Van Antwerp Sale, Friday, March 22, 1907.

W.O. 's writing in fly-leaf of this bound catalogue: - He graphene had fylenshe Bannare in minit

A Record day at Sotheby's.

Bibliomana The final stages of that distressing malady of which John Ferriar sang in his well known poem Bithom, and so graphically depicted by Dibdin, the unfortunate victim is found in the auction room, noting with envious eyes the precious volumes as they are handed about for inspection, or chuckling with joy as he hears the bids rise higher and higher for some treasure already in his collection. Last symptom of all, not mentioned by Dibdin, and indicating a final enthraldom is when auction catalogues become his favourite literature and when he no longer reads of the new arrivals of Mr. Murray or of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., skips the advertizing pages of the 'Spectator', gives up his subscription to the Book-Lovers' or to the 'Times' Library, and devotes all his spare moments to the perusal of literature issued from the auction houses - Anderson of New York, Müller & Co., and Burgersdijk & Niermans of Holland, Hodgson & Co. of London, but above all to the light yellow-covered pamphlets issued by Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge of Wellington Street, Strand. No longer a frequenter of stalls and of book-shops, and eschewing as evil all dealings with the trade, nothing will tempt him to go into bour number or trade, or Maggs or even Quaritch. I have watched his struggles on the Quai day as he saw some coveted volume in the seclusion and I have known him go for three days in succession but once in the final stages of the disof tilling whole in taking me to [clearing] ease he is like the secret drinker with the full bottle beside him (him?) and the kettle in the ? he indulges his passion alone and (unfinished)

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(This is very illegible - E.F.S.)

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In his pocket note-book W.O. says that is agrees with Anatole France: "I do not know any reading more easy, more fascinating, more delightful, than that of a catalogue." (Syl. Bonnard). Enlordise Bonnard.

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