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#### EDITORIAL

Our magazines committee has recently advised the discontinuance of subscriptions to certain periodicals. The advice has been followed as it has been conclusively proved that these magazines have not met with popular demand. It is regrettable that the higher class informative journal does not appeal to our subscribers to the same extent as motion picture monthly periodicals. But we must bow to the wishes of our members and cater for their expressed desires.

There are two notable examples that are the exception—"The National Geographic Magazine" and "The Geographical Magazine." These two journals are very popular with our readers, and rightly so, since huge sums of money are spent on their production with a view to bringing the world and its people to our arm-chairs.

While on the subject of periodicals we would commend to all garden-lovers the new English gardening journal. Its title is, "Good Gardening," and it is most attractively printed, the profuse illustrations being far more beautifully produced than in the average gardening book. The colour pages are particularly appealing.

#### COMPETITION !

#### FREE SUBSCRIPTION FOR BEST BOOK RHYME.

We print in this issue a collection of Book Rhymes, old and new, and invite our subscribers to send others in similar vein. To the subscriber sending the best Book Rhyme, an additional subscription to our Library for twelve months will be given free. Rhymes may be either grave or gay, original or otherwise, and the Editor's decision as to the merits of entries must be accepted as final. Address your rhymes to The Editor, Linwood Public Library, not later than October 1.

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#### Book Rhymes

One curious observation about rhymes aimed at recalcitrant book borrowers is that they achieve such rapid currency that they soon tend to lose their author and merge with the great mass of anonymous popular literature. They also suffer considerable variation and distortion in the course of their migrations.

Here are some book rhymes received from "Wilson Bulletin" readers:—

If thou art borrowed by a friend,  
Right welcome shall he be  
To read, to study, not to lend.  
But to return to me.  
Not that imparted knowledge doth  
Diminish learning's store;  
But books, I find, if often lent  
Return to me no more.

\* \* \* \* \*  
Here do I put my name for to betraye  
The thief that steals my book away.

\* \* \* \* \*  
They borrow books they will not buy.  
They have no conscience nor religions  
I wish some kind Burbankian guy  
Would cross my books with homing pigeons.

\* \* \* \* \*  
Because so many friends, gol dern 'em  
Who borrow volumes don't return 'em  
"Ex Libris" on my book plate looks  
As if it meant, "My former books."

\* \* \* \* \*  
Anyone may borrow, but a gentleman returns.

\* \* \* \* \*  
Steal not this book, my honest friend  
For fear the gallows should be your end  
And when you die the Lord will say  
And where's that book you stole away?

\* \* \* \* \*  
Remember, Book, my cozy shelves  
From which my friends all help themselves  
And like a dove with wings unloosed  
Return, come back, fly home to roost.

\* \* \* \* \*  
I'm happy indeed to let you borrow  
But this book unreturned will cause me sorrow.

\* \* \* \* \*  
Look ye, my friend,  
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Be sure to return  
Or in hell you'll burn.  
Solemnly do you swear  
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