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Your Five Foot Shelf

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THERE are days that come to all of us when all we want is the chance to creep away to our own private corner and forget our cares and worries between the covers of a favorite book. It may be a dog-eared copy of a volume of poetry, of travel or perhaps of fiction, but it is essentially restful and comforting.

When I wish to be myself I curl up in the worn and shabby Morris chair and bury myself in "Alice in Wonderland," or "When We Were Very Young," by A. A. Milne. I love the one about the poor king who had such a struggle for a little bit of butter and especially this one:

"James, James
Morrison Morrison
Weatherby George Dupree
Took great Care of his Mother
Tho he was only three.
James, James
Said to his Mother,
'Mother,' he said, said he,
'You must never go down to the end of the town if you don't go down with me.'

It is only when I feel worldly and scholastic as I should, that I resort to Theodore Dreiser, Willa Cather or Dorothy Canfield. I feel much more comfortable by myself with Alice down in the rabbit hole.

But whatever I read I must be comfortable. The place is as important as the book at hand. A "book corner" you will find to be the comfort center of every home that boasts a real one. Some member of the family can be found in its comfortable seclusion every available minute of the day.

In those homes which are fortunate enough to have a library, there is room and to spare for every one. I remember that our library—originally intended for my father's "den," but soon invaded by the rest of the family—was plainly the comfort center of the house. At first its walls, lined on three sides by built in bookcases, loomed hopelessly empty and barren. One whole section was assigned to me alone and its five shelves seemed enormous in size for my small books and magazines. Slowly the section was filled by the addition of carefully selected sets of books, "The Children's Hour" and "The Book of Knowledge," bound copies of children's magazines and the ordinary accumulation of children's books. "The Children's Hour," a set of ten volumes with selected stories and myths, saw the three of us safely through a six weeks siege of the measles and pneumonia combined. Though we have passed the age of children's stories, the section in the library is still filled with them and several of the small children of the neighborhood can usually be found

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there, deeply engrossed in one of our
worn old books.

those who do not have room in
their homes for this generous book
space, a more careful selection of place
and book is necessary. Their sanctu-
ary, instead of being an entire lazy
room, is often limited to a corner only.
This means having only the most
needed books at hand, and perhaps in
dispensing with some of the old fa-
torities to give place to the ones used
more often. In giving too much lar-
gesse in books, as in anything, the art
of selection is never gained.

In this modern day we do not have
time to browse around in a library
anyway; we want to put our hand on
the very book we wish to read. The
fiting of these book corners calls for
as careful selection of furniture as of
books. Hanging bookcases, brightly
painted, may be hung on available
wall space, and convert an otherwise
uninteresting space into one of fas-
cination. Or an old secretary may
have its upper shelves, reaching nearly
to the ceiling, filled to overflowing with
books. Small tables whose lower
parts are shelves for books, can be
purchased reasonably and fit easily
into a small corner by a big chair. Or
modern needs build into a wall a few
shelves. Arch the top and circle the
whole with trim work to give it inter-
est. Paint the shelves a bright vermilion
or a strange green-blue and the color
note of the room may be ac-
cented.

And not alone the bookcase, but the
books themselves make or spoil the
beauty of the corner. I often find my-
self buying a book for its cover alone.
My latest prize is a new volume of
"Alice" in black with the covers in white
printed on in black with the covers in white
printed with a conventional design in
orange. It is put out by Boni and
Liverwright. Every one of the deckle
edged pages is bordered in orange. The
woodcuts are charming. Such bind-
ings of course make the book a little
more expensive, but once you have
learned to bind them yourself you will
find that you can save enough for an-
other new book by re-binding a cheaper
edition, granting that the paper is
of good quality.

It is possible to block print your
cover, but it is really a tedious task.
One smear, and an afternoon's work is
ruined. Rather, marbleize your own

New Happenings

The fellowships in the division of
Home Economics at Iowa State Col-
lege for the year 1926-1927 have been
announced as follows:

Miss Grace Elizabeth Harribine, a
graduate of the Rhode Island State
College has been granted a fellowship
for the coming year in the Household
Administration Department. She is
interested in the Household Equip-
ment section of this department.

Miss Zoe O'Leary, who has been
granted a teaching fellowship in the
Home Economics Vocational Educa-
tion Department for the year 1926-1927,
is a graduate of Kansas State Agri-
cultural College.

Miss Margaret Gall Redfield has
been chosen for the Junior Industrial
Fellowship under the Ball Brothers
Industrial Fund. The work under this
fellowship will be in conjunction with
the Food and Nutrition Department.
Miss Redfield is a graduate of Iowa
State College.

Miss Gertrude Laura Sunderlin is
Senior Industrial Fellow under the
Ball Brothers Industrial Fund. Miss
Sunderlin is also a graduate of Iowa
State College and for the past year
has been graduate assistant in the
bacteriology department.

Miss Zorada Zerna Titut, a graduate
of Kansas State Agricultural College,
is to be teaching fellow in the Foods
and Nutrition Department.

The Applied Art Department will
have as their teaching fellow for the
coming year Miss Marian C. Lopley,
a graduate of Iowa State College.

Ten new members are added to the
Home Economics Department with the
advent of the new quarter. Miss Hen-
derson has been on leave of absence
for some time and we are glad to wel-
come her back.

Bishop, Helen A.—Home Admin-
istration.
Fisher, Jean A.—Physical Educa-
tion.
Grandprey, Medora—Home Adminis-
tration.
Henderson, Anna M.—Applied Art.
Hinderman, Myrtle—Physical Educa-
tion.
Johnson, M. Orinie—Non-Collegiate.
Miller, Ruth—Physical Education.
Mumford, Mary—Home Administra-
tion.
Sykes, Viola—Textiles and Clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ferguson of
Ames, Iowa are the parents of a son
born Sept. 11. As Elizabeth Storm,
Mrs. Ferguson was editor of the Home-
maker and since her marriage has
been a member of the Publication
Board of the Homemaker and editor
of the State Home Economics Asso-
ciation page.

Orena M. Bourland, H. Ec. '19, is
employed as a bacteriologist by the
U. S. Public Health Service of Cin-
cinnati, Ohio

M. Regina Brennan, H. Ec. '11, is
supervisor of Home Economics in the
schools at Grand Forks, N. D.

Mabel M. Hall, H. Ec. '22, is a teach-
er of Home Economics in Shepard
College, Sheridan, W. Va.