

To Young Readers.

Form home libraries. No matter how few or small the books are to commence with, they will make a beginning, and that once made, you will wonder at its growth. Don't let your books be scattered through every room in the house. If you haven't shelves, make them. They need not be of black walnut, and they will hold books if they are not polished. It's a poor sort of boy that cannot knock together half a dozen boards that will answer such a purpose.

And now suppose that you have made your shelves, or bought them, or have them already at hand, and have brought together all the books which you can lay claim to, big and little, important and unimportant, school books and all, how shall the yet vacant space be filled?

Make it a rule, in the first place, to put nothing in but what is good—no dime novels, pirate stories, or milk-and-water trash by popular "series" authors. One genuine good book is worth a solid cord of such. Get something that lasts; something that you can take up again and again with pleasure; something that teaches while it amuses.

Let us make a few suggestions. Of all the books published we know of nothing better to base a home library upon than the several volumes of the "Wide Awake Pleasure Book." Its contents cover a wider range of subjects than any other publication of the kind we know of, and are made up of contributions from the very highest literary talent in England and America, all written expressly for its pages and lavishly illustrated by the best artists. Each number is a perfect treasure house. The stories are bright, breezy and healthy, and the poetry is of the same character. The presence of this set of books in a family would exert an influence for good not to be lightly estimated. They are clearly printed and beautifully bound.

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The publishers of "Wide Awake" have secured for that magazine the new story which George MacDonald is now writing. It will be printed directly from the author's own manuscript.

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