



WHAT'S NEW ON LIBRARY SHELVES
by Jose Mann

One of the things I enjoy most about being asked to work at one of our libraries is rummaging about on library shelves. So, even if this column is usually about new books, this month I want to share some of my "rummaging" discoveries with you.

What Really Happens in Bed by Steven Carter and Julia Sokol, is sub-titled "A demystification of sex." Less anecdotal than the three Hite Reports on sexuality, it contains some lovely debunking of the Harlequin sex-romance fantasies as well as some practical, down-to-earth information and advice.

Desire and Denial by Gordon Thomas examines "Sexuality and vocation" in "a Church in crisis." Heavily scorned and criticized prior to the Mount Cashel investigation, it is well worth a read in view of today's revelations.

Also in a serious vein, Hidden From History by Sheila Rowbotham is an analysis of the role of women from Puritan society to the 1930's. Especially interesting is the section dealing with why birth control and the organization of working women is perceived as threatening to the traditional male control of the family.

For those of us who enjoy accumulating a lot of useless information, try Triviata. Learn about red rain, raining frogs; who invented soda water, chop suey. Great stuff to impress those March Break visitors who have come here to ski. Not impressive enough? The Customs and Ceremonies of Britain by Charles Kightly has some great bits of lore. All you never wanted to know about the horseshoe tax, cheese rolling, Plough Monday, Plague Sunday, Wicken Love Feast or Widow's Bun Ceremony. How about Whuppity Stourie? Still into trivia? Green Magic by Lesley Gordon contains all sorts of lores and legends on flowers, plants and herbs. Find out which were used as trade signs; all about plant

deities and garden saints; plant fantasies. (Have they read What Really Happens in Bed?) The section on plants of love and hate would go well with the Wicken Love Feast.

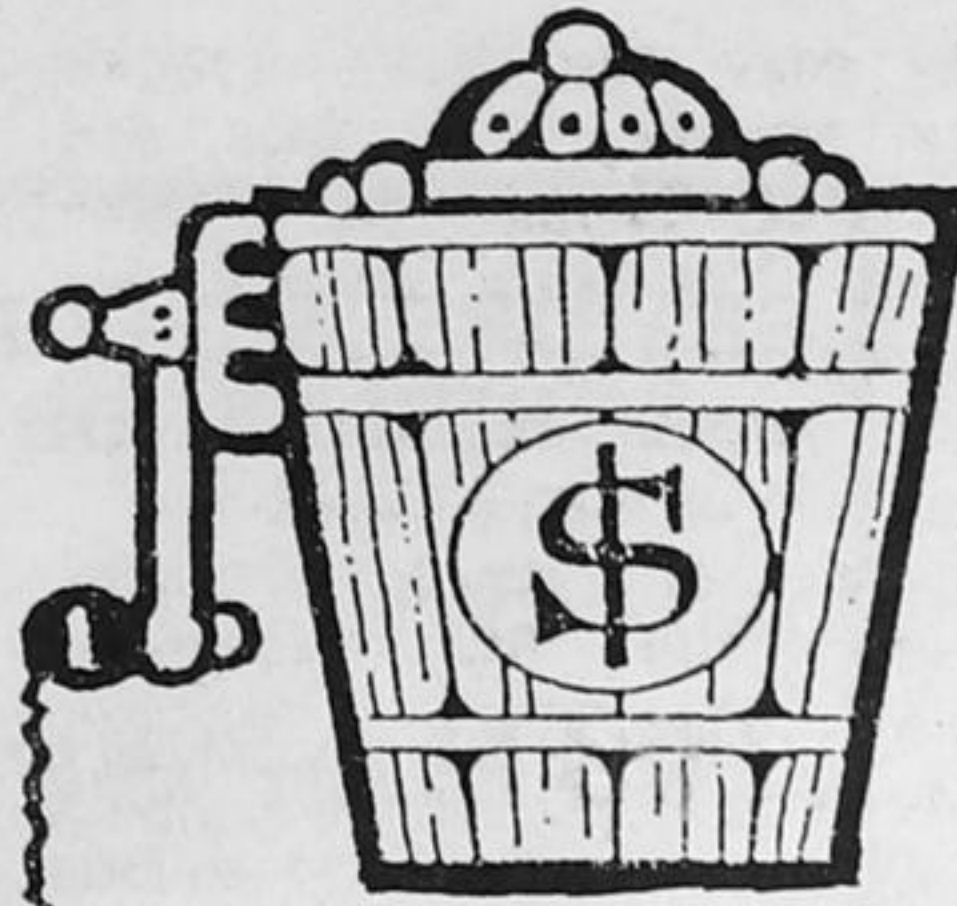
Two great "picture" books (among the hundreds we have) are Pierre Deux's Normandy, a companion to Pierre Deux's Brittany. Fantastic photos of these coastal provinces of France. Then there is Colefax and Fowler: The Best in English Interior Decoration by Chester Jones. (Isn't this how everyone decorates his/her house?) For those with musical tastes, The Music Makers, edited by Clive Unger-Hamilton, is a conglomeration of short biographies, pictures, photos, caricatures, examinations of musical instruments from the Age of Chivalry to the Electronic Revolution.

For a touch of poetry, try The Limerick. It has some 1700 entries, from "A homely old spinster of France" to "A milkmaid there was, with a stutter." Beware: some of these are as "naughty" as allowed by the format. A friend, David Stone, introduced me to Roger Ormerod, who writes mysteries about a retired policeman, Llew Hughes, newly wed, who keeps on encountering dead bodies. These are "gentle" mysteries as only the British can write them. Try An Albi Too Soon; Still Life with Pistol; there are some twenty others and we are pressuring (nagging really) our library to purchase the entire series. By the way, Susan Trott wrote a mystery-murder story called The Housewife and the Assassin in which our heroine and the assassin hired to kill her run marathons together. I liked it.

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So, go rummaging in the stacks. There are some great finds awaiting discovery. And let me know what you find.

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