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Nor dirty nor fray
For your soul I will pray
If return you delay.

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From folk who borrow books, and then
Forget to give them back again;
From other folk—not fit to live—
Who mix the verbs to LEND and GIVE
And add my volumes to their horde
O save thy suffering servant, Lord.

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True friendship, like a golden ring,
Will e'er bind me to you
If back to Celestine King
This treasured book you'll bring
When you have read it thru.

Unto your finger I'm a string
Lest you forget to bring
Me back to Celestine King.

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Don Rose says: "Science should find a way of
crossing a book with a homing pigeon so it would
fly away home as soon as the borrower left the
front door open."

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If you should like this little book, commend it,
But for the love of Michael, do not lend it.

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"And please return this book. You may think
this a strange request, but I find that though
most of my friends are poor arithmeticians, they
are nearly all good bookkeepers."

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My owner is glad to lend me
And have you read me too
But please, oh please, return to me
As soon as you are through.

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If I lend this to any one,
Pray keep it not too long
Keep clean and fair and send with care
To whom it doth belong.

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Read slowly, pronounce carefully,
Pause frequently, think seriously,
Keep cleanly, return duiy,
With the corners of the leaves not turned down.

Of course borrowers from our library are not
guilty of forgetfulness; at least, we hope not.

**DISPLAY OF ODDITIES LEFT IN LIBRARY
BOOKS**

A display of "Oddities Left in Books"
attracted considerable attention recently at the
Dennis Public Library, Newton, N.J., and was
reported in the Newark "News."

The "oddities" used as book markers repre-
sented an eight-year collection. They include
a six-inch ruler, manicure scissors, nail file,
emery board, greeting cards, letters—love and
business, pictures, pencils, crayon, crochet
needles, cigarette butts, report cards, matches,
paper napkins, ladies' handkerchiefs, remnants
of cloth, shoe tongue, bills, paper novelties, gum
wrappers, hair pins, and paper money.

The markers, according to the "News," were
listed under three headings: Very bad—for pen

and pencils; fair—letters, paper napkins, etc.,
and approved—paper, thin cardboard. Bulky
articles in closed books impair binding, A. Eliza-
beth Case, the librarian, pointed out.

Miss Case's advice to librarians is "do not
mail addressed and stamped letters found in
books." Miss Case said she mailed a letter left
in a book recently and caused a subscriber con-
siderable embarrassment and brought a scolding
upon herself. The subscriber wrote the letter
in a sarcastic tone and had decided not to mail
it.

**SOME NEW FICTION RECENTLY
PURCHASED**

- The Affair of the Heavenly Voice . Clifford Knight
The Ambassadors Francis B. Keyes
Andrew to the Lions H. W. Furman
Autobiography of a Cad A. G. Macdonald
Black Out Capt. A. O. Pollard
Beyond the Locked Door Luke Allen
The Captain's Chair Robert Flaherty
Concealed Identity Mary Richmond
Crippled Splendour Evan John
Everslade (Men and Women Three) W. B. Manwell
Gun Cotton at Blind Man's Hood R. Grayson
If Sorrow Follows After Dorothy Black
Journeying Wave Richard Crompton
The Leader Lloyd Evans
Mad Doctor in Harley Street F. J. Thwaites
Mr Finch Goes to Paris Victor Canning
Mock Star Sinbad
Motive Mr Belloc Lowndes
No Mean Tartar L. F. Hay
Not to be Taken Anthony Berkely
Operation M.O. Taffrail
Promenade G. B. Lancaster
A Pulpit in the Grill Room E. P. Oppenheim
Second Summer Marjorie M. Price
Sleepy Duke Martin Gompertz
Sleepy Horse Range Colt Macdonald
Sparrow Market Hazel Adair
To You Mr Chips James Hilton
When First I Loved Joan Tempest
White Girls Eastward Thornton Craig
Wolves of the Chaparral Paul E. Lohman
You Belong to Me Eliz. Hay
You Have Chosen Denise Robins

SOME RECENTLY PURCHASED FICTION

Crippled Splendour, by Evan John, is an his-
torical novel of the stormy fifteenth century, the
main figure in which is James I., the third king
of the original House of Stewart, and is truly an
interesting and holding book.

The "Times Literary Supplement," comment-
ing on the book, says:—Captured as a child,
growing up in prison to the ideal Prince of the
Renaissance, lettered, a poet-musician of wide
fame, a chivalrous lover, released at twenty-nine
and returning to a kingdom removed by five long
and terrible generations from the ordered pros-
perity of her thirteenth century—generations that
had seen her thrice apparently destroyed, thrice
miraculously beating off her assailants, and had
left her, though still unconquered, stripped to
the bone and anarchic from end to end under
three weak reigns and a feeble regency. The

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