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After Everest, by T. Howard Somervell. Extracts from an eulogistic critique by The Times Literary Supplement, Dec. 5th, 1936. He renounced excellent professional prospects in England to become a medical missionary and the greater part of this book has for its subject his experiences at a hospital at Neyyoor in the extreme south of India. The intimacy of his relations with innumerable patients, enables him to write of the Indian people with knowledge not only of the physical conditions in which they lived but also of the beliefs which dictated their attitude to their diseases. In regard to both he reveals himself not as preaching any formal Christian doctrine but as practising Christianity. As a practising Christian he insists in all sincerity on the need for treating Indian patients not as "cases" but as "brothers."... His tribute to Mallory and Irvine takes the form of a refusal to treat the mystery of their disappearance as a subject for technical speculation; he holds that a price has to be paid to keep alive the spirit of adventure and accepts their deaths, as he would have accepted his own, as part of that price.

Book Collecting in New Zealand. The collector of American books takes in the incunabula period, to which no American-printed book belongs, by classifying as "Americana" anything relating to the Continent. The New Zealander, whose country first knew printing only in 1830, has to cast a yet wider net if his catch is not to be drastically limited. Mr Johannes Andersen in the "Lure of New Zealand Book Collecting" classifies as of New Zealand interest the works of Samuel Butler, whose first work "A First Year in Canterbury Settlement" was the outcome of a visit from 1860-64; of Mark Twain who toured Australasia in an attempt to restore his fortunes by lecturing in the 1890's; and of several other authors of somewhat tenuous claims. With these and true New Zealanders and particularly with works of New Zealand ornithology, Mr Andersen has the material for an informative, if rather discursive book which, if its appeal cannot hope to be great in this country, yet throws interesting light on the activities of bibliophiles in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Times Literary Supplement, 12/12/36.

The "Modern" Touch? Extracts from Sales of Napoleonic Documents, Times Literary Supplement, Dec. 19, 1936. Among many other items there was a dossier of 420 orders, mostly printed, of the army of Egypt during the commands of Bonaparte, Kleber and Menou, which were sold for £37. Some of these—reproofs for demanding unauthorised pay and allowances followed by the approved scales, instructions and advice regarding winter clothing—have in their form an almost comical resemblance to our Army or Corps Routine Orders of the Great War; perhaps if we could find Hannibal's orders we should see a similar resemblance.