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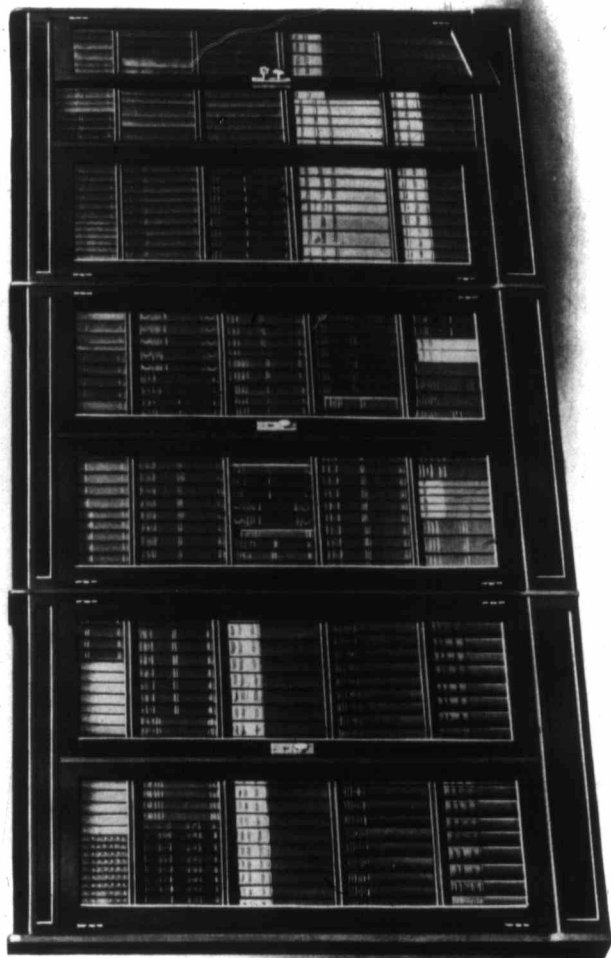
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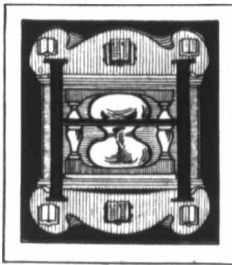


**Three-unit section of L. B. bookcase with doors**

Shown in mahogany. Height, 4 feet 8 inches; depth, 12 inches; length, 8 feet 2 1/4 inches



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HERETO the only "expansive" bookcase made has been in the form of a box with a glass front, the expansion consisting in piling one box on top of another. The crudeness and unsightly appearance of these cases are well known.

For years the demand has grown for a bookcase which shall have the immense advantages of expansion at will without the serious artistic defects of the box units. The L. B. bookcase is a radically new idea which solves the problem perfectly.

It is a solid, complete bookcase of five adjustable shelves, built on exquisite lines and showing no sign of its expansion construction. Yet, by the simplest operation, any number of additional units may be added, the result being an equally solid and complete case, *without the slightest indication of being made up of separate units.*

On the other hand, a case composed of several units may, at any time, be as quickly and easily separated into distinct, smaller bookcases.

### Why a five-shelf unit?

We have adopted the five-shelf upright unit as the most sensible and practical. Not one person in a hundred who buys a bookcase lacks enough books to fill four shelves (the fifth shelf may be omitted until needed). A smaller unit is, therefore, a fallacy as well as an ill-proportioned piece of furniture.

### Beauty



Original section with end unbolted

The pictures in this book give some idea of the fine lines of our unit bookcases. Their rich coloring and beauty of finish, both in mahogany and oak, must be seen to be appreciated.

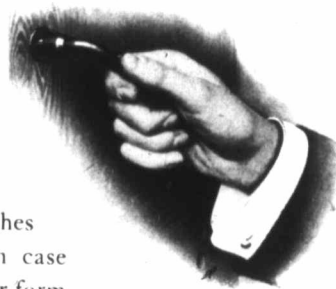
They are made of the best materials to be had — warm, richly figured mahogany or quartered oak, backs and inside ends of hardwood. Shelves are of hardwood faced with oak or mahogany. Knobs and key plates are of solid brass with the beautiful dull finish so highly prized in the best examples of Colonial brass.

Attention is called to the panelling on the ends, which has the effect of being carved from the solid wood. This is a refinement to be found only in cabinet work of the highest grade. Compare this work with the ill-matched ends of box units held together by metal strips.

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### Strength

Like all Library Bureau equipment, the construction of these cases could not be improved for ten times the price. They are built to last for generations.



Simple hand-wrench supplied with each cabinet, for unbolting ends

### Compactness

The L. B. bookcase, four-feet eight inches high, is by far the most compact expansion case made. To get the same capacity in any other form of unit would mean a bulky pile of boxes six and one-half to seven feet high.

### The cheapest bookcase in the end

The single L. B. bookcase costs only a trifle more than other forms of expansion bookcases, flimsily made of cheap materials.

*Each additional L. B. unit costs \$5 less than the original unit. This means that by the time several units are bought the L. B. is the lowest priced expansion bookcase made.*

### Expansion

Absolutely no skill is required to join units together. Each end of the original unit is fastened on from the inside by four winged bolts screwed into brass bushings which extend about half way through the solid ends. Two of these bolts are concealed by the overhanging cornice, two are in a secret compartment under the base shelf. There is no sign of bolts on the exterior of the case, nor any suggestion of detachable construction.



Additional sections come in this shape

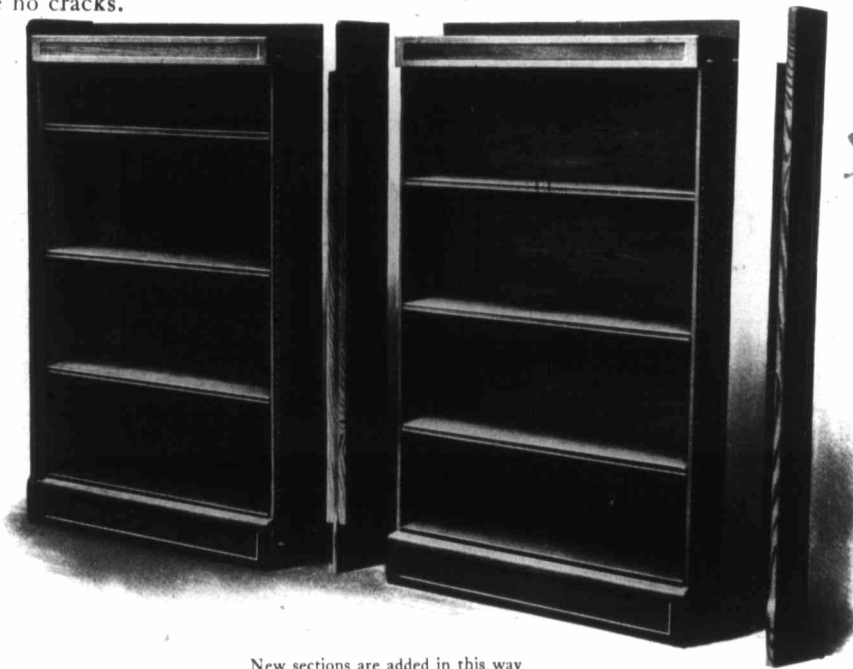
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### To add a new section

Unbolt and take off one end of the original unit.

The bolts operate so easily that no tool is needed, although a small hand-wrench is included with each unit, for convenience.

With each additional unit a separator is furnished. The separator takes up the lost space between units so that when bolted in place there are no cracks.



New sections are added in this way

Put the new section and separator in place and bolt through. Bolt the end onto the last section. The whole operation takes a very few minutes. Whether one section or many are added, the result is a complete, compact, solid bookcase.



**Single bookcase without doors**

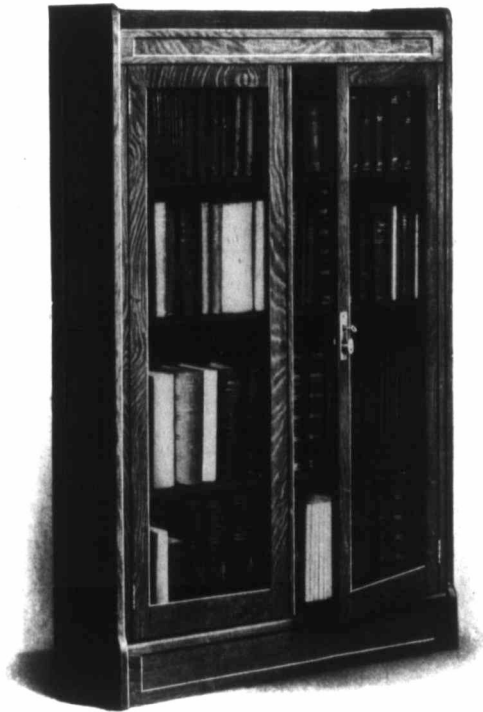
Solid mahogany, dull-rubbed Colonial finish; or solid quartered oak, antique finish. Shelves adjustable to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Outside dimensions: Height, 4 feet 8 inches; depth, 12 inches; width, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches  
 Inside dimensions: Height, 4 feet  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch; depth, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches; width, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Complete unit with ends, solid mahogany, Colonial finish . . .	\$24.00
“ “ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish . . .	20.00
Additional unit with separator, solid mahogany, Colonial finish . . .	18.00
“ “ “ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish . . .	15.00



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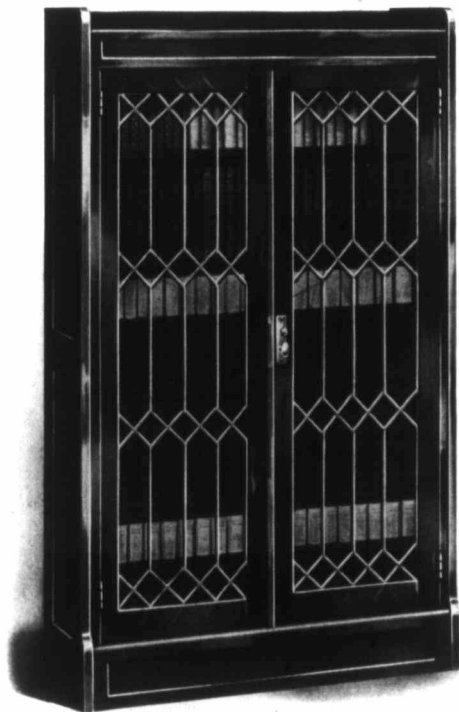
Single bookcase with doors

Solid mahogany, dull-rubbed Colonial finish; or solid quartered oak, antique finish. Door handle and plate of solid brass, antique finish. Shelves adjustable to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Outside dimensions: Height, 4 feet 8 inches; depth, 12 inches; width, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches  
 Inside dimensions: Height, 4 feet  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch; depth, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches; width, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Complete unit with ends, solid mahogany, Colonial finish . . . . .	\$32.50
“ “ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish . . . . .	27.50
Additional unit with separator, solid mahogany, Colonial finish . . . . .	26.50
“ “ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish . . . . .	22.50

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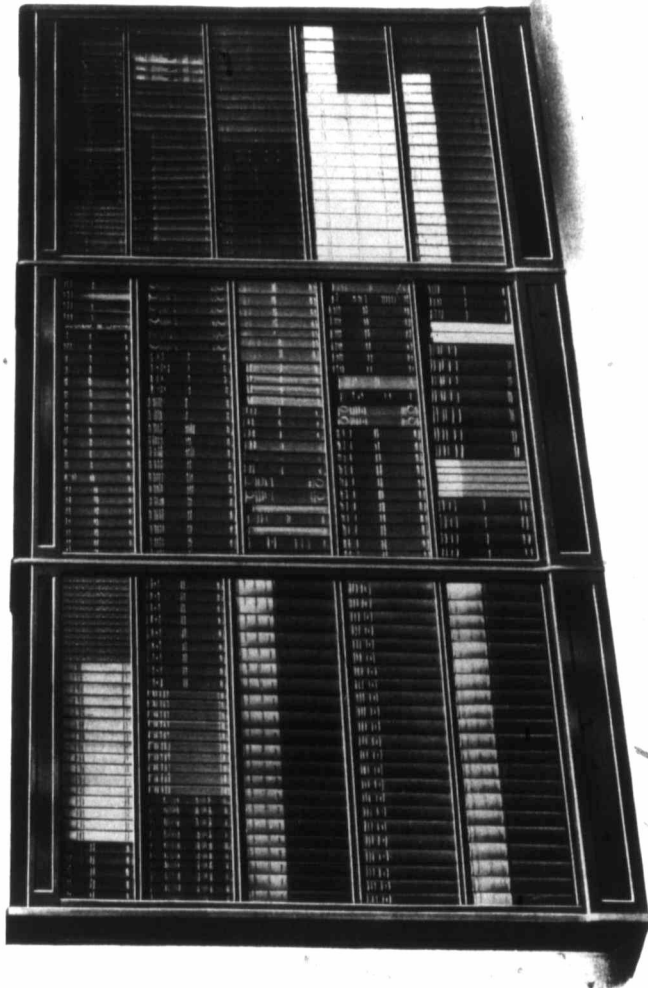


Single bookcase with leaded doors

Solid mahogany, dull-rubbed Colonial finish; or solid quartered oak, antique finish. French glass leaded in beautiful design. Door handle and plate of solid brass, antique finish. Shelves adjustable to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Outside dimensions: Hight, 4 feet 8 inches; depth, 12 inches; width, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches  
 Inside dimensions: Hight, 4 feet  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch; depth, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches; width, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches

Complete unit with ends, solid mahogany, Colonial finish . . . . .	\$35.50
“ “ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish . . . . .	30.50
Additional unit with separator, solid mahogany, Colonial finish . . . . .	29.50
“ “ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish . . . . .	25.50



Three-unit section without doors

Shown in mahogany.

Height, 4 feet 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches; depth, 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches; length, 8 feet 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches

Total cost in solid mahogany, Colonial finish

\$60.00

“ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish

50.00

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Corner piece, five shelves

Mahogany, Colonial finish, corner piece only . . . . .	\$15.00
Oak, antique finish, corner piece only . . . . .	12.00
With bookcases, complete as above, solid mahogany, Colonial finish . . . . .	80.00
“ “ “ “ “ “ quartered oak, antique finish . . . . .	68.00

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Additional ends

An L. B. bookcase, made up of two or more sections, can be divided at any time into smaller bookcases. When this is done an extra pair of ends is required for each additional case. These can be obtained at any time.

Mahogany, Colonial finish, per pair . . . . .	\$6.00
Oak, antique finish, per pair . . . . .	5.00

Construction of L. B. bookcases is broadly patented.

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