

ed. I do not mean by this, that there shall not be anything but hymn books and sermons, but I mean that dirty French novels and all skeptical trash and works of questionable moral tone, shall never be found in this Library.

I want its atmosphere that of Christian refinement and its aim and object the building up of character, and I rest content that the friends I have named will carry out my wishes in these particulars."

The reference librarian in the Crerar library is a young man who lived most of his earlier life on a Kansas cattle ranch. His duty is to answer any questions asked by people who come into the library to look up matters of interest to them but who do not know just what books they ought to consult.

Last week a man came in and asked nervously if there were any books in the library that would be likely to tell a man how to build a barbed wire fence.

No, he went on in answer to the questioning look on the reference librarian's face, he didn't want to fence in his backyard for a cow lot or his front yard for a lawn. He answered the miscellaneous questions for an agricultural paper. Some fool farmer didn't know how to make a barbed wire fence.

The librarian looked through the catalogue, the encyclopedias and the files of all the agricultural papers. No, there was nothing in the library to tell how wire fences were made. The man got mad. A great library that could not answer a simple question about fences!

The librarian hesitated and then said that he could tell something about it himself. He took the man to his desk, sketched out an elaborate description with drawings and sent the editor away happy.

The paper published the sketch, polished slightly, introduced with the explanation: "The editor of this department has found the following to be the most practical method of constructing wire fences."

It is always interesting to get the real opinions of people about Nebraska. The Chicago papers have had a good deal to say about us lately, mostly however about our great wheat crop this year. But in spite of this one writer at least has not been able to get over preconceived notions. He speaks with more rhetoric than truth of "the great shillet of Nebraska praries."

Mrs. Elia W. Peattie, who wrote a series of bright sketches, "Life in Montmorency Flats," for the daily News, is writing now a second series, "Things That Happen Out West." These are hardly as bright as the first series but they are more true to life than the usual Nebraska and Kansas stories including one that Mrs. Peattie herself has written. They are avowedly sketches of old people and odd happenings and do not pretend to be studies of western life, except in its unusual aspects.

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