

AMERICANS ARE BOOKLOVERS.

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

The people of the United States are today writing more books, buying more books, and reading more books than the inhabitants of any other nation.

Four years before the "Rubiayst of Omar Khayyam" became popular in America it was a drug on the English market.

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The production of literature started early in this country. Sandys, brother of the first treasurer of the Jamestown colony, wrote the first book in America.

On account of the great demand for books our publishers have developed the business to the highest possible degree.

Many good American books, which afterward became great successes, went begging for publishers before they were printed.

The most successful juvenile book ever written in this country is "Five Little Peppers and How They Grew" by Margaret Sydney.

Making a collection of American books is a commendable patriotic fad among book lovers in this country.

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found in private libraries, and a copy of it has not been offered for sale for a hundred years.

Rare old books and limited editions de luxe command fabulous prices from collectors who have plenty of money to spend.

What, indeed, means more to men than books? A famous author has summed up their value thus: "In books I find the dead as if they were alive; in books I foresee things to come; in books warlike affairs are set forth, and from books come forth the laws of peace.

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TAILORS TALK SHOP

Suggest Several Changes in Proper Attire for Men.

NARROW SHOULDERS TO RULE

Opposite Fashion to One Now Prevailing Advocated by Merchant Tailors' National Protective Association in Convention at Arlington Hotel—Three Hundred Delegates.

Narrow shoulders, with rather a square effect, and shorter neck coats, are to prevail this year, according to the Merchant Tailors' National Protective Association of America.

Plain Coats Proper Thing.

Vents in the coats are to be left to the discretion of the tailor and the customer.

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PACIFIC FLEETS COMBINE.

Changes to Be Made to Facilitate Work of Repairing Vessels.

A plan for the combining of the Pacific squadron and the Asiatic fleet of the navy into one organization, to be known as the Pacific fleet, is under contemplation by the Navy Department.

Under the new plan the Pacific fleet will consist of the three divisions, the Asiatic Squadron, the Pacific Squadron, and the Philippine Squadron.

With all the war ships in the Pacific in one organization, it will be easy to have extensive and beneficial maneuvers, probably around Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands.

ELKINS CASE GOES TO JURY

Arguments in Half-million-dollar Suit Concluded.

Sealed Verdict to Be Brought into Court This Morning if Agreement is Reached.

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AMUSEMENTS.

NEW NATIONAL MATINEE, 2:15. EVENINGS, 8:15. N.Z.W. NATIONAL. Klaw & Waller Present. FORBES ROBERTSON AND GERTRUDE ELLIOTT.

ELMENDORF. NEXT MONDAY AT 4:30 "ENGLAND". Seats, \$1, 75c, 50c. Now on Sale.

ROSENTHAL. Popular 75c and \$1.00 Prices. Thursday Afternoon, Feb. 7, at 4:15. Seats now on sale at T. Arthur Smith, in Sanders & Stayman's, 127 F. street.

COLUMBIA TO-NIGHT AT 8:10. THURSDAY AND SATURDAY MATS. DANIEL FROHMAN. Takes Pleasure in Announcing His Production.

THE SPOILERS. An American Drama Founded on the Famous Story of That Name by Rex Beach and James MacArthur.

THE EMBASSY BALL. BY AUGUSTUS THOMAS. Author of THE EARL OF PAWBUCKET.

BELASCO TO-NIGHT. Under the direction of Mrs. Katie Wilson-Greene. Friday and Saturday, 7:45 and 8:15. Matinee, 2:30 to 5:15.

WIFE KEPT LOCKED IN HOUSE. Mrs. Mollie S. Dement Enters Suit for Absolute Divorce.

Husband Built Fence Nine Feet High to Prevent Possible Attempt to Escape.

Mrs. Mollie S. Dement began suit yesterday against her husband, Franklin L. Dement, for absolute divorce, charging him with infidelity and cruelty.

They moved again to another house where she says her husband again barred the doors and windows, keeping her a close prisoner.

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NEW LYCEUM. MATINEE DAILY ALL THIS WEEK. BROADWAY GAITY GIRLS. Headed by JOHN WEBER, prince of all German Comedians.

MAJESTIC. 50c. MONDAY, SOUVENIR NIGHT. ALL THIS WEEK—THE BIG NOISE. TOM WATERS. IN THE BIG MUSICAL SURPRISE, THE MAYOR OF LAUGHLAND.

Chad's POLITE VAUDEVILLE. DAILY MATINEES, 2:15. EVENINGS, 8:15 AND 9:00. A Bill Speed with Infinite Variety.

KATIE BARRY. With the Original "A GALE IN FLOO." The famous foreign WESSELY TROUPE.

CRESCENT BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION. Thursday, February 7, 1907. National Rifles' Hall. TICKETS, 25c.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL. Seventh St. bet. D and E Sts. N. W. CARNIVAL OF NATIONS. EVENINGS—FEBRUARY 4 TO 16.

THE RINK CONVENTION HALL. ROLLER SKATING. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. WASHINGTON SCHOOLS.

EMERSON INSTITUTE FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN. Established 1852. College Preparatory, with Primary Department.

MRS. ADELINA DUAL MACK. Will receive pupils in VOICE CULTURE, a DRAMATIC ART after January 13, at her studio.

HERNDON MORSELL. Pupils of CAV. FRANCESCO LAUBERTI (Nihilus) VOCAL STUDIO, 113 1/2 St. N. W.

DRESS-MAKING SCHOOL. PROFESSOR LIVINGSTON'S NEW YORK PATTERN FALLOWS. Dress-Cutting, Dress-Making, Tailoring, Ladies' Tailoring and Sewing School.

ADMIRAL BERESFORD COMES. British Commander Will Look After Estate of His Brother.

New York, Feb. 5.—Among the passengers on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm I. arriving to-day from Bremen, Southampton, and Cherbourg, was Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, commander of the British home fleet, who has come to the United States to look after the affairs of his brother, who was killed in a railroad wreck in Minnesota several months ago.

"I left my ship a fortnight ago, having retired from the command of the Mediterranean fleet to take charge of the channel fleet," said the admiral. "I shall go to-morrow to the West to look after my brother's affairs, and expect to return to New York about March 12. I am obliged, as an exception, to protect the will in four countries—the United States, Mexico, Canada, and England."

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