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# Intellectual content vs materiality

An intellectual content is evidenced by words giving us :

- a story, and its purpose
- a place and date
- an author
- an audience

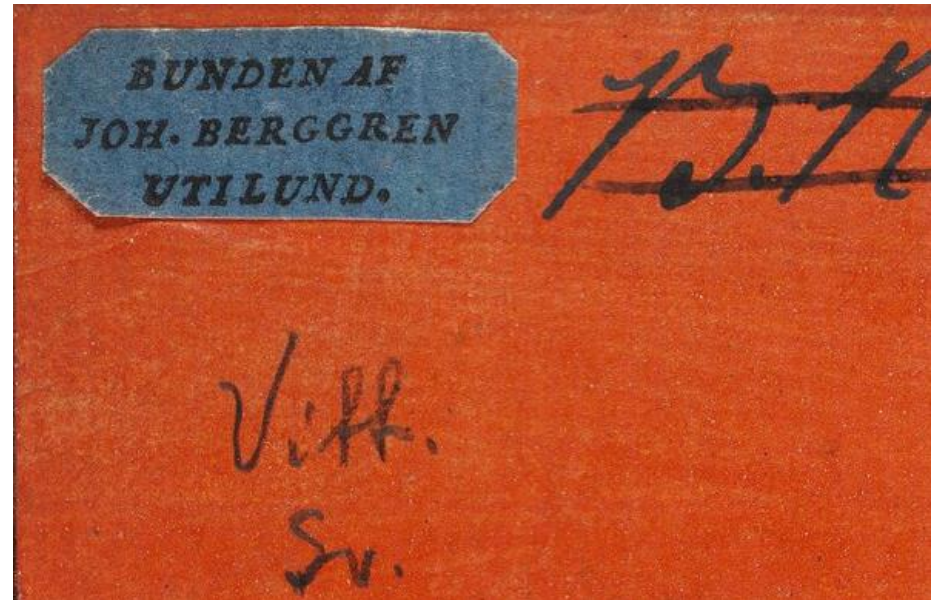
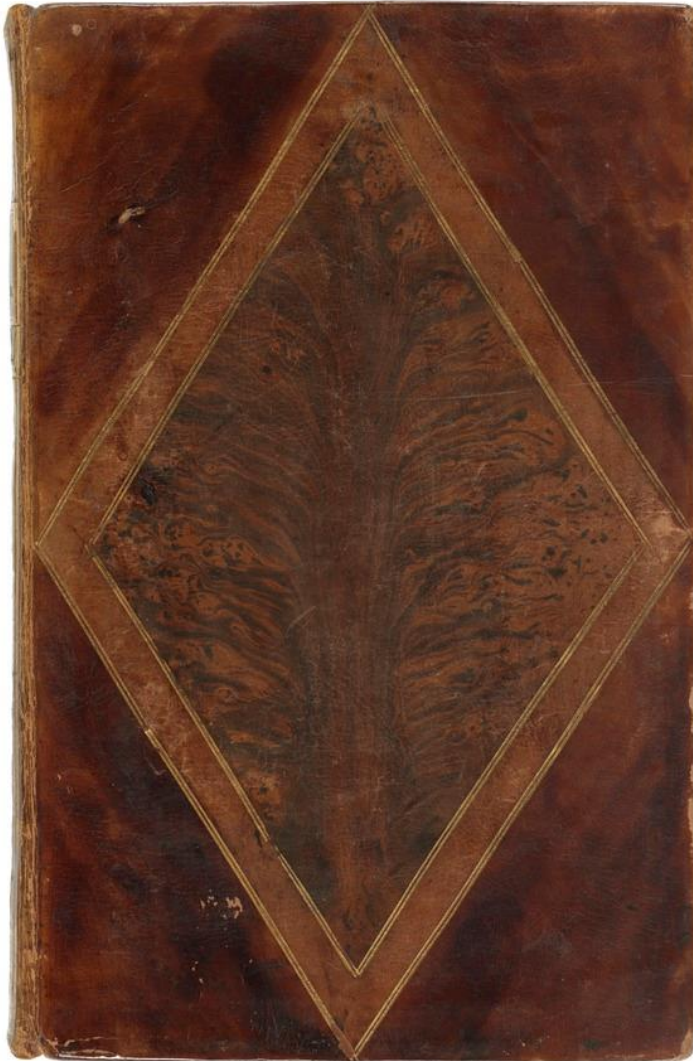
Material content is evidenced by materials, techniques and imagery giving us

- relations in time/space
- relations between people
- historical circumstances
- all in a highly associative and contextualizing process



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# Johan Berggren –early 19th C.







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# Irish 18th c. binding





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# Materiality of books







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# CERL bookbinding WG

- Bring together information about bookbinding projects in Europe and beyond, and liaise with these projects
- Inform bookbinding projects about the work of CERL
- Review whether and how, CERL can play a role in these book binding projects
- Promote a standard including both a simple and an advanced description of bookbindings to facilitate for libraries wishing to publish digital images and/or catalogue entries of bookbindings.