

surmise that much of it may be found in the well-organized but little known Departamento de Bibliotecas y Archivos Económicos.

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The excellent and valuable series of bibliographical contributions prepared by the staff of the Instituto do Livro of the Brazilian Ministerio da Educação e Saúde, under the direction of Dr. Augusto Meyer, merits the enthusiastic commendation and the grateful appreciation of students, bibliographers, and librarians who are interested in Hispanic-American affairs.

The present compilation is the initial volume of a projected series of repertories covering books, pamphlets, and separates issued yearly by Brazilian presses.

It is arranged in the form of a dictionary catalogue, comprising entries under author, title, and specific subject in alphabetical order.

Entries under authors give full titles, imprints, collations, and in most cases prices; those under subject are given in abbreviated form.

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This simple plan largely avoids the unusual difficulty experienced not only by Anglo-American cataloguers by whom the first family name or the best known form is usually preferred but also by Portuguese bibliographers who vary considerably in their treatment of the problem.

In the introduction, the director, Dr. Augusto Meyer, explains the principles of preparation and arrangement, and comments on the general character of the published output during the period covered, noting a notable increase in pedagogical works, juvenile literature, and translations of foreign fiction with a decrease in the last named field in works of Brazilian authors.

This valuable volume closes with a list of the publications of the Ministry for 1938-39, and one of publishers and printers.

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