

BULLETIN OF THE A. L. A. COMMITTEE ON BOOK BUYING

All books now published in this country may be divided into four general classes, as follows:

(1). New non-fiction, pub. under rules of Amer. Pubs. Assn. Discount to libs. limited to ten per cent. within a year of publication.

(2). Fiction and Juveniles, pub. under same rules. Discount to libs. limited to one-third, within a year from publication.

(3) Net books, not pub. under same rules, whether or not the pub. is a member of the Assn. These generally include non-copyright books or books imported in small quantities, even by members of the Pubs. Assn. Discount to libs. not limited except by special agreement between publisher and bookseller.

(4). Other works. Discount subject to no special limitation. Books are now classified in this way in the Publishers' Weekly and in some booksellers' free catalogues, including that of the Baker and Taylor Co., 33 E. 17th St., N. Y. File one of these lists and refer monthly to previous year's file, noting the books on which year limit has expired (classes 1 and 2 above).

An analysis of the books published in January, as given in one of these bulletins, shows that they are distributed as follows, according to the above classification:

(1) Non-Fict.; Amer. Pub. Ass.....	7
(2) Fict. & Juv.; Amer. Pub. Ass.....	9
(3) Net; not Amer. Pub. Ass.....	38
(4) Not net; not Amer. Pub. Ass.....	33
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Total; January	87

"School-books, pure and simple, are not subject to protection under the rules of the American Publishers' Association, and school-book publishers, such as the American Book Company, Ginn & Co., Hinds & Noble, and others, are therefore not included in its membership. Copyrighted advanced text-books, if used in colleges, universities, or technical schools, such as engineering or scientific, when published by a member of the American Publishers' Association are listed as protected net books." (Class 1, above). If brought out by a publisher not a member of the American Publishers' Association, at a net price, they are listed as non-protected net books. (Class 3, above). See *Pub. Weekly*, Feb. 11, p. 605.

Recent 2nd hand catalogues:

- Wm. Brown, 26 Princess St., Edinburgh. (No. 156).
- A. S. Clark, 218 Washington St., Peekskill, N. Y. (No. 58).
- Congdon & Britnell, 11 W. Richmond St., Toronto, Can. (No. 44).
- Goodspeed's Book Shop, 5a Park St., Boston. No. 28 (engravings, etc).
- Burnham Antique Book Store, Milk St., Boston. (No. 11).