WORTH HUNTING FOR.

PRICELESS OLD VOLUMES LYING ON SOMEBODY'S SHELF.

They Are the First Books Printed on the



single dusty, musty, fusty and rusty vol-

ume, or that is to say, more than the annual income of a hundred ten dollar a week laborers. A thousand dollars a page waiting for the fortunate book hunter who may happen by a streak of good luck to discover two lost books, and those the very first printed on the North American continent and in New England.

CHENRY STEVENS

wandered on all continents and it is imma-

terial to him whether he sleeps in a hammock among the pirates of San Salvador

or balances himself on the top of the North

Pole. He has fought Maoris, has edited

newspapers at the Antipodes and had two

literary stepfathers, the one Fearon, an

founders of Punch, or the London Charivari.

land whaling village the reminiscences that

my friend Lord gave me of young Charles Dickens, with whom he had collaborated

some books, and of George Augustus Sala,

Henry Irving and other members of the

Savage and Greenroom clubs, who had

been his cronies in England, were only

that are worth thousands of dollars apiece.

Let us go over the story together.

some half dozen pages as much as ten thousand dollars, if it be the real 'Spanish

insist that book hunting can be not only

are hidden away in libraries.

During my visit to the whilom Long Is-

and Alonzo Fernandez, that the volume had an existence. Both of them mention it in their works and that the book was printed They are the First Books Printed on the North American Continent and One of Them is Worth \$50,000—The Great Book Hunters of Today.

RODIGIOUS!
And we could well quote the favorite expression of the old bibliomaniac bibliomaniac libit bibliomaniac | the printer, Kromberger, finished it in the "Dominie" city of Mexico on December 13, 1540. Sampson. Fifty thousand dollars paid for a single dusty,

"This fact is only known to a few men like us two," the bookworm went on "but the existence of the first book printed in New England, is more generally recognized on account of old Isaiah Thomas in his History of Printing, having made us acquainted with the fact. Thomas tells us that in January 1639, 'printing was first performed in that part of North America, which extends from the Gulf of Mexico to the Frozen Ocean.' The first press and ent and in New England.

Yet that was the resolution adopted at by the Rev. Jesse Glover, who defrayed a the convention held by the dilettante bib- part of the expense, the balance being conliophile, Richard Halkett Lord and myself, tributed by several other persons in New

been paid for this 'Old Testament.' Bray-ton Ives, who is a Maecenas in his collecting, gave Quaritch of London, fifteen thou-sand dollars for his Gutenberg bible, the first book supposed to have been printed with movable types, and then a first tolio Shakespeare was bought by N. Q. Pope of Brooklyn for, it is stated, some six thousand dollars. "These men are not, however, to my



mind, true book hunters, as they leave the finding of books to the great booksellers of this country and Europe. That wonderful man Quaritch whom I mentioned, stands pre-eminently at the head of the bibliopolists and he thinks nothing of asking, as he did not long since, \$26,250.00 for a copy of Fust and Schoeffer's Psalter of 1459, the second book printed with a date and one of the very rarest of the earliest monuments of printing. Now he and his great rival, your uncle, Henry Sotheran of London, who has published one set of books, those on Natural History by John Gould at the enormous price per set of some 40 volumes for five thousand dollars with all the plates colored by hand-both do most of the bookhunting for these people, and is it not marvelous what bargains they occasionally secure? Some years ago it was common talk among bookmen on the other side, that having gone to an out of the way book sale at a village in Cornwall, England, the day before Quaritch reached there, Sotheran managed to secure from the host of the rural inn where they had to put up, a genuine first folio Shakespeare of 1623, for a new family Bible and ten bright silver English shillings that is about two dollars and a half, and which he afterwards sold for | three thousand dollars. Imagine Quaritch's broken heart and fury at learning of this great piece of luck of his rival. But more interesting than either of these individuals is to my mind the late Henry Stevens of Vermont, a ripe scholar and book sa- being thoroughly waterproof, furnishing vant, who for years obtained for the As- a combination of overcoats and waterproof tor and Lenox libraries nearly all coats. These garments have only to be Stevens lived for years in London, and he could be persuaded to wear the oldshowed the English bookdealers as well as of money and a man of books. He has Londoner named Stephen Daye, who came the French, such men as Damascene, Morgand and Fontaine of the Palais Royal,

"Now we know from two authorities, took men to lift it and they staggered under when it came to a question of bookhunting. Archbishop Davila Padilla of San Domingo, the load, it is believed that no less than Many are the interesting stories that he one hundred thousand dollars would have been paid for this 'Old Testament.' Bray- and successfully accomplished for the late James Lennox, in his published reminiscences. Think of a man waiting for a revolution to break out in Spain so as to enable him to secure original manuscripts written about the time of and relative to the discovery of this country as he did, and successfully, too, from the archives of the palace of the Escurial. Another man of this type was the late Joseph Sabin, a genius of wonderful knowledge, and there are others who still survive.

CHAS. SOTHERAN.

THINGS OF VALUE.

It is right to be contented with what we have; never with what we are. - Sir James Mackintosh.

K. D. C. relieves distress after eating and promotes healthy digestion.

The youth who is to marry an heiress finds life smooth sailing, and is pleased as he thinks of the rocks ahead.

K. D. C. is guaranteed to cure any case of Indigestion or Dyspepsia or money re-

Fancied troubles sometimes trouble us as much as real troubles, but they have this in

their favor, that they are easier got over. K. D. C. frees the stomach from poison-ous acid and gas, and restores it to healthy

A man's true wealth is in the good he does in the world. Men may asked what he leaves behind, but God will asked what

Be a well man, a free man, a happy man, by taking K. D. C.—the great restorative for all stomach troubles.

The prudent sees only the difficulties, the bold only the advantages, of a great enterprise; the hero sees both, diminishes those, makes these predominate, and conquers .-

You want K. D. C.—you want to be cured of dyspepsia. Then take K. D. C. and be cured of dyspepsia.

The Phenix folding bed is advertised. These beds should be excellent for people suffering from smallpox or measles, who would look forward with hope to rising from their rashes.

W. P. King, Esq., Insurance Agent, Truro, N. S., certifies that for several years he had dyspepsia of the worst kind with great pain and distress after eating, in fact, pain almost all the time, until getting so bad, could neither eat or sleep. During those years he consulted several of the best physicians, getting medicine from each, which only afforded temporary relief. He then discovered the great value of K. D. C., which after taking a short time resulted in his complete restoration to health. He can turnish names of hundreds of persons who can testify of its great value.

Rigby Proofed Garments are the Best, treasures contained in them. tried to be appreciated, once worn no man fashioned Rubber or Macintosh coat.

This age will have the best, and the public will very soon refuse to use any that they could not hold a candle to him but a porous waterproof garment.

HOW TO TELL GOOD WHISKEY. The Chief Analyst of the Canadian Govern ment Informs the People.

the Inland Revenue department, under the compiled for New England by Mr. Wiltitle of "Bulletin No. 27," furnishes information concerning the quality of liquors of É nozpoz que se que aureis plazer dela grand pictoza que uno senoz meba dado en mippaie such an interesting and valuable character as to make it an excellent guide book for mporters, retailers and consumers; and one that should be in the hands of all who desire to know the names of reliable distilclass liquors from inferior grades. The information contained in the pamphlet is very full, and is presented in a manner that reflects credit on the Laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue department.

> On page 41, referring to Scotch Whiskies, the Analyst says :- "These whiskies claim, believe, to be produced by distillation of malted grain, or a mixture of malted and unmaulted grain, in pot-stills. They are characterized when new by the very large amount of so-called "empyreumatic oils" which they contain. The new or raw spirit, being quite unfit for use, is aged in wooden vessels, and in the course of time, through the changes which take place, the oils are oxidized or otherwise converted into products which give the characteristic bouquet or flavor to these whiskies."

Page 33 says :- "Any volatile oils present in a liquor are carried over with the vapor of alcohol, and are therefore found in the alcoholic distillate. Such oils are, as a rule, insoluable in water and rarely insoluable in very dilute alcohol. In consequence of this when water is added to the distillate, so that its volume is double that of the liquor distilled, the oils are largely thrown out of solution, and the emulsion so produced becomes decidedly opalescent. In genuine Scotch Whiskey such oils are necessarily present. Grain spirit (alcohol) is I free from these oils and gives no opalescence on dilution with water. As rye whiskey is generally made from such spirit we find no opalesence on diluting the distillate from were produced in the laboratory from the distillates from them gave any opales-

On page 34 of the report the government analyst, in reference to furfurol reaction, quotes M. L. Lindet-Bull. de la Societe Chimique de Paris, tome V, p. 20. as follows:-"The presence of turfurol in lers and dealers, and the way to tell high- liquor is believed to be due to the charring of portions of the malt (or other material used) during process of distillation." Continuing the analyst says :- "In patent stills, where steam heat only is used, this charring of the contents of the still does not take place, and in the spirit produced furfurol is not found. The ageing of the spirit which causes changes in the nature of most of the secondary constituents of spirits, does not apparently affect the furfurol, which is present as largely in old as in new pot-still whiskies. (The analyst quotes the foregoing from the evidence of A. H. Allen before the select committee on spirits appointed by the British House of Commons 1891.)

> the Scotch Whiskies analyzed, with the following results :-

> Furfural Diluting Distillate. Mackie & Co......Distinct. Very distinct. J. B. Sheriff.......Distinct. Bulloch, Lade & Co....Slight. Distinct. Bernard & Co.....Slight. Faint. Faint. Donald Stuart Slight. Kirker, Greer & Co....Slight.
>
> "Heather Bell" Brand,
> manufact'd in Montreal, Slight.
>
> Mitchell's Heather Dew, None.
>
> Thom & Cameron.....Distinct Faint. Very faint.

above mentioned.

So that, according to the official report of the laboratory branch of the Inland Revenue department, the highest recognized authority in the Dominion of Canada, MACKIE & Co.'s Scotch stands conspicugold and as the tome was so heavy that it cence on diluting with water. It is not ously at the head of the whiskey list.-Advt.

Ten in a Family

makes a big washing.

Surprise Soap reduces the work so much that you would almost believe there must be but four or five to wash for.

Mrs. Duncan McKay, Paris, Ont., writes: SURPRISE SOAP is the best soap I have ever used. I can do a large washing for ten of a family, have them all out by dinner-time, and cook for them as well and not feel tired when I am through.

> The peculiar qualities of Surprise Soap makes the wash day so easy, so simple, that even the largest wash can be done in

READ on the wrapper.

Than He Can Carry

two to three hours.

Perhaps your husband happens to be in the same position this Spring, and you cannot see your way clear to get a New Dress. Why not make him happy by sending your old black silk or velvet to Ungar's and have it dyed any of the fashionable shades; or even if you have a new dress, you can have another one just as good as new at a small cost. Many of the nice looking dresses you see up town on a fine Sunday looked as old and faded as yours does now, before they were sent to Ungar's and made to look as you see them.

BE SURE and send your Parcels to Ungar's Steam Laundry and Dye Works, St. John, (Waterloo street); Telephone 58. Or Halifax: 62 and 64 Granville street. It'll be done right, if done at

UNCAR'S.



In compounding a solution a part was accidently spilled on the hand and on washing afterward it was discovered that the hair was completely removed. We at once put this wonderful preparation, on the market and so great has been the demand that we are now introducing it throughout the world under the name of Queen's Anti-Hairine,

market and so great has been the demand that we are now introducing it throughout the world under the name of Queen's Anti-Hairine, IT IS PERFECTLY HARMLESS AND SO SIMPLE ANY CHILD CAN USE IT.

Lay the hair over and apply the mixture for a few minutes, and the hair disappears as if by magic without the slightest pain or injury when applied or ever afterward. It is unlike any other preparation ever used for a like purpose. Thousands of LADIES who have been annoyed with hair on their FACE, NECK and ARMS attest its merits.

GENTLEMEN who do not appreciate a beard or hair on their neck, find a priceless boon in Queen's Anti-Hairine which does away with Shaving, by rendering its future growth an utter impossibility. Price of Queen's Anti-Hairine \$1. per bottle, sent in safety mailing boxes, postage paid by us (securely gendenes strictly confidential. This advertisement is honest and straight forward in every word it contains. We invite you to deal with us and you will find everything as represented. Cut this out and send to-day. Address QUEEN CHEMICAL CO., 174 Race Street, CINCINNATI, O. You can register your letter at any Post Office to insure its safe delivery. We will pay \$5.00 for any case of failure or slightest injury to any purchaser. Every bottle guaranteed.

QDECIAL—To ladies who introduce and sell among their friends 25 Bottles of Queen's Anti-Hairine, and the hair friends 25 Bottles of Queen's Anti-Hairine, approach best silk. Extra Large Bottle and samples

SPECIAL —To ladies who introduce and sell among their friends 25 Bottles of Queen's Anti-Hairine, we will present with a SILK DRESS, 15 yards best silk. Extra Large Bottle and samples of silk to select from sent with order. Good Salary or Commission to Agents. Home References:—The Lytle Safe and Lock Co., 146 to 150 Water Street; Edwin Alden Advertising Agency, 248 Race Street, and John D. Park & Sons Co., Wholesale Agents, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Children's Clothing Department.

Our high reputation for Juvenile Garments is well established, and this season we have excelled all previous efforts. In ordering, state chest measure and age of boy, and we will Ship Goods for Selection, subject to being returned at our expense

E. C. COLE, - - Moncton.

ENGRAVING.

PORTRAITS, HOUSES,

STORES,

ADVER'TISEMENTS. RAVING BUREAU. SAINT JOHN, N. B.

pos estriuo esta por la filabrers como extrius esta pase alas indias cola armada que los illustristimos Rep e repna neos señozes me dieron donde po fallemup muchas Islas pobladas con gere sprintumero, y dellas todas be tomado posessió por sus alteras conpregon y vadera real estedio y no me sue cortradicho. second in interest to me to the talks we had together on old books and the fad of con pregon p vadera real estedioa p no me fue cotravicho. Ala pamera q po falle puse nodre sent saluadora comemo racion de su alta magestad el qual maranillosa mete todo esto andado los indios la llama guanabam. Ala seguida pu se nodre la pse de sta maria de cocepcion ala tercera serradi na ala quarta la psadella. Ala quinta la sila Juana e cada vna nodre nueno Luado po llegue ala juana segui po la costa della al pomete p la falle san grade q pense q seria tierra serma la puincia decatavo p como no falle asi villas p incores enla costa della mar saluo pequeñas poblaciones con la gete delas que non podía dauer sabla por q luego su sodos, andana po adesate por elbicho camino pensan collecting and hunting for them. His mind seemed to be more absorbed with the subject of book finds than aught else for to him the discovery of lost books and buying treasures for next to nothing from badly posted booksellers had to him all the delights combined that a fox hunter would appreciate at trying to get in at the death and secure the brush. "There are two books," continued Halkett Lord, "that I shall not die happy THE COLUMBUS LETTER. without discovering. As an American b descent, for my people settled in Connecti-cut in the midele of the seventeenth cenno copy being known of in any public or private library. The first piece of printing tury, I wish to gladden my eyes and those of my brother bibliophiles with the sight of actually done though on Daye's press was a broadside entitled 'The Freeman's Oath,' those which were first printed on the North American continent and in New England. and like Pierce's Almanac, is extinct. The 'Bay Psalm Book,' which was prepared Strange to say, we are aware of the existfor the press in 1640 by Richard Mather, ence of such volumes, but no human eye Thomas Weld and John Elliot, who transthat we know of has seen them for centuries. lated the 'Indian Bible,' follows these, The first volume of which the type was chronologically speaking. I just mentioned the Indian Bible. That of course, set up and printed off a press on this continent, is, as lost to the collectors, as is the as you know, was printed by Samuel Green, and in 1660 at Cambridge, Massafirst book printed in what is now the United States. The man who can find either of chusetts, and he imported the second printing press and types to this country."
"What is your record, old tellow, of the these will have in his possession treasures

THE GREAT BOOK HUNTERS OF TODAY.

as we sat together one afternoon during my | England and Amsterdam. The first printer

recent stay with him at his snuggery, at | who settled in what is now the United

Sag Harbor, Long Island. Lord is a man | States, and turned out books here, was a

early traveller through the United States, is not so, as it was really an 'Almanack'

and the other Horace Mayhew, one of the for the year 1640 which, according to

along with the printing plant, and was set

to work at Cambridge in Massachusetts. It

is generally supposed by many that the 'Bay Psalm Book' imprinted in 1640, and

of which a copy sold at the Harris sale for fifteen hundred dollars, has the honor of

being the first New England book, but it

Thomas and Winthrop, the historian, was

liam Pierce, mariner. That is a lost book,



DIANA OF POITIERS BINDING.

highest price ever paid in these times for a Letter,' or a first folio Shakespeare anywhere from six thousand to two thousand | book?" I asked of Halkett Lord, who re-

dollars I think we shall not quarrel when I | sponded: 'The German government paid fifty made profitable, but interesting. Volumes thousand dollars a few years ago to the Duke of Hamilton for a purple vellum "The first book printed in America is a missal presented by Pope Leo the Tenth translation of a devotional treaties by St. | to Henry the Eighth of England, and which Johannes Climacus, i. e., San Juan Climacus, i. e., San Juan Climaco. Its full title is 'Escala Espiritual bluff old monarch, Detender of the Faith. | Opalesence on unuting the distinct from the bluff old monarch, Detender of the Faith. | Opalesence on unuting the distinct from the bluff old monarch, Detender of the Faith. | para llegar al Cielo, traducido de Latin en | The highest price ever offered for a volume Castellano por el Venerable Padre Fr. is said to be that with which the Jews of Juan de la Madalena, Regioso Dominico.' Venice tempted one of the popes for a patent still spirit and essences. None o Its printer was Juan Pablos, the place of Hebrew Bible in the Vatican library. publication the City of Mexico, and its date | They were to give his holiness its weight in

unlikely where the opalescence is very slight the liquor is essentially an imitation article, to which a proportion of genuine A 43-page pamphlet recently issued by liquor has been added. Since in every case in which a high degree of certainty exists as to the origin of a pot-still liquor a very decided opalescence has been found."

The report furnishes on page 21 a list of

ArtificialScotch prepared in the Laboratory from Spirits and essencesNone. None.
Several other brands, shipped by blen-
ders and distillers, whose names do not
appear, not having been given the inspec-
ors, are not included in this list. These,
nowever, appear in the report in connection
with the vendors' names, and are all ranked
as more or less inferior to the highest grade
1timed