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There is something personal about every book in his library even in the absence of a name plate or his name in the volumes. There are various sorts and kinds of ^{philos.} ~~bibliomaniacs~~ the bibliomaniacs and the same collector - there who bought wholesale or did Richard Haber and ^{more like Henry, Huth} there who piece and there and really form a library which grows systematically on well defined lines each volume ^{of the purchase} has been handled, looked into, written into, catalogued and placed with its relatives on the proper book shelf. ^{They did} The matter ^{of the} ~~rest~~ rest here. No ^{memory} ~~information~~ was stored up, and then led to some subsequent application of the acquired information.

Countless examples of this might be given. One will suffice.

Five there are eleven volumes on the ^{1664-1766, Médecin, Consultant du Roi} ~~works~~ works of Jean Astruc, ^{some} some of them published anonymously. In all likelihood the name means little to the majority of physicians or theologians. ^{Apparently the} ~~the~~ first of these volumes, ^{acquired in} ~~the~~ ^{4th ed. 1767} "Tractatus pathologicus" ¹⁷⁷¹ ~~was~~ "Bt. Jean Fancourt Paris Feb. 1910 w.o." Another the "L'art d'accoucher" from Speyer of Peters of Berlin contains this note on a fly leaf:

See p. 268 for "Decision des Docteurs de Sorbonne sur la validité du Baptême, conféré par injection."
See also Tristram Shandy, Vol 1 chap XX in which the question and decision as quoted in full

then come the "Traité des Jumeurs et des Ulceres" ¹⁷⁵⁹ ~~several~~ notes followed by the "Conjectures sur la Genese" 1753 a volume purchased, ^{through Quaritch} ~~through~~ ^{through} Quaritch, ^{Nov. 16} ~~Nov. 16~~ 1911 at the Huth Sale.

The treatise on Diseases of children and that the three vol. quarto De Morbis Venereis ¹⁷¹¹ need not concern us here though in the latter is written "For a violent attack on this book of Astruc see Saint Cosme vengé Strasbourg 1744 L.1 in my library. w.o."

There is nothing notable in this record for a corresponding ^{Stack} ~~number~~ of books might have been garnered by any collector. Now the outcome or gathered from notes and clippings in a bound pamphlet on "Jean Astruc and his Conjectures" by Sir Alexander Simpson published June 1910.