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It is really surprising to know that some of our subscribers have been ignorant of our non-fiction department. Librarians at the desk have often been asked if we have books of a more informative type than fiction; books of travel, history, and biography. Others have apparently read some of the book reviews in our pages but have not discovered the Non-fiction Room. We have had signs displayed in the library directing to this important section, but perhaps these have erred on the side of modesty as regards size. The committee has recently hung a sign in the main library that, if not blatant, is not likely to be missed by the average subscriber.

It is pleasing to note that the Nonfiction department is claiming increasingly larger numbers of devotees, and the committee, in response to this appreciation on the part of subscribers, is spending correspondingly larger sums of money upon books for this section. Unfortunately, space is very limited in this room, and to make room for the newer books, older ones have to be taken from the shelves and stacked in reserve. Although this is to be regretted, subscribers have the satisfaction of knowing that the Non-fiction shelves are replete with a collection of

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recent and popular books that are well worth reading.

In passing, it might be mentioned that the assistance of subscribers would be gladly received by the buyer for this department. Suggestions as to books required will always meet with careful consideration and co-operation between reader and book-buyer gladly welcomed. Some confirmed fiction-readers are under the impression that non-fiction is too "heavy" for them. How far from the truth is this; once the reader has embarked upon a course of travel and biography, he will find the path so fascinating that he will be loth to leave it. If the Editor might give a suggestion to readers who find that Eternal Triangles, Thrillers, and Wild West novels are not so satisfying as once they were, he would recommend those three wonderful books by Lord Frederic Hamilton: Vanished Pomps, The Days Before Yesterday, and Here, There, and Everywhere. These books were written almost twenty years ago, and to show how well the world of readers has received them it is only necessary to say that they have gone through twenty-five editions.

## NON-FICTION BOOKS RECENTLY PURCHASED.

Sawdust Caesar, by George Selder. This is quite a different Mussolini to the one we met in "My Autobiography." It is authoritative in its quotations, and they help to colour the picture, giving a very different impression of the popular conception of Il Duce. The book depicts one who is a great showman, a keen opportunist, and one made well-nigh insane with his own success. The factual records of his earlier days are fast disappearing, and to publish some of Mussolini's own documents is a crime punishable by exile. The "March on Rome," of which we have heard so much, and which Mussolini is said to have led, is here shown in its stark truth. Details are given about the plot against Matteotti, the crime that stirred the western world. An interesting pic-

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