

## INTRODUCTORY NOTES

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Destroy all previous catalogues.

Read the notes on Classification on page 119.

It is desired that this Library shall be the People's Library in the widest and truest sense of the term. Readers are, therefore, invited to freely consult the Librarian or his assistants, who will always cheerfully aid in placing the full resources of the Library on any subject at their disposal.

This catalogue is divided into four parts. (1) English fiction, pages 5-24: (2) Foreign fiction, pages 25-27: (3) Books for young people, pages 27-33: and (4) General catalogue, commencing at page 34. The fiction and juvenile books are arranged alphabetically by authors, while the general catalogue is arranged by classes on the decimal system.

Beginning at page 120 is an alphabetical index to the classes in the general catalogue. This index includes also a partial index of authors in the general catalogue. The limited amount available for the printing of the catalogue necessitated much abbreviation: otherwise a full author index and a title fiction list would have been included. However, with the aid of the index, as prepared, it is hoped that readers will be able to find any book catalogued.

As additions to the stock of books are frequently made, readers searching for information on a particular subject should consult the Librarian, so that the latest additions on the subject, if any, may be seen.

### Admission to Shelves

There is positively no admission to stacks containing fiction and juvenile books. Books in these classes must be selected from the catalogue, as directed on page 5. Free access to the stacks containing the general books is not permitted: but a list of books desired must be prepared and handed to attendant, as directed on page 34. The Librarian has, however, discretionary power to make exceptions to this rule in the case of readers who may be searching for information on a special topic.

### Aids for Readers

For parts of books and articles in magazines see the A. L. A. Index to General Literature, also the Index to Periodicals and the Annual Literary Index, various years. These books contain references to most authors and on almost every conceivable subject.

The Library also possesses many hundreds of volumes of Parliamentary Blue-books, Sessional Papers, House of Commons Debates, Journals, etc., valuable for reference purposes, and which will be gladly shown to those interested.

The following books will also be found specially useful: Larned's History for Ready Reference and Topical Reading; the Encyclopedia Britannica; Appleton's and Chambers' Encyclopedias. There is an Index volume for the Britannica, also one for Appleton's. These Index volumes should be consulted before referring to the Encyclopedias.

Assistance in consulting these books will be cheerfully furnished on application. Readers desiring to consult them personally will find them on the shelves in the Reference Reading Room.

Understand distinctly that numbers preceded by R are Reference books: not for general circulation.

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