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# SABIN'S DICTIONARY OF BOOKS Relating to America.

The following pages are put forth as a Specimen of "A Dictionary of Books relating to America, from its Discovery to the Present Time," and are intended to exhibit the thorough manner in which the work is performed. Up to this date, February, 1876, forty Parts have been published, and during the present year not less than six more Parts will be issued, indeed, the work is going slowly, but surely, along; and it is hoped that it can be completed in a few more years, for very much of the work in the sequent letters of the alphabet is already done, and needs only to be put into the printer's hands. It is scarcely necessary to say that the labor is immense; the proofs are all read not less than five times and by three and sometimes four different persons; all the books of importance are very carefully described, and it is believed that no bibliographical work of equal extent, has ever attempted so minute a description of so many books, for at this time the number of titles described amount to 32000, which number does not include the various editions of the works nor the titles of books of secondary interest which are printed in small type, which additions would more than double the number. From its nature it cannot, of course, aim at a large circulation—it is intended for the Historian, the Collector, and the Librarian, beyond whose sphere it is not expected to circulate, and it is for their information, as to the *status* of the work, that these pages are distributed.

The author has received many commendations of the work, which might perhaps have been printed—he contents himself with a quotation from a letter written by Mr. Frederick Müller, of Amsterdam, himself an eminent bibliographer, who says "I am proud to be a bookseller, seeing a bookseller has made such a book."

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