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What Foods are leasing. A member of the editorial staff of Public Opinion visited a number of prominent publishers in New York city and asked them the point-blank question, "What kind of books do people read?" The article in which the answers are recorded is conclu-ded with this summary: Looking back over these outpices It of Rock Revealed its Secret and Mines of Phosphate. Christmas Island is a speck of land, shaped like a dumbbell, rising steeply from the Indian ocean, 190 miles south of Java, says the New York Sun. No one is known ever to have landed on it previous to 1887. It was thought of only as a little rock, without good anchorage, not worth examining while large regions were still white on the map. But to-day some fifty men are liv-ing on Christmas Island, and now and then we see a paragraph in the trade journals telling of the increas-in quantity of phosphate that it is whe are told by one of these authori-ties, the island shipped 71,757 tons of phosphate and new methods of loading vessels were introduced, something like those by which iron ore is poured into the holds of Lake Superior steamers. The phosphate is topied from a high pier into the ship. The last vessel to asil loaded in a day with 1,800 tons.

the answers are recorded is conclu-ded with this summary: Looking back over these opinions of publishers who represent almost every side of the publishing business and who view the book-purchasing public from almost every possible angle, one is forced to a grafifying and highly optimistic conclusion. Even allowing for the natural and legitimate blas which would lead a man to take a favorable view of his own business, we must conclude that people are reading better books now than ever before. It is not only that he is publishing better books than he did five years ago or ten years ago, but that he also believes that other publishers are doing the same thing. Examples of books brought out by other houses were dited to me con-stantly in proof of this.

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It was a deep sea research that pointed to Christmas Island as a source of wealth, and the facts in the Another gratifying tendency u which practically all agree is in which practically all agree is in the increased reading of history, and particularly of biography. While the scientific historians may not agree that this is a good thing, yet any careful reader who follows the cur-rent books steadily will conclude that even the scientific writers of history must look to their laurels. case have only recently been told. About 10 years ago a British naval vessel started for the Indian ocean to examine a part of its sea floor. Its main work was a long dis-tance from Christmas Island, but Sir John "Murray, the great Scottish oceanographer, in mapping out the project, happened to think of an area around Christmas Island where no investigations had been made. He suggested that the vessel diverge from its course to make soundings The writers of popular books are im-proving steadily in point of accu-racy and general literary merit. An-other good development is that away from tremendous hundred thousan from its course to make soundings and collect samples from the ocean bed in the neighborhood of Christeditions. Such extraordinary sales are usually obtained at the expense of other books almost if not quite as or other books almost in not quite as meritorious. The result of the change is that the general average has gone up. Viewing the world of books from the standpoint of all those different publishers, each see-The work was thoroughly done and in due time a list of soundings and specimens of the mud and bits of rock dredged from the bottom were delivered at St. John's laboraing it from a slightly different angle one can only conclude again that people are reading more and better books and that in this respect at least the world is growing better. tory near Edinburgh. In the collec-ton was a fragment of rock which he could not identify on casual inspec-tion, and it excited his curiosity. He made an analysis of the fragment and found that it was phosphate. The results fulfilled the most san-

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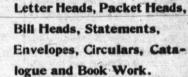
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