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- A Critical Survey -

What do we as a nation care about books?
How much do you think we spend altogether
on our libraries, public or private, as
compared with what we spend on our horses?

- John Ruskin

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