

A Book Thrown Away

A book collector ran into an unbookish acquaintance who soon revealed that old books didn't mean anything to him.

In fact, he observed he had just thrown away a big old Bible that had been packed away in the attic of his ancestral home for generations. He was describing it and said, "Somebody named Guten-something had printed it."

The bibliophile gasped. "Not Gutenberg! You idiot! You've just thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy sold recently at an auction for more than a million dollars!"



Johannes Gutenberg (for a history refresher) lived from 1395 to 1468. He was a German blacksmith and goldsmith best known for introducing printing to Europe. His invention of mechanical movable type printing started the Printing Revolution, and is widely regarded as the most important event of the modern period.

The unbookish man was unmoved by the conversation. He responded that the copy of the Bible he threw away wasn't worth a million dollars. "It wouldn't have brought a dime. Some fellow named Martin Luther had scribbled notes all through it!"

That story proves the maxim – you've heard it – "one man's junk is another man's treasure."

And some folks think that people who require long-term health care aren't much use to society anymore.

But for us, they are Life Care's treasures – men and women of wisdom, leaders in the progress of their communities and our nation.

And we learn much from them.

– Beecher Hunter