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We regret not being able to supply the better bindings of this valuable library, and being compelled to disappoint so many at Christmas time. We did the best we could, for we kept four of the largest binderies in New York and Boston busy night and day, but even then we could not keep up with the demands for this most satisfactory library. We have induced our binders to work during the holidays, and hope early next week to supply those who have been anxiously waiting and have a few additional sets for those who are first to apply.



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The two greatest libraries in the world are the National Library of France and the British Museum. Their librarians are chosen because of their vast knowledge of books. They are the world's highest authorities in book judgment. With the whole world of books before them they have spoken in the highest terms and commended

THE INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY

DR. RICHARD GARNETT, Librarian of the British Museum, reviewing the INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY, says: "The great extent of the collection, unparalleled in any similar undertaking, allows the selection of those pieces which have appealed with especial force to the general heart and conscience—those pieces which have actually striven and prevailed in the great literary struggle for existence."

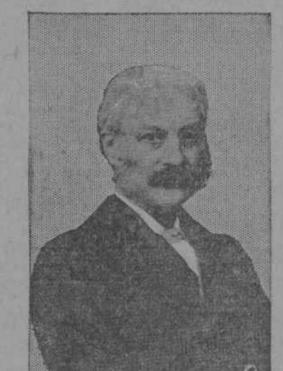
LION VALLEE, Librarian of the National Library of France, indorses the INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY as follows: "It is tremendous. It circles all of the most remarkable productions of the human mind in every sort of literature, during all the centuries and among every nation. The selections are good, judicious, intelligent and complete—the treatment of the great French authors is particularly happy."

Largest Library in England.



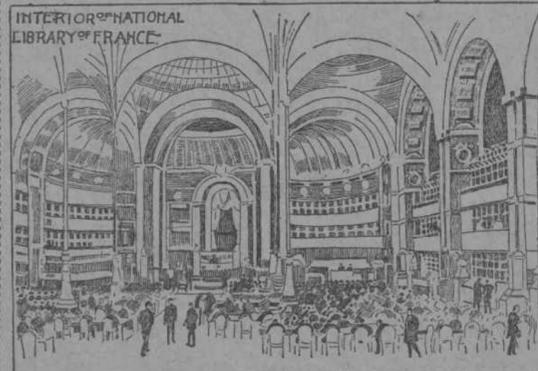
THE Library of the British Museum ranks in importance before all the great libraries in the world, with the single exception of the National Library of France. It was established in 1753 by the purchases of the Sloane Collection and the Harleyan Manuscripts. To these in 1757 were added the Cottonian Manuscripts and the Royal Libraries of the former kings of England, coupled with the privilege which that Library had for many years enjoyed of obtaining a copy of every publication entered at Stationers' Hall. At the present day this privilege (which is the same as the copyright privilege enjoyed by our Congressional Library) adds from ten to twelve thousand volumes a year. A lottery having been authorized to defray the expenses of purchases, as well as for providing suitable accommodation, the Museum and Library were established in Montague House and opened to the public 15th of January, 1759. Since that time vast libraries have been incorporated in the Museum, notably that of Sir Joseph Banks, George III's Royal Collection, Thomas Grenville, and others. Many of these great libraries are still preserved as separate collections. The Library of the British Museum contains upwards of 1,650,000 volumes, in addition to the enormous collection of manuscripts, and in cosmopolitan interest is without a rival in the world.

ANDREW LANG, Editor-in-Chief of the International Library.



AMONG the scholars, translators and authors, Andrew Lang stands first. It is a well known fact that Andrew Lang, without referring to a catalogue, can locate any volume in the British Museum. As an editor, Mr. Lang's capabilities have been thoroughly proven. The editorship of the Border Edition of Scott's Waverley Novels, and of the Gads-hill Edition of Dickens' Works, which are beyond question the authoritative editions of those two masters of English, was intrusted to him as the one man best qualified for the task. No man is better qualified to point out literary treasures hidden from those who do not wander afar from the beaten paths.

Largest Library in the World.



THE National Library of France has had an advantage over all others in the length of time during which its contents have been accumulating and in the great zeal shown for it by several kings and other eminent men. The real foundation of the Institution can be said to date from the reign of King John, the Black Prince's Captive, who had a considerable taste for books. It has been enriched from time to time by the incorporation of such great collections as the Orleans Library at Blois, by plunder from the Palace of Pavia, by the purchase of the famous Gruthuse Collection, the private library of Francis the First, of Catherine de Medici, etc. In 1617 a decree was passed that two copies of every new publication should be deposited in the Library. A few years before the Revolution broke out the Library contained over 300,000 volumes. The Revolution was serviceable to the Library by increasing it with the forfeited collection of the political exiles, as well as of the suppressed religious communities. Napoleon increased the amount of the Government grant, and the Library made considerable progress towards realizing his idea that it should be universal in character. This great Library is now said to contain over 2,700,000 volumes, and the annual additions are about 50,000. It also contains more than 2,250,000 engravings.

More Buyers than Books

That any set of books could be sold more rapidly than four of the largest binderies in this country could bind them is remarkable and extraordinary, but such is the fact in regard to the INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY. So great was the demand for the best bindings that many were unable to make Christmas presents of this valuable and satisfactory library.

The reasons for this unprecedented sale are as commonplace and ordinary as the sale was extraordinary. They are simple, yet most convincing.

- (1) By special arrangement with twenty-four leading publishers of America, hundreds of copyrighted stories, poems and articles are republished. This work is not merely a collection of uncopyrighted books obtainable elsewhere in cheap form, but it has been termed "the greatest literary achievement of the century" by those best qualified to judge.
- (2) In the International Library each article is COMPLETE in itself—mere extracts were studiously avoided. There are hundreds of selections absolutely and LITERALLY COMPLETE. Of short stories, there are more than one hundred of the best. There are more complete selections than in any other similar work. From the longer works, such as Virgil's Aeneid, Homer's Iliad, Dante's Inferno, which are too long to give entire—a complete book is given, as the fourth book of the Aeneid—which is not only complete in itself, telling the entire story of Dido's infatuation for Aeneas, but is the climax of Virgil's art and genius. Similar works are treated in a like manner,—the chief aim of the editors always being completeness of plot, incident and narrative.
- (3) The best literary judges of Europe and America—MEN OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION—made the selections.
- (4) The International Library is the NEWEST and LATEST library, and we sell it for just HALF the publishers' price while our edition lasts, on little monthly payments.

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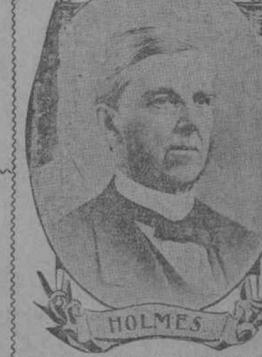
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