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After reading Mr. J. W. Baty's excellent article on the Printed Work and Civilisation it occurred to us that the motion picture of to-day owes much to the printed word. Many famous novels have been drawn upon by film producers to form the basis of some of the finest examples of film art. Among recent examples may be quoted "Captains Courageous," by Rudyard Kipling, "Quality Street," by Sir James M. Barrie, and "Prisoner of Zenda," by Anthony Hope. In our own Library we invariably experience a keen demand for novels or biographies that have been "picturised," and we venture to say that readers feel added enjoyment when reading these books. The characters so skilfully drawn by the author seem to stand out more vividly when we visualise, say, the Count of Monte Cristo in the form of Donat, that exquisite actor.

So it is, that when film producers portray the essence of some worth while novel, they encourage the reading of such books by countless numbers of folk who are thus encouraged to become film and book-fans.

Do you appreciate your library with its wealth of varied literature? Then persuade a friend to join.

**OTHER BOOKS RECENTLY PLACED
ON NON-FICTION SHELVES**

The Spanish Cockpit. By Franz Borkenau. Franz Borkenau is an expert sociologist, and went to Spain to study the conflict from the viewpoint of a scientist. The first chapter gives one a splendid background against which to gauge the reactions of the Spanish people, to the many conflicting parties, as described further on in the book. His second visit emphasises some of the opinions arrived at earlier, and at the same time cause him to discard other previous conclusions, but give a fine lead to his description of the battle of Guadalajara, where General Kleber gained some spectacular successes against the foreign troops under Franco. In conclusion he deems that the Spaniard possesses something vital, that will endure whatever the result may be, whether Franco gives to the country a Fascist dictatorship, or a Left Leader emerges triumphant. He says that in the end, when the Comintern and Fascintern have fought to a finish, the Spaniard will find things much as they were before with the difference that foreign intrusion will be stronger, and will work as a disintegrating force upon Spanish civilisation. Also, that the Spaniard has values that will last through the chaos, while the progressive usurpers may progress to their own destruction. A book that will enable the average reader to more fully understand the struggle in Spain in its many phases.

Forbidden Journey. By Ella K. Maillart. Miss Maillart here gives us the feminine side of "News from Tartary," and though it is the same ground, it is quite a different story. Full of interest, and one shares the varied experiences of the authoress with great enjoyment and much pleasure—and admiration for her superb courage and fearlessness.

Spice of the Sahara. By Ex-Legionaire 1384. This is a Foreign Legion book, with the added spice and thrill of Secret Service. This will have a great run.

Gringo, Watch Out! By Hans Koester. Not many men pack as much in two years as Hans Koester did, but he says it is so, and, so we read it, get our thrills, and agree with the title. Gee, Watch Out!

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