

LIBRARY



"The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candles be,
Oh, sing a carol joyfully,
The year's great feast in keep-
ing."

The Library Keeps Step

While the world is learning to take wings with such rapidity, the Public Library has not failed to assemble records of this amazing activity. In our yearbooks, encyclopedias, and current magazines, the outstanding achievements of individuals and nations are recorded.

In many a history reading like romance, the tale is spread before us of the exploits and personalities of our bird men from the earliest balloonists and gliders down to the latest trans-oceanic flyers.

A long list of titles on aviation are offered for the younger generation. The best books on model building are "Model Airplanes" by Allen, "How to Make and Fly a Model Airplane" by Armstrong, "Boy's Book of Airplane Models" by Collins, "Building and Flying Model Aircraft" by Garber, and "Beginning to Fly" by Hamburg.

The story of the development of aviation is treated in "An Alphabet of Aviation" by Jones, "If You Want to Fly" by Garber, "Conquering the Air" by Williams.

Thrilling tales of flights and fliers are to be found in Byrd's "Skyward," Crump's "Boy's Book of Airmen," Drigg's "Heroes of Aviation," Earhart's "Twenty Hours and Forty Minutes, Our Flight in the Friendship," Fraser's "Heroes of the Air," Green's "Dick Byrd," Jacob's "Knights of the Wing," Lindbergh's "We," Rickenbacker's "Fighting the Flying Circus," Thomas, "First World Flight," West's "Lone Scout of the Sky," and Wilkins' "Flying in the Arctic."

The Book That Influenced Me Most

(National poll among high school students)

- Alcott—"Little Women," "Bible."
- Bunyan—"Pilgrim's Progress."
- Keller—"Story of My Life."
- Porter—"Pollyanna."
- Copus—"As Gold in the Furnace."
- Jackson—"Ramona."
- Wallace—"Ben Hur."
- Barton—"Man Nobody Knows."
- Fisher—"Bent Twig."
- Ferber—"So Big."
- Garland—"Trail Makers of the Middle Border."

Mainly Business

- "Business the Civilizer" by Calkins.
- "Our Biggest Customer" by Phelps.
- "American Prosperity" by Mazur.
- "Business Cycles" by Mitchell.
- "Getting the Most Out of Business" by Lewis.
- "Sales Manager's Field Letters to His Men" by Larned.

Why Dogs Hate Cats

Mrs. Florence Botsford, an American writer for children, who has spent a good deal of time in Italy, studying Italian folklore, has found an ancient story which accounts for what hap-

pens when a dog spies a cat in the distance. The next time you notice your Fido chasing a stray cat who never did him any harm, don't blame the dog, but read the story entitled "Donkeys! Cats! Rats!" in "Picture Tales from the Italian" by Florence H. Botsford. It will explain the mystery.

Reading with a Purpose

"The young man who is studying to become an engineer is not apt to become a criminal. It is the youth who is thwarted in his honest ambition who turns to doubtful pastimes," says one of our best-known criminal lawyers. Hundreds and thousands of young men and women throughout the country are trying to achieve their ambitions through self-education. But how, in all the maze of print extant, are they to know the simple authoritative sources of the knowledge which they seek? Look over the reading courses on exhibit at the Public Library.

A Recent Speaker

I enter the sanctuary where they are found. A spirit of reverence descends upon me. Here they stand, the Immortals of the Ages, in a holy silence. They do not call; they do not even beckon me—they stand waiting for me to come and get what they have to give. Had I naught else but this sanctuary, filled as it is with the fruitage of the human mind, my riches would yet be inestimable.

—O. E. Rolvaag.

The Children's Room

The children's room at the library is open all day during the holidays. At two o'clock each afternoon a well-known children's story will be shown with slides.

Some Recent Books

Powys, J. C., "Wolf Solent"—A "psychic map" of one character, Wolf Solent. Only through his musings and meditations do we see the other characters of the novel, who form a background for the inward struggles of Wolf. Finely written poetical prose.

Anthony, Katharine, "Queen Elizabeth"—In spite of the high and well-deserved degree of success of Strachey's "Elizabeth and Essex," the reader will not find Miss Anthony's treatment of Elizabeth to be an anticlimax to it.

Finley, Ruth, "Old Patchwork Quilts and the Women Who Made Them"—Miss Finley writes engagingly of our American grandmothers, their homes and their handwork and of the art of patchwork. Numerous designs are given, of interest both to the collector and to the modern quilt maker.

Mahoney and Whitney, "Realms of Gold in Children's Books"—A compendium of highly recommended children's books listed with interesting notes, sketches of authors, and illustrations from the books making it an attractive catalog covering a wide scope.

LEND OVER BILLION TO PURCHASE AUTOS

Finance Companies Advance Huge Sum During Current Year for Purpose

Sums totaling approximately \$1,380,000,000 were advanced by finance companies of the United States during the current calendar year for automobile purchases, it was estimated in a statement made public this week by the American Motorists association as reviewed by the Automobile Club of Illinois.

The estimate is based upon the volume of business transacted by 338 finance companies during the first half of the year and upon the assumption that business during the latter months has followed the same general trend as in the last three previous years.

Huge Total of Sales

The sales of approximately 2,940,000 cars, new, used and unclassified, have been handled through these finance companies during the year. About 59 per cent of this number was new cars; used cars and those in the unclassified group making up the remainder. Of all the money advanced for car purchases by the finance companies, 70 per cent was to finance new cars.

Since 1925 time payments and credit sales of both new and used cars have fallen off 10 per cent. This decrease is partially explained by the more careful investigation of credit risks, stricter financial terms and, perhaps, the lower prices of cars.

"The average direct loss per repossessed car, that is, the amount owing minus, the amount received from sale, hovers between \$40 and \$65 when cars are purchased through finance companies on the basis of 12 or less payments, and between \$60 and \$95 when payments are stretched over a period of more than 12 monthly payments.

Popular Method

"The installment plan has become a popular method of purchasing various commodities in this country during recent years," says Si Mayer, president of the Automobile Club of Illinois and vice president of the A. M. A., "and it cannot be denied that sales of automobiles, both new and used, have been stimulated through the activities of the various finance companies."

Modern Woodmen Get Injunction on Rates

Members of the Modern Woodmen of America opposing an increase in insurance rates of the order, hailed with delight Saturday a ruling of the State Supreme court directing a lower court to grant an injunction restraining the officers of the organization from putting the higher rates into effect.

The petition for injunction was filed before Judge Brothers of Cook county, who dismissed it for want of equity. The high court reversed and remanded this ruling and instructed the lower court to grant the relief sought as to attempted repeal of Section 100 of the by-laws. This section had to do with the allotment of money paid to older members.

Approximately 700,000 members are affected by the ruling.

Be Careful When You Talk to Yourself, Is Advice of Minister

The things that men, women and children say to themselves when alone, make or unmake their lives, according to Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, noted New York minister, in plan for self examination outlined in The American Magazine.

"Most people do scant justice to the immense importance of inward conversation which never stops," says Dr. Fosdick. Usually they are fully awake when in company of others, to the influence of conversation, whether it be pleasant or displeasing. They are wary of propaganda and see the disastrous effects of conversation. Everybody has seen, he continues, a young girl wilt before a scornful remark, or watched the baneful effects both physical and psychological, which sarcasm and scoffing can produce on a growing boy.

"Yet one of the commonest keys of inward conversation is quarrelsomeness. Forever to be engaged in an inward conflict, writing imaginary letters attacking somebody, constructing imaginary conversation berating somebody, or pummeling our own selves with wordy bludgeons, is utterly disruptive to personality," says Dr. Fosdick. "Anxious self-communion is bad enough; probably angry self-communion is worse. Of course sometimes the reasons run back to childhood and only a first rate psychiatrist can get at the hidden causes of the disorder. Some pugnacious and malevolent self-communion, however, is quite preventable, and only our failure to recognize how ruinous it is keeps us at it."

Needlework Guild at Art Institute Grows

The Needlework and Textile guild of the Art Institute of Chicago was organized a little over two years ago by a group of outstanding Chicago women, to stimulate and encourage interest in needlework. The animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms are all called into requisition for the needleworker. The wool and silk of the animal, the cotton and flax of the vegetable, the gold and silver of the mineral kingdom.

Shells of the ocean, quills and feathers of birds, scales of fish, bark of trees, skins of animals, grass, straw, sea-weed, gems, human hair, have all supplied materials at one time or another. Every nation supplies some or all of these materials and we must call on one another for them.

The Needlework guild of the Art Institute meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday in the Allerton wing of the Art Institute, where its members receive instruction from Miss Winifred Mynors, graduate of the Royal School of Needlework, London. Any one interested in needlework is invited to join.

Gorgeous Robes of Ancient Times Shown

Some of the gorgeous robes, head-dresses, beautiful belts with jade buckles, and other items of clothing once worn by emperors, empresses, princes and princesses of the Manchu dynasty in China, are on exhibition in the department of anthropology at Field Museum of Natural History.