

# **Sex Sells?**

## **Polytheist Eroticism on Early 19<sup>th</sup>- Century American Paper Money**

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# The principal figure

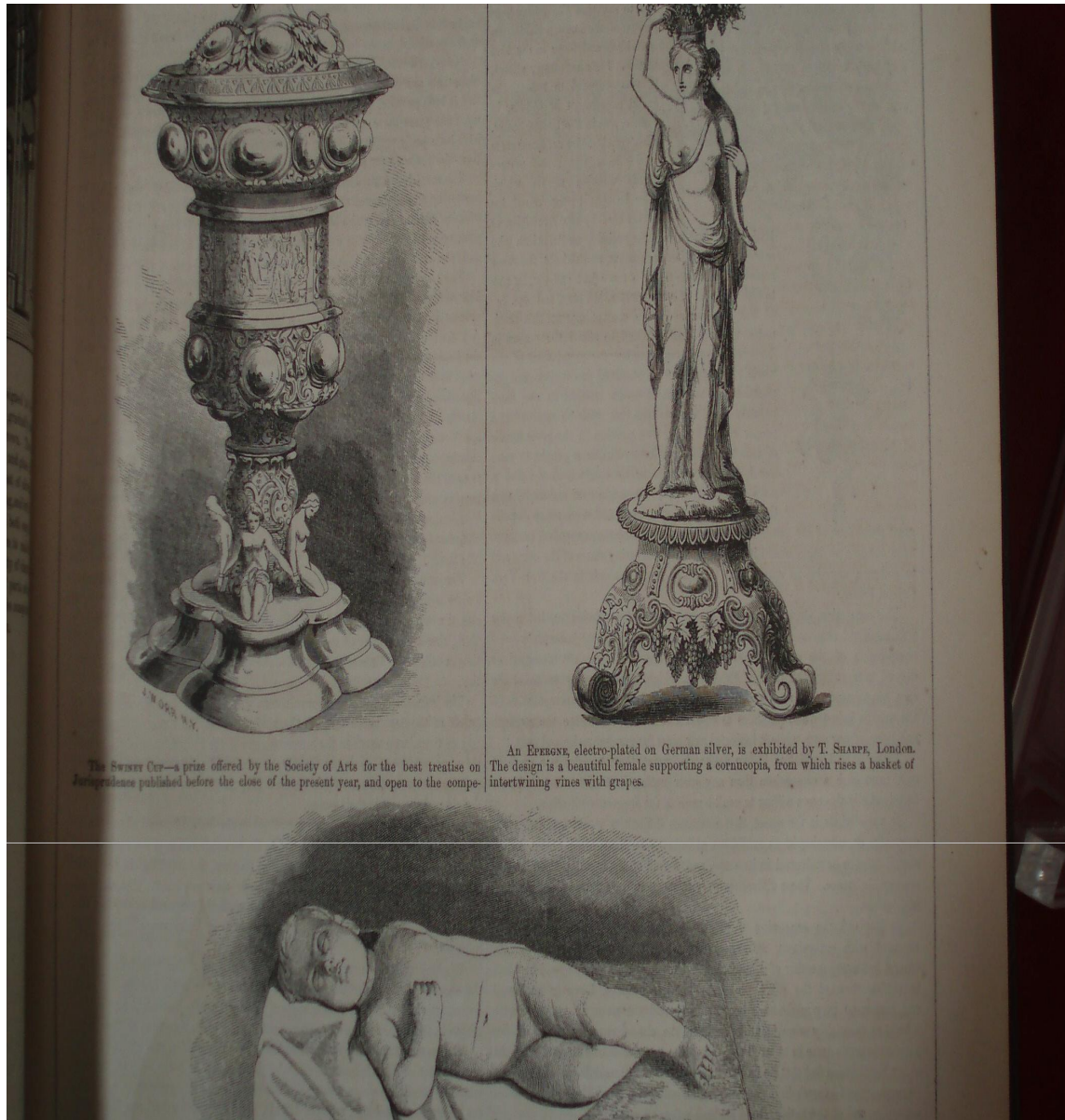
The principal figure in the vignette is always the best finished one, the counterfeiter knowing that if this is passable, the surrounding imperfections will not be observed ; when, however, this is a human figure, particularly a female, his skill fails, and the the following defect will be noticed.”

(Peyton, 1861: 42)



Mechanics' Bank of Augusta, Georgia, \$100, 1834

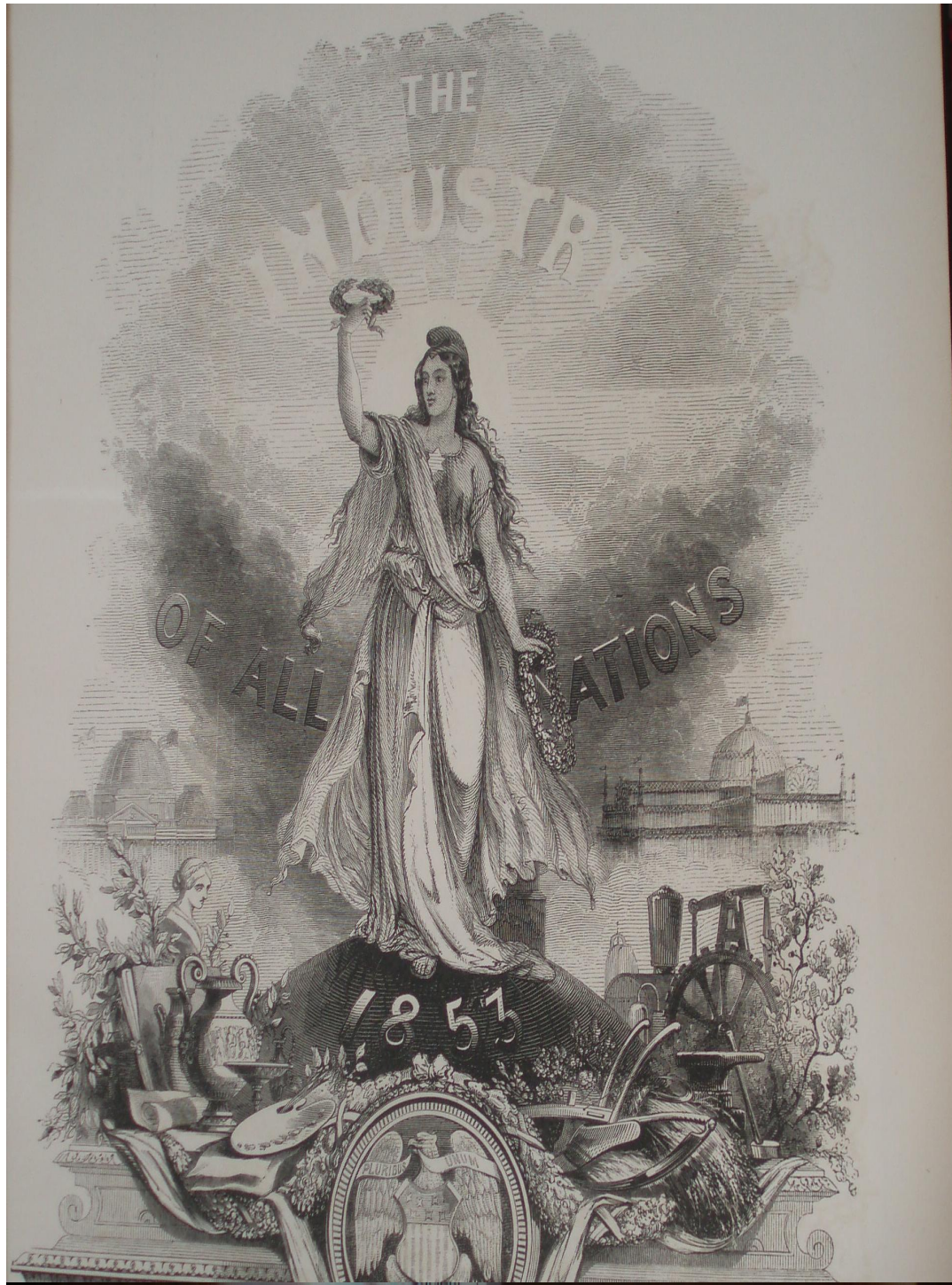
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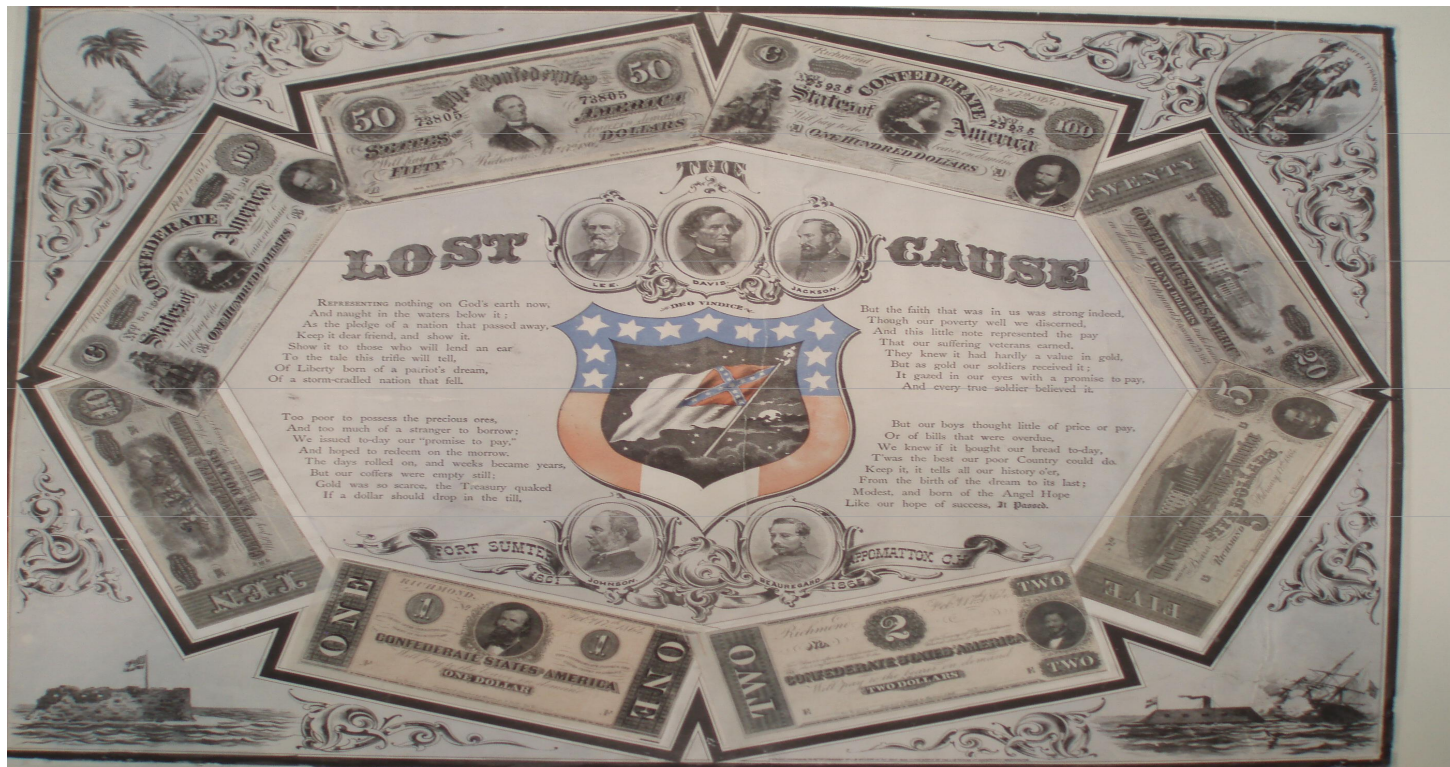


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Intelligence published before the close of the present year, and open to the compe-

AN EPIEGNE, electro-plated on German silver, is exhibited by T. SHARPE, London.  
The design is a beautiful female supporting a cornucopia, from which rises a basket of  
intertwining vines with grapes.

**Silliman, B. 1854. The World of Science, Art, and Industry. Illustrated  
from Examples in the New-York Exhibition, 1853-54. New York: Putnam.**





Source: American Antiquarian Society