All-Union Printing Trades Exhibition), Moscow, August 19, 1927
Letterpress on paper
Open: 4 3/8 x 9 1/8" (11.1 x 23.1 cm)
[Nisbet 1927/4]

Honorable mention award for the *Vseoyuznaya Poligraficheskaya Vystavka* (All-Union Printing Exhibition), Moscow, 1927 Letterpress on paper 22 5/8 x 15 1/4" (57.4 x 38.7 cm)

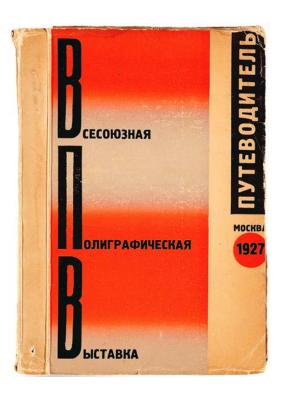






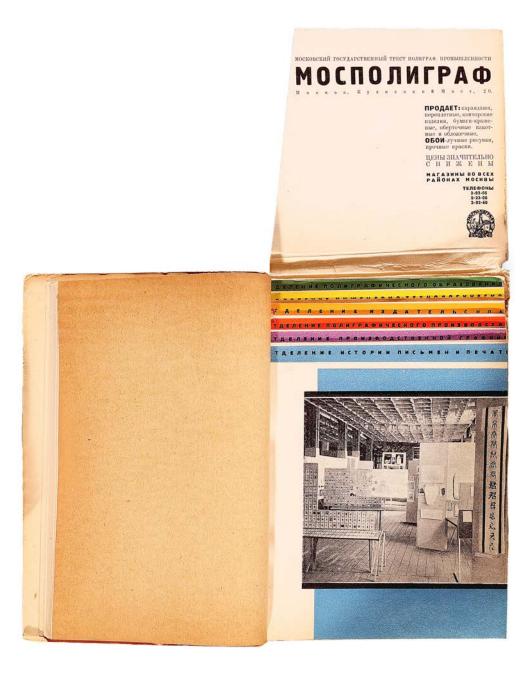


Cover and spreads from *Vseoyuznaya Poligraficheskaya Vystavka* (All-Union Printing Trades Exhibition), Moscow
Moscow-Leningrad: Gosudarstvennoe izdateľstvo, 1927
Letterpress on paper
Closed: 6 3/4 x 4 5/16" (17.1 x 11 cm)
[Nisbet 1927/7]









Front and back covers of *Khorosho! Oktiabr'skaia poema* (Good! An October Poem), by Vladimir Mayakovsky Moscow-Leningrad: Gosudarstvennoe izdatel'stvo, 1927 Letterpress on paper 8 1/4 x 5 5/16" (20.9 x 13.4 cm) [Nisbet 1927/3]

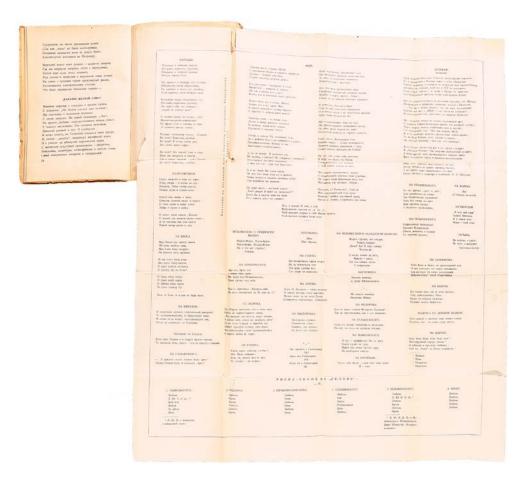


Front and back covers and fold-out spread from Zapiski poeta: Povest' (Notes of a Poet: Tale) by Ill'ia Sel'vinskii Moscow-Leningrad: Gosudarstvennoe izdatel'stvo, 1928 Letterpress on paper 6 11/16 x 4 3/4" (17 x 12.1 cm) [Nisbet 1928/1]

Note:

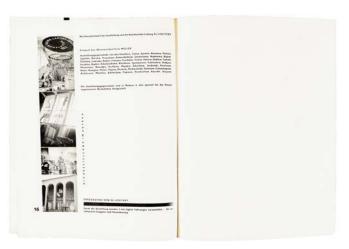
Lissitzky's photomontaged portrait of Jean (Hans) Arp that appears here was created in June 1924, while the two artists were working on the The Isms of Art (pp. 54-55) and at the same time that Lissitzky produced his own photomontaged self-portrait (cover and pp. 72-73.

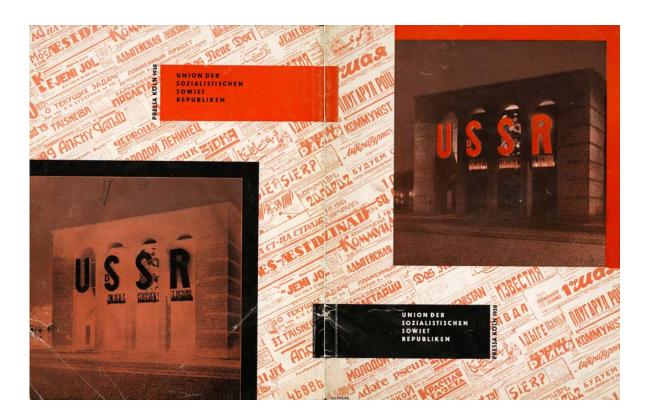




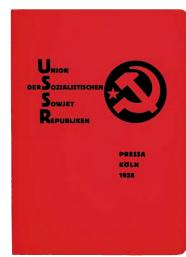
Front and back cover, right, and spreads, below, from Katalog des Sowjet-Pavillons auf der Internationalen Presse-Ausstellung Köln (Catalogue of the Soviet Pavilion at the International Pressa Exhibition, Cologne), 1928 Offset lithography 11 x 8 5/8" (27.9 x 21.9 cm) [Nisbet 1928/5]







Cover, title page, and foldout from Katalog des Sowjet-Pavillons auf der Internationalen Presse-Ausstellung Köln (Catalogue of the Soviet Pavilion at the International Pressa Exhibition, Cologne), 1928
Letterpress and 18-panel, leporello-style fold-out photogravure on paper
Closed: 8 3/8 x 12" (21.2 x 30.4 cm)
Extended: 8 3/8 x 7 1/2' (21.2 x 231.5 cm)
[Nisbet 1928/6]







Announcements and order forms in German (Foto-Auge), French (Oeil et Photo), and English (Photo-Eye) for the book: Franz Roh and Jan Tschichold, Foto-Auge: 76 Fotos der Zeit. Stuttgart: Akademischer Verlag Dr. Fritz Wedekind & Co., 1929 All three:

Offset lithograph and letterpress on paper 5 3/8 x 4" (13.6 x 10.1 cm)

Note:

Lissitzky's famous photomontaged self-portrait reproduced on the cover of *Foto-Auge* was created in June 1924 while working on *The Isms of Art* (pp. 54-55 during the same period that he created a photomontaged portrait of Jean (Hans) Arp (pp. 66-67). The earliest known reproduction of the self-portrait was in Paul Westheim, "Zeitlupe," *Das Kunstblatt* 12 (March 1928), p. 89 as "Der Konstrukteur" (The Constructor).







Cover and spread from *Vystavka laponskoe Kino* (Exhibition of Japanese Cinema)

Moscow: All-Union Society for Cultural Relations Abroad and Goznak, 1929

Offset lithography on paper
5 3/4 x 8 5/8" (14.6 x 21.9 cm)

[Nisbet 1929/5]

Note:

In this catalogue, intermittent pages are cropped shorter than the overall trim size creating a series of physical montages. In the spread pictured here, page 5 is shorter than page 7 allowing part of the image below to seen, like a flip book evoking cinematic progression.





Cover of *Stroitel'stvo Moskvy* (Building Moscow), vol. VI, no. 5 (May 1929)
Offset lithography on paper
11 3/4 x 9" (30 x 22.8 cm)
[Nisbet 1929/4]

Note:

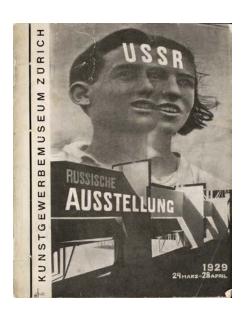
The journal Stroitel'stvo Moskvy (Building Moscow) was published between 1924 and 1941. The Merrill C. Berman Collection includes issues with covers by artists including Gustav Klutsis, Nikolai Prusakov, Nikolai Sedelnikov, the Stenberg brothers, and Solomon Telingater.

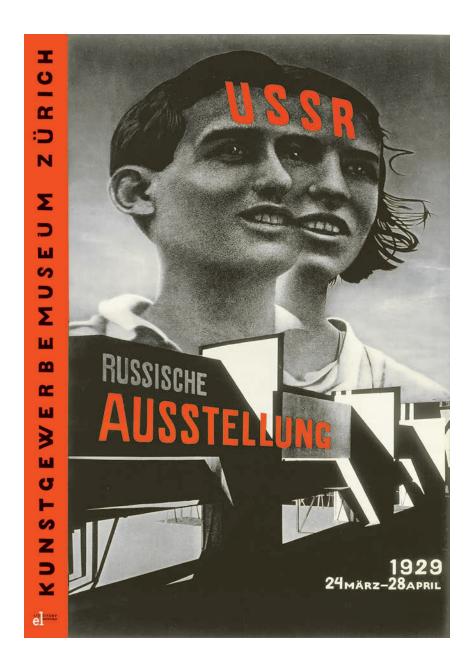


Poster: USSR Russische Ausstellung (Russian exhibition). Kunstgewerbemuseum Zürich. March 24-April 28, 1929, 1929 Rotogravure on paper 49 3/4 x 35 5/8" (126.3 x 90.5 cm) [Nisbet 1929/3]

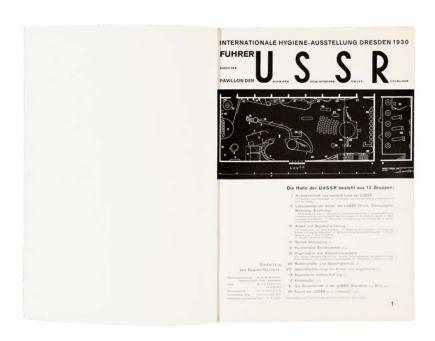
Catalogue: USSR Russische Ausstellung: Buchgewerbe, Graphik, Theater, Photographie (Russian Exhibition: Book Design, Graphics, Theater, Photography)/ Wegleitung des Kunstgewerbemuseums der Stadt Zürich 85. An exhibition organized by the Gesellschaft für Kulturelle Verbindung der Sovjetunion mit dem Auslande. Essays by J. Meksin and others.

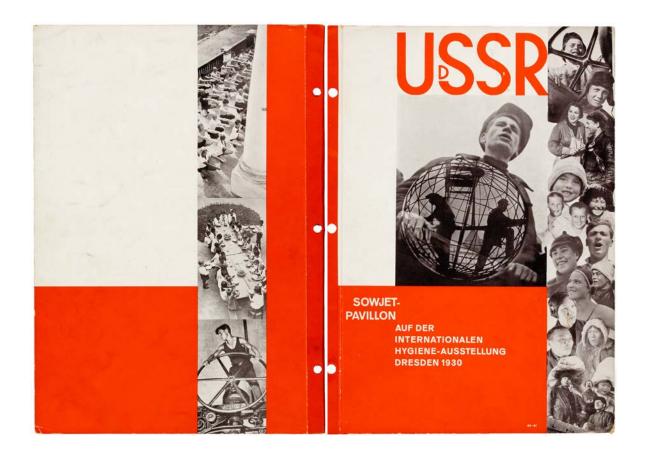
Kunstgewerbemuseum Zürich (March 24-April 28. 1929 Offset lithography on paper (16 pages) 8 5/8 x 6 7/8" (21.9 x 17.4 cm)





Front and back cover and spread from Führer durch den Pavillon der Union der Sozialistischen Sowjet-Republiken auf der Internationalen Hygiene-Ausstellung Dresen (Guide to the Pavilion of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the Soviet Pavilion at the International Hygiene Exhibition Dresden), 1930 Offset lithography
11 5/8 x 8 1/4" (29.5 x 20.9 cm)
[Nisbet 1930/5]





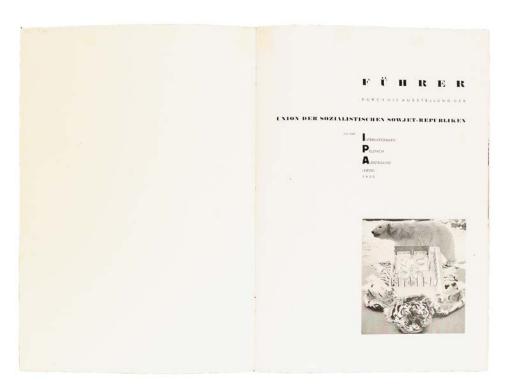
Front and back cover and spreads from Führer durch die

Lissitzky's International Fur Trade Exhibition catalogue seen among the books assembled for destruction at the Nazi book burning, Opemplatz, Unter den Linden, Berlin (May, 10 1933). Photo: Bundesarchiv, Bild 102-14598.

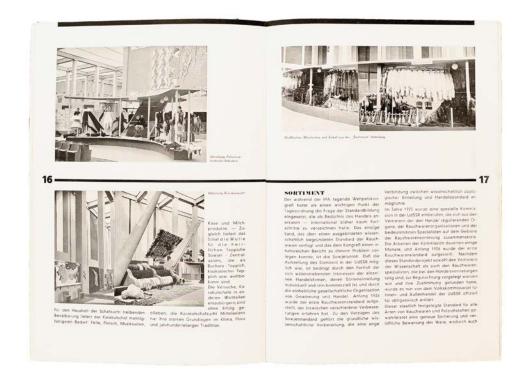


Bundesarchiv, Bild 102-1459 Foto: o.Ang. | 10. Mai 1933











Front and back of brochure announcing the series *Neues Bauen in der Welt* (New Building in the World): 1. *Russland*; 2. *Amerika*; 3. *Frankreich*. Series editor: Joseph Gantner Rotogravure on paper 11 3/8 x 8 3/4" (28.9 x 22.2 cm)

Following pages, covers of:

ELLissitzky, Russland: Die Rekonst

El Lissitzky, Russland: Die Rekonstruktion der Architektur in der Sowjetunion (Russia: The Reconstruction of Architecture in the Soviet Union)
[Nisbet 1930/1]

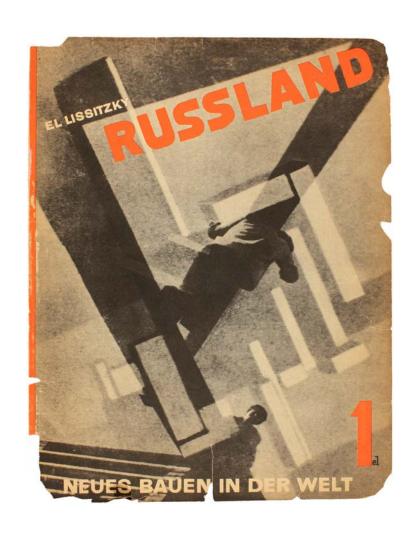
Richard Neutra, *Amerika: Die Stilbildung des neuen Bauens in den Vereinigten Staaten* (America: The Development of Style in New Buildings in the United States) [Nisbet 1930/2]

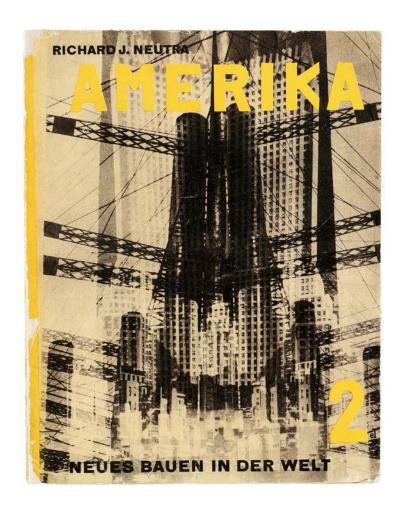
Both:

Vienna: Verlag Anton Schroll, 1930 Rotogravure on paper 11 3/8 x 8 3/4" (28.9 x 22.2 cm)









Front and back of subscription card: *USSR im Bau* (USSR in Construction), c. 1932 Lithography and letterpress on paper 8 1/4 x 5 3/4" (20.9 x 14.6 cm)

Note:

The journal SSSR *na stroike* (USSR im Bau; URSS en Construction; USSR in Construction) was issued from 1930-1941. Lissitzky designed covers between 1932-1940.





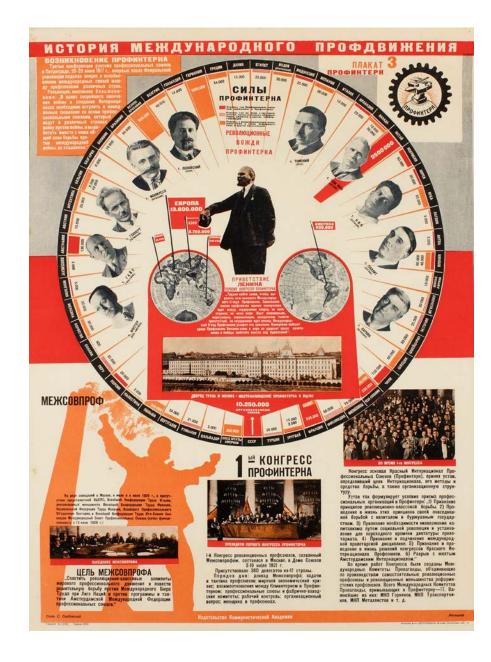
Poster no. 3: History of the International Trade Union Movement / 1928 [Russian], after 1928 Lithograph on paper 28 1/4 x 20 7/8" (71.7 x 53 cm)

Note:

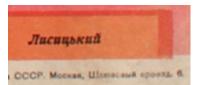
This, and the posters on the following three pages, belong to a uniformly-scaled series on the history of the USSR executed sometime after 1928 (to judge from the dates that appear in them) and commissioned by С. Сорбонский (Corbonskiy? Korbonsky?). The Merrill C. Berman collection contains twelve additional posters from the same series by Lydia (Lidia) Naumova (nos. 1, 2, 5-14).

Aleksandr Rodchenko's *History of the Communist Party*, a series of twenty-five posters published by the Communist Academy in collaboration with the Museum of the Revolution in 1926 (also in the Merrill C. Berman Collection) represents a precedent.



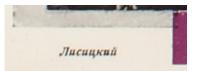


Poster no. 4: History of the International Trade Union Movement [Ukrainian], after 1928 Lithograph on paper 28 1/4 x 20 7/8" (71.7 x 53 cm)



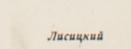


Poster no. 26: Industrialization of the USSR / 1925 [Russian], after 1928 Lithograph on paper 28 1/8 x 21 1/8" (71.4 x 53.6 cm)





Poster no. 27: Fight Opposition Block Against Party / 1926 [Russian], after 1928 Lithograph on paper 28 1/8 x 21 1/8" (71.4 x 53.6 cm)





Slipcover, cover, and spreads from USSR: An Album Illustrating the State Organization and National Economy of the U.S.S.R. Designed by El Lissitzky, Alexander S. Grigorevich, and Mikhail V. Nikolaev.

Moscow: Scientific Publishing Institute of Pictorial Studies, 1939
Letterpress and lithography on paper
9 7/8 x 13 7/8 x 7/8" (25.1 x 35.2 x 2.2 cm)
[Nisbet 1939/5]

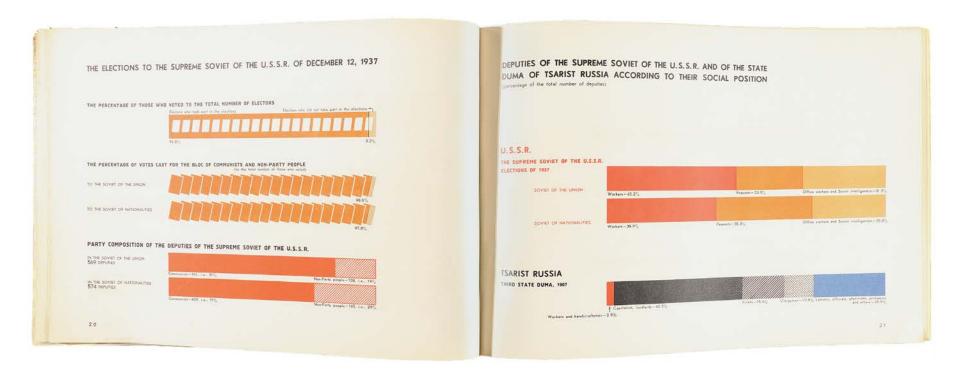
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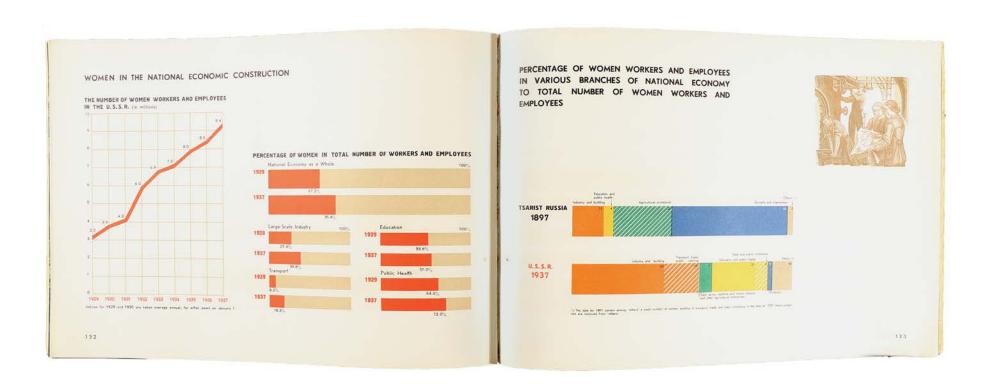
This book of informational graphics and statistics was produced for distribution at the New York World's Fair of 1939.

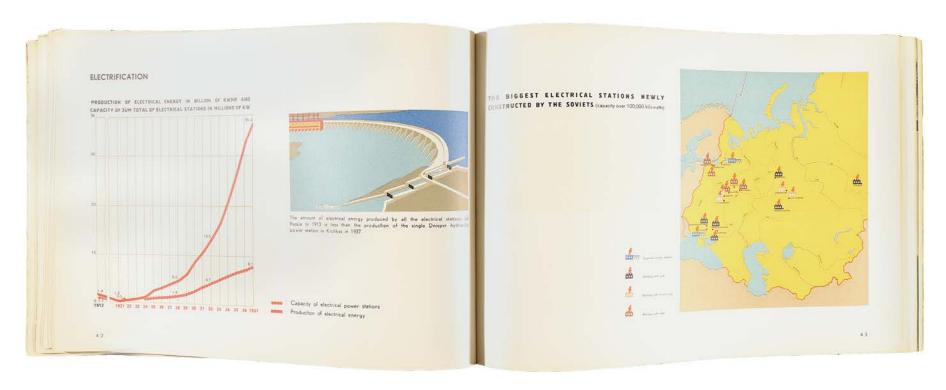


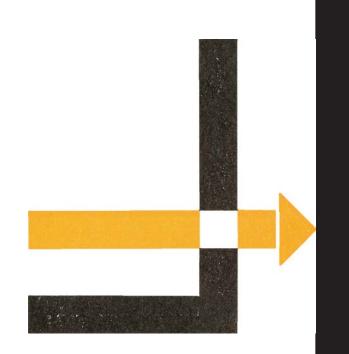












APPENDIX

Following pages:

El Lissitzky or student *Proun* 10, c. 1919-1920 Wood, incised and stained 14 5/8 x 11 1/2" (37.3 x 29.1 cm)

Provenance:

- > Early 1920s, given by the artist to Ernesto Cabruna (then working for Gabriele D'Annunzio) > 1928-1932, Ernesto Cabruna gave to the newly established Museum Caproni
- > Maria Fede Caproni (by inheritance)
- > 2015, acquired from Maria Fede Caproni

Note:

An arrow in graphite on the verso of this work by an unidentified hand indicates that the orientation should be vertical, as pictured here. A closely-related work is documented hanging vertically in the the artist's studio (fig. 1). The closely-related lithograph (fig. 2), however, is accompanied by a monogram orienting the composition horizontally.

Related works:





Lissitzky's studio in Vitebsk (1919-1920)









- 2. Proun 1D, lithograph, from portfolio (6 known sets). Vitebsk: 1920, 8 7/16 x 10 9/16" (21.5 x 26.9 cm): composition 13 1/2 x 17 5/8" (34.3 x 44.7 cm): sheet The Museum of Modern Art, New York (591.2013.7)
- 3. Proun 1 D, c.1919 Kunstmuseum Basel (Inv. G 1965.12), ex-Kielmansegg, Oil on canvas on wood 37 3/4 x 28" (96 x 71.5 cm) [Nisbet 59]
- 4. *Kilmansvaria*, n.d., lost, ex-Jan Tschichold, ex-Museum Folkwang Graphite, Chalk, tempera, spray technique, collage 19 1/2 x 25 1/4" (49.8 x 64.2 cm) [Nisbet 89]



