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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 books ^{files} -- the bibliomania and the same collector -- there was ^{more like Henry Huth} a large collection as did Richard Heber and ^{these} who pick and chose and really form a library which grows systematically on well defined lines each volume ^{of the purchase} furnished, been handled, looked into, written into, catalogued and placed with its relatives on the proper ^{shelf} "The matter" ^{of the} rest there. The ^{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.

There are eleven volumes on the ^{1654-1766, Médecin, Consultant du Roi} ~~works~~ ^{of} Jean Astruc, ^{some} some of them published anonymously. In all instances the name means little to the majority of physicians or theologians. ^{of the first of these volumes,} ^{the} "Nactation pathologica" ^{4th Ed. 1767} ¹⁷⁷¹ "Bt. Jean Janicant Paris Feb. 1910 W.O." Another the "L'art d'accoucher" from Speyer or 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 I chap XX in which the question

and decision as quoted in full ^{two volumes}

then come "the Traité des Tumeurs et des Ulceres" ¹⁷⁵⁹ ^{without notes followed} by the "Conjectures sur la Genese" 1753 a volume purchased ^{through Quaritch} ^{Monday Nov. 16} 1911 at the Huth Sale.

The treatise on Diseases of children and that the three vol. quartos De Morbis Venereis ^{111.} need not concern us here though in the latter is written "It is 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 ^{heap} ~~number~~ of books myri. have been garnered by any collector, nor 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.