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c. The Body of the Catalogue Card. This contains the title of the work (if author entry is used) and a brief bibliographic description of the book, usually giving place, publisher, date and a brief physical description including pagination, size and often other details. This element of the catalogue card is the easiest to create (assuming the cataloguing is done with book in hand) and takes little time. Few decisions are necessary for most standard monographs.

d. Subject Headings. Like the classification number, subject headings are normally assigned from a published subject heading list representing an accepted systematic arranging of subjects. Unfortunately, there is no standard subject heading list which is internationally accepted. Assigning the subject heading is another complicated task requiring professional expertise and is