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BEING AN ALPHABETICAL CATALOGUE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WORKS DESCRIPTIVE OF
THE LITERATURE OF GREAT BRITAIN AND AMERICA, AND MORE THAN
A FEW RELATIVE TO FRANCE AND GERMANY

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"A souldier without arms may be valiant, but not
victorious; an artizan without his instruments may
be skillful but not famous; ... To aim at learning with-
out books is with Danaides, to draw water in a sieve."
—R. WILLIAMS, 1630.

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PREFACE.



HIS *brochure* owes its existence to Mr. Power's *Handy Book about Books*, a large portion of which was reproduced in the *American Biblioplist*. An examination of so much as Mr. Power had done on the subject of bibliography, led me to the conclusion that he had not made a personal examination of the books described, and that the eminent individuals, whom he thanks as having rendered him valuable assistance, must have had rather limited bibliographical resources; indeed, the general result was so disappointing that I determined to endeavor an improvement, and the result is the present list which is about four times the extent of Mr. Power's, and includes all the titles quoted by him, some of which we should have preferred to omit. Still it is not a complete bibliography, for the most excellent reason that such a work is beyond any one man's capacity; but it is hoped it will prove useful to those librarians and general readers who desire information concerning books about books.

Those who seek further information on the subject may consult with much advantage Petzholdt's *Bibliotheca Bibliographica*, which is conspicuous for the faithful and painstaking care exhibited in its compilation, and in which the titles are treated with that minute attention to classification which is preëminently the characteristic of the German mind, while our list is conspicuous for the absence of any attempt at such a classification.

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I cannot close this brief notice without tendering my thanks to Mr. Charles A. Cutter of the Boston Athenæum for his valuable aid. When librarians in general can approach his standard of library intelligence, there will cease to be that plentiful lack of knowledge by which some of them are now distinguished.

JOSEPH SABIN.

NEW YORK, *February 28, 1877.*

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Vols. II.-V. were written by J. S. Vater. This is a history of all known languages and dialects, with an account of all the books printed in or relating to them. The second and third parts of the third volume—1813-1816—contain the languages of America. "On this Babel of an earth which you and I inhabit, there are said to be about three thousand languages and jargons. Of nearly five hundred of these you will find a specimen in the *Mithridates* of Adelung."—Dr. QUINCY.

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Published by the Ray Society.

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"Truly the *American Bibliographical Dictionary*, Notices of 6,775 American names."—*Guild's Librarian's Manual*. It is difficult to believe that Mr. Guild really knew what he was writing about when he penned this note. The work is not bibliographical in a proper sense, and in the matter of biography it is confined mainly to New England clergymen. It might be omitted from this list without loss.

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"These three large volumes contain upwards of 43,000 names, 3,300 pages of 6,600 columns, in great part consisting of authors both American and English now living."—Powze. Rather clumsily expressed; do the columns or pages consist of authors?

The American Biblioplist. See Sabin & Sons.

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London. 1785-90.

Besides bringing down the history to the year 1600, much later than Dr. Dibdin's edition, it does also contain an account of all the English books printed abroad, and of those printed in Scotland and Ireland, which the following edition does not. Also on large paper.

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"An excellent edition, the *Bibliotheca Vetust* being enriched with notes by Petrus Bayer, a learned Valencian, the *Bibliotheca Nova* receiving additions from Antonio's own manuscripts, that bring down his notices of Spanish writers to the time of his death in 1684. In the earlier portion, embracing the names of about 1,300 authors, little remains to be desired. The latter portion contains notices of nearly 8,000 writers—it is a monument of industry, firmness, and fidelity. The two, taken together, constitute their author beyond all reasonable question, the father and founder of the literary history of his country."—ТРЕХОВ, i. 218. Further details concerning this will be found in Dibdin's *Bibliomania* and Sabin's *Dictionary*, Vol. 1. 226-227. There are copies on large paper.

APPLETON (D. & Co.) *A Library Manual, containing a Catalogue Raisonné of upwards of Twelve Thousand of the most*