

A treasure-house of fascinating material for the bibliomaniac is brought together in Mr. R. M. Leonard's "Book-Lover's Anthology" (Henry Frowde). Quotations from some two hundred authors, dealing with every phase of books and reading, are embodied in the four hundred pages of the collection. It forms a worthy successor to the well-known "Book-Lover's Enchiridion" compiled by Alexander Ireland many years ago, and long since out of print.

Mr. Robert Haven Schauffler's "Our American Holidays" series is now continued by volumes on "Flag Day" and "Independence Day" (Moffat). The earlier volumes of this series have been acclaimed with delight by school teachers the country over, and there is no reason to think that the new ones will prove any less popular. Nothing is harder than to get up a school celebration without help of this sort; with such assistance, it becomes an inspiration and a pleasure.

We can hardly imagine any great demand for a "Russian Year Book" among American and English readers, but Dr. Howard P. Kennard seems to have believed such a demand to exist, since he has compiled a reference work of this type, which now appears for the second year, and bids fair to be continued annually. For those who want the sort of information it contains, it will doubtless be found of the highest value. The Messrs. Macmillan are the publishers.

Miss Alice M. Atkinson is the author of a reading-book for children on "The European Beginnings of American History" (Ginn) which deserves hearty commendation. Most of our young people approach the history of their own country without any background at all, and this volume supplies just what they need. It offers a brief and readable survey of European history from the history of Rome down to the Elizabethan times which are commonly taken as the starting-point of our own annals. A few chapter-titles are as follows: "The Romans in Britain," "The Vikings," "Country People in the Middle Ages," "The Black Death and the Labor Troubles," "The New World," and "English Seamen." These will give some slight idea of the richness of interest offered by the book.

The same careful attention to every practical detail that has made so useful the previous issues of the "Modern American Library Economy Series" marks also the latest number published, which bears for its sub-title, "Large Pictures, Educational and Decorative," being Section I. of Part VI., "Art Department." The authors of the pamphlet are Miss Marjary L. Gilson and Mr. John Cotton Dana. A previous number of the series, entitled "The Picture Collection," has described these wall pictures used by the Newark Public Library in its work and for the ornamentation of its rooms, and the publication now issued is devoted chiefly to a description of the routine business of selecting, ordering, mounting, storing, and exhibiting the pictures, with a classified list of those owned by the Newark library, and also a list of dealers in such pictures. Details of size and price, with other useful information, are not lacking, and numerous half-tone illustrations supplement the printed matter. The Newark library is exceptionally well-equipped in its department of lithographs and other inexpensive illustrations for educational work, and is therefore qualified to issue a remarkably useful manual for the guidance of others in this branch of library activity. The Elm Tree Press publishes this series.