



## ANCIENT ART STONEWARE OF THE LOW COUNTRIES AND GERMANY – THE TWO-VOLUME SURVEY WRITTEN BY INFLUENTIAL PORCELAIN ARTIST MARC-LOUIS SOLON

Solon, M.L. *The Ancient Art Stoneware of the Low Countries and Germany: or "Grès de Flandres" & "Steinzeug": its principle varieties, and the places where it was manufactured during the XVIth and XVIIth Centuries.* Vols. I-II. London: Printed for the author at the Chiswick Press, 1892. Hardcover. 391 pages total (208 & 183). Illustrated, including a total of 25 copperplate etchings and with 210 other black-and-white illustrations in the text. Numbered 198 of 300 volumes produced. The limitation is stated at the beginning of volume one and signed "L. Solon".

A two-part book on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>-century Germany, Dutch, and Belgian pottery by French-born pottery artist Marc-Louis Solon (1835-1913). An expert in pâte-sur-pâte porcelain decoration, Solon designed first for Sevres and later for Minton after moving to England in 1870. He also taught, collected, and wrote several other books in addition to this title. Solon sold his pottery and porcelain collection in a 1912 auction by Charles Butter & Sons in England.\*

Volume one includes an extensive introduction about history, techniques, makers, and makers' marks and chapters about the pottery of German regions Siegburg and Raeren (which is now part of Belgium). Volume two discusses German regions Cologne, Frechen, Kreussen, Altenburg, Saxony, and Höhr-Grenzhausen, and Belgian towns Bouffioux and Namur. Extensive commentary, information, and examples are given for each region discussed. Both are beautiful tomes including many large illustrations, elaborately-decorated titles and first initials at the beginning of each chapter, and marbled end pages. Both volumes are half-bound in brown leather with dark red cloth-covered boards. The pages are clear and crisp, and the illustrations are very sharp. In fine condition overall. This two-book set is quite rare. At the time of writing, only other two copies are on the market.



**\$1,000.00**

\*"Marc-Louis Solon". Wikipedia. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc-Louis\\_Solon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc-Louis_Solon). Accessed Oct. 22, 2014.