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BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER

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A home without books is like a rose without perfume. No house is completely furnished that has no library. There are, to be sure, homes without number in which there are chairs and tables, china and glass, rugs and draperies, soft couches curios and bric abrac, pictures and vases, but never a book. If you happen to call in such a house, and the mistress keeps you waiting while she changes her toilette. you look in vain for a book to pass away the moments of inaction. If you are staying in such a home and have not brought with you something to read, you look in vain for an entertain ing volume or an attractive maga-

People who do not spend money for books are apt to be parsimonious in subscribing for magazines. A taste for liteature demands gratification. Where the taste does not exist people are satisfied, strange as it may seem, to endure a state of absolute pauper ism in the matter of reading.

We all know houses where there are books enough to form the simulacrum of a library, but when these are examined they are discovered to be a fearful and wonderful collection of misfits, old school books, books that have been received by the children as prizes, books that have been picked up by the traveler to cheer the tedium of railway journey, books that have been sent into the house as holiday presents, and books that have been queerly assorted conglomerations. But might proceed indefinitely, since biog. Kaze he's boun fer ter 'tect his ba of complete sets and of books that instruct, amuse and satisfy, there are few to be seen. Hundreds of such miscalled libraries are only fit to be used as kindling and would find their est end in a rubbish heap or a bonfire The second-hand shops would have none of them. Even were people intelligently collect books, there is oc casion from time to time for judicious weeding and of letting go that which is ephemeral, and, for all practical pur-

poses, worthless. died, every home should have its own library, just as it has its own beds and tables. It is not necessary to appropriate a room and use it solely for books. Very few of us have space to space for this luxurious accomodation

of our literary treasures. The living room is the proper place for the home library; the shelves to hold the books may be of home manucan manage a plane and a hammer. and they may be stained in harmony with the color scheme of the room.

What to choose for a library is the first consideration. A library that grows as a garden grows or an orchard, little by little, is in the end the library that one loves best. I would suggest that the initial purchase should be a set of Shakespeare in good type, with fine illustrations, each volume small enough to be held in the hand without weariness.

Although Sir Walter is out of fashion, it is possible to cultivate his acly in his movement, so far as the beginnings of his romances are concerned, but once you are fairly embarked in his company, the pace is swift enough for the interest of most readers. Occasionally, in these days, one is so fortunate as to pick up a really fine set of Scott at a second-hand shop or at an auction sale, for a small price, and almost every year there are opportunities to secure his and other standard authors' works in exquisite bindings, at the marked-down sales of

the large book shops. However, in forming a home library, it is not worth while to attach too much importance to fine bindings. The book itself is the thing to seek for, and a good cloth binding satisfies most people. Rich and ornate bindings are for those who can pay for them without missing the money.

A full set of Dickens and of Thackeray, a set of Balzac and of Robert Louis Stevenson, should be added to the library which is to be an integral part of the household life. If one cannot purchase a set all at once, buy a single book at a time, setting aside part of the weekly or monthly income for the purpose. Very tempting offers are made by publishers in the line of subscription books, and it is difficult to resist the suave urbanity of the agent who sets forth the reasons why one should avail himself of these inducements. But be warned in time. Unless one is very certain of the fument plan will probably hang like a

Boswell's life of Johnson is a neverfailing source of pleasure to the read-A shelf should be set aside for the lives and letters of men and women who have done good service to their periods. Here we would find, were we setting out to form a library, wide room for wise selection. As a rule, choose the lives of those who have done something for their time, and around whom great movements have focussed. The life of William E Gladstone is in its way a political history of Mr. Gladstone's England. The life of George Washington is the story of



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represented by its foremost men. A home library will be incomplete without poetry. Do not consider pofeod for the cultured mind. If one does not care for it, he is to be pitied. Among the poets whose works should Dey say he'll hol' on twell hit thunbe added to the shelves are Homer, Dante, Milton, Wadsworth, Shelley Keats, Tennyson, Browning, Longfellow, Whittier, Lowell, Kipling and Stephen Phillips. This is a very short Although public libraries are multi- list, for the poets are many, but these

would make an excellent beginning. Every home library should be furnished with some sacred literature. The Modern Readers' Bible, in little volumes, arranged not in chapters and verses, but by subjects and paragraphs, should belong to the store of books in every household. An alarming ignorance of the Bible is a characterisfacture, put together by anybody who than to any other, may be attributed the prevalence of graft, the increase of corruption in politics and the general lowering of old-fashioned ideas of nonor. We shall never be independent of the Ten Commandments. The foundation stone of a good home library should be the Modern Readers' Bible. It costs little in money, but it will pay well in the long run.

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much for you, my friend?" asked the vicar sympathetically, noting the bent figure of the old man. "You must be a great age?" "Yessir, yessir," mumbled the old

fellow. "'Ow many years I've tolled the beat I can't ter ye, but its beginning to tell on me, 'Owever, I've tolled the bell for five vicars." "Dear me!" ejaculated the clergy-

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con meat: W'at's sed fer ter be pow'ful ha'd ter beat.

etry as merely decorative; it is the fit But ef Ole Br'er Tarkle gits hol' uv He jis ain' gwiner let hit go.

> An' ef he lets loose den hit'll be er wonder. Tel

> FIII Supper De v'y bes' way ter whup Brer Turk Is ter ketch him by de tail an' gin him er jerk; By dat means yo' alus gits his head Erway f'um de place dat yo' mos'ly

Br'er Tarpin. Ole Br'er Tarpin's got er mouty sha'p

He sets on de log in de creek; tic of our day. To this cause, more But he ain' gwiner gib yo' er chance ter try

A-shootin' at him fer er week. Des soon ez ne sees yo' ain his frien'

He hits de water ker-chug; He sho' ain' a-gwiner meet his en' Lak er lazy 'tater bug.

W'en ole Br'er Tarpin bites yo' hook, He gin'ly turns loost at de top: He don' wont but er half way look Fer ter tell him w'en ter stop.

Br'er Eel.

Somehow I allus feel Monst-us fren'ly towards Br'er Eel

W'en yo' fries him good an' brown-Whar's er finer ter be foun'?

Yo' kin say he's des er snake-I will all de riskment take.

Yo' kin say he won' git done-Well, des ketch dis nigger wun! Br'er Bullfrog.

Br'er Bullfrog's er mouty 'portant fel-

He'se got not ekal ez er sweller; He's allus singin, "burrup-burroon," An' he finks he's bigger'n de man in de moon. But de feller dat settles his purtater

Is de sly ole, spry ole allegater. The Watermillion Patch.

Yo' kin brag erbout yo' cotton; Yo' can glory in yo' cawn; But dis nigger's healt is sot on Sump'n better, sho'se yo bawn.

Hit's a-yearnin' an' a-yawnin'

Fer de watermillion patch; An' dey sho' won't be no scawnin'-Whar's yo' gwiner fin' ma match? Now, suh, I ain' gwiner be a 'fuser

'Kaze a watermillion's small; l'se gwiner be er liberal chooser An' eat de rin' an' all. The Isle of Officette.

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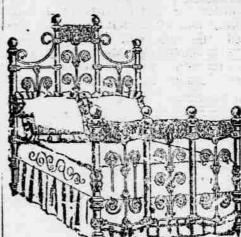
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