THE BOOK NOOK

A WELL-WRITTEN LIFE IS ALMOST
AS RARE AS A WELL-SPENT ONE

THOMAS CARLYLE

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THE BOOK NOOK

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26 Dec 1956

Master has sent records
& similar books up last week
They are entitled for use
as I [illegible] and notes
on [illegible] from the letter
& notes on neighbouring
also.

Received from Bunny
yesterday a beautifully
illustrated copy of Cowley's
Poems, the Oxford edition
Record accession to my
library.

Arabian Night Entertainment
By Hunt Coster
A Book on early 19th Century
Popular Books and Authors
American Authors and Books
1640 – 1940

26 Dec. 1956

Made this and several similar books up last week. They are intended for use as a place to record notes on books. I plan on entering notes on my binding also.

Received from Bunny yesterday a beautifully illustrated copy of Coleridge's Rime of The Ancient Mariner

Recent additions to my library.

American Nights Entertainment
By Grant Overton

A book on early 20th Century popular books and authors

American Authors and Book
1640 – 1940

Poe: How to Know Him
C. Alphonso Smith

Have recently bebound for
my Library

Daughters of Eve
Gamaliel Bradford

Francis the First
Francis Hackett

Casanova
S. Guy Endore

Maritime History of Massachusetts
Samuel Eliot Morison

The Dance of Life
Havelock Ellis

Affirmations
Havelock Ellis

"AFFIRMATIONS"
By HAVELOCK ELLIS 1898
Very good on Casanova

28 Dec 1956

Reading "Maritime History of Massachusetts" by Samuel Eliot Morison, supposed to be the best. I had recently rebound this book and took it in to Morison's office for his autograph last week. He was amused when I told him that I had purchased his book for 5¢!

Rebound and returned to Sunny a special edition of Riders of the Purple Sage.

3 January 1957

Purchased today

10 Boys from Dickens } Gave to
10 Girls from Dickens } Smith girls.

Die Kultur der Renaissance in Italien (Beautiful plates)

The Inquisitor, Hugh Walpole 1ST ED

Anatole France and His Circle by Paul Gsell, Bodley Head 1922

The Eyes of The World, H.B.W

A study of Walter Steams (for C)

Not much reading lately. Browsed through Tom Jones a bit.

Rebound Personal Memoirs of U. S. Grant. 2 VOLS.

This was an experiment. Both vols were completely broken in two on the spine and were repaired without re-sewing. They are quite satisfactory and the method of repair that I used saves considerable time. Gave books to Doc Mannar

5 January, 1957

Reread Tropic of Cancer last nite!!

6 January 1957

Mr. Alexander Weltmare called and is concerned over the possibility of the loss of one of the books I am binding for him.

A good lesson for me. I must itemize all work that I undertake.

Rereading, "The Life of Vice Admiral William Bligh" by George Mackaness. Farrar & Rinehart NY

In "Down and Out in Paris and London" by George Orwell, Harpers NY 1933 there is one of the most real descriptive passages I have ever read. It is a description of the basement kitchen and the workers therein of a large hotel in Paris.

Yikes! that last sentence has a structure!

THE SHEPHERD CAUGHT HER IN HIS ARMS
AND LAID HER ON THE BRINK
AND WHAT HE DID WITHOUT DELAY
YOU KNOW, OR ELSE MUST THINK.

ACADEMY OF COMPLEMENTS 1650

January 1957

Rebound Lecky's Wrinkles in Practical Navigation. A copy that I purchased in Oakland California in 1935 while in the S.S. Frank Drum and studying navigation under the excellent practical instruction of Captain Jack O'Brien. I still think that Lecky is the best book on Practical navigation.

Rebound "William Shakespeare, Pedagogue and Poacher" by Richard Garnett. Made this a 3/4 with cream colored fabrikoid spine and fine French panels and end papers.

This is a very well done drama pertaining to some interesting phases of Shakespeare's life. Scene IV, Act II in the Court House with Anne's discourse is exceptionally good. In fact Garnett does better by Ann throughout the play than he does Will.

(Sent to Caroline Greiner)

Gave to C.

ADUMBRATION: – The act of making a shadow or faint resemblance

Max Beerbohm uses it to describe Frank Harris' little piece on "Shakespeare and Christmas".

9 January 1957

Bound a copy of Thomas Mann's "Buddenbrooks" in solid black buckram, plain gold title.

Also a 1793 copy of one of the books of the Spectator. 3/4 with dull red spine and marbled panels which were removed from a book circa 1830.

Bound an article "Land of the Basques" from Nat Geo. Feb. 1954. Will send this to my friend Aurora Costabitarte in Boise, Idaho.

Read "Jim Davis" by John Masefield. Some good passages about the sea and the sea coast but it appears to be just a hack piece.

KALENDS or Calends.

Our word Calendar is derived from this Roman word which was used to determine the days of the month.

Due to the difference between the Roman and Greek calendars the expression "until the Greek Kalends" means never. This expression is frequently quoted in respect to the payment of debts.

11 January 1957

Purchased and read through without stopping (except for meals) "La Terre" by Emile Zola, Boni + Liveright c.y 1924. A tremendous book — far superior to "Growth of the Soil" by Hamsun in his description of the people — perhaps a bit inferior in his description of the soil.

Bound a school text book for Paul.

Am giving some lessons in the fundamentals of binding to Paul and his friend Wm. Tough.

13 Jan 1957

Have just finished H.G. Wells "Mr. Blettsworthy on Rampole Island", a phantasy and parody on civilization. Very good reading. Was surprised but delighted at Wells' ability for writing about the sea and ships.

15 Jan 1957

Good reading weather. Snow and ice made driving difficult.

Rebound "Growth of the Soil" and "Lonely Midas", the story of Stephen Sitard.

Misspelled two words of a two word title in stamping yesterday so quit all work!

SITLEY INQURY For
SCHLEY INQUIRY !!!

16 January 1957

Rebound POETICA EROTICA using decorated red fabriloid spine and dark blue and gold marbled paper panels and end sheets

Also a copy of Jurgen with approximately the same material. Experimented with bountiful gold decorations on spine. Decorations were a bit out of line and perhaps there were too many — but perhaps for these books the decorations are appropriate.

18 January 1987

adytum - A shrine - a place not to be entered, Figuratively, the innermost or least accessible part of any thing.

JURGEN searched for the adytum and came in to it — on page 157

19 January 1957

Slow down Minute!!

Every book that I have stamped for the past week has had some misspelled word in stamping!!!

20 January, 1957

Released in conventional
cases

The White Cipher — Brown Buck
By Henry Leverage
(Dust Jacket to Wm. S. Friedman)

Insignia & Decorations of
the U.S. Armed Forces — Green Buck
Nat. Geographic Society 1944

The Shipwreck
William Falconer
NY 1827
Red morocco spine with gray
paper panels.

No mistakes in stamping!

23 Jun 1957

Rebound

"La Terre" in full tan buckram with blue foil stamping.

Another copy of "The Shipyard" same binding as 20 Jun.

a blank address book for Martha in full maroon fabrikoid, gold decoration

"Wakefield" a Folk-Masque by Percy Mackaye in dark green buckram + very plain gold stamping. Hard tried to read this play several times but cannot penetrate it.

24 January, 1957

What a pleasure it is to have all of the leizure now the word for reading and what a delight it is to find old favorites in my library! Old favorites that had been rapidly read at one time or another but which now can be sipped and enjoyed like old Madeira.

Have just finished "The Case of Sergeant Grischa" by Arnold Zweig. A stirring tale of an unusual character on the Eastern Front in W W II

Had to look up the spelling of "leizure" to make this entry! That turned out to be another exception to "I before E except after C". The first time this has occurred to me.

Also seize

Emotion is the basis of all true
Poetic expression –

ANON

Leave this to Wayne Shoemaker

Rebound "The Martial Spirit" by Walter Millis in full light blue buckram, plain gold stamping. This is one of the best studies of the causes and results of the Spanish-American War.

"Our Artist in Cuba" an interesting little booklet of sketches made in Cuba, published in 1865.

A course in Radio Repair. This was in the form of 30 lectrex pamphlets. Interesting to do for practice.

27 January 1957

In the past 3 days have rebound —

"Pres Lincoln and the Navy" a 10 page extract from American Historical Review, Jan. 1909. 3/4 black linen spine and corners with fine green flower paper panel.

"The North Sea Mine Barrage" an article from Nat. Geo. Mag of Feb 1919. 3/4 dull red linen with chart paper panels and end sheets. Both with hard spine.

"Naval Occurrances of the late War", William James, London 1817. A 2 inch thick book. Bound in light blue buckram with seating ship decoration. Not a very good job.

"The Martial Spirit", Walter Millis a good reference was given to Wayne Shoemaker

"The Case of Sergeant Grischa" rebound in light blue buckram. a good job.

Ed Wiskowski gave me "White Alloy" U.S.S. ESOEX

Wayne Shoemaker gave me "Well Done". USS SHARKEHEAD

28 January 1957

Sewed 15 books yesterday and took them to Smiths for trimming.

Rounded, backed and lined the 15 books today. Also made up the boards and spines.

Need some practice in rounding as some of the above had uneven hinges.

8 of the above books were made up of book catalogs which may prove to be of interest and value for reference work.

LOVE RULES THE CAMP, THE COURT,
THE GROVE —
FOR LOVE IS HEAVEN,
AND HEAVEN IS LOVE.

BYRON

30 Jan. 1957

Purchased today
"Doctors Aweigh", the story of the U.S. navy medical corps in action (Safe to Love Manhar)
"Flowering Wilderness", John Galsworthy, 1st Ed. NY 1932

Rebound "Poems in Prose", Charles Baudelaire, translated by Arthur Symons, London, 1905. Believe this is first English translation.
Marbled gold end papers and same paper on full on cover.

Have cased 6 of my 15 books of last Sunday. Have only enough press boards to press two books at a time.

BOOK PROPORTION

The fair white space of the outer and lower margins shall be precisely twice as full as the inner and upper margins; and take care that the width of the page of type shall be strictly one-half of the length of the diagonal of the page

From an article "The Grolier Club" in Century Magazine, December 1899 by Brander Matthews.

Matthews was an American author and educator. Graduated from Columbia in 1871 and professor of literature there from 1892-1900.

He was one of the founders of the Authors Club and the Players Club. He became especially known as a critic of the drama. He was the author of many books dealing generally on literature.

Blue as the eyes of girls
loved by young poets

Chas. Harley
Minco Okla
1919

31 January 1957

Removed from press tonight "NEUES WILHELM BUSCH ALBUM" an album, large quarto about 2" thick. This book made of bad paper and very brittle. In fact the binder for Rockville Library had returned it as being beyond repair. I accepted the challenge, completely disassembled book, mended several folds & pages and resewed. Used several layers of fine old rag paper as linen. Case is full red buckram and the job is very handsome

XANTHIPPE - The wife of the philosopher Socrates. Her name has become proverbial for a typical termagant and for one possessed of a shrewish temper.

Casanova uses the word to describe the mother of one of his amours.

Read "The Monk and The Hangman's Daughter", Ambrose Bierce, 1926 last night and enjoyed every bit of it.

1 February 1957

Mrs. Miller, Chief Librarian of Rockville Public Library called on me this morning to see some of my work. She is well pleased and may give me some work.

Rebound "POOR PEOPLE" by Fiodor Dostoyevsky. A small peoples library edition. Full black buckram

2 Feb, 1957

Purchased today a nice copy of Robinson Crusoe with color plates. Also "Shakespearean ~~Phantasies~~" by Eleanor Singleton (Sent to Caroline) Fantasia

Rebound an old pamphlet on the Hawaiian Rebellion and Revolution of 1895. Full brown buckram, blue metal stamping.

"Book of ~~Boy~~. Von Berke Full light gray buckram, blue metal stamping. Gave this to owner of a local antique shop.

Be always drunken. Nothing else matters: that is the only question. If you would not feel the horrible burden of Time weighing on your shoulders and crushing you to the earth, be drunken continually.

Drunken with what? With wine, with poetry, or with virtue, as you will. But be drunken. Be drunken, if you would not be martyred slaves of Time.

Charles Baudelaire

ANDROMANIA

Louis XIV had his court surgeons make a diligent search for andromaniacs within the court circles. He was convinced that it was an heriditary disease, thus the search was somewhat shortened.

THE AGE OF LEWIS XIV
Translated from the FRENCH of
M. DE VOLTAIRE
GLASGOW 1951 (2 VOLS.)

I doubt that he appropriated any of his personal funds to find a cure.

R.W.M.
1957

Reading "Mince Pie"
Adventures on the Sunny Side of Grub Street, C. Morley.
1919.
Witty and pleasing little vignettes on people.

3 Feb. 1957

Rebound "SHAKESPEARIAN FANTASIES"
3/4 red fabrikoid with light
yellow marbled panels and end
sheets.
"The Ancient Mariner". A small
booklet. Full brown paper cover.
"Rules of the Navy Dept - 1832"
Half dbll red cloth spine with
old marbled paper panels.

"ESPERA" 1835 - 1935. The life of
Argentina's Naval Hero. Beautifully
designed and illustrated. This
book was given to me by Lieut.
Biemela of the Argentinian Navy
about 3 years ago.

"Salvation For The Chief of
Sinners" by Elder Plummer Waters
Balt 1838. Contains test &
subscribers from Maryland, Virginia,
& D.C. Full Black linen.

4 Feb 1957

Purchased Today

"Flowering Wilderness", Galsworthy 1st Ed.

"Nine Pie" C. Marley, 1st Ed.

"Luna, Family Newbolt", C. Marley 1st Ed.

"Parnassus on Wheels" C. Marley 1st Ed.

"The Romany Stain" C. Marley 1st Ed.

"Men & other Women, Hemingway 1st Ed.

"Rosalita" Triggs

"Long Remainder", Hunter 1st Ed.

5 Feb. 1957

Have been browsing through 7 volumes of book catalogues that I have just rebound.

7 Feb. 1957

Rebound "Robinson Crusoe"
3/4 red fabrikoid with
bright yellow marbled paper
panels. used same paper to
make head and tail bands

"Por la Gloria del General
San Martin" Jaunto R. Yabur.
3/4 Red buckram with Bright
yellow marbled paper panels

"Laws. Navy. U.S.M.C. & Coast Guard 1945
Full Blue Buckram

Several articles on Navy from
Nat. Geographic Magazine.
Full Blu Buckram

8 Feb., 1957

Purchased today —
"Uncle of the Old Navy" by
Helen Nicolay.
"The Well of Loneliness" by
Radclyffe Hall.
"What the Hand O' God is seen"
and other Poems by
Captain Jack Crawford.
"Capt Jack" was an Army
Scout who made the
Vaudeville route lecturing
a good many years ago.
"A Sailor's Log" by
Robley Evans.

7 Feb 1957

Rebound a small book of some of the works of John Locke by Lord Bacon NY 1823. Full black linen raised bands & gold decorations.

"An American Prime Meridian" by Chas H. Davis Cl 4871 1849 3/4 dull red linen with small green flowered papy panels. Hard spine pamphlet type

"How to Preserve Leather Bookbinding", a good pamphlet. Same as above.

"The Cruiser" a paper back done in full light blue buckram.

Gave the good pamphlet on leather binding to Chas. J. Benzel, a customer from Wilmington

9 Feb., 1957

Reading "A Magnificent Farce" by A. Edward Newton. Beginning with an interesting account of the prolonged trial of Warren Hastings, Newton rambles through various subjects mostly on books and authors. However his comments on American Politicians, particularly those of the Wilson administration are indeed pithy.

11 Feb. 1957

Rounded and backed 04 books, cut boards and made covers for some this morning. Stamped 3 or 4 in the afternoon.

This book is taking on the appearance of a production log. I meant to use it somewhat for that purpose but also want to enter some of the impressions of what I've been reading and thinking.

However, if binding notes seem to predominate it would appear that my days are filled with binding and if that is pleasurable that is what fills my life at present.

11 Feb. 1957

Col Ed. Farney and his wife called on me yesterday and we had a nice visit, the first in nearly two months.

A letter from Hugh Ackley, my uncle in Caldwell, Idaho reminds me that time is marching on. He was 74 years old last week!

13 Feb. 1957

Rebound "Marina D'Italia" in solid dark green buckram. "Men of Merque" in solid red buckram.

15 Feb 1957

Am fixing up a group of pamphlets for Col. Farney, making them into six books of various thicknesses. He wants them done with 3/4 black linen spine and a heavy black cloth sparkle with gold. They look hideous to me.

Purchased today
"The Nile" Emil Ludwig. Mint 10¢!
"Captain Nicholas, H. Walpole 5¢!
"The Romantic Lady" M. Arlen 3¢!

Anatole France during a heated discussion on Esperanto —

"Ah, no. For it is not born of suffering or joy. It has not been molded in living by human souls. It is a mechanism constructed by a scholar. It is not life. The French language is the real woman. And this woman is so beautiful, so proud, so modest, so bold, so touching, so voluptuous, so chaste, so noble, so familiar, so frolicsome, so wise, that we love her with all our soul and are never tempted to be unfaithful to her."

Nevertheless Anatole France relented and authorized the translation into Esperanto of several of his short stories & his CRAINQUEBILLE.

18 February, 1957

Helen Nicolay, who has quite a reputation as an historian, in her "DECATUR OF THE OLD NAVY" states on pages 172 and 178 that the EPERVIER captured the British PEACOCK. Just the opposite was true. PEACOCK under Warrington captured the British EPERVIER.

So of course you see that I am reading some more about Decatur.

Took in a book for repair today. A 3/4 leather book from which the covers had separated in the hinges. Customer wanted repair rather than a rebind job. I should have known better. It is difficult to do such a repair job and takes twice as much time as complete rebinding.

Returned two books to the librarian at Rockville Hebrew and while browsing found a first edition of "The Courtship of Miles Standish". It had evidently been donated to the library but the issue card was there — no one had ever borrowed this book!

19 Feb, 1957

Completed repair job mentioned yesterday. Turned out to be very good. Timed myself at 50 minutes total time on book — so I must insist on getting as much or more for a repair job as for a rebac job — for sometimes a book or cover being repaired goes the very of the one hour stay and develops into a major project.

20 Feb. 1951

Purchased today "STRANGE INTERLUDE" a first edition. Also "CANDIDE" an Illustrated Editions Co. copy 1930.

Received a large folio in German on the French illustrator DAUMIER to rebind. This from a gal in Phila. who works in a fine book store — said she would send me more work from time to time.

COPROLALIA:-

From COPROLITE, a hard roundish stony mass, consisting of the petrified matter of animals.

Used by Havelock Ellis in his AFFIRMATIONS. He says in his essay on Zola "The coprolalia, when uncontrolled, prurient is a well-recognized characteristic of the insane, leading them to find a vague eroticism.

I don't get the connection — believe Ellis is just trying show off his vocabulary.

22 Feb. 1957

Made up a light blue buckram case for a blank address book and tried to decorate the front and back covers with a chaper decoration design. I learned first, that with the limited scope of a RUBKPRINT the procedure is tedious — second to keep your mind concentrated on your work (this might do for any project!) and all work must start from the center of the book otherwise margins on edges will not turn out even.

Purchased "Gentlemen's Relish" Christopher Morley, a book of his poems. "Tobin Henry", Hugh McHugh and "The Pit", Frank Norris.

23 Feb 1957

Big day — my son Jon's birthday, my granddaughter Laura Ann's birthday and this evening at 1845 my first grandson was born. A 7 pound 13 ounce red headed sailor boy. Yesterday was my daughter-in-law Joan's birthday so you see the month of June is popular in this family.

Made flowered silk doublures for a little Japanese book of fables. They are very attractive

24 Feb 1957

Received a letter from Aurora Cartabitarte in Boise Idaho telling me of the preparations for the annual Basque Shepherds Ball there. I sent her the following:-

SONG OF THE BASQUES

Lonesome herders at the Shepherds Ball
All took their lessons from Juan Archibal

Herding to farming and some to banks
They settled down with a prayer of thanks

Lads and lasses from the land of the Basque
They made life in the West a lovable task

They're all Americans by God's grace
Who still retain the pride of their race.

El Pardo del rancho
Spring Valley.

Juan Archibal mentioned above was one of the first Basques to come to Idaho. He started out as a shepherder and eventually rose to be one of the leading citizens of the state. My stepfather bought Spring Valley from John Archibal.

27 Feb. 1957

Have made up several small blank books with fancy 3/4 bindings experimenting with decorative effects.

Made up a book of typewritten manuscript. Chip stitched it by small sections. Could not round spine very good because of stiffness of paper, also because I did not allow for enough hinge. Made a beautiful full dark green buckram case and discovered (after it was finished) that I had misspelled a word in title — so had to make and stamp a new case!

However, I did a nice job on a rather thin book "Maya and Mexican Manuscripts" an extract from Bureau of Ethnology annual report of 1882.

Sewed up a few books.

Made arrangements with a local printing firm to do my trimming like.

CAPRIPEDE: Having the feet of a goat.

Mr. Carden thus describes himself in Hurley's THOSE BARREN LEAVES

28 Feb 1957

Purchased today –

"The Golden Age", Kenneth Grahame nicely illus. by Lois Lenski, The Bodley Head, John Lane

"Maid in Waiting" John Galsworthy. 1st Ed.

"Kidnapped" & "Treasure Island" two beautifully illustrated books by Random House 1949

"The Story of The Fountain" William Cullen Bryant with 42 wood engravings. Appleton 1881

"Trending into Maine", Kenneth Roberts with illus. by N.C. Wyeth.

"The Caine Mutiny" H. Wouk

Spent some time in old book section of Rockville Literary Association. Their old books are worthless.

1 March, 1957

Purchased today—
"Murray Hill" a play, Leslie Howard
"As Husbands Go" a play, Rachel Crothers
"Out of the Frying Pan", a play, Francis Swann
"The Spring" Anne Goodwin Winslow
"Present Indicative" autobiography by Noel Coward

Customer was delighted with repair job mentioned on 19 Feb. Gave me two leather picture frames to repair.

4 March 1957

Made a large folio case today with green buckram. Material was too large to glue so I glued and applied boards one at a time. Job came out nice and smooth.

Took in 2 large folios on ancient coins and turned them over to Smith as they are too large for my press boards and press.

Read Vol V of Frank Harris!

6 March, 1957

Rebound TREASURE ISLAND and KIDNAPPED, special Random House illustrated editions. 3/4 maroon fabrikoid with chart paper for panels and end sheets

Mailed a small book ANCIENT COINS to customer in Ship Bottom, N.J. Rebound this in full black linen with gold stamping

LEAD, HYMEN, LEAD AWAY.

BEN JONSON 1605

7 March, 1957

Finished reading THE PIT the one-time best seller story of the Chicago Wheat Exchange.

Reading PRESENT INDICATIVE, Noel Coward's autobiography, an interesting account of British stage life.

Rebound my neighbor's old cook book much to her delight.

14 March, 1957

Have done some nice work during past week including two large folio art books. The largest, DAUMIER, I cased with bright yellow denim + used Italian hand made paper for end sheets. The other was cased in dark green buckram with modern green marbled end sheets.

Made up a few blank books similar to this. My edge decorating has improved a lot.

Made 3 cases today for the first 3 books listed on 1 March made them 3/4 using red ~~red~~ fabrikoid and fine french paper panels.

Now I understand why there is a gap between 7 and 14 March Martha went to Hospital last week and our way of living has been badly disturbed & even my habit of trying to write a few notes every day.

W. H. Mellu a Book collector called on me today and we had a very fine chat.

23 March, 1957

Another long gap between entries. This one caused by my being a bit under the weather and not doing much work.

Have worked up a dozen or so small blank books but have not stamped or cased them as I plan on stamping according to the individual's wishes.

Made a filler of new rag paper and bound it in an old padded velvet cover. It takes a bit of study to make a filler fit an old cover exactly.

Purchased a first edition of Scout Master's Manual for 1¢!

25 March, 1957

Just finished reading "Swiss Family Manhattan" by Christopher Morley, a delightful fantasy.

29 March 1957

How sad! My companion of many delightful hours of reading Christopher Morley, passed away yesterday.

He recently stated that "Parnassus on Wheels" and the "Haunted Bookshop" would be his memorial having been in print more than 35 years. Those with "Thunder on the Left" and "Kitty Foyle" are indeed a memorial for those of us whose lives have been made more pleasant by the delightful hours spent with Christopher Morley.

Novelist Morley's Farewell Message

NEW YORK, April 1 (AP) A farewell message from writer Christopher Morley appeared today four days after his death.

The New York Times and New York Herald Tribune carried this black-bordered advertisement:

"To whom it may concern:

"Christopher Morley, who died March 28, 1957, asked his executors to use this space 'to send my unchanged love to many kind and forbearing friends. Our good adventures and absurdities were not forgotten, nor occasions of beauty and moments of disgust. Specially I wanted to apologize for so many unanswered letters through so many years. Their messages, of whatever sort, were often in mind. I had many reasons for gratitude, and I was grateful.'"

1957

WITH COLLECTORS AS WITH LOVERS,
PASSION MAKES UP FOR RICHES.

ANATOLE FRANCE

LATER

HOWEVER, TO GAIN THE VICTORY OVER
WOMAN AND MASTER PIECES, IT IS
BETTER TO BE BOTH RICH AND
PASSIONATE

I had listened to the stars and they had told me my place upon the highway of the sea.

Jack London on learning
Celestial navigation
during the Cruise of the
Snark.

3 May 1957

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy passed away last evening.

It is a terrible thing to say but I feel his removal from the American political scene, by any means is a relief to the average citizen. Actually I am surprised that he was not assassinated. He was a very real American and fought hard but his methods closely approached the methods of the Nazis. He took advantage of his position and esteem as a Senator and endeavored to browbeat witnesses and, in some instances, was successful However I firmly believe that the American people in general were opposed to his methods

God rest his soul.

9 Nov. 1957

Finished making cases for a 5 vol. set of ORLANDO FURIOSO and stamped them this morning.

This is the old set that we purchased at Estate Book Sales nearly two years ago. The cases are made of heavy cordova fabrikoid. Have been waiting all of this time to read this so-called classic.

Late in the day this gap was closed after a six months lapse.

In the meantime, among other events, I spent a weekend on the Main Line with Frederic R. Kirkland, a famous collector of Americana. We sat and chatted about books every evening. One night, very late, and after many Scotches, Fred broke out a first edition of LEAVES OF GRASS and read to me his favorite passages. Fred was a good friend of Whitman's in spite of his youth. What a grand way to listen to Walt Whitman!

10 Nov 1957

Rebound THE SONG OF OUR SYRIAN GUEST, Charles Copeland, 1904.

A beautifully decorated little item — now cased in light cordoba fabrikoid.

Attended a reception a few days ago for my very good friend William F. Friedman, in honor of the publication of his book, THE SHAKESPEAREAN CIPHERS EXAMINED, which won the Folger Prize for 1956. Bill is going to send me a few copies of his book unbound and I will fix him up some nice copies.

11 Nov, 1957

Also in the meantime I have rebound many many books for my own library. Have been using fabrikoids rather than buckrams as they have a more pleasing effect and gold stamping and decorations show up so nice on them.

Have several blank books on display in DEL'S GALLERY in Bethesda. Guest Books, Address Books, Diaries etc., and am getting a good response in orders.

Made a small transaction with Mr. Aleak. Hope that it is as helpful as I wish it to be.

12 Nov. 1957

Have rebound several juvenile classics, HEIDI - THE WATER BABIES - KIDNAPPED etc and given them to neighbors and friends children.

13 Nov. 1957

Among the items that I have done for customers are:-

MILITARY COLLECTOR + HISTORIAN a journal in magazine form that binds up nicely.

Received a copy of MEMOIRS OF FANNY HILL with instructions for a rush job. Cased it in 3/4 light cordova with green suede panels and end sheets. It really turned out to be a beautiful item, and I got a good price for the work.

"There is no law in Cocaigne save, do that which seems good to you"

Anatis to Jurgen

14 Nov. 1957

Have read a good deal lately but cannot recollect everything.
THE PROPHET by Gibran. Have also bound several copies of this.
THIS IS MY BELOVED a beautiful poem of Love by Walter Benton.
THE JACK LONDON STORY by Charmian London who I knew quite well back in the 1930s.
THE SEA OF GRASS by Conrad Richter. A classic of the early cattle ranching days in New Mexico and Arizona.

15 XII. 1957

I continue to work on a backlog of books for Dr. Alexander Wetmore for whom I have done a considerable amount of work and who apparently has hundreds of books to rebind.

Finished another book for Harold L. Peterson an authority on Arms and Armor. Last month he sent me 7 books that he had just received from a binder here in Washington. The books were so badly done that he had me re-do them. He was delighted with my work and will continue to send me books.

Received a letter from a chap in Baltimore inquiring into a job of hand binding, by recommendation of Harold Peterson. This is quite a surprise as Baltimore is known in the book trade for its hand binders.

16 Nov. 1957

Mr. Westmore brought me some of the wrapping paper used by Leary's Book Store in Phila. It has a quaint wood cut of advertisement of the store and I plan to use the paper as end sheets for THE HAUNTED BOOKSHOP. Which has quite a section dealing with Leary's.

17 NOV. 1957

Picked up about 35 books from Dr. Wetmore. 18 will consist of bound qtly journals of Ornithology. The others are odds and ends of technical books

18 Nov. 1957

Pulled, cleaned and tipped covers on the 18 vols mentioned yesterday. This is the weary uninteresting part of binding but just as important as any other phase. As much care must be taken in pulling a book apart as in the making.

Made six cases of various colors of Fabrikoid

19 Nov. 1957

Stamped 8 cases this morning. Two stamping were made on the wrong cases so I had to throw them away, make two new cases and stamp them.

Mr. Harold Peterson called on me this afternoon and we had quite a chat. He is intrigued with my books and my finding.

Am reading Conrad's Victory in order to send a report on it to Deborah Holmes who is majoring in Literature at Columbia.

20 Nov. 1957

Delivered $137.00 worth of book binding to Mr. Welmore this evening. He is immensely pleased with all of it and gave me about $100.00 worth more of easy binding.

I told him that I had inquired of a tax expert and determined that he could deduct all of his binding work as a business expense!

Have done some nice repair work on torn pages lately using a fine grade of Japanese rice paper.

21 Nov. 1957

Couldn't find anything but a good story full of good character descriptions in Victory. If it has a message I have missed it.

23 Nov, 1957

Finished sewing 22 vols of the magazines mentioned on 18 Nov. I have oversewed as they were made up of loose pages. The other 18 have sewn in the fold.

I did this job for sewing practise and it was a big help. Along with these I sewed about 6 or 8 other books. I sewed up about 4 or 5 of the volumes of the magazines in each setting of the sewing frame — and then sewed a couple of odd sized volumes on top of that.

Have a request from a chap in New Hampshire to do some binding for him. Will do.

25 Nov. 1957

I am reading THE SUMMING UP by Somerset Maugham — a very fine summing up of Life, writing, people — art — writing as an essay on his thoughts of play, novels, poetry etc and spiced with bits of his life.

26 Nov. 1957

Purchased ENCHANTING REBEL by Allen Lesser, the story of the life of Adah Isaacs Menken. Read some of it before preparing it for rebinding. Menken's life was, in many respects, similar to that of Lola Montez. Am binding this book in a material like that used on the Montez story.

27 Nov. 1957

Called on Carol Gomez, who operates an antique shop here in Rockville. After a nice chat she gave me a photo album with a hand painted Persian cover. Will keep the cover for use with some appropriate book.

Continue to receive letters (and checks) from people who are delighted with my work.

We never actually leave home

Cesar Romero speaking of Spain
and Ricardo Mindlo
speaking of the mountains
of Idaho & Oregon.

Recased 9 copies of OZ books for Sunny Vincent. The books were Bunny's and Walter's.

Each one was cased in a different color and elaborately decorated with gold stamping.

Author to Dorothy Canfield Fisher

My friend of Lincoln's Nebraska days, the Dorothy Canfield Fisher, found the Lincoln Journal, he said, "very pleasant reading." Mr. Howard wrote, "I am delighted with the book." Dorothy Canfield Fisher has written a frequent problem fiction as but from time to time some of her characters.

Of course I guess the merit of successful reading is to place the reader in the page as a lover, hero, sufferer, chum, mentor or even as one of the citizens of Sapphire Prairie, or a Nudge Bassett.

Written to Dorothy Canfield
Author of Western Novels

HEBDOMADAL - at intervals of 7 - weekly.

Longfellow uses it in "Kavanagh" describing the creaking hinges of a school-house door.

My favorite of the down-to-earth writers of the unglamourized life of our Western-Bound population is Hamlin Garland. He can make those bitter, cold blizzard winds crawl right into my fireplace as I reread his books now. Night Sunset has the same touch but I feel she places a bit of romantic fiction in some of her characters.

Of course I guess the secret of successful writing is to place the reader in the pages as a lover, hero, sufferer, slave, martyr or even as one of the citizens of Gopher Prairie, or a George Babbitt.

written to Fairfax Downey
Author of Western Books.

Have just finished reading "Madame de Pompadour" by Nancy Mitford.
A crisp interesting account so very well written that it was difficult to lay aside

325 Legaud Blvd
Greenville, S.C.
17 July, 1955

Dear Reader —

The last entry was written late last year. Since that time the days were about the same as the previous ones — Peddling, reading and binding books. I have been doing some nice work including some leather.

Something was happening to my nerves though and in April and May I was in bad shape — undoubtedly aggravated by recourse to an acid slightly John Barleycorn — So I decided to make a change and came down here.

After about six weeks of simple living on a farm I was astounded at my recovery. I found a nice place here and Martha agreed to make the move here.

I have just set up my binding equipment — have my whole books lined against the walls and am back to battery again.

I have purchased some new books here and have had some wonderful books given to me by friends — including two fine sets of Boswell & Johnson.

I promise not to leave such long gaps in time between entries from now on. The gaps in my thinking may remain for a spell though!

My reading has been somewhat haphazard and evidently nothing much to speak of for I can't recall much of it. I have re-read Roderick Random and have enjoyed

Boswell's Johnson, a 3 vol set of which I keep at my bedside. This is a gift from William F. Friedman who purchased it in London last month.

Read and enjoyed very much a classic on Oregon "Honey in the Horn" by H. L. Davis. This was given to me by W. H. Miller a private bookseller in Westminster, Maryland.

"The sausages of Bologna are the best in the world; they lose much by being carried"

Samuel Johnson in talking about environment 1772

Dear Reader Again: -

You may be bored to death in the future with quotations from Johnson!!

No man can write true poetry
Unless he has been reborn.
ANON.

And born from woman,
No man can write true
poetry unless he has been
reborn from woman.
Rumi 1957

21 JULY, 1958

Am enjoying my binding work again.

Recased "Farmer's Register 1840" for my friend Henry Covington. 3/4 cordoba fabrikoid with marbled panels. Also a small book "IN THE LIGHT OF MYTH" — Well I put two OFs in title!!! Full dark green fabrikoid.

Finished case for a nice item that I purchased here "THE SEVEN AGES OF MAN" from As you Like it, a beautifully illustrated and decorated book published by Lippincott 1885.

23 July, 1958

Made cases for 12 OZ books. Used scraps of various colorful material and made 3/4 cases with gay marbled panels. Quite appropriate for OZ.

Another German spy, Greiner, was discovered working as a clerk in the French Admiralty.

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Captain Dreyfus
Nicholas Halasz 1955

The right of correcting a servant for negligence, willful disobedience, or the commission of some other misconduct, I have never before heard questioned. The common law or laws of our country, give this right to a parent over his child — a schoolmaster over his scholar — and generally of masters over their servants on land.

What difference there can be in its exercise on board ship, it is difficult to conceive.

Captain W. K. Latimer, USN
in his defence before a
Court of Inquiry wherein
he was charged with acts
of cruelty to his men
Trieste 1849-50

24 July, 1958

Prepared and sized about 7 books.

PILGRIMS PROGRESS
WORKS OF MAUPASSANT
THE HISTORY OF THE SWATISKA - FROM SMITHSONIAN ANNUAL REPORT 1898 (VERY INTERESTING)
HISTORY OF MARYLAND 1848
and 3 others.

An interesting Editorial in the Greenville paper yesterday regarding the history of Post Cards.

G.B.S. when asked what his recreations were, replied "anything except sport."

Oscar Wilde also had an aversion for games. He said he could not play cricket because of the indecent posture it demanded; also, "fox hunting was the unspeakable after the uneatable"

A. EDWARD NEWTON.
OSCAR WILDE 1912

26 July, 1958

Finished the Oz books. I had saved the colored covers from old cases and mounted them inside the new case.

Finished "FAIR INES" by Thomas Hood. 3/4 light cordova with light green marbled panels

Finished "JUVENICE POEMS." an interesting item of poetry written by a boy while he was 7 to 13 years of age. Belfast 1806. Dark maroon fabrikoid.

Finished "Letters on Connoisseurship" 1867. a book on art, artists, materials etc. Light blue buckram 3/4 with blue marbled panels & end sheets

Finished a blank book for Biel Tough

Full many a flower is born
To blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on
The desert air.

Gray's Elegy

30 July, 1958

Finished "MY DAD" a nicely decorated selection of family poems. Will present this to the owner of a local book shop. Dark gr. fab.

Finished "GRIMMS FAIRY TALES" nice color plates. 3/4 light cordova fab with dark blue marbled panels

Finished PROUD NEW FLAGS by Van Wyck Mason. A novel of the Confederate Navy. Light gray buck.

Cleaned up, sewed and made ready for cases about 12 books of various sizes.

I must make arrangements with some local printing plant for getting my trimming done.

SANS SOUCI: Well, again here is an expression that I have seen several times, but never looked up the meaning until today!! There is a small town by that name nearby.

31 July, 1958

* Received a nice letter from Fairfax Downey who recommends that I use "PARNASSUS BOUND" as a title for my bindery.

Downey's book "The Guns of Gettysburg" was published in April. He tells me that he is writing two more books on the Civil War.

Made up 7 front covers of Buckram for my letter box files - one was stamped for use as a recipe book.

Reading THE ILIAD OF HOMER Translated by Mr. Pope. A very well preserved small octavo copy of VOL IV of the second edition, London 1721

* I am now using "MT. PARNASSUS" for my letterhead.

Music is the food of love's Parnassus
Emerson.

Prepared 6 vol. edition of
Arabian Nights Entertainments.
London 1811. Full maroon
fabrikoid, title & decorations
on front cover.

DIDACTICALLY IN A MANNER
INTENDED TO TEACH A MORAL
NEWTON
WILLIS, Bayleston, N.J. 1912

1 August, 1958

Received 6 books from Harold Peterson for binding.

Made up 5 folding cases, similar to that use for a check book, to be used to hold memo pads.

Heard today that a local print shop is trying to get in touch with me for some binding work. Boldy I can get some trimming there also a source of paper.

2 Aug. 1958

Called on Mr. Hirth & Son who operate a large printing firm here. Spent more than 3 hours just chatting about books, binding, paper and the way. They get frequent orders for binding & send all books to Charlotte, N.C. with usually a minimum charge of $5 to $7. They also agreed to trim all of my books and will also get the paper and binding material at wholesale.

A very good contact!

Purchased today a very fine 2 vol set of POEMS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS by Aurelia Dobson, Kegan, Paul, Trench & Co. London 1889.

Sent 12 oz + several other books to Benny today. Also a letter.

5 August, 1958

Have about 18 books sewed up and ready for trimming.

Called on the proprietor of a leather goods shop yesterday and had quite a chat. Bought a little morocco and some wax. This is a source of a good bit of leather and sewing materials.

Made a leather case, dark mahogony morocco. Skiving job was good but still very slow

6 Aug. 1958

Called on a Mr. Gray who has a binding and rulling shop here. Has fine old hand tools & wants to sell all.

Traded some binding work for a lovely 2 vol quarto set The Life of James McNeill Whistler by E.R. and J. PENNELL. Printed by Ballantyne Press for Lippincott London 1908 - A treasure with hundreds of illustrations. Also the Letters of Captain Dreyfus to His Wife, Harpers 1899.

Alone and warming my fine wits,

Tennyson's song.
The Owl.

PHYLACTERE:

A leather box containing slips of paper upon which are written scriptural passages.

A charm or amulet.

8 August, 1958

Lined up about 18 books and made a dozen cases of all sizes. Stamped about half of the cases.

Got an order for a recipe box made of letter file box. I make these for $3.00.

Letter from Al Cohen in Philadelphia who offers me 6 fine volumes by the Naval Historical Society in exchange for binding up 6 pamphlets written by his wife on her family history (Daughter of Radm Albert Gleaves USN (WW1 Commander Transports)

10 Aug. 1958

Finished following books:-

History of Maryland 1634-1848
Baltimore 1848. Cordoba fab.
The Swatiska 1898. Cordoba fab.
Letters of Captain Dreyfus to his wife, Paris 1899 } Dark Green fab.
Love Letters of a Liar. Limp white fab.
Pippa Passes. Limp white fab.
and several others for myself & Harold Peterson.

All very enjoyable work.

12 August, 1958

Made up 3 blank address books with various colored end sheets and cases.

Finished a beautiful copy of Maeterlinck's Blue Bird. Light cordova fabrikoid - spine decorated with gold lines & birds - Blue metallic stamping of title & scattered birds on cover

Delivered a copy of General Lee by Fitzhugh Lee - Gray buckram & gray velour end sheets.

Picked up a 2 vol set trim of The War between the States & recase.

Prepared about 4 large books for casing and made 7 cases.

Sold a blank address book for $4.00 yesterday.

13 August 1958

Finished a fine copy of A Message to Varia for Al Cohen 3/4 light cordova with brown marble pencils & end sheets

Finished a large quarto copy just so stories for the daughter of a Detroit doctor here.

Received some colored end sheet paper and cordova (light) fabrikoid from Mr Daughters.

15 August, 1958

Purchased a first edition of Physical Geography of the Sea by Matthew Fontaine Maury and a Latin Lexicon, Harpers 1880. A New Spanish Grammar, London 1857 and a beautiful copy of Rabbi Ben Ezra by Browning. Private Press 1938

Receiving a huge family bible and a 2 vol set of J. Davis "Rise and Fall of the Conf. Govt."

Earl Perry of Hoot Printing Co. called on me yesterday. May get some type & decorations from him.

17 Aug. 1958

Swamped out the bindery as it was so cluttered up that I could not work.

Finished a beautiful copy of Rabbi Ben Ezra by Browning — very dimp light cordovan fab. gold title on spine gold title on bright red back removed from old cover and replaced on new cover.

Made up ten small 3" sq boards covered with light white fab — were decorate for use as coasters.

Reading The Life of James McNeill Whistler.

Practising making round leather corners with scrap leather.

SANS CULOTTE:

Well, live and learn! I have seen this expression thousands of times but never took the time to look it up — although I felt that it meant without something rather essential because of the way it was used.

20 August '58

Completed a huge family bible recase job — full maroon fab with heavy false bands on spine.

Another huge book a Latin Dictionary same finish. Also about 20 worth of books for a local customer.

Selected about 5 fonts of foundry type from Nicholl Press and will take a few letters of large point font for 30¢ per pound!!

~~Have~~ purchased some nice items — several nice Browning — Maeterlinck & a companion piece to my Whistler set — "Mr Whistler's Ten O'clock" with comments by Swinburne a special edition of 105 copies.

21 August '08

Finished "The Maxims of Methuselah" by Gelett Burgess - a humorous bit - limp full white fab. "Lucile" by Owen Meredith - Same cover. "The Lord of Misrule" by Alfred Noyes full black fab. "Books Manuscripts and Autograph Letters in the Library of George Thomas, Phila. 1907 a nice catalogue.

Prepared 6 books and made cases for them.

22 Aug. 1958

Finished "OEDIPOS TYRANNOS OF SOPHOCLES" a play given at Harvard University 1881. Full black satin fabrikoid. —

"A Day With Browning" full white fabrikoid, flexible.

"KIDNAPPED" full flexible black fabrikoid.

"The Plays of Maeterlinck" full red polished calf, gold bands.

"MONNA VANNA" by Maeterlinck full white flexible fabrikoid.

27 August '58

Have finished a dozen or so books – none can be said to be remarkable. Two pretty cut books for I.K. ALLEN, thin quarto in 1/2 light cordoba with galy marbled panels.

Faust, Johann & Goethe in full cordoba fabrikoid with silver title on spine & flexible cover.

A dozen or so mats or coasters 4" x 4" covered with fabrikoid and decorated in gold

Bought 91 pounds of type and decorations @ 30¢ per pound. Will leave it at print plant until I can clean it up.

28 August 38

Reading The Pleasures of Literature and the Solace of Books compiled by Joseph Shaylor, N.Y. 1902. A collection of the comments of many famous writers on the Pleasure of Books.

Tried to read Lucile by Owen Meredith – a long book-length poem, but can't get interested in it.

HER SUPPLE WAIST, HER ARM FROM VENUS CAME,
HEBE HER NOSE AND LIPS CONFESS,
AND, LOOKING IN HER EYES, YOU GUESS
HER NAME.

AUSTIN DOBSON

29 Aug. 1958

Emile Zola considered 4 pages of writing his diurnal task according to Harry Thurston Peck in an essay on Zola. Essay was used on a special edition of LA TERRE (2050 copies) Boni & Liveright 1924.

Rereading LA TERRE with great pleasure. See entry of 11 January, 1957.

2 ~~August~~ Sept. '58

Finished. -

2 VOLS "GENERAL GUIDE TO RARE AMERICANA" in full maroon cordova.

Another copy of LOCILE with gilt edges. Full light mottled cordova, flexible case, with elaborate gold decorations and title on spine.

"NATURALIST'S & TRAVELER'S COMPANION" LONDON 1799. HALF MORROCO SPINE, BROWN MARBLED PAPER PANELS & END SHEETS. VERY NICE.

Received 1/2 dozen books from Mr. Witmore for overhauling.

Have finally cleaned up, sorted and placed in trays 8 new fonts of type and large box of decorations.

4 Sept. 1958

Bought another "Case of Sgt. Grischa"; "Point Counter Point"; Thackeray's "The Virginians"; "Hunger" by Knut Hamsun and a few others @ 10c each

Finished binding a fine old WORTERBUCH DER LATEINISCHEN SPRACHE, Frankfurt am Main 1827 for a local customer. Black satin full fabrikoid and black end sheets.

Also "A General Dictionary of Provincialisms" London 1839. Very interesting.

6 Sept. 1958

Finished a small blank book, flexible cover, full light fabrikoid with inside edge decorated all around with gold flower.

"HUNGER" in flexible full smooth maroon fab.

Prepared 7 books and made and stamped covers for same. Used some of my new fonts and decorations.

13 September '58

Have bound up several small blank books for sale to college students here at Fremont. Bob Jones Univ. One exquisite blank "Wedding Guest".

Purchased. "The Rivals" by Sheridan. A beautiful copy of Boswell's Life of Johnson, Oxford Edition, gilt edges, full limp black morocco. "The Ballad of Reading Gaol" a Roycroft Edition in green limp suede. "The Poetical Works of Blake" and many others. Will make further notations as I read them.

Rebound a 15 vol set of Dickens in full black satin fabrikoid, and a nice copy of Burns for a local customer.

17 Sept. 1958

Purchased and reading with interest Literary Landmarks of Oxford, Laurence Hutton, Scribners 1903.

Picked up a 6 vol set of Decline & Fall of Roman Empire for rebinding. Again have purchased many many fine books which I must record here from time to time.

Bound up some very small (2"x3") blank books.

24 Sept., 1958

Rebound and delivered a 6 vol. set of Gibbons Rome and a 6 vol. set of Hume's History of Eng. for the customer noted on 12 Sept – all done in full satin black fabrikoid

Relaced a Martin Luther bible printed in German script. Case was made of heavy black elk skin. Had a terrific time in skiving. Stamped with 24 point Gothic type. My first big leather job and the customer was delighted ($25.00)

Purchased a good lot of colored leather from local leather finding shop @ 65¢ per sq. foot. Tried the white (which is either kid or sheep) and it worked beautifully on a 5"x5" blank book.

Rebound and mailed 6 vols each to Mr. Wetmore and Harold Peterson. All in various full fabrikoids and buckrams.

Rebound an interesting item "Spiritual Lessons from the Brownings" in full white fabrikoid.

Ordered a lot of material.

I mean your "borrower of books" – those mutilators of collections, spoilers of the symmetry of shelves, and creasers of dog volumes

Charles Lamb

25 Sept. 1958

Securely packed up 3 fonts of type and some arrangements & decorations for Richard Smith. This from the type purchased on 27 August. Packages weigh 16 pounds!

27 Sept. 1958

Recased in full black
morocco a facsimile reprod-
uction of the first edition of
The Pilgrims Progress, Phila 1895,
red leather labels — also Conte
de la Fontaine, Tome Premier, a small
(2½" x 4") vol. 1778 in full white
kid or sheep with red labels. Had no
trouble skiving leather for these.
Completed 7 blank books using
various colors of material for
covers.

29 Sept, 1958

Finished rebinding a miniature New Testament (0".9 x 1".4). Took it completely apart, resewed with fine silk thread and small needle (9 signatures) reinforced spine with thin super & rag paper and laid on fine black skiver leather on blotting paper. I actually got a smooth round and formed hinge to the spine. Altogether a very fine job.

Made 17 cases for some of my own books. 8 are ½ white fabrikoid with marbled panels, 1 full white kid, 1 full brown morocco and the other full fabrikoid.

Most of them are recent purchases here. Will describe them as I finish them

1 October, 1958

Finished 13 large (2.3 x 3.5) leather labels for a customer for his uniform collection.

"Survey of Eagle's Nest" in full gray buckram for a customer.

A small copy of Rubaiyat in flexible ½ white fabrikoid and Blue marbled panels + end sheets.

"Leaves of Grass" ½ white fabrikoid, Gold end sheets + panels

"Obiter Dicta" in full ~~cord~~ cordoba fabrikoid.

"Proverbial Philosophy of Confucius" in flexible ½ white fabrikoid with bright yellow panels.

"The Oxford Book of English Verse" 1907 in full brown morocco with red labels.

"Pendennis" by Thackeray in flexible full white leather with black labels

"The Mirror of Art" by Charles Baudelaire in ½ white fabrikoid, dark green panels.

2 Oct. 1958

Purchased
Marie Antoinette, Dauphine
by Pierre de Nolhac, Paris
Selections from Smollett,
Boston 1902
Joseph Conrad, A short Study
by Wilson Follett. NY 1915
Mother by Owen Wister. NY 1907

Received 17 books
from Mr. Alexander
Wetmore for rebinding.

3 Oct. 1958

Purchased today
"Poems, Plays & Essays of
Oliver Goldsmith"
"Sacred & Profane Love" by
Arnold Bennet. NY 1920
"Virginia Dare & Other Poems
by Henry Randolph Latimer,
Balt. 1907
"A Friend as Two" by Wilbur
D. Nesbit. Beautifully decor-
ated little book.
"English as she is Wrote"
Curiosities of the English
Language" NY 1883.
Received a good lot of material.
Received some books from
Bill Friedman including
a wonderfully inscribed
copy of Gadsby the novel
of 50,000 words without
the letter E.

7 Oct. 1958

Prepared 27 books for rebinding and made up 27 cases of varied material from ½ morocco to full white fabrikoid.

Purchased a few items including a very fine bit on Jane Austen by Lord David Cecil, Cambridge 1936 - a small Christmas Carol illustrated by Frederick Simpson Coburn.

Also received two pamphlets that I had done for Harold Peterson which had been cased in the wrong cases!

10 Oct. 1958

Finished up 17 books with various covers for Dr. Wetmore. One, a large thick Classical Dictionary with red morocco spine & corners, marbled end sheets and panels.

Finished for my own library:-

"The Iliad of Homer" translated by William Cullen Bryant, in full cordoba fab.

"Poems, plays & Essays by Oliver Goldsmith" in same.

"Marie Antoinette - Dauphine by Pierre de Nolhac in French. Full white fab.

"Point Counter Point, Huxley in full maroon fab.

"La Catedral", Blasco Ibanez in dark green fab.

"For Men Only" by Beth Brown, full white fab.

"Female Sex Perversion" in full white fab.

"Poetical Works of William Cowper in full cordoba fab.

"The Blue Bird" Maeterlinck, full white fab. Gold title on spine, metallic title & fires on cover.

20 Oct. 1958

Finished:-

"Decameron de Boccaccio" and "The Works of Rabelais," both nice Bibliophilest Society Edition Full morocco Jab.

"Modigliani" in white jab.

"Sacred & Profane Love" white jab and several others for my library.

Also finished most of Mr. Hatmaker's books and Bill Friedmans. His a small quarto in 3/4 morocco and a small 8vo in 3/4 morocco.

31 Oct '58

Lots of binding but forgot to make notes.

Did two Bibles one in limp polished calf the other in limp Black morocco - both very fine looking.

Did up a professor's SYLLABUS OF MODERN FICTION in 3/4 white fab - green marbled end sheets & panels. Beautiful job - also our new Greenville Tone Book.

Finished a 4 vol set of Life of Sir Walter Scott, by J. G. Lockhart, N.Y. 1857 in full black satin fab. a 2 vol HISTORY OF CAMDEN (S.C.) in full dark blue buck. The set sold for $75.00 the day after I delivered it!

Made a perfect slip case box for a rare book for Bill Friedman. Covered it with cordoba fab & used a strap with a snap to close cover.

26 April, 1959!!!

No comment on lack of entries – Perhaps I should not have started leaving dates in this.

Today in TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST

— and the two vessels stood "head on", bowing and curveting at each other like a couple of ever-horses reined in by their riders —

DANA – MELVILLE – LONDON CONRAD –

But McFee doesn't approach them.

27 April '59

Finished reading THE TREES by Conrad Richter — like his SEA OF GRASS — a classic

Richter can make you feel the darkness and damp of the ~~[illegible]~~ dense forest — can almost give you the fever.

IMBALANCE: This may be a jet age, but there are still 18,215 blacksmith shops in the U. S., and less than half that many bookstores.

1959

How odd that the word "enthrall" or enthral" has two meanings almost opposite to each other: ie -

'to enslave or hold under some over-mastering influence'

'to charm or fascinate'

I believe that the latter meaning is now more in use.

May 1959

Parnassus lifts to heaven
its honoured head

"The Shipwreck
William Falconer
my copy. N.Y. 1827

Same day

Life may be viewed
backwards but must be
lived forwards.
(Or words to that effect)

A Danish Philosopher.
I have mislaid his
name but not his
creed.

now let a word escape you that looks suspicious. It is severe work; but you will find it, even at first, and last, endlessly amusing

John Ruskin

Get good dictionaries of all languages, and whenever you are in doubt about a word, hunt it down patiently.

John Ruskin

MACHINERY KILLS THE MIND
RODIN

HOWEVER, RODIN'S "AGE d' ARAIN" APPEARED SO PERFECT THAT A STATE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS WORK WAS NOT A SIMPLE CAST FROM LIFE.

SEQHOIA:- ONLY SEVEN LETTERS BUT CONTAINS ALL FIVE OF THE VOWELS.

May 1957

"Except in street cars one should never be unnecessarily rude to a lady"

O. Henry

LOGOMACHY: 1. A dispute about mere words: 2. Any of various games in which words are formed or built up.

FANE: A sanctuary.

An old man's passion augments in geometrical proportion as opposed to the passions of young men, because the old men love with their weakness which grows greater, and the young with their strength which grows less.

Balzac

Let not the Royal Bed of Denmark
be a couch for luxury and
damned incest.

Hamlet
Act I, Sc. V.

TROPE: a figure of speech,
the figurative use of a word.

BUTT: A wine cask capacity about 126 gallons

PIPE: The same.

TUN: A wine cask capacity about 252 gallons.

HOGSHEAD: A wine cask capacity about 63 gallons

Strange that I never looked these words up. I had met them hundreds of times, knew they were wine containers, but never knew the size until now!

Oct. 1959

ANTHROPOLATRY:- The worship of man

I had a long & bitter argument on this subject with a screwball Baptist minister (an outcast from the church). I remarked that there were millions of fervent & happy mohamedans (sp?) and he made the mistake of saying "Yes, but they worshipped a man instead of God"

Let me tell you about it sometime! (1959)

Both read the Bible day and night
But thou read'st black where I read white
— William Blake

14 dec 1959

A noted drama producer, who is an admirer of Blake, said tonight that Blake was like a "mixed up kid". This makes one ponder about our emulations.

A book is one of the most portable forms of unabridged communication ever invented

N.Y. Times Editorial
27 Dec. 1959

Even the best of us
are sinners -
Bill Coleman
31 Dec 1959

my neighbor

EVEN THE BEST OF US ARE SINNERS
(Translation of the above entry)

"Parking is such street sorrow"

Herb Caen speaking of San Francisco's steep streets. 1959

How much more we would
enjoy youth if age came first!
Anatole France

Herb Caen speaking of
San Francisco itself
circa 1959

LACUNAE :- Blanks or gaps.

Mackaness uses this word in respect to the Life of Vice Adm. William Bligh.

The stars are great entertainers and, like Opera, the more one studies their performance the more enthralling is the show.

From my Log of June 1938
in Gulf of California
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SYBARITE:- A Voluptuary

"Men must be saved from sin.
But if they do not sin, they cannot
be saved. Therefore sin is the
first step on the road to salvation"

Creed of a Russian sect
(CHISLENIKI)

Authors
Poets
Translators
Illustrators
Printers
Painters
Engravers
Etchers
Collectors
Binders
Publishers
Type designers
Paper makers
Booksellers
Books on Books

BOOKS WANTED (in any condition):

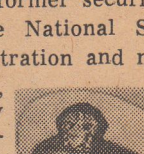
Novels by Meredith, esp. "The Egoist"
Henry James
Dickens, esp. "Copperfield" + "Hard Times"
Rod. Ramdon by Smollett
Barchester Towers by Trollope
Eh. Bronte, Jane Eyre, Random House 1943
Anthol. Eng. Poetry (my Palgrave is sho
American Lit:
Thoreau, Walden
Franklin, Autobiog., Poor Richard's Almanac.
O'Neill, Strange Interlude
Great God Brown

French Lit:*
Fontaine Fables
Colette novels
Gide's works or journals
Voltaire, Candide
French Dictionary
*I am looking for books in French nowadays because of a French reading exam to be faced in April.

Italian Dictionary
Dos Passos, Three Soldiers
E.E. Cummings, The Enormous Room
Dante, Divine Comedy
17th Cent. Eng. Lit., esp. Elizab. Dramatists, Beaumont + Fletcher, Soldiers & sailors

R. W. Mindte, Served Navy 32 Years

Cmdr. Richard W. Mindte, USN (Ret.), a former security officer for the National Security Administration and naval historian, died Tuesday of a heart ailment at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. He was 57.



Cmdr. Mindte

In his pre-Navy days Cmdr. Mindte worked as a sheep herder in Idaho and as the skipper of a tuna boat. He also was a bookbinder.

During World War II, he was stationed in the Pacific theater and was in Pearl Harbor when it was bombed in 1941. He received several decorations for valor during the war.

Commander Mindte came to Washington in 1950 for the NSA security officer post. He retired from the Navy in 1956 after 32 years.

Surviving are his wife, Martha A., of the home address, 519 Beall ave., Rockville; four sons: Vance E. of 1036 Welsh dr., Rockville; Richard N. 214 Craydon ave., Rockville; Paul W., stationed at the Kingston Naval Air Base in Kingston, Tex., and Jon C., of the home address, and his mother, Lola F., of Seal Beach, Calif.