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**Our
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of
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that didn't
quite
survive
the
Christmas
Rush.

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torn.

Some show evidences of hav-
ing been handled.

Some are even slightly soiled!

**But we have
therefore
reduced**

**\$2 Books to
\$1.60**

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First Floor

Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

For the many enthusiasts of Anatole France, Dodd Mead has brought out what will probably be the last in the long series of his work. It is "The Unrisen Dawn" a collection of the speeches and addresses made by that eccentric genius during a considerable period of time.

"The Magic Mountain" probably the masterpiece of the great German novelist, Thomas Mann, has been reissued by Alfred Knopf, in a small one volume edition. It will give an opportunity to many of those who have never had a chance to obtain this work to do so more conveniently and reasonably.

GIFT BOOKS

There is always a call at this time of year for small books, books which though a little more than a Christmas card are yet a good deal less than a present. Among these one of the most promising is "Love" by William Lyons Phelps, a companion to the "Happiness" volume which he published last year. It is attractively bound and contains a very clear and pleasing little essay on the function of love in human life.

Another of these Christmas books is "Even Unto Bethlehem" by the writer who has so often entered into the spirit of the Holy Land, Henry Van Dyke. It, too, is charmingly gotten up and its story is the Christmas story itself.

A little more pretentious and comprehensive is "A Christmas Book" compiled by D. B. Wyndham Lewis and G. C. Heseltine. It is truly a delightful creation, verses, songs, stories of Christmas "freely ranging the ages

from St. Hilary of Poitiers to Mr. Pooter, nay from the Saturnalia of Martial's Rome to the more ladylike revellings of post-war London—all mixed up jovially like a Christmas pudding." The author's hope is that they have not fallen too hopelessly short of their devout desire to exclude the banal, the hackneyed, the false and the sentimental." They have not. They have created a treasure house on the contrary, of the unusual, the odd, the genuine and the sincere, something to keep on one's shelves and enjoy.

WHO WAS CASPAR HAUSER?

"Caspar Hauser"
By Jacob Wassermann
Horace Liveright

No one could have chosen a stranger or more alluring subject for a novel than did Jacob Wassermann for this "Caspar Hauser." It seems that in the year 1828 there wandered into Nuremberg an uncouth figure, dressed as a peasant, a boy seemingly about seventeen but so undeveloped mentally that he could only speak a few broken words. When he could not make himself understood someone offered him a piece of paper and on it he painfully formed the letters "Caspar Hauser." This then, he was called.

As time went on it became clear that this boy was no ordinary defective but a person of acute mind and supersensitive sensibilities who because of a lifelong imprisonment in an underground dungeon—so much could be gathered from Caspar's memories—had never developed normally. Many people, in fact, most of the thinking people of his country and even of other countries became interested in his case. Some thought he was an imposter, imposing,

for it would be hard to say what object such a difficult role upon himself, many thought he was the Crown Prince of Baden done away with for reasons of state. But who had kept him imprisoned so long instead of killing him? And who had set him free? His chief champion, then Caspar himself, were murdered. Who was powerful enough to carry through without slip such a bold scheme?

Could more baffling questions be imposed by many of the incidents of history? It was this story that Wassermann takes for his book, making of Caspar Hauser more than a human figure, making him a symbol of man undefiled, unspoiled by the contacts of the world and contrasting with him the figures of civilization. Wassermann's books are always powerful, he uses words as if they were metal, forging them strongly. This book is no exception. It is a tremendously interesting piece of work.

CARICATURES AUTHORS

Seven Liveright authors are singled out for caricature in John Riddell's collection of twenty parodies of prominent writers, entitled "Meaning No Offense." They are Eugene O'Neill, Samuel Hoffenstein, Theodore Dreiser, Ben B. Lindsey, Frances Newman, Dorothy Parker and Hendrik Willem Van Loon.

THE RACKETEERS

Since John O'Connor turned the spotlight on the 1928 version of the "con" man in his best selling book, "Broadway Racketeers," published by Horace Liveright, Edgar Leslie and Jimmy Monaco have written a song suggested by the book which they have called "My Broadway Racketeer." It will be recorded for the phonograph by Waring's Pennsylvanians.

NEW HARPER BOOKS

MONEY OF HER OWN

by Margaret Culkin Banning

Should a husband live on his wife's money? Here is an engrossing novel of marital difficulties.

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by Rachel Annand Taylor

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by Ruth Sawyer

Having escaped the farm with all its dark drudgery and spiritual barrenness, Tad falls in love and is drawn, unwillingly, back to the soil once more.

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TOWERS ALONG THE GRASS

by Ellen Du Poise Taylor

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