



NOTES ON THE BOOK

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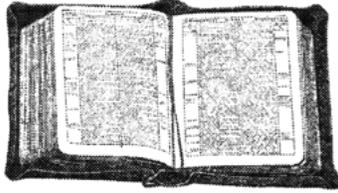


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BOOKS ON BOOKSHELVES

The dust and silence
I have a bookcase, which is what
can you grasp the sides
to retrieve a book
never pull a book
book ejection apparatus
Alfred Kazin
too slender to bear a title
my brother and I
best block
patented in 1870s
has enormous impact resistance
Charles Goodyear
respected public figures
where there are bookshelves
whenever we moved to a new house
Thomas Jefferson's books
the walls and shelves
Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr.
David Macaulay.

FROM SCROLLS TO CODICES

On average, a scroll
filled about a dozen rolls
nearly three hundred running feet
it is extraordinary
with a little practice
collected behind the scroll
keeping scrolls in a box
pigeonholes
your men have made my library gay
how can you excuse the man
their old homes were restored
the codex evolved
by the beginning of the fourth century
occurs commonly in Cicero
a Britishism
the Roman classics were arranged
small stones; large stone faces
The Book
they were split open
well into the tenth and eleventh centuries
papyrus was cheap and abundant
according to Pliny's *Natural History*
made from sheep, goat
vellum
the skins of almost all the well-known domestic animals
some of the finest and thinnest
one sheep yields no more than a single sheet
stitched sheets folded in concertina fashion
rectangular shape of animals
beveled, cambered, or chamfered
Lucretius's opening words
Les Miracles de Nostre Dame
drawing of Jean Mielot
Master of the Rolls.

CHESTS, CLOISTERS, AND CARRELS

On the Monday after
The Librarian
books were rare, and so was honesty
chests of this kind
another medieval book chest
Simon, the abbot of St. Albans
be lined inside with wood
dates from the year 1232
curious wooden contrivances
tiny studies
plenty of complaints from scribes
it was in the well-lighted carrel
where monks write and study
from the great cloister
occupants kept books behind closed doors
be allowed to glance at books
places where private
the appropriation of carrels
the first library
through heavy doors
the row of carrels
that curious book
an account by an eye-witness
in the north syde of the Cloister.

CHAINED TO THE DESK

Part of a sacristy
it is part of the precentor's duty
oldest known illustration of a book armarium
total space requirements
books with clasps
books with carved bindings
a chained book cannot be read
is it a desecration to assail
books of controversy
the process of unsecuring the chain rods
there is no evidence
assigned for division among the Fellows
those of which some are intended
pews at Hereford Cathedral
to convert the materials of the Bookcases
chained until the late eighteenth century
a classic example of a Gothic library
a latter stage in their evolutionary development
the library at Zutphen is irregularly shaped
the location of a library on an upper story
a photograph of it survives
Merton College Library
other English examples
that it might be the more safe.

THE PRESS OF BOOKS

When Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester
should any student be poring over
termed the stall system
as long as books were chained
if the two halves of the desk
combination of the lectern with the armarium
they be packed so close
Streeter dates the innovation
probably the most often seen mistake
the experience that shelves over 100 cm long
a modern 36-inch bookshelf
Cesna
Trinity Hall
the fairest of that University
each side wall pierced
originally 5 feet 6 inches high
standing lecterns that were a Cambridge tradition
stools were also provided
seat surface also served as a place on which to stand
the greater seats
top shelf has no such verticals
what was added to the lectern
the finest remaining British chained library
each book
now known by American librarians as a section
the shelf corresponds to the line
the notablest Library of Books
the public libraries of the Middle Ages
the whole system was swept away
exhibited itself in a very general destruction
upwards of eight hundred monasteries
to save any of the books
the buildings were pulled down
some books were sent by the shipload
manuscript pages were employed as endpapers
to give us an imperfect notion
only three manuscripts were permitted to survive
had nothing superstitious about them
to sell, in the name of the University
nearly a century passed away.

STUDYING STUDIES

The Modern System of Naval Architecture

by around the year 1500

a dialogue for Tudor schoolboys

increasingly ingenious devices

New College

St. Jerome in his study

Albrecht Dürer

damaged papyrus scrolls were being replaced

Benedetto Bonfigli

somewhat ungainly and archaic

compelled to climb over his books

who gathered books much as a squirrel gathers nuts

bibliocast and shoemaker

theaters of machines

perhaps a thousand years before

the fact that Ramelli's was a vertical type

perfectly the preference of Western engineers

probably from the beginning

a kind of square revolving bookcase

this is a beautiful and ingenious machine

the wheel is ... constructed

fifteenth-century illuminated manuscripts

for he was in the habit of fastening his queue

clung to ancient fashions

before the seventeenth century

Odorico Pillone

not totally accustomed to painting books

the spoliation of the monasteries

Twelve Centuries of Bookbindings

there are books of which

brought into harmony with that of the sides

the earliest tooled in gilt on the back

following the fashion of the chained library

library of the Spanish Escorial

de Thou arranged it

dos à dos bindings

his books were growing numerous

the truth is

the first cases were made for Pepys

the placing as to height

I think it will be as noble as a closet

earliest known oak pedestal writing desk.

UP AGAINST THE WALL

This wall system
the desks are 2 ft. 7 in. from the floor
the Escorial had a very definite effect
the room is not blocked with desks
protected by wire-work
but the severest penalties
modeled after those in the Escorial
it was agreed in 1739 to add a gallery
the finest that could be bought
the bookcases were sold in the 1550s
the great east window
these shadows are clearly present
there are clear shadows cast
required dress for any undergraduate
asked to wear their academic dress
in summertime, when honey-questing bees
painted on each ceiling panel
bequeathed to the university by John Selden
a series of shorter rods were used
three or four thousand a year
stowage for books
it ranks as the oldest public gallery in England
all new octavos other than serials
blocking up its north windows
its north windows, like those of the north range
tall wire-fronted bookcases
Francis Douce
thus creating a cul-de-sac
à la moderne
rise high, and give place for the desks
the disposition of the shelves
or countless other libraries
reported having seen in England tall ladders
a common, light but strong ladder
Michele Oka Doner
Congreave's Book Reacher
on a pole is a pair of metal jaws
desiring to construct a door.

BOOKS AND BOOKSHOPS

Incunabula

fifteeners

several hundred copies often constituted an edition

a great book might be available

could be available in thousands of copies

more than one hundred thousand different books printed

Danse Macabre

the first picture-book ever made for children

Jan Amos Komensky

he keeps his stock in excellent order

filing cabinets or bins

the labels on the bins

where the printer has printed the title

inside the cover to form a flap

printing on this leaf

never allow the binder

a careful study

to fit snugly

the common error is a waste of space

the common O is only 15 cm

a quarto with a duodecimo

backs were so narrow

bind and sell their own books

done by master binders

rich, private collectors

up, and by and by to my bookseller's

down to my chamber

to Paul's churchyard

all the morning setting my books

so well ordered that his Footman

to the Strand

William Dugdale

he had a special skill

portrait engraved by Wenzel Hollar

in order to reduce the weight

Napoleon Bonaparte

Joshua Reynolds's famous 1775 portrait

Oxford University Press

pasteboards

rare-book stacks of one university library

as to the binding of books

the three passions

the customary manner of issuing an author's works

with agreed-upon prices published each year

priced to include a standard binding

imprint volume numbers

a style of binding uniform for all copies

publisher itself began to bind

seats were provided

Pepys found these shops useful

due to the reluctance of many readers

the last book

promised for the year 1998 Christmas season

Millennium Reader.

BOOKSTACK ENGINEERING

Since natural light
reflect considerable light
durability and economy in construction
Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève
perhaps the last great flourish
studious and curious persons
narrow, dark, cold and damp
engineering age
mouldings are particularly fine
could not be used as a garden
to reduce the risk of fire spreading
multilevel bookstacks
bookshelves in the Iron Library
grate-like floors
turned the stack into a blast furnace
a circular temple of marvelous dimensions
the use of gas lighting was considered
electric lighting was first attempted
further warmth was provided
a formal champagne breakfast
there was an attempt in 1920 to expand the capacity
inconvenient because entire bookcases had to be moved
the hanging bookcases, moreover
man builds no structure
to celebrate the new millennium
longer than any other crane
into this were packed book ranges
with the Copyright Act of 1870
Bernard Richardson Green
the problem that faced
was so great an improvement
library buildings, and their stacks
Green (Snead) standard
the engineer might allow
250 pounds per square foot
great heat and more or less smoke
until very recently
books, in fact
not a building but a piece of furniture
open bar shelves
when shelves are to be *extra heavily* loaded
that scheme of shelving
aisles took up 65 percent of the floor space
New York Public Library
simply drawn directly up through the floor
a working library for all kinds of people
absolute control of air conditions
People's University
we have windows, it is true
Bodleian Library constructed a new building
increasing calls to open bookstacks to patrons
the near Stygian darkness
hand-lamps
sum people ar dizzy or unsteady on their feet
a bracket step
the unusually small man
aisles lined with books
it became the fashion in library architecture.

SHELVES THAT MOVE

The astonishing growth
 hard data in support of his observation
 Yale University Library
 why wood shelving is better than iron
 contrived to hold and hide indefinitely
 it has been an axiom of library economy
 rows upon rows of shelves
 sum recommend that cloth or leather falls
 Dewey also formulated a series of points
 architects design these miserable shelves
 even in Wesleyan's relatively small library
 a common way of providing for the adjustment
 ivory white, light green and grays
 industrial shelving, freestanding
 a domino effect
 the card catalogue toppled over
 to head high wherever we wish an aisle
 rolling or sliding bookcases
 the introduction of the principle
 because the British Museum aisles
 subsequent stacks did not have
 the process *could* be repeated
 although a person can pass
 65 percent of the floor space
 install hinged bookcases
 theorizers must not forget that this plan
 may be lost for years
 the back of each shelf is fitted with a strip
 it would seem at least possible
 slightly more easy to put it back
 do not stand a book long on the fore-edge
 3/3 sections of shelf space
 identifying books in the fore-edge down position
 this very proper query
 University of Minnesota library contract
 stuff into a single room
 in a room well filled
 the payment
 with a passing anathema
 now books want for
 it contributes as a fastening
 in illustration
 let us suppose a room
 why should not all the presses
 versatile engineer
 considerable freedom from dust
 when the shelves are 84 percent filled
 a five-foot shelf
 called attention to the urgent need
 one who watches
 depositories of dead books
 a cemetery of books
 book-cemeteries
 the student and the general reader
 sufficiently accessible if they could be delivered
 opposed to classified storage
 it may be doubted
 enforced the point by writing the date
 gift that enabled Gore Hall to be replaced
 New England Deposit Library
 Midwest Storage Warehouse
 automated storage and retrieval
 as revolutionary as printing from moveable type
 reading material projected upon walls
 experience began soon to show
 Nicholson Baker has chronicled
 new papyrus
 CD in allusion to BC and AD.

THE CARE OF BOOKS

The delicate fragrant book-shelves
the teachers of Europe
there was once a bibliophile
readily into the pocket
of slack copyright
beautiful, but too small in type
this skyline effect
window shades
won't let his wife raise the blinds
buys at least two copies
castlelike folly
lined in billiard-table baize
Bern Dibner
really wanted to be a reader
made room for books
great injury is done so often
being shown by the horrified Superintendent
breakfast served off the catalogue desks
the race of scholars
you may happen to see
a very handsome dress
its pages crumble
was so crowded with books
one book accumulator's wife
what are you doing?
mutilators of collections
every hole in the shelf a crater
Montaigne
Post-it notes
headstrong youth lazily lounging
he distributes a multitude of straws
in libraries with southern exposures
what should be done?
George Orwell
for as in the writers of annals
here stand my books
entirely new texts began to appear.

ORDER, ORDER

It would set her teeth on edge
as a student library assistant
famous essay
package of Wrigley's Spearmint gum
dust jackets
once calculated
his books commingled democratically.