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From Your (home remedy) Editor

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Dear Mark Herring:

I had just read and enjoyed your Against the Grain item on YouTube (see ATG, v.18#6, p.70) and thought “great, now he can explain the whole ‘Second Life’ phenomenon...www.secondlife.com.” Today I received an alert about your Fools Gold release ... congratulations!

Sincerely,
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From Your (home remedy) Editor:

Charleston is hot one day (70s, approaching 80) and cold the next (20s and 30s). This is particularly challenging for those of us who want to stay well, especially when everyone around us is sick. So, in an attempt to ward off the germs, I have been trying all kinds of home remedies — hot tea with lemon and honey, Vicks Vapor-rub, Cold-eeze, you know the drill.

And, in between the home remedies, we have been working on this fantastic issue of ATG which is guest edited by Sheila Bair and Pam Rebarcak Cowart of Michigan State University. It’s all about digitization projects and metadata and what we need to know and we have six articles filled with need-to-know information. The interviews are with Bob Nardini who has left YBP for Coutts and JoAnne Sparks who is the Director of Library Services at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. We are lucky to have an OpEd in this issue by the entertainingly awesome Mary Ann Liebert and it’s about Open Access. And the passionately opinionated and provocative Matthew Brucelli has given us his paper from the 2006 Charleston Conference, The End of Books and the Death of Libraries. Whew!

Kristen Martin has done a special report about the challenges of cataloging eBooks and, Biz of Acq gives a perspective on library conferences. We have a new Papa who is remembering — Richard Abel begins his “Tale of a Band of Booksellers”: i.e., the beginning of the Richard Abel Company. Not to mention selected 2006 Charleston Conference reports. And, of course, that is far from all of what’s in this issue!

But, I feel a chill coming on and I have to make myself a cup of hot tea. In the meantime, I’m hoping the groundhog comes out and stays out. I’m ready for spring!.

Happy rest of winter. And see you in Baltimore.

Cheers,
Yr. Ed. 🐦