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# GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN 

## A CONSCIENTIOUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS WORTH WHILE

[THIS LISTING COVERS THE NINE DAYS FROM FRIDAY, MAY 29, THROUGH SATUR-
DAY, JUNE 6. TIME GIVEN, INCLUDING TRAIN DEPART day, JUNE 6. TIME GIVEN, iNCLUDING TRAIN DEPARTURES, IS DAYLIGHT SAVING.]

## THE THEATRE

(Unless otherwise noted, it is assumed that curtains will rise at $2: 30$ and $8: 40$ P.M. for attractions listed under "plays;" at 2:30 and $8: 30$ p.m. for those under "WITH mUSIC;" and that the midweek matine will be given on Wednesday. E. and W. stand for East and West of Broadway.)

PLAYS
As Husbands Go-A nice, neat little comedy by Rachel Crothers, lavishly benefited by the high humor of Catharine Doucet. (John Golden, 58, E. Mats. Wed. and Thurs.)
As You Desire Me-Pirandello again up to his old tricks of making you guess who is really who. Judith Anderson gives a fine performance as the woman who wasn't. (Maxine Elliott, 39, E. Closes May 30.)
The Barretts of Wimpole Street-Katha rine Cornell in a section of the early love life of Elizabeth Barrett with You-KnowWho. (Empire, B'way at 40. 8:30 P.M.)
Five Star Final-A bitter attack on tabloid journalism and sensational name-mongering which is crude but impressive. Arthur Byron heads the cast. (Cort, 48, E.)
Grand Hotel-If you can get in, you will see what goes on in a Berlin hotel while people are killing, stealing, cheating, and seducing. The most absorbing play in town. (National, 41, W. $8: 30$ p.m.)
The Green Pastures-Marc Connelly's beautiful Old Testament epic told in terms of an old Negro's imagination. Second year on Broadway. (Mansfield, 47, W. 8:30 p.m.)
MÉco-All the elementary ingredients of oldtime triangle melodrama, put together, for the most part, with simplicity and dramatic effectiveness by Henry Bernstein. A splendid performance by Edna Best, assisted by Earle Larimore and Basil Rathbone. (Ethel Barrymore, 47, W. 8:50 p.m.)
Mrs. Moonlight-Edith Barrett as a young girl who grows old without showing it. Sir Guy Standing and Haidee Wright give notable support. (Little, 44, W. 8:50 p.M.)
Once in A Lifetime-Whether you know about Hollywood or not, there ought to be about a hundred and fifteen laughs for you in this lampoon on the movie business. (Plymouth, 45, W. Mat. Thurs.)
Precedent-The Mooney case made into a propaganda play which is better than most. (Bijou, 45, W. $8: 50$ P.M.)
Private Lives-Now that Otto Kruger and Madge Kennedy have taken over the leading roles in this, it is good, legitimate, farce comedy without reference to the English dialect. (Times Square, 42, W. Mat. Thurs. 2:40 p.M.)
The Silent Witness-An English mystery play, not any too exciting, but interesting and agreeable. A cast headed by Lionel Atwill does well by it. (Morosco, 45, W. 8:50 P.M.)
Tomorrow and Tomorrow-Philip Barry's sensitive and finely written modern version of the Biblical story of Elisha and the Shunemite woman. This time the woman is relieved of her barrenness without the aid
of miracles but with considerable talk. Herbert Marshall and Zita Johann do well by it. (Henry Miller, 43, E. Mat. Thurs.)
Tonight or Never-Helen Gahagan in one of the better accounts of how an opera singer improved her voice by seeing Life. Miss Gahagan also sings well. (Belasco, 44, E. Mat. Thurs. $2: 40$ p.M.)

The Vinegar Tree-Mary Boland at her best in a farce-comedy dealing with renewing old loves or whatever comes along handy. (Playhouse, 48, E. Mats. $2: 40$ P.M.)

## WITH MUSIC

America's Sweetheart-A tuneful score and a clever chorus and a lot of nice young principals, but the book is one of those satires on Hollywood. With Jack Whiting, Jeanne Aubert, and Inez Courtney. (Broadhurst, 44. W.)
Billy Rose's Crazy Quilt-Fannie Brice, Phil Baker, and Ted Healy in a crazy show with enough good features to carry it easily well into the summer. (44th Street, 44, W.)
Gilbert and Sullivan-Milton Aborn's revival of "H.M.S. Pinafore," with Fay Templeton, Ruth Altman, Joseph Macaulay, William Danforth, and Howard Marsh, will be presented through Sat. Eve., May 30 be presented through , Sat. Eve., May 30
only. "The Gondoliers", will be the bill for two weeks starting Mon. Eve., June 1. (Erlanger, 44, W.)
Girl Crazy-Some Gershwin tunes on a dude ranch, with Willie Howard to make merry. Ginger Rogers, Allen Kearns, William Kent,


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and Ethel Merman are also in it. (Alvin, 52, W.)
Rhapsody in Black-A Negro musical revue without any of its usual disadvantages. Ethel Waters' singing is enough to make this one worth seeing. (Harris, 42, W.)
Three's a Crowd-If you don't know by now that this is good, you'll never know. Featuring Clifton Webb, Libby Holman, and Fred Allen. (Selwyn, 42, W. Mat. Thurs. Closes Sat., June 6.)
The Wonder Bar-A floor show which, in transition from Germany to America, has become almost entirely a Jolson show. (Bayes, 44, W. No Mats.)

Vaudeville-Dr. Rockwell, Jack Benny, James Barton, Harriet Hoctor, and Armida will be at the Palace Fri., May 29. Frances Williams will be there for the week starting Sat. Aft., May 30. (Palace, B'way at 47. 2:20 and 8:20 P.M. daily ; extra performance Sun. at $5: 20$ P.m.)

## OPENINGS OF NOTE

(Dates of openings should be verified, because of frequent late changes by managers.)
Third Little Show-Dwight Deere Wiman's intimate revue, with Beatrice Lil lie. Ernest Truex, Carl Randall, Walter O'Keefe, Constance Carpenter, and Gertrude MacDonald. Opens Mon., June 1. (Music Box, 45, W. 8:30 p.m. Mat. Thurs.)
The Way of the World-Congreve's play, revived by the Players' Club, with Walter Hampden, Fay Bainter, and Dorothy Stickney. Opens Mon., June 1, and plays one week only. (Guild, 52, W. $8: 40$ P.M. Mat. Thurs.)
The Band Wagon-A revue by George S. Kaufman and Howard Dietz, music by Arthur Schwartz, with Fred and Adele Astaire, Tilly Losch, Frank Morgan, and Helen Broderick. Opens Thurs., June 4. (New Amsterdam, 42, W. $8: 30$ p.m.)

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operetta (in German) with some of the choicest tunes you will find anywhere. (Europa, 55, E. of 7 Ave.; performances continuous from noon.)
News Reel Theatres-A potpourri of current events for a quarter. (Embassy, B'way at 46; Trans-Lux, Madison at 58; and Trans-Lux, B'way between 49 and 50 ; continuous weekdays from 10 A.m.; Sun. from noon.)
The following, if you run across them, are also recommended: "A Connecticut Yankee," a droll and preposterous movie from Mark Twain's story, with Will Rogers; "City Lights," the Charlie Chaplin picture, and all that it should be; "The Front Page," the newspaper play with all its old speed and life, a big triumph for the talkies; "Svengali," John Barrymore, in possibly his best screen performance, showing us some of the things poor Trilby had to suffer.


## ART

Ceramics-Loan exhibition of Near East ceramic art: Metropolitan Museum of Art, Gallery D-6. Open weekdays 10 A.M. to 5 p.M.; Sat. until 6 P.M.; Sun 1 to 6 P.M. Contemprorary-Good examples of the lead-Contemporary-Good examples of the lead-
ing American and French painters in an active museum: Gallery of Living Art, New York University, 100 Wash. Sq. E. Open weekdays 9 A.m. to 8 p.m. ; Sat. until 3 P.M.
American-Kuniyoshi, Blume, Spencer, Billings, and men of the more modern trends: Daniel, 600 Madison, above 57 . Open weekdays, except Sat., 10 A.m. to 5 P.M.
French-Picasso, Lurçat, Derain, and others. Some of the best contemporary French in a summer show: Valentine, 69 E. 57 . Open weekdays 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Sat. until 1 P.M.
Modern-The Museum of Modern Art's memorial exhibition of the L. P. Bliss Collection, including Cézanne, Gauguin, Seurat, Matisse, Picasso, Renoir, Degas, and many other nineteenth and twentieth-century French. Also, works by Arthur B. Davies: 12th floor, Heckscher Bldg., 5 Ave. at 57. Open weekdays 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.; 8 to 10 P.M. (except Sat.) ; Sun. 2 to 6 P.M.

Right Wing-The passing generation of American painters in a summer show, for American painters in a summer show, for like a cow, etc.: Macbeth, 15 E. 57 . Open like a cow, etc.: Macbeth, 15 E. 57 . Open
weekdays 10 A.m. to 5 P.m.; Sat. until 1 P.m.

## MUSIC

Barrere Little Symphony-Post-season concert at popular prices, Barrère conducting: Town Hall, Wed Eve., June 3, at 8:30.

## ON THE AIR

Everett Marshall-Baritone soloist, in Atwater Kent Hour: Sun. Eve., May 31, at 9:15, over WEAF.
Detroit Symphony-Kolar conducting, in Graham-Paige Hour : Sun. Eve., May 31, at 9:30, over WABC
Toscha Seidel-Violinist, with string quartet: Sun. Eve., May 31, at 11, over WABC
Rosa Ponselle-Singing in "La Forza del Destino," broadcast from Covent Garden, London: Mon. Aft., June 1, at 3, over WABC.
Rochester Civic Orchestra-Harrison conducting, in Stromberg-Carlson Hour: Mon. Eve., June 1, at 10, over WJZ.
Philco Symphony Orchestra-Barlow conducting: Tues. Eve., June 2, at 9:30, over WABC.

Tr.ick-Intercollegiate A.A.A.A. championships, broadcast from Franklin Field, Phila-
delphia: Fri. Aft., May 29, at 3, and Sat. Aft., May 30, at $2: 30$, over WABC. President Hoover-Memorial Day address, broadcast from Valley Forge, Pa.: Sat. Morn., May 30, at 10:30, over WABC and WJZ.
George Bernard Shaw-Speaking on Joan of Arc, from London: Sat. Aft., May 30, at 4:20, over WABC.
British Derby-Broadcast from the course at Epsom: Wed. Morn., June 3, at 9:45, over WJZ.
U.S. Naval Academy Graduation Exer-CISES-Address by Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams, broadcast from Annapolis: Thurs. Morn., June 4, at 11:45, over WABC.
Willie and Eugene Howard-Guest artists, with Rudy Vallée and his band, in the Fleischmann Hour: Thurs. Eve., June 4, at 8 , over WEAF.

## SPORTS

Baseball-At Polo Grounds: Giants vs. Brooklyn, Fri., May 29, at $3: 20$ P.M., and Sat., May 30, at $1: 30$ P.M (doubleheader) ; Giants vs. Philadelphia, Sun., May 31, at 3 P.M. (Take 6 or 9 Ave. "L" or Bus No. 3.) ...At Yankee Stadium: Yankees vs. St. Louis, Tues. through Fri., June 2-5, at 3:15 p.m.; Yankees vs. Cleveland, Sat., June 6, at 3 P.M. (Take 6 or 9 Ave. " $L$ " or Jerome Ave. subway.)
Boxing-At Madison Square Garden: Junior Boxing Tournament, Mon. Eve., June 1, at 8:15. . . Vince Dundee vs. Ben Jeby, Thurs. Eve., June 4 ; preliminaries at $8: 30$ p.m.

Crew-Childs Cup, Princeton-ColumbiaPennsylvania, on Lake Carnegie, Princeton, N.J., Sat., May 30, at 5 P.M. (Train leaves Penn. Sta. for Princeton at $2: 15$ P.M.) . . American Henleys, on the Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, Sat. Aft., May 30.
Fencing-National Outdoor Epée Championships: N.Y.A.C., Travers Island, N.Y., Sun., May 31, at 11 A.M.
Golf-Women's Metropolitan Tournament: Montclair Golf Club, Montclair, N.J., last two days, Fri. and Sat., May 29 and 30. . . Long Island Amateur: Timber Point Golf Club, Great River, L.I., Thurs. through Sun., June 4-7.
Horse Shows-West Point Horse Show, West Point, N.Y., Tues. and Wed., June 2 and $3 . \ldots$ Tuxedo Horse Show, Tuxedo Park, N.Y., Fri. and Sat., June 5 and 6.
Polo-High-goal play at Fleischmann Field, Sands Point, Port Washington, L.I., every Sun. Aft., at 4, starting Sun., May 31. (Train leaves Penn. Sta., L. I. R. R., at 2:09 P.M.)
Racing-Belmont Park: races weekdays at 2:30 p.m. (Special trains leave Penn. Sta. at intervals from $12: 15$ to $1: 50$ P.M.)
Tennis-Davis Cup, American Interzone Finals: Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Md., Fri, and Sat. Afts., May 29 and 30, at $2: 30$. (Trains leave Penn. Sta. for Washington at $8: 15$ and $9: 10$ A.M.). .. Men's Singles Invitation Tournament, Orange Lawn Tennis Club, South Orange, N.J., Fri. through Sun. Afts., May 29-31.
Track-Intercollegiate A.A.A.A. championships: Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Fri. and Sat. Afts., May 29 and 30.
Yachting-Championship races on Long Island Sound: Harlem Yacht Club, City Island, Sat. Aft., May 30; Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, Oyster Bay, Sat. Aft., June 6.

## OTHER EVENTS

Convict Ship-If you're interested in dungeons, branding irons, and torture devices, you might visit the Australian convict ship. Success. built in 1790 , and now on exhibition at W. 79 and Hudson River. Open daily $10 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{m}$. to 11 P.M.
Note-Fri., May 29 is the last day to get motor driving licenses renewed.

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## Notes and Comment

SYCIENTISTS assume that anything is progress just so long as it's never been accomplished before. But is it? Thanks to science a rather dismal time is ahead-a time too full of convenience, too crowded with comfort, an over-sanitary, hyper-efficient age, buzzing with monkey talk and the precision

of machines doing well what doesn't need to be done. One thing leads to another: radio has led to television, television may lead to teletaction. In the future a mother may send her child a good-night kiss though she be (and probably will be) hundreds of miles away; in the future a Theodore Dreiser may slap a Sinclair Lewis on the cheek, though they be in different cities or even countries. And how do we know it's progress? What makes people think it's progress? Is it progress that in Rome the head of a church goes on the air in three languages for his far-flung communicants; or that in Thirty-fourth Street a former governor gains eleven hundred feet on heaven and ends in an unused mooring mast; or that in Kiel a new German cruiser, meeting all the specifications of naval limitation, slides down the ways looking for trouble?

In the last episode we detected one of the gay little flecks of human shimmer that sometimes dance on the dark surface of progress: the ship accidentally got loose and slid down five minutes before the speakers were ready. Von Hindenburg, seeing a whole battleship getting away from him, hollered after it: "And now glide into thine element and fare forth on the broad sea!" But the cruiser had already departed, unsponsored, and nobody heard
the benediction because the loudspeaker had departed with the ship.

ON several occasions we have heard people complain, academically, that New York gave lovers no chancethere was no place they could go and be alone, they didn't get a break, their surroundings were inevitably unromantic and unhelpful. We have never believed it for a minute, and, moreover, in one respect we regard New York as a place in a million for lovers. Think what it means to a girl from Tenth Avenue to be able to take her beau into the smoking-room of a Broadway movie house, for a halfhour's chat before the feature begins. There, in surroundings vaguely Louis XIV or nearly Early Renaissance, she can build the right mood for love. Her own home may have a stuffy parlor at

the end of a drab hallway, but what does she care as long as there are a dozen trysting places nearby, whose cathedral hush will make Love appear as golden as a Paramount ceiling?

WE find, in a drawer, an old memorandum: "Tell the Phone Company about little snakes." This refers, we suspect, to an idea we once had that the Telephone Company should study the habits of snakes, the better to cope with the problem of phone cords that get wrapped around each other on one's desk. Pause in front of a cage in the reptile house: there the little snakes are, so snarled it is hard to tell which tail belongs to which head. It is the same with phone cords, that twine and intertwine to our
great embarrassment. Really the Company should keep a man in the snake house all the time; much might be learned from an inquiry into snakes' lives and a study of their motives. As it is with snakes, so is it with phone cords.

WE hear that Commissioner Hoyt, the traffic expert, is planning to stagger the lights in Fifth Avenue before the summer is over, hoping to make possible a continuous flow of traffic. The stagger system has been tried out in Central Park West (a one-way northbound street) and works all right there. We predict it won't work in Fifth (except upper Fifth), at all, because it depends for its success on all vehicles' maintaining a uniform rate of speed, enabling them to arrive in the next block just as the light turns green. Uniform speed in Fifth is impossible, where the buses go slow, where private cars go faster, and where all cars are occasionally held up by congested corners and by left-turn artists. Theoretically (and we once spent hours working this out with pencil and paper) the only thing staggered lights do is to obviate the necessity of shifting gears, by relieving motorists of the necessity of ever stopping completely. Staggering the lights does not actually cut down the time it takes to get between two given points, it simply makes it useless to sprint. We should think the stagger system would

work well in Park, where the rate of speed is fairly uniform, or in Fifth above Fifty-ninth Street, but in midtown Fifth we bet staggered lights will

hold up buses and short-haul cars and will defeat their own end. Just when you are getting free of the red light, you will run into the next red lightbecause your speed is insufficient to keep up with the green.

## Town Pet

AQUIETLY dressed woman appeared in Central Park one day last week carrying one of those fashionable wicker baskets commonly used for transporting cats. Near the site of the old reservoir, the lady placed the basket on the ground, gently opened it, and out stepped a plump white hen. Surprised by the sight of such a large and elegant barnyard, the hen clucked one bewildered cluck, and just stood there. Her owner began scratching industri-
ously in the grass with a small stick, but the hen just looked at her and refused to scratch. The lady then produced an enamelled pannikin of grain and one of water from the basket and set these before the hen. The bird was merely bored and made a vague effort to get back in the basket. The owner forced her to stay out in the air, however, for upward of half an hour, after which she was packed up and borne off, through a small solemn crowd, in the general direction of Broadway.

## Out of the Silence

WE sat at the ringside last Friday night and watched Miss Evelyn Parry, national lip-reading champion, at her work. The scene was a big room in the Grand Central Palace. Four
chairs were arranged in a square, one at each corner, and joined with ropes to make the enclosure look like a prizefight ring. Everything is done to make lip-reading contests seem as exciting and as important as tennis or boxing, and in their way they are.

Miss Parry was qualifying for the sixth national lip-reading tournament, to be held in Chicago early in June. She won the championship last year in the Hotel Roosevelt here, defeating the talented Miss Margaret Crawley of Philadelphia, twice national champion. Miss Parry is a tall girl with bright, wide-set brown eyes. She can't hear a thing you say, but you wouldn't guess it. We talked to her for ten minutes, rapidly, but she got every word.

First she sat in a chair in the ring, leaning tensely forward, frowning, her lips set tight. Each of nine "sparring partners" stood up in turn, faced her, and asked a question. She answered instantly. This was simple. Later Miss Parry and a group of other able lip-readers all sat in a semicircle and faced a woman who tried all sorts of tricks-talking rapidly, talking in a dim light, talking at a distance of twentyfive feet, asking difficult questions, telling long, involved stories. Miss Parry's voice was usually first in response. Once in a while one of the others got something she didn't; for instance, she was bewildered by "Taj Mahal." All of them missed on one word: "oysters."

Miss Parry has a lot of fun with her special talent. Recently, sitting opposite two men in a roaring subway train, she made out a story one was telling the other; at the proper moment she laughed. They were discomfited and baffled. In the old days of the silent movies she used to enjoy reading the actors' lips. Once she saw Wallace Reid say "Shut up!" to a languid lady he was supposed to be making love to. Another time an actor in a deathbed scene said sadly, by way of bidding his tearful wife farewell: "I'll die and no mistake if they shoot this scene again!"

Miss Parry lost her hearing, through illness, when she was thirteen. She early proved unusually apt at lip-reading. She is now a typist with General Motors, which is proud of her. The corporation gave her a week's special vacation after she won the silver cup last June.

New York has dozens of expert lipreaders. Now and then a detective agency hires one for some such task as sitting in a courtroom and seeing what
lawyers and clients say in a huddle. Seventy-eight organizations for the hard-of-hearing in America send their champions to the national contests, we were told.

IF you felt sad about Yale's abandoning the classics, don't visit the little bookstore in Eighth Street near Sixth Avenue. In front of it, on a small table, a handful of old volumes are piled under a sign reading: "Ten Cents. Three for a Quarter." One of them is a Harkness' Latin Grammar.

## Telephone Troubles

MAYBE you will recall that some time ago we described the combination inkstand-and-microphone devices which the Telephone Company craftily had installed on the desks in its commercial offices, the idea being that the heads of the department might, by listening in occasionally, keep track of what kind of talk their representatives are handing to customers, and vice versa. Well, it seems the idea has been causing a lot of trouble, and improvements on the original plan are now under way. The difficulty was that people almost invariably got to wondering about the wire which connected the inkstand with the floor plugs. "Excuse me," they would ask with pardonable curiosity at some stage of the interview, "but would you mind telling me why your inkstand is electrically wired?" The company representatives got to dread this question. There was no way of evading it, and customers, on learning that someone in the recesses of the building might well have been listening silently to their every word, usually got up and hurried, shuddering, away.

However, we hear, the improvement is expected to take care of everything nicely. New-type microphones are to be supplied, equipped with dummy mother-ofpearl pushbuttons. "Buzzer for my secretary," the representative will explain.

## Hint for Wags

THE cellophane wrapper from a package of cigarettes, crushed gently in the hand and placed in a glass of warm water-or warm highball-makes a very
plausible piece of jagged ice. Let us know how you make out with it we're too tired to try. Better yet, don't let us know.

## Fame and the Poet

AFEW people snickered when the bust of Whitman was placed in the Hall of Fame this year, in recollection of a series of happenings twelve years ago, when a bust of the poet was first placed there. It was unofficial then, and quite a story of high-handed waggishness, here told, we think, for the first time.

Dr. A. L. Goldwater, an ostensibly peaceful physician with an uptown practice, was the villain of the thing. In 1919, as a result of a promise made at the annual dinner of the Walt Whitman Society, he had advanced the poet's name for the Hall, and he was wrathy at what resulted. The directors had left Whitman far down on the list; hadn't even seriously considered him. The Doctor resolved to get a bust of Whitman into the Hall, whether or no. He enlisted an accomplice, Miss Edna Porter, the actress. First they set about finding a suitable bust, which they finally did, in a barn then used by Duncan MacDougal for his group of actors. MacDougal, however, refused to sell the figure at any price. So the conspirators just took it, one night during a rehearsal.

A few days later, on a rainy May
afternoon, Dr. Goldwater and Miss Porter walked boldly into the Hall of Fame. The bust was concealed under the lady's raincoat. When nobody was looking they placed the figure in a niche between a couple of other poets. Dr. Goldwater then printed the poet's name in large letters on the wall under the niche, and a line from the poet: "I know that I am deathless." He used silver nitrate, which didn't show until he and his companion had quitted the place, but which shortly had eaten glaring black letters into the marble.

Later that day Dr. Goldwater telephoned the newspapers, anonymously, telling a wild-eyed tale. He said thirty Whitmanites had scaled the walls of the Hall of Fame, overpowered the guards, and installed the statue. There was a great to-do. The papers got all excited, as did New York University, which gathered itself and denied that there had been an assault, denied for several days, in fact, that a bust of Whitman was in the Hall. Then they discovered it sitting there innocently, and indignantly removed it and hid it in the Faculty Club. The silvernitrate legend was covered with a thick coating of plaster.

Dr. Goldwater had taken precautions to protect MacDougal. The day he put the bust into the Hall an advertisement had appeared in the Times complaining of the theft. The Doctor,

"Sorry. Nothing for you today, Miss Calhoun."
careful planner, had inserted this to indicate MacDougal's innocence, and his ownership of the image. The University didn't give it back, however; the University was mad. Several months went by and then Dr. Goldwater got the bust out of the Faculty Club. (How is still unknown.) He then pawned it in a shop for thirty cents, in the name of James Russell Lowell, who had said unkind things about Whitman. This came-thanks again to the good Doctor-to the ears of the papers. The papers by this time were pretty tired and baffled by the whole business, but a little story was printed saying that a man named Lowell had pawned Mr. Whitman for thirty cents, and through this MacDougal found where his bust was. He went down and got it back for thirtythree cents-three cents for interest.

## Youngest

WE'VE told a lot about old people recently, but after all Henry J. Kearney is, in his way, young, being the youngest of the Civil War veterans left in New York. This won him election as Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day parade. Mr. Kearney is eightyone. At the beginning of the Civil War he was ten and had just come here from England, where he was born, to visit an older brother. He tried to enlist in the army right off, but they laughed and sent him back to school. Two years later he managed to get in the navy as messenger and powdercarrier. He served on the sloop Hartford, flagship of Farragut's West Gulf Blockading Squadron. He says he never knew what was happening in the engagements because after the first sal-
vo the smoke was too thick to see anything. He has heard of only one younger member of the G.A.R., Major Clem, of Washington, D. C., who is only seventy-nine.

Mr. Kearney is commander of the Farragut Naval Post here, which boasts six survivors from an original membership of a hundred and sixtyseven. After the war, Kearney sailed on a ship through the Straits of Magellan to California. Later he spent thirteen years in Trinidad with the Barber Asphalt Company, which put down the first asphalt pavements in New York. Now he lives in New Jersey and commutes every day, going to a room in the basement of City Hall where he acts as secretary of the G.A.R. here. He signs vouchers for the aid of widows and children of Civil War veterans, writes letters, and talks with such other veterans as drop in. He is still quite vigorous and was ready to march the whole route in the parade; as Grand Marshal he has to ride. He likes to show you tattoos on his arms, put there in ' 64 and still showing plain.

Not many of his brothers in arms come in to see him at City Hall any more. Considerably fewer than a hundred are left in the city, and only about forty or fifty who can get about. Those who can still march join the parade at Eighty-seventh Street and Riverside Drive and struggle proudly past the stands at Ninetieth Street. Ten, fifteen years ago they used to fall in at Seventy-third Street, but the slight grade now is a Lookout Mountain. Those who can't walk ride, but they don't like to.

Only twenty-four posts of the Grand Army still function in Manhattan; there used to be fifty-six. When there are fewer than three members of a post it has to give up its charter, which calls for a commander and two vice-commanders. Six of the twenty-four posts left have only three members; most of the others have only four or five.

## Snake Family <br> THE fad for ladies' snake-

 skin shoes, which is still on the up, necessitates the capture ofvast quantities of water snakes, pythons, and lizards; and naturally this is quite a chore. We met the Brothers Battat last week, who have a thirty-two-foot snake-hunting launch in Java, a tannery to dress the skins in Frankfurt, Germany, and a sales office in Thirty-fourth Street. The Battats are Arabian-there are four of them: two brothers here; one cousin, Ezra, in Java; and one cousin, Edward, in Frankfurt.

Cousin Ezra captures the snakes and lizards. He makes long trips into the inner Javanese waterways in the launch, taking five or six natives with him. The natives work for twentyfive cents a day and consider the thing a great lark. In the awful heat of the jungle, wearing only trousers and shoes, they toil all day setting traps for water snakes and knocking pythons on the head. Sometimes small pythons are captured by the tobacco method: the snake is induced to open its mouth and say "ah," then a wad of tobacco is rammed down its throat; this puts the snake in a stupor and it can be caught. The big pythons - the thirty and forty-footers-are the ones that provide real sport. These are hunted after dark. Two or three of the natives go ashore armed with sticks, and while Cousin Ezra runs the launch slowly upstream playing his spotlight on the trees, the helpers move along parallel to it. When the light picks out a python asleep on a low branch, the natives steal up close, Ezra shoots the light directly at the snake's head, the snake stares sleepily at the light, and one of the natives socks the snake on the head. This is effective but dangerous, because although the blow hurts the python, it also sends him into action; he uncoils with lightning speed and drops to the ground, the natives sprinting clear, or doing their best to do so. One man always carries a big knife, to stab the snake if he should succeed in coiling around anybody. Stabbing is an emergency measure-a knife wound lowers the value of the skin. The snakes are regularly killed by poisoning, ton; then they are skinned and the skins hung up to sun-tan for a while.

The Brothers Battat told us that our home-grown Florida water snakes are no good for the trade because they're too small: a snake or lizard skin has to be fairly broad to make a shoe. There are, of course, other big importers, and the business is really good: the Battats always have about a hundred and fifty thousand skins on the way. Java is

particularly rich with crawling things, but the snake belt extends through Borneo and some of Indo-China. There's no prospect of the supply giving out either-the snakes reproduce as fast as Cousin Ezra can catch them.

## Oxford to Harlem

HAVING noticed our anecdote about the gentleman who hailed a friend, the only other white man in a Harlem cabaret, with the remark, "Doctor Livingstone, I presume," an English correspondent reminds us that the salutation is a favorite at Oxford, and especially at Balliol College, which has so many colored students from the British colonies in Africa. Continuing, he tells another one, which occurred last year, at the time of the inter-college boat races, at Oxford. In a local moving-picture house, an adventure film was showing. The scene was in Africa. The hero was in flight through the jungle, the native cannibals after him. He reached a stream, seized a boat, and was off: the audience sighed with relief. But
alas! around a bend in the river came a canoeload of savage blacks, plumed and nose-ringed, waving spears and paddling furiously. The audience leaned forward, gasping, but from the back of the theatre came a calm, very Oxford voice, drawling: "Well rowed, Balliol. Well rowed, I say."

## Bells

DRIVING through western Illinois on his way back from the Coast, an automobilist was astonished to hear the music of bells emanating from the steeple of a neat little whitewashed church, vibrant chimes reminiscent of Sundays in Europe. He stopped in at the church, listened to the service, and afterward introduced himself to the pastor. The latter explained the music. He had long felt the need of the people of his town for that form of beauty, but of course his church could not afford a carillon, nor even a large organ. He was, however, something of a radio experimenter and he had installed four large loudspeakers in his steeple, connecting these to a phono-
graph with an electric pickup and adequate amplifiers. Then he had got together records of the best European church music, a total of two hundred of them. Now the little Midwestern town listens to the bells of Notre-Dame and Westminster, the Vatican organ and choir, the choir of the Russian Cathedral in Paris, various music from the cathedrals of Cologne, Seville, and many other places.

## Master Key

AHard-Working manufacturer, staying late at his office, decided to go out for something to eat and come back. Going through his pockets he found he had left his keys in his golf pants, or somewhere, so he rummaged through the head office-boy's desk, looking for a key which would let him back into the place. He finally found, after a long quest, a key attached to a piece of cardboard which bore the words, printed in ink: "Master Key." In pencil, in one corner, was the notation: "Won't work." It didn't either. -The New Yorkers

## FOREST CONVERSATION

(Miss Helen Twelvetrees, the screen star, is interviewed by Miss Iris Lovelace, who was never good at figures.)

Iris-Tell me, Miss Tentrees, what do you think of Chancellor Snowden's budget?
Helen-The name is Twelvetrees, Miss Lovelace, not Tentrees. You mustn't deprive me of those two extra trees, you know.
Iris-Oh dear, I am sorry. I was afraid this would happen.
Helen-Afraid what would happen?
Iris-Well, I'm simply awful at figures, Miss-Miss-
Helen-Steady now. Steady.
Iris-Don't tell me. Let me work it out for myself. Now let's see. Twice two is four and four makes nine . . .
Helen-Better begin again, Miss Lovelace.
Iris-Oh dear. Twice two is five and six more makes . . .
Helen-Wait. Take it easy. Don't get rattled. Twice two is what?
Iris-Twice two? Twice two is-is -oh, isn't it aggravating! Have you got the back of an old envelope?
Helen (sternly)-Miss Lovelace, I have as perfect a back as there is in Hollywood.
Iris-I mean I want something to figure on.
Helen-Oh, a piece of paper. Here's a piece of paper.
Iris-Not large enough, I'm afraid. This is a pretty hard sum, you know. I must do a lot of figuring.
Helen-How big a piece do you want?
IRIS—At least twelve by fourteen, I should say.
Helen-Waiter.
Waiter-Yes, Ma'am.
Helen-A piece of paper at least twelve by fourteen inches, please.
Iris-Oh no! Twelve by fourteen feet.
Waiter-One paper, twelve by fourteen.
Iris-Feet, now. Not inches.
Warter-Right. With or without pencil?


Iris-I brought my own pencil, thank you.
Warter (sarcastically) - Basket parties welcome.
Helen-Oh, let's shoot the works. I'm here on a holiday. Waiter, bring the pencil.
Waiter-Sharpened or unsharpened, Ma'am. There is a slight extra charge for sharpening.
Iris (whispering)-Don't do it. I've got a penknife here.
Helen-Oh, you're only young once. Sharpen it, garçon.
Garçon-Droit-o, Madame.
Iris-And would you mind wrapping up the shavings when you sharpen the pencil? I want to take them home to my cuckoo. He loves them. (W aiter glares at Iris and departs.)
Helen-Oh, you keep a cuckoo?
Iris-Yes, they're the ideal pet for a New York apartment. Even with the clock they take up so little room. And you know where they are. They're not off philandering all the time, like the pet bison I had year before last. But all that aside, I'm terribly sorry to cause all this trouble, Miss-
Helen-Twelvetrees, but don't you try that yet. You just call me Miss Tree until we get things straightened out.
Iris-Miss Viola Tree?
Helen-Anything you like.
IrIs-I've always been simply terrible at arithmetic.
Helen-Never took logarithms, eh?
Iris-Logarithms! It's been the dream of my life to master logarithms. But I can't even best simple fractions.
Helen-You haven't missed much. Logarithms are no bargain. Iris-I suppose if I did master logarithms, I'd only be wanting something else.
Helen-It's the eternal child in one, reaching for the moon.
Iris-Of course this arithmetic business is hereditary in me. My grandmother was awful at it. That's how she lost Lord Tennyson.
Helen-Lord Tennyson the poet?

Iris-Yes, he and Grandmamma were affianced, but, poor dear, she never could seem to get his name fixed. She kept calling him Lord Fiveson. He resented this, and one day he disappeared, to return to her no more. Plunged in grief, she took a course in algebra, but alas, it was too late. A girl who always got nine-ty-eight in geometry had copped him.
Helen-Say, that would make a good movie.
Iris-Yes, you could call it "Passion's Least Common Multiple."
Waiter (returning) -Sorry, Ma'am, we're all out of stationery.
Helen-Then it looks as though our interview is shot, Miss Lovelace.
Iris-I guess you're right. But before I go, Miss-
Helen-Twelvetrees.
Iris-Miss Twelvetrees, would you mind just answering that question about what you think of Chancellor Snowden's budget?
Helen-Certainly not. In my opinion, the budget will not come back, and if Chancellor Snowden thinks he can force women to adopt the budget again, he will find that he is sadly mistaken. We women have become used to the healthful freedom afforded by the new modes of dressing. We will not go back to the budget. -Frank Sullivan

## REFLECTION

Remembering words
We had together Concerning chance
And woe and weather,
Concerning pathways
Lately lost
And seas uncharted Or uncrossed,

Concerning moods
And motorcars,
Anemones
And shooting stars,
I have discovered
Two can chat
An hour or more
Of this and that
And part assured
And comforted
For having left love
Well unsaid.
-Sydney King Russell


## THE GIANT~KILLER

HE opened the door with his latchkey and looked around the living-room. He could hear his wife moving about in the kitchen, so he hurried through the pantry without removing his hat or coat. His face was set in a broad grin and he looked pleasantly excited.
"Well," he said, addressing his wife's back and trying to keep his voice casual, "I just socked a fellow."

His wife didn't look up from her work. "Did you?"

He took off his hat and coat with a calmness that was meant to be aggravating to the suspense he had created. "I did," he said. "And don't let anybody ever kid you about this good-deed-every-day stuff. It may sound like a Boy Scout, but it makes you feel great just the same."

His wife took an eggbeater from a drawer in the kitchen table and went back to her work. "What happened?" she said.
"Plen-ty!" he said, grinning from ear to ear. "Honey, maybe we've been married over five years, but there's lots you don't know about your little old husband." He leaned back against the table, his large hands crooked over its edge on either side of him.
"If you're a Boy Scout, I didn't know it," his wife said, and started churning the eggbeater. It made a steady droning clatter against the side of the bowl.
"Can't you stop that damned thing?" he said.
"I can hear you."
The recollection of his adventure prevented him from being annoyed, however, and the grin returned to his face.
"Now the first thing is to get your soil analyzed."

"Well," he said, "you know what the subway's like this time of the evening. I got on at Forty-second. A local, of course. I stood in the doorway on the platform, leaning against one of those big wheels and reading my paper. You know the wheels I mean."
"Yes."
"Then I noticed a fellow across the way from me. A dumb-looking egg. Pimply, sort of, and a Maltese cross of court-plaster on his neck. A boil or something. He was pretty well dressed, though, if you like snappy clothes. I don't! Well, anyway, I didn't like his
looks even then, and maybe I wasn't right!"
"Hmm," his wife said.
He waved his hand to distract her attention from the eggbeater and the bowl. "Listen! A little old bum gets on at Fifty-ninth Street. A sloppy old guy. Liquored up a little, but no harm in him. You know!"
"Hmm."
"Well, I'm getting ahead of myself, really." He raised his voice to make himself heard above the noise of the eggbeater. "I should have said the old bum tried to get on. I was in the doorway and so was this other bird." He looked at his wife's back. "The snappydressed one," he added.
"I know."
"Well, between us the doorway was pretty well blocked. I got out of the way as much as I could, but this other guy didn't budge. 'Gettin' on!' the old bum says. This other guy just gives a look over his shoulder-the hell with you, sort of-and stays where he is. Well, that got me, but I didn't do anything then."
"Of course not!" his wife said sharply.

He looked at her suspiciously. "What do you mean?"

She rattled the eggbeater furiously. "Why should you?"
"That's like you!" he said. He was suddenly knowing and superior. "You've got a lot to learn about me, honey!" He grinned down at her. "Well -to get on with it-the old bozo sees this other fellow isn't going to get out of his way so he just pushes on anyhow. Maybe he bunks this guy, or steps on his toes or something. I don't know. Anyway, you should have heard the yowl the young guy puts up! You'd think he'd had his arm taken off. So what does the little skunk start to do-"
"A little fellow?" his wife asked suddenly, laying the eggbeater aside.

He coughed. "About the old fellow's size, I'd say." He looked angrily at his wife as she crossed the kitchen. "Don't be interrupting me all the time, will you? You take all the kick out of it!"
"Go ahead," she said. "What did the little skunk do?"

Her husband laughed. "He starts calling the poor old bum all sorts of names. But the old boy doesn't take it lying down. Hegives as good as he getsand then some. And all the time you can see the other guy's working himself up into a sort of Dutch courage. Finally he gets up enough nerve to make a pass at the old fellow. Not exactly a pass, but it looks that way anyway."

HE paused and looked back on the scene, conscious that at last he had captured his wife's undivided attention. He waited deliberately, his face glowing. "Well," he said finally, "that got me! I grabbed him by the shoulder!" He caught the surprised look on his wife's face and was pleased. "Believe it or not, honey, I grabbed him and I said: 'Listen here, you!' He sort of squealed"-he threw himself quickly into the character of his opponent; he pursed his lips and spoke in a falsetto voice-"'You keep your hands off me!'" Then he resumed his natural tone. "Well, honey, I guess I lost my temper. I let him have it!"

He chuckled to himself and smashed a closed fist into his thick palm. "Right on the jaw! He went back so hard he jarred everybody down the line. Like ninepins." He laughed and looked expectantly at his wife.

For the first time she faced him fully. "So?"

The smile left his face. "Oh, nothing!" he said, and stood up. "I got off the train and waited for the next one."

His wife turned and walked over to the sink. "That's too bad," she said.

"Take my father. There's a character for you!"
"Did the good-looking girl get off turned on both faucets and the water too?"

He felt his face go suddenly red.
"Good-looking girl! What good-looking girl?"

She didn't answer.
"You think you're pretty wise," he said angrily, "but you guessed wrong that time!"
"Yes?" his wife said, and shrugged her shoulders indifferently. She had
drummed noisily into the dishpan.
-T. H. Wenning

## SOLITARY OBSERVATION BROUGHT BACK FROM

A SHORT SOJOURN IN HELL
At midnight tears
Run into your ears. -L. B.

"Did I ever
tell you of my experiences in the Mojave Desert?"

## AN OPEN LETTER TO BISHOP MANNING

## My Dear Bishop:

THOUGH I haven't the pleasure of your acquaintance, I have been anxious for some time to vary the monotony of the frequent articles about you and your attitude toward your profession.

For it is a profession, after all, isn't it, Bishop? I have been greatly struck with the apparent forgetfulness of all your critics in this regard. The Church, like the Army, the Navy, and the Law, is administered by a body of highly trained professionals, and whenever anybody gets to your height in any of these careers, there's usually a pretty good reason for it, I've noticed. In
other words, though neither you nor Jack Pershing nor Chief Justice Hughes has ever been remarkable for the glamorous magnetism and allure of a Valentino or a Garbo, I have an idea that you must know your stuff, all of you, or you wouldn't have got there.

BUT most of my friends, Bishop, while they are more than willing to admit the extreme technicality of Pershing's and Hughes' responsibilities, seem to feel that almost anybody could carry on successfully in your job if he were broadminded enough and had a sense of humor. Unfortunately for this theory, broadmindedness and hu-
mor don't happen to be your strongest points, so they're all taking you for a

Between you and me, the trouble is that people, especially people in New York, don't understand what a bishop is any more. If you ask me, I should say that the average idea of a bishop among our New York intelligentsia is a tactful, kindly gentleman who is opposed to birth control on general principles. But of course, Bishop, you know that's not so. You know that tact, kindliness, humor, and an abhorrence of birth control may or may not form part of a bishop's outfit, but that no one of them made him what he is today.

You know that a Bishop is a Boss. Just like Pershing and the Mayos and Hughes and Ziegfeld and St. Peter. All of them Bosses, each in his separate sphere. Pershing believes in the Army, the Mayos believe in the Clinic, Hughes believes in the Law, Ziegfeld believes in the Stage, and you believe in the Church. You didn't invent it, you didn't draw up the League Rules, you're not responsible for the by-laws; but you were trained in it, you earn your living in it, and if you don't know how to run it, who does? And that's what Pershing, Hughes, Ziegfeld, et al., think too.

But the trouble is, Bishop, that all these wise guys who are laughing so broadmindedly at you don't mean what you mean by "the Church." They mean a large building with a steeple and a gymnasium-fresh-air-fund annex for the poor, where they can be married and buried and wear cutaways at Easter-and they're willing to pay for it in between these ceremonies. Meanwhile they expect you to be tolerant. Just like a country club. When in doubt, be tolerant.

That's why they heckled you so about the Cathedral. They thought contributing money to it made them
shareholders and directors, you see. They were perfectly simple and honest about it. If anybody gave you one hundred thousand dollars, he thought he ought to go on the Board. Just as if I gave one hundred thousand dollars to West Point, I'd naturally expect Pershing to consult me now and then -or would I?

Now of course $I$ never believed this, Bishop. I knew that when you said the Cathedral would be for all the people, you meant that all the people could come and say their prayers in it and show it off to their aunt from the Middle West. And so they can. If Mr. Rockefeller ever really thought you meant anything else, he must be a great deal more naïve than I ever thought he was. And if he was laughing in his sleeve at you, after this test, as I have seen stated, I can only say that, so far as I can see, the laugh was up the other sleeve-and bishops' sleeves are considerably bigger than philanthropists', as we all know.

But I imagine that any one of the new elbow sleeves would be quite large enough to conceal any Episcopal laughter you might be tempted to in the case of the St.-Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie af-fair-stop me if you've heard this, won't you, Bishop? So many of my broadminded friends think that you took your dolls home and wouldn't play, that time, that I know just how you must feel about them, because I feel the same way you do. Not that I care much about it either way, you under-stand-I can take my church services or leave 'em alone-but I'm darned if I see how any great executive of any organization can safely let a subordinate run away with the works, and expect to hold his own job.

NOW I've had several pleasant conversations with Dr. Guthrie, and a more intelligent person I never want to hear. I wouldn't wonder if he knew a lot more about comparative religion than you do, Bishop-and that's all right, too, because of course your time has been otherwise occupied. You're not a Bishop of Comparative Religion, anyway: you're a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America,
and that's something else again. Personally, I like to hear a good "Hymn to the Sun" now and then as well as anybody, and I think Ra and Vishnu and Confucius are swell; but if I were a Protestant Episcopal Bishop, I'd want to feel sure, when I sailed into one of my churches to administer the rite of Confirmation, say, that the children wouldn't burst into an Aztec tribal chant or begin to croon the Eleusinian Mysteries at me! It would upset my sense of form.

Never shall I forget that Thanksgiving Day, Bishop, when I took my innocent children to St. Mark's, and we all flopped down on our knees, and after several perplexed and brain-racking minutes I realized that what I was solemnly replying "Amen" to was Washington's Farewell to the Troops! Or maybe it was the Gettysburg Address. Good stuff, both of them, but it was upsetting, Bishop.

I'm rather well-read, and as the service grew into one of those new parlor intelligence tests, with collects out of Emerson and prayers from the Declaration of Independence, I got quite excited and figured that I'd come out about 98 out of a possible 100. I'm no good on the Constitution.
But Hymns to the Growing Corn, however tribal and American, leave me cold, considered as integral parts of the Episcopal service. (Of course, I know the Indians weren't usually Episcopalians.)

Did you ever think of putting it this way to Dr. Guthrie: up to now he's confined himself mostly to Asia in his researches, and these rituals are quite

guarded, if you see what I mean, and more or less abstract. But Africa's quite a continent, too, and for all I know there are a lot of good old religions knocking around there, and some highly interesting and symbolic dances, if all I hear is true. There are probably a number of basic home truths in Cannibalism, if we understood it, that we'd all be the better for-why not? What's the good in being narrow about these things?

BUT what you lost on the Cathedral skirmish and the St. Mark's pogrom were mere nothings beside the mortality lists after the Dr. Coffin episode. All the broad minds in the country jumped on you then. And felt nobler and kindlier and more tolerantly Christian after the jump, at that. Dekes who would have seen red if a Psi U man horned in on their initiation ceremonies, Colony Club members whose guests can't peep into the lounge, Bar Association luminaries who sit up nights to purify the Bar, and chiropodists who want nobody to practice their art who hasn't drilled and signed up with the Podiatric League, all jumped heavily on you, Bishop, because you didn't see your way to allowing the principal rite of your church to be administered by any other than a technically authorized member of it.

And yet no graduate of the Yale Law School can argue a case at the New York Bar until the State of New York has admitted him, and I doubt seriously if there is any more technical difference between a New York lawyer and a Connecticut lawyer than there is between an Episcopalian and a Presbyterian.

Of course, all these broadminded people, having no definite dogmatic and practitional convictions at all, don't see why any intelligent, kind-hearted man shouldn't officiate to any extent in any church. They don't apply this rule to any other organization in America, but it goes all right for the Church, because they're not Churchmen. But you are a Churchman, Bishop, and you earn your living by it, and naturally you back up the rules that put you where you are. I feel com-

"Isn't that that friend of Father's?"
pelled to assure you that in my opinion you were dead right in that little ecclesiastical shindy.
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TOW, sir, it's off my mind and I feel better. I'm sorry to be al-
ways defending you, because I don't make much of a hit with it at ladies' luncheons, believe me! But when it comes to giving you a hand in any further little professional controversies, if your position is as solid as it has been
up to date, I'm going to give till it hurts!

Hoping, all the same, that we'll never meet, I am,

Yours logically,
Josephine Daskam Bacon

# $\mathbf{x} \times$ * PROFILES <br> $\times$ X <br> MAN WITH CAMERA 

AFEW months ago, when the S.S. Viking blew up off northern Newfoundland and its few survivors struggled across the ice pack to Horse Island, the parents of Varick Frissell, who was lost in the disaster, sent airplane scouts to search for his body. The chief pilot was Bernt Balchen and the expedition was organized by a man named Cooper. A few weeks later, when Anthony Fokker went to Washington to defend the planes he made in 1929 (following the crash of one of them and the resulting death of Knute Rockne), with him was the same Cooper. One would have said from his recent activities that aviation is Cooper's business. In a purely technical sense, since he is director of three companies interested in aviation, this is true. But if a man's business is literally what he is busy about, commercial aviation is only an incident in Merian Cooper's life.

WHEN the young Joseph Conrad placed his forefinger on a white space on the map of Africa and said: "Some day I shall go there," he set a standard for romantic and adventurous young men. But this was long before the day when explorers were equipped by advertisers and signed up for daily wireless reports to their newspapers. Adventure under contract may still be dangerous, but the dangers seem to be those which a literary agent and a publicity man can easily handle.

When Merian Coldwell Cooper returned to America from several wars and sundry adventures, he also consulted a map, but his methods were not quite so casual as Conrad's. He looked for a country or a district which was little known to the western world and in which natural events full of action and movement occurred. He wanted to explore. He also wanted to take moving pictures. He found what he wanted in the annual migration of the Bakhtiári tribe in northern Persia. He knew that each year these mysterious people, whom the ethnographers have not yet assigned definitely to any of the major races, moved their women and children and goats and cattle, their household goods, their altars and their cats and dogs, over mountains and through rivers, across plains deep in
snow and long reaches of barren land, to find grass.

With Mrs. Marguerite Harrison and Ernest B. Schoedsack he started off in 1923 on the expedition to make the film "Grass." There was no elaborate financing; almost all the money they had went for forty thousand feet of motion-picture film. They carried only one tent-for Mrs. Harrison, the men sleeping in the open. It took them eight months to reach the tribe-they had to winter in the Turkish mountains and were delayed by the guerilla warfare then going on among the Turks. They discovered a kind of absentee chief of the tribe at Shustar and, armed with credentials from him, presented themselves to the tribe and the filming of the migration was permitted. The picture could not be faked because none of the party could speak the language of the tribe and the "interpreter," a Persian boy, knew hardly any English. Moreover, the desperate urgency of the flight toward food for the herds made the artificial arrangement of scenes impossible. The herds, the children, the process of living, the precarious rafts on swollen streams, the bivouac for the night, the preparation of food, the religious ceremonies, the animals staggering up mountain paths, and the final entry into green pastures, made up the film, without the assistance of plot, sex appeal, or the other tricks of the trade.

WHEN the migration was over and the picture completed, they returned to America and offered their work to Paramount. It was coolly received; it was not the usual feature film; but of the effective heads of Paramount, Jesse Lasky, at least, was enthusiastic, and the picture was accepted. The enthusiasts and the skeptics in Paramount were both right, because the film bewildered most of the people who saw it. Yet it was so highly praised and the ardor of those who liked it was so great that it was not a loss. It paid back the few thousand dollars which the expedition cost and made a small profit for Paramount, Cooper, and all concerned. More important to Paramount and to Cooper and to Schoedsack was its indirect result. The Paramount company financed their next picture-the immortal "Chang."


Merian Cooper

There had been good animal pictures before, and there have been pictures since which have imperfectly learned the lesson of "Chang," but it is fair to say that wherever the authentic and the simple and the exciting are perfectly blended the influence of "Chang" can be felt. And this is as appropriate a place as any to dispose of the question, important to some people and hotly disputed by two camps, of the comparative services of Cooper and Schoedsack. They happened to be an excellent pair. Cooper is of middle height, with a light complexion, slightly bald, easy to talk to, a bit ironic, and extraordinarily affable. Schoedsack is about six and a half feet tall, dark, rather reserved, and at first sight shy. He was in charge of photographic work for the Red Cross in Poland and later a correspondent, with a moving-picture camera, in the Near East. Of the two he is much the more expert with the camera, although Cooper has actually taken scenes in each of the three pictures they have done together, and Cooper makes up for this by being stronger in the elements of story and composition. On the fundamental thing, the general direction of the pictures, Cooper, who is frequently credited with first place, says that they are exactly equal. He says also of "Rango," the picture which Schoedsack has made alone, that it is the best jungle photog-
raphy ever made; but the comparative commercial failure of this picture has been attributed by critics to the weakness of its story interest.

COOPER is a Southerner, a descendant of one John Cooper, who commanded a cavalry outfit trained by General Casimir Pulaski, the Polish patriot who after the death of his own country came to assist in the birth of ours. Pulaski was mortally wounded riding beside John Cooper, and a century and a half later a Cooper descendant came close to death fighting for Poland. A considerable number of other adventures preceded Cooper's operations as Lieutenant Colonel in Polish aviation. His family, recovering from the wreck of its fortunes in the Civil War, sent him from Jacksonville, Florida, to school at Lawrenceville and then to Annapolis. By the time Cooper was ready to go into the service of his country the rancors of the Civil War were forgotten and only an hereditary attachment to the Democratic party remains in the present generation.

On a cruise as midshipman, Cooper came to England and, having heard or read that it was possible to live in London with excellent food and unlimited service for a pound a week, he made the experiment in a rather dingy room off the East India Docks, making oc-
casional sorties to the river at Maidenhead to see how the other half lived. He overstayed his leave and that, with other difficulties, ended in his resignation from the Naval Academy. His service at sea, in fact, was limited to a brief period as an able-bodied seaman in the merchant marine and to another as second officer on a sailing boat. But even these two jobs were not consecutive. In between Cooper did his wandering in America and his war service abroad. At home he was everything, from a day laborer to a character analyst, and for a few months he was a newspaperman in the Middle West, wandering from place to place as the spirit moved him.

$\mathrm{H}^{B}$E was working on a newspaper when the militia was called for service in Mexico and he joined the Georgia contingent because he hadn't money enough to reach Florida, his native state. His service was in El Paso and he insisted on remaining in the ranks, with some strange idea in his head that no man should accept a commission except during actual warfare.

When America entered the World War, he was transferred to the air service and trained at Mineola, going overseas with the Twentieth Squadron. Near the end of the war Cooper was on a bombing expedition over enemy territory in a squadron of seven, led by


Sidney Howard, when they were attacked by twenty German fighting planes, and after the dog fight that followed only two of the American planes returned safely to their base. Maneuvering his heavy bomber, Cooper looked back and saw that his observer had been shot through the neck. At the same time the plane caught fire and Cooper brought it down behind the German lines. Actually Cooper was more seriously injured than his observer, for Cooper was severely burned, whereas the bullet which had passed through the observer's neck was one of those incredible freaks which had just missed every vital spot by a hair's breadth and inflicted no permanent injury whatever. Cooper suffered in a prison camp chiefly because through some odd arrangement he was sent to one in Silesia, where he was the only English-speaking prisoner.

When he was released he joined the American organization for food relief in Poland, working under Herbert Hoover, for whom he retains a great, although by this time modified, admiration. The complicated Polish wars were now beginning and Cooper, as a captain in the American air service, was offered the same rank by the Poles and went to Paris to recruit some of his old associates, forming the Kosciusko Squadron. The members of it were mostly Americans, all of them young and adventurous, and they constituted an outfit which might really be called intrepid and gay. The Bolshevists did not take kindly to the thought of Americans aiding the Poles and the prowess of the Squadron made it a particular target for their enmity. It was the common rumor that the principal fighters of the Squadron would be shot if captured. When Cooper was shot down by the Russians he was, by an accident, taken for someone else and not recognized as the Lieutenant Colonel-he had risen to this rankof the Squadron, and it is quite probable that this accident saved his life. After ten months in prison he escaped in the company of two Poles and in fourteen days of forced marches he reached Latvia.

HE returned to America then and became a writer for the New York Times, but he haunted the editorial offices of $A$ sia, because it was his ambition to explore an unknown reach of the Brahmaputra River in Tibet. Finances
were not forthcoming, but through Asia he heard of an expedition which needed somebody familiar with navigation and as second officer he went off on a long tour of the Dutch East Indies and Abyssinia. It was then that he first saw motion pictures made. He also suffered a typhoon in the Bay of Bengal and the boat was grounded and turned turtle on a sandbank off Arabia. In Abyssinia Schoedsack met Cooper and it was on the return from this trip that the long expedition for "Grass" was planned.
"Grass" was not the full development of Cooper's conception of a great moving picture. He believed, and believes to this day, that it is possible to do in the pictures what Kipling did in "The Jungle Books" and elsewhere in his stories. That is, to take the myths and adventures of exotic peoples and treat them not as exotics but as natural phenomena. He believes that by concentrating on the life of a few individuals, a single family perhaps, the character and tradition, the habits of life and the sufferings, the accidents and the adventures of a race can be embodied. For "Chang" the basic element was, of course, the elephant. Cooper and Schoedsack went to northern Siam, because there the elephant was a natural part of daily life, because the handling of elephants as friend and enemy was highly developed there. A considerable risk was involved in taking some of the shots. The memorable trampling of the stampeding herd, practically over the head of the cameraman, was a dangerous job accomplished by a feat of engineering. Schoedsack actually lay in a pit with the lens of the camera pointing upward as the elephants went over it, but the pit had been so stoutly made with layer on layer of fallen trees sunk into the earth that no harm came to him. The great risk from their own point of view was that the

"You can't tell me she doesn't know what it means-she's been to Europe."
film might spoil. They had to take the whole picture in a climate no negative had withstood before, without ever seeing a single shot of it projected.

IT was a tremendous success-after four years it is still remembered. Many of those who saw it had never before experienced the widening of the screen, and when the curtains parted and the great herd charged there occurred one of the things which one seldom encounters in the movies: that universal gasp of excitement, surprise, and thrill which marks an authentic achievement. The picture grossed nearly two million dollars, and it was inevitable that another should be ordered. The admirers of Cooper and Schoedsack rather regret that the next one should
have been "The Four Feathers." Cooper believed, perhaps suffering subconscious pressure because of the usual commercial movie, that he could combine outdoor life with a straight piece of fiction. But in the result it was only the outdoor life of the Sudan and some expertly taken scenes of the Fuzzie-Wuzzies in action that were memorable. Yet it must be recorded that the beginning of the picture, the too "Beau Geste" prologue of Eton and Harrow heroism, was not made by Cooper. It was the work of a highly regarded professional director in Hollywood. "The Four Feathers" was the last silent picture released as a special. It actually played in New York in competition with the talkies and it grossed only slightly less than "Chang." On

"One more crack about Mrs. Ewing's pink soandsos in your column
and you get the works."
the other hand, it cost enormously more to make.

It would not have been unreasonable if distaste for the weakness of "The Four Feathers" had led Cooper to give up the movies, but this happens not to be the case. He had always been interested in aviation and, having no special urge at the moment to make another picture, he turned to it for a profession. He is interested in PanAmerican Airways, in Federal Aviation, and in General Aviation, the lastnamed connecting him with General

Motors and so with Anthony Fokker. he had once lived. There he found a But he is very likely to make another letter which had been waiting for him picture soon. He has a place in mind, for several months enclosing a few hunhe has an idea, but he is a little secre- dred dollars-the return of a loan he tive.

HE is one of the lucky ones. He made an unsuccessful attempt to join the British Army before we entered the war, and owing to an accident had to return to America. He arrived with exactly fifty cents borrowed from a fellow-passenger and went to a rooming house in Greenwich Village where
had made to a fellow-editor of the Lawrenceville paper when they divided the annual profits. His habits of life are extraordinarily casual. It occurred to him one day that in connection with one of his projects he had better go to Europe rapidly-he went that same day on the first return trip of the Graf Zeppelin. On the other hand, a simple appointment defeats him, and
when he has a secretary she has to send explanatory wires to change an appointment, or dash about town on Sunday nights to buy a pair of black socks so that he can keep one. He enjoys himself enormously, possessing a kind of posthumous humor, so that he can be amused at what might have happened as well as by what did happen. If he is reading a book and has to go downtown in the subway, he usually tears out enough pages to last him on the trip, leaving the rest of the book at home.

He is not eccentric, but he has one of the best-known eccentricities. When he is rich he buys clothes in great quantities, ordering many identical ones for every possible occasion. Then he lets them hang in his closet and wears a rough brown suit for months at a time. When he is staying with intimate friends, they have to keep him away from their haberdashery. He is thirtyseven years old now and lives in the East Seventies in New York, but, as he says, he still considers himself a Southerner. If at any time he should have nothing to do and little to live on, he says that for one thousand dollars he could become a chief of the Bakhtiári, with flocks and herds and enough tobacco and perhaps a wife-or two. He says he may do that some time and live in comfort for the rest of his life. He feels that he hasn't quite finished with migrations. -Gilbert Seldes

## OF ALL THINGS

THE investigation of New York will probably work out like the army maneuvers. The reformers will "capture" the city and Tammany will be "destroyed."

Harkness offers Columbia a library building which would hold four million volumes. It could accommodate all the new books about Soviet Russia and still have room for Red Lewis' medal.

It is now revealed that M. Doumer is a teetotaler and a cold-water addict. This scandal was kept dark until after
 the election on the theory that a man's private life is his own affair

Statisticians put our venerable District Attorney pretty low in the per-
centage column. There is some talk of releasing him to the Cincinnati Reds.

If we get Briand's idea, all European customs barriers should be removed and any country which starts doing so this century should get a ticket for speeding.

Reno's chief industry is now menaced from a new quarter. Why have a messy divorce when you can take your husband to the salubrious Riviera and shoot him?

It is helpful to have Senator Cordell Hull make his position clear. He demands that the Democrats take a cleancut stand on the tariff and do a bold, uncompromising straddle on prohibition.

We should not be surprised to see the Democrats come out in favor of the cancellation of debts. Starting with Raskob.

In the opinion of Bingham of Connecticut, it would be a blow to our prestige in the Orient to give the Philippines independence. People would be saying
behind our backs that this is a government that keeps promises.

A scientific breath-tester has been developed in Indianapolis. This machine will throw a lot of prohibition sniffers out of work and cause what we expert economists call "technological unemployment."

The Secretary of Labor is delighted with our immigration restriction and wants to make it still tighter. The worst thing a country can have, Doak thinks, is inhabitants.
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China's name is posted at Geneva for nonpayment of dues. She is a million dollars in arrears and the house committee is thinking of suspending credit at the bar.

Ford thinks everything will be all right when we stop this terrible economizing. Out of retrenchment by Christmas.

Our own idea of how to stimulate trade and restore prosperity is to buy anything that is endorsed by three Vanderbilts. -Howard Brubaker

## HYMN FOR JUNE THIRD

Somebody sold me a ticket in the lottery
(Gambling's wicked, lotteries are $\sin$ ).
All unworthy, still I pray, hero of the Derby Day,
Sweet horse, fleet horse, bring my number in!
When they raffle off a car at a Sunday-school bazaar
(Charity is charity, but lotteries are $\sin$ ),
The prize, I note, is always won by some widow-woman's son.
Sleek horse, lean horse, bring my number in!
By the sombre ring of gypsy camps, by tallyho-luads tipsy
(Tallyhos are pretty, but little nips are sin),
By the flower-women's shawls, by the bookies' parasols,
Pony, pony, bring my number in!
By the gray top hats, the cheers as the Royalty appears
(Gambling's wicked, lotteries are $\sin$ ),
By the check suits at the gate, by the long, cold, hungry wait,
Dark horse, favorite, bring my number in!
Off! like rabbits scuttering, gold and crimson fluttering
(Racing's crooked, lotteries are $\sin$ ),
Round the curve they crash and wheel, down the stretch the colors reel!
Pass them! Pass them! Bring my number in!
-Ellen McLoughlin

(LAUGHTER)

THE tradition that a New York first-night audience is tough and hard to please should be rather easily dissipated by successive visits to several of the spring openings. As nearly as I can analyze it, from a careful study of the beaming faces around me on these occasions, the house is crowded exclusively with mothers of the authors and members of the cast. Such laughter as they accord even the feeblest sallies could come from a stimulation of no other emotional centre than that which gives off Mother Love.

They must, in addition, be mothers who have led fairly sheltered lives up until the opening of the play. Not even a mother, if she had been outside the house much during the past ten years, could have laughed as hard at "Old Man Murphy" as a great many worthy ladies seemed to be doing at the opening. It must have been a big night for them, what with seeing the trolleycars and electric signs and all the automobiles in the streets, to say nothing of the play itself. In fact, to say nothing of the play itself would be much the easiest way out.


A glance at the list of characters of "Old Man Murphy" and you will get the idea. There are Margaret Murfree, Elinor Murfree, Charles Murfree, and then Patrick Murphy, played by the star, Arthur Sinclair. A program note says that "part of the action takes place in the fashionable section of town, and part in 'The Patch,' the Irish settlement across the tracks." Get it?

Whatever Patrick Kearney and Harry Wagstaff Gribble thought they were doing when they wrote this "farce comedy," they could not possibly have been under the illusion that they were creating anything for the theatre, for their material must have been right there in front of them in clippings from old Pucks and Judges. Several years ago I had occasion to note that a play seemed to be made up of clippings from old Irish jokes in Puck, and that play ran for five years. Perhaps that is what Messrs. Kearney and Gribble had in mind. If so, they are quite likely to be satisfied.

OF course, "Old Man Murphy" has the advantage of the services of Arthur Sinclair and Maire O'Neill, whose good Irish sensibilities must writhe at the thought of the days in Dublin when Sean O'Casey was writing for them. Mr. Sinclair is a good enough actor to make Old Man Murphy more than bearable, but it is his skill and personality which effect this tour de force. Never is one so convinced of genius in acting as at times like this, when the mere presence of a person on the stage lifts the entire proceedings, no matter how low, to what seems for the moment to be something akin to importance.

Miss Fannie Brice is another who has only to make an entrance to instill life into a scene. Not that "Billy Rose's Crazy Quilt" needs life, for it has it in abundance. With Phil Baker and Ted Healy in addition to Miss Brice, the Forty-fourth Street Theatre is a teeming mass of vital force, most of it very amusing.

Evidently piqued at the criticism that his "Sweet and Low" was a little lower than it was sweet, Mr. Rose has taken pains to keep his new show clean, or what, for present-day purposes, passes for clean. He has not, however, sacrificed any of the informal personal raillery or intra-mural insults which are the particular charm of this type of en-


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tertainment, and I, for one, spent a delightful evening listening to the evidences of pleasant hard-feeling which seems to exist on all sides among the coworkers. Mr. Baker and his Mr. Muldowney in the box lead in this contest of vituperation, but Mr. Healy and his boy friends are not far behind. Altogether, a charming evening of back-talk.
"Mr. Rose and his Friends" have contributed some pleasant tunes, and there is what is billed as the "customary waltz" among other dancing which carries the show lightly along. Mr. Lew Brice, known only as "Fannie Brice's Brother" on the program, has an excellent burlesque of French dramatic recitation in the finale which, unfortunately, many in the audience took seriously and wept at.
"Crazy Quilt" seemed to me to be a better show than "Sweet and Low," and, if you weren't whispering or chewing gum while I was talking, you will remember that I was one of those who were not even shocked at "Sweet and Low."

IWAS a bit shocked at "A Modern Virgin," however. Shocked that leering little dabblings in the pools of sex, involving the services of such a nice little girl as Miss Margaret Sullavan, should draw down laughter from a New York audience which was supposedly preening itself on being sophisticated. If Mr. Elmer Harris wants to write a dirty play, why doesn't he write one like the ones that Avery Hopwood used to write and get it out of his system? Even with "Young Sinners" and "A Modern Virgin" to his credit, he still has a great deal of space left on the fence with no writing on it at all. -Robert Benchley

## RALPH BARTON

Ralph Barton, whose death last week grieved many people, will be remembered by this magazine as an artist of great and unusual ability. It always seemed to us that, as a caricaturist, he had few equals; and his satire was the satire of an intelligent man who approached his time with both bitterness and mirth. He was a good and sincere friend to The New Yorker, and he will be sorely missed-for his work had the rare and discomforting tingle of genius.

- The Editors



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Entrées too greasy,
Not to sleep
In a speakeasy,

## Not to kiss

Unless it's pleasant,
Not to angle
For a present,
Not to weep
(Though her heart smashes)
With mascara
On her lashes.
Not to love
Men over thirty,
Men whose fingernails Are dirty,

Men who brag About their benders,
Men who wear Ornate suspenders.

Heaven, help her Watch her hipline,
Keep her lipstick On her lipline,

Grant her muscular Agility
And some cerebral Ability,

Make her clever In disarming
Criticism, Keep her charming.

Heaven, pay Your best attention
To the trivial
Things I mention,
For when great Temptation seizes
Her, she'll do
Just as she pleases!
-Angela Cypher
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However, for people who want all the comforts of a closed car, Chevrolet has a swell four-seater convertible ( $\$ 737$ delivered) with room in the rear seat for something larger than a Singer midget. Also, Nash has added a convertible victoria to its Eight-80 line. The top is remarkably well made and simple to take down and put up, and I daresay you would find no more rattles in it than you would in a more expensive affair. The price is $\$ 1,616$ delivered, with some extras.

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CENTLY I saw that green
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## THE FALL RIVER LINE

IN the swirling universe of New York, where creation never ceases, where hourly from caverns in the earth new towers arise vertiginously, there is one lovely, calm, stable thing. It is the Fall River Line. Like the Zoo, like the Aquarium, it remains unchanged from year to year, reminiscent of kinder days. These boats have maintained their air of space and leisure and elegance ever since the days when the Commonwealth was launched, the Providence and the Priscilla were new. The wide staircases and foyers, with their red carpets, were built on the assumption of elegant space which still, by sheer belief in itself, imposes on one its own palatial estimate. At that time the Fall River liners were bigger than any of the wide white passenger boats which waddled so gaily midstream and pursued their way up the Sound with lights blazing and bands playing.

The illusion of the necessity of hurry which pursues men up and down New York's chasms, in and out of subway warrens, drops like an uncomfortable garment, your foot once on the gangplank. No one on the Fall River Line is going to tell you to "Step lively, please." Its wide and gently rocking halls were built before the coinage of that phrase so undermining to human dignity.

Even the warning "All ashore that's going ashore!" presupposes that farewells are to be made with fastidious leisure. A half-hour, a quarter-hour, five minutes before the departure, the mellow warning chant echoes through the corridors, and even then the boat seems in no hurry to sidle out into the North River; it may remain a few minutes on business of its own. There is a frieze of faces uplifted from the dock. Hands wave. This going away on a boat instead of a train partakes of the nature of adventure. Though the voyage is only the span of a night, people come down to remote piers on the North River to "see off" friends as though they were going on an ocean voyage.

T
HE porters waiting to take your bags
create the impression, through the excellence of their manners, that you are "quality." They have nothing in common with the anonymous Red Caps attendant on the railway trains, who when you arrive snatch at your bags like buzzards and who when most needed seem to possess the gift of invisibility.

I go aboard with a glad feeling of homecoming. Indeed, the only baronial or marble halls which I possess are those of the Fall River Line; my only old family retainers its stewards and headwaiters. Nor did my patent of nobility arrive from bribery or undue largess. The Fall River Line was mine as things should be, by right of long tenure. I had become one of the familiar sights, whether progressing with children, maids, dogs, and the terrifying paraphernalia of a Family in the throes of fall migration or-far more agreeably-commuting, as it were, to business from the tip of Cape Cod to New York.

There is a certain magic about departure by these boats. In a twinkling one changes one's century, hurry for leisure, city dust for the cleanness of a boat. Suddenly you see New York from without. It is best to get a deck stateroom and, reposing in the upper berth, see what has happened to the city since last you gazed. If half a year has passed, you will see plenty. The East
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It is, anyway, an eyeful, and it is pleasant after reviewing the awe-inspiring towers to turn back confident to the unchanging corridors of one's childhood, to be greeted by Wilson at dinner.

OTHER people may talk about their Oscars or their Ferdinands, may celebrate with pomp and glory whatever headwaiters they choose; but it seems to me that there is no waiter anywhere comparable to Wilson, now on the Providence. There is no one who will convey to you so subtly the sense of your own worth and dignity.

I enter the Fall River boat tired, draggled with a raid upon the city, an anonymous person. I enter the diningroom, and Cinderella has nothing on me. Talk about turning pumpkins into coaches! Wilson's face lights up. He approaches me with a smile of deference he might render to a duchess, yet with a touch of familiarity of an old family retainer. He implies that he is my own butler, and that this boat is mine, my own pleasure yacht. He remembers which side of the boat I prefer, what view it would please my eyes to dwell upon. Then he inquires one by one after the children. Bending over me he will murmur: "So we got Miss Mary Ellen married off. Seems only the other day I fixed a high chair for her, when she was a baby!"

Wilson has not, it seems to me, aged in twenty years. He is a little bit stout -not much. Stout, no; corpulent in a dignified way.

Second only to Wilson was Thompkins. I say "was," for Thompkins is dead. I saw him go through the successive stages of porter up to assistant to Wilson, and finally headwaiter with a boat of his own. And he, too, did not change, except for the few extra pounds, during a matter of twenty years. Is the recipe for eternal youth to be found, perhaps, in a life of service, good manners, and the practice of kindness? Thompkins, without alteration or change, dropped dead. To imagine him otherwise than with an admirable though not unsmiling gravity, perfectly groomed, and with his white flower in his buttonhole, would be impossible.

And now Thompkins is dead. It is
the beginning of the end. Already the boat's band, which played not only jazz but "The Blue Danube" and arias and overtures from operas, has given place to the radio. And when Amos ' $n$ ' Andy go on, the men passengers sit in rows, stolid and unsmiling, to listen. Strange!

NO stranger than the other customs native to this country which one may observe, for if you travel long enough on the Fall River Line the whole American scene will pass before your eyes. Where else could I ever have beheld the mad glory of the Shriners, or some such order, returning from convention? Imagine a boatload of middle-aged men, fathers of families, in fezzes and, it seems to me, red sashes. And do I or do I not remember baggy Tunisian trousersor were the trousers but part of a midsummer night's dream?

There they were, from the heart of the plain people-jewellers, bankers, salesmen, clerks, grocers, merchants, everything but workingmen. Whitecollar men, soft-handed, churchgoing, married, with cock-eyed fezzes perched above their innocent bibulous faces. There they were, prancing drunkenly and in vast numbers through the gentle and almost plaintive elegances of the Fall River Line. Prancing, shouting, cavorting: fezzes tumbling from bald pink pates; yelling and shouting and dancing in spite of massive paunches.

How touching was this orgy! These poor old tight, middle-aged souls seemed to cry aloud: "We are young yet! We are young yet!" There it wasbacchanalian orgy and infantile innocence mixed together, proclaiming to anyone who had a mind for psychology the substance of our civilization. Do I remember that some had rattles in their infantile fists, or were the rattles and balloons only in my dream? Certainly there should have been balloons and rattles, if there weren't any.

AL night they roistered up and down the corridors of the boatthey owned it. From staterooms here and there came unheeded weary shouts of "Oh, shut up! We want to sleep!" Old ladies buzzed bells and implored suave but helpless porters in vain; for what porter can stem a stream in spate? The Shriners, or Brothers of Arabia, or Ancient Order of Sheiks, hooted and wassailed, slobbered on each other's shoulders, wambled shouting to one another's cabins.

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through on a cabin door, bawling "Jerry! I wan' Jerry! Jerrylemmein!" Other voices as ceaselessly cried out "Lembe, Nick! Jerry's passed out!" But the drunk obstinately yammered "Jerrylemmein!"

It seems to me that I got the answer as to how they got this way from another boat. This was a boatload of boys. A score of New England camps were returning their youth. Wherever you looked were boys, all being herded industriously by Y.M.C.A.-looking young men. Always at the piano sat one of these shepherds, beating out "There's a Long Long Trail," or "My Little Gray Home," or other ancient favorites, while the little boys, faces blank as eggs, perfunctorily shouted the ditties. Here was the Ancient Order of Arabians in the making. That was why they had a depressing passion for fezzes and insignia when they were bald and paunchy. This was the Alpha of that culture leading to the Omega of mid-dle-aged rattles and fezzes. When returning with half a college and a victorious football team, one saw the intermediate stage.

OTHER phases of our culture, too, have I seen reflected on the Fall River Line. For instance, the disorganization of Society which immediately followed prohibition. For a few dark months sly bootlegging became the fashion on the boat, before it was found out and put a stop to. How far it went I can best explain by saying that shiftylooking gentlemen would approach me and out of the corner of a wry mouth hiss "I got a nice li'l drink in my cabin. Wanna come?" And how strange that this should befall me I can best explain by this detail of my appearance: Once we were playing a horrid game in which one told one's next-hand neighbor his most outstanding characteristic. One of my greatest friends looked at me with her beautiful eyes and let fall these discouraging words: "Mary, your outstanding characteristic is that of perfect respectability." Add to this that I am sunk in years, and this anecdote will show to what a pass we had indeed come before bootlegging became organized, when it went wildcatting all over the place, even on the Fall River Line.

This phase passed quickly. The boats have resumed their smiling, leisurely ways. They are places for souls weary with speed, where for a few hours one may recapture the pleasant ways and manners of the nineteenth century. -Mary Heaton Vorse

## THE ART GALLERIES

## A Museum and Its

 Legacy-Gone Native —The Summer Shows

THE season now reluctantly comes to a close, two months late. After this, the shows that are put on will be largely for the visitors from out of town, and usually most of the galleries hang up a fair selection of their painters. Also most of them keep to summer hours, closing at five on weekdays and not opening at all on Saturdays.

THE Museum of Modern Art will continue to hold its Lizzie Bliss Memorial show through the summer. It was opened a fortnight ago with all sorts of ceremonies, but even without them it would have been an unusually interesting event. The exhibit includes the paintings that are to become the property of the Museum if it ever decides to become a museum and gives up its present policy of merely providing a big top for itinerant shows. There are also some of the pictures that have been bequeathed to other museums.

The pictures that the Museum thus inherits are of the sort that will make a fine foundation for a permanent collection. Of the eleven Cézannes at least two are of major importance, and the rest are of interest historically. Then there are some fine examples of the other giants: Degas, Daumier, Renoir, Monet, Gauguin, Pissarro, Rousseau, Seurat, Lautrec. There are not as many of their disciples, such as Matisse, Braque, and so on, as might be desired, but there are two or three Picassos that are superb.

The large exhibition room holds the cream of the collection. Most of the canvases are inadequately framed (some rather terribly), but we suppose this will be changed when they come into full possession of their new owners. The side rooms are filled with the American painters that Miss Bliss favored and the smaller works of the French masters.

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because of her interest in Arthur B. Davies, so there is no pattern to her group. She didn't try to assemble men who would be considered orthodox after her death. The pictures are canvases that she liked, with an occasional painting that she bought as a patroness. This may be somewhat confusing to the layman who finds Dougherty hung with Daumier and Kuhn with Cézanne.

As for Davies, Miss Bliss owned some of the best examples of his work. The small early sketches, made when he was so intent on the Italian Primitives, stand out with great strength alongside the latter-day Munich school of blue-sky-and-a-goat painting.

THE John Levy Galleries close an active year with a show of Paul O'Higgins, a California boy who moved to Mexico and went native. As an apprentice to Rivera, he adjusted himself easily to the mold set by the great master, so his work is noteworthy mainly as an indication of the extent to which he has become Mexicanized. His sponsors think very highly of him, but to our mind his value depends on what he does in the future. The native Mexicans that we have seen feel these colors; the Northerner in Mexico somehow does little more than assimilate the mannerisms of the artists working about him.

The O'Higgins show, incidentally, closes this Saturday.

Summer Shows: Helen Hackett has arranged an exhibition of eight of her painters and two of her sculptors. . . . You will always find a varying assortment of the best of the nine-teenth-century French masters at Du-rand-Ruel. . . . Valentine has a show of the later French-Picasso, Lurçat, Dufy, Derain, etc.-until the end of June. . . . Daniel is the best place to visit for a representative group of the younger Americans. . . . The Metropolitan has a show of Near Eastern ceramics. . . . The Gallery of Living Art in the Washington Square branch of New York University is always worth a visit. It has a well-balanced collection of American and foreign canvases.
-Murdock Pemberton

## A THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK

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# A REPORTER AT LARGE 

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[^0]EN years ago he was a barber. He was Jakey Factor, the barber, third chair from the door in a cramped Chicago shop, gassing about the weather as he slapped his razor on the strop and bowing gratefully for a twenty-cent tip. Today he sits and looks at life-five million dollars in the bank-while Scotland Yard, the United States Government, three or four States, and Legs Diamond wonder which is entitled to his life and liberty. That is what energy and initiative have done for one ambitious man in this big, new country. It is an inspiration for every youth who will stop dreaming and get down to work.

Nor is the success story of Jakey Factor a tale of stodgy thrift and crushing toil. He never allowed his ambitions to prevent him from seeing life. He has taken time to spend a second five million dollars on good living, to make the acquaintance of the Prince of Wales, and to break the bank once or twice at the Cannes Casino. The secret of his triumph is really a simple one. No big company would make him its


## success

president, so he made up a company of his own and managed the elections. When he had no capital to make a killing in the stock market, he simply printed some stock of his own design and made a killing on that.

I$\Gamma$ was perhaps natural that when Jacob Factor, a poor boy born in St. Louis, decided to give up the barber's trade and carve out a career for himself with weapons more staunch than razors, he should move to British soil. For a great many years, Britain has been the swindler's garden. Perhaps it is because the English are more gullible than we, as they are certainly more tempestuous gamblers. Perhaps the English law helps a little. At any rate, while we have produced such moderately successful fellows as Fuller and McGee, Gaston B. Means and the unhappy Ponzi, England has been able to boast a dozen million-pound swindlers. Furthermore, Fuller and McGee, Means and Ponzi, all wound up

So Factor moved over to Canada. He made up a company called the Pure Gasoline Company, Ltd. Limited, indeed, to a trunkful of splendidly engraved stock certificates. With the assistance of a crew of high-pressure loaders from Chicago-"loaders" meaning salesmen-Factor sold nearly half a million dollars' worth of these certificates before the police came close enough to make flight the better part of valor. From 1922 until 1924 he lived in London and engaged in that typically English business of pyramiding companies-an ingenious enterprise which has never been tried in our country, perhaps because of our more stringent corporation laws, perhaps because it just never occurred to anybody. It has been operated successfully in England a number of times, and Factor followed the routine procedure.

HE organized, first, a very small concern - a little industrial outfit -and sold shares to workingmen and fishwives for five dollars each. When he had taken about a hundred thousand dollars in this manner, he organized a second company, slightly larger, and sold two hundred thousand dollars' worth of shares. With the proceeds from the second selling campaign, he magnificently declared a dividend in the first company, distributing fifty thousand dollars to stockholders with a note of cheer-and also with an urgent invitation to buy stock in Company No. 3, just forming.

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The fifth of these successive English companies provided Factor with an opportunity to remember the land of his birth. It was the Glass Casket Company. Eight or nine years ago there was an American Glass Casket Company, which took great pride in the ownership of patents for the manufacture of transparent coffins. Gaston B. Means and the memorable Colonel Felder were active promoters in that business. A lot of stock was sold, it was discovered that nobody really intended to manufacture glass caskets, and Means was sentenced to a term in Atlanta. But the British, of course,

## "THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH, yielding place to new"

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Back in the nineties at Coney Island, these bathing suits were considered quite snappy. And noisy mechanical refrigerators were once thought to be quite an advance too, until Electrolux came along.

had never heard of that. The glass casket was a happy notion to them. They invested a great deal of money in it and applauded the gentlemen who had opened its possibilities to them.

BUT the London situation was getting ripe for a killing: the final great promotion and the strategic retreat.
"It ought to be a mine," said one of Factor's associates as they conferred in a pleasant little Mayfair mansion. "They always go big for a mine."
"Let's make it gold," suggested another.
"Better than gold. Platinum!" said Factor. And platinum it was. They bought some abandoned workings in South Africa and employed a thousand blacks to pose in muddy clothing, with picks and shovels, hard at work upon the precious soil. This made an impressive photograph, which was folded into the elaborate sales literature that had been prepared. A million shares of stock, at one pound per share, were printed. And postage was bought to mail out the selling talk to the mailing list of three hundred thousand which had been accumulated as the previous companies were formed.

But a London newspaper-jealous, no doubt, of another American success -called the Rhodesian Platinum Mines, Ltd., a fraud. The accusation grew to the nature of an exposure. Factor decided to retire. He made one sharp effort to recover from the government the price of the three hundred thousand postage stamps which he had bought and been prevented from using, failed, and moved quickly to the south of France.

It was at this time, perhaps in pique at the interruption of his London plans, perhaps in retaliation for the government's action in the postage-stamp


# Three Hours between Trains 

## a shopping list. . . and a headache!

 dashing across the continent toward a sick husband.
She had packed in twenty minutes at her home in California.

And now she was in Chicago, at the Palmer House . . . with 3 hours between trains, a shopping list comprising 21 entries and a head that threatened to split wide open at every step.

She explained her situation to the floor clerk on the Woman's floor. The hotel's hostess was summoned and things began to happen in her favor.

She was assigned a room that was exquisitely quiet and cheerful. The children were taken merrily upstairs by the playroom supervisor - to "let off steam" after their two days on the train.

One of the hotel's shoppers took over her shopping list, asked a few questions and promised to return within an hour and a quarter.

The hotel's doctor left something for her headache. A nurse, from the hotel's hospital, came in and administered a soothing massage.

Now she raised a compress from her eyes and glanced at her wrist watch. Ten-forty-five . . . surely it had stopped. The telephone op-


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erator reassured her . . . ten-forty-five it was. Twenty minutes since she had left her cab! Thirty minutes since she had left her train!

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claim, perhaps from a sheer love of his work-it was at this time that he was introduced to the Prince of Wales and sold to that gentleman (no mean salesman himself) certain oil shares that have never turned out so well.

$A^{\mathrm{S}}$far as Europe is concerned, there are few genuine triumphs left to the ambition of a shrewd workman once the Prince of Wales has been caught in the net. So Factor decided to return to America. First, however, there was a long holiday on the Riviera with his handsome wife. His play was debonair, and successful, at baccarat and chemin de fer. He was a popular figure in the casinos. And there would have been many warm admirers to chastise any impudent soul who might recall that the gay fellow was just a Chicago barber. Indeed, the faint mannerisms of his old trade were nearly all erased by now. He had learned virtually all the airs of a gentlemanand he had the cash.

It was on the occasion of his return to America that luck played fairly into his hands for the first time. Heretofore, ingenuity and application had won success. Now came the proof of that ancient law: "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given." He got back just in time for the Florida land boom.

The first job, of course, was to form a corporation and take some real-estate titles. The corporation was launched in Chicago. The real-estate titles that were acquired gave ownership to a thousand acres of Florida soil-good acres, but unfortunately submerged beneath four feet of water. The parce] was divided into generous lots. The lots were fittingly described in the pamphlets, though naturally without reference to the water. And the loaders got to their job of high-pressure selling again.

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humbly and with many handicaps, this American youth who at twenty-one had only two possessions: a knowledge of the barber's trade and a burning ambition-this keen man of thirtythree was a success.

I$T$ is a known thing that he who thrusts his head above the multitude, who demonstrates some quality that is not possessed by the common herd, will be contemned and misunderstood. About this time, the police began to take an interest in Factor's affairs. Also, several groups of criminals let their envy turn to hatred, and Factor became a hunted man. The police of Chicago and Toronto and London set out to arrest him for swindling. The envious criminals charged him with the double-cross.

Scotland Yard men arrived, and with the help of the American detectives began a race with Legs Diamond and a group of Middle-Western gangsters. They wanted to land Factor safely in jail before Diamond or the Middle-Westerners got to him for purposes of their own.

It is Diamond's charge that he financed Factor's first European tour, on the condition that all profits accruing therefrom should be split evenly with him. He insists that Factor never gave him a penny of those profits-and furthermore that at least one of the recent attempts upon his life was made at Factor's order.

The Middle-Western gangsters offered no clear motive for their pursuit of the great man. They did not, it is said, wish to kill him. They wished merely to kidnap him and wrest from him a share of his hard-won spoils. Perhaps there is no better token of Factor's outstanding ability than his recent move to outwit these last-named pursuers. He called on the Chicago police, who had a forgotten warrant for his arrest stuffed in some pigeonhole, and demanded a bodyguard. Uncouth fellows, he explained, were pursuing him. The guard was provided,


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and under its protection he slipped away from his fourteen-room apartment, got clear of Chicago, and dismissed his blue-coated companions with appropriate thanks.

Then he gave himself up, but the police seemed to have no notion what to do with him after they had him. The judge declined either to grant bail to him or refuse it, and compromised by allowing him to go his accustomed way with a deputy marshal in discreet but watchful attendance. It was impossible to determine whether his American citizenship still held good, or whether his magnificent success in England and certain preliminary papers he had taken out there made him a subject of His Majesty King George V. Until this question could be decided the Scotland Yard men were at a standstill, and the American authorities little better off. Nobody seemed sure, on the day he gave himself up to the police, what he should be charged with.

IT is possible, of course, that unhappy adventures will overtake Jacob Factor before this small appreciation of the man gets into print. But no future misfortune can dim the lustre of his past, for he attained the aristocracy of his times. As this is written, he has never spent a day in jail. He has five million dollars and he has consorted with princes. He has never stooped to the crude, money-grubbing ways of the bootlegger. In fine, to use the penetrating phrase of the day, he had the stuff.
-Morris Markey

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# PARIS LETTER 



Paris, May 20

T${ }^{7} \mathrm{HE}$ much-talked-of Colonial Exposition, scheduled for April, has finally opened, and by the time it's really ready to be opened-say, some time in July-it should be worth seeing. At the moment there is little to attract you unless you're interested in watching Parisian workmen put on what would be the finishing touches if the construction of the buildings were a little more advanced. The American contribution, a replica of Mount Vernon, looks finished, and certainly the transplanted rosebushes are, though the summer has hardly begun; but what should be a bank of the Potomac is a scenic railway and what used to be Southern hospitality is a sign stating "Défense d'Entrer." Owing, of course, to their being so backward, the African Negroes were the only group that opened their native section on time. Consequently, the first sightseers, thirsting for exotic handicraftsmen, could inspect two ebony silversmiths and one black patriarchal idol-carver. The royal ballet dancers from Cambodia, from whom daily joy was expected, have temporarily retired to their Pnom-Penh pagoda, and according to the program will dance only on gala days. Gala days are days on which the public pays more to get in, which explains why the public looks so happy on them. What the long list of exhibits promised by Colonial governors will amount to in the way of ceramics, tapa cloths, ivory jewelry, and native fruits remains to be seen.

NEVERTHELESS, the Colonial Exposition furnishes a group of highly entertaining buildings. The world may be a small place but few of its inhabitants circle it, so the sight of a Laos fisherman's hut, of Bamoun villages, or even of a Dahomey palm grove, is to most people a very novel one. For inventiveness some prize should go to the Madagascar pavilion with its soaring watch tower topped by bucrania forty feet high; to the Dutch for having put together real Balinese hand-painted dovecotes inhabited by real Dutch doves; to the Italians for their temerity in reproducing the en-


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ormous Tripolitan basilica of Leptis Magna; and certainly to the French for their astonishing replica of the central temple of Angkor, a job that took three years out of the lives of local master masons and was well worth it. Then a booby prize should be given to the Beaux-Arts for its building, whose bad modernity can't be described.

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{N}}$
NOTHER form of outdoor entertainment has been provided by the annual reopening of Luna Park, this time featuring one dead whale-the first to reach these shores-and one hundred live Lilliputians, all attempting to console the public for the decline of the Fratellini. For two years these three clowns have been some place or other from which they might as well never have returned, since they failed to bring their art back with them. Once a pinnacle of prosperity and perfection in clownery that established them here as masters of their trade and of the box office, their talent has suddenly dwindled; on their recent tent-show opening at one of the city gates, they drew lean crowds and hollower laughs. The loss of such comedians amounts to tragedy.

However, the particular place they had in the affections of a carriage trade devoted to popular pleasures has been filled by the amateur-vaudeville performances given, with the old-fashioned hook, at La Fourmi. This curious playhouse near the Métro station of Rochechouart, the heart of an exceptionally sordid district, enjoyed an equally snobbish success a few years ago with amateur-boxing nights that brought out any number of top hats. When it hasn't been exhibiting hooks to the jaw and to the singers, La Fourmi has been the home of Yiddish repertory.

NIght-Club life has altered but little since last year, so much is expected of Miss Texas Guinan and her young ladies, scheduled to give themselves a big hand at the Florida.

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Les Enfants Terribles has closed, as might several other champagne resorts, and, as is appropriate to the season, Les Ambassadeurs has opened. Chez Florence is now considered by the French to be the most chic dancing in Montmartre; Zelli's so-called University of Learning has opened again for the summer sophomore trade; Bricktop's continues to attract Americans around four in the morning; Monseigneur, which admits being the most expensive night club in Europe and has not been given the lie yet, still distracts the dressy few; and the Bosphore rolls the crowds in in waves. A few years ago, Charpini, its astounding female impersonator, was to be heard exclusively at Chez Fysher. Then he starred in Harry Pilcer's "Nudist Bar." Now his success is so great that he can be heard all over France on the radio, and has even been laughed at in New York by those whose sense of humor and receiving sets were strong enough. He is like no one else on the Continent, and that may be just as well.-Genêt

## A STOCKHOLDER'S PLAINT

A lack of cash
To some may be
A cosmic joke-
But not to me.
The Scriptures state
No care oppresses
The little birds, Whom Heaven dresses.

And lilies, too, Toil not nor spin, But yet my bank Account grows thin.

There must be some
Discrimination
Since man alone Must bear deflation.

Oh, Gods above,
Lay off, unbend,
And let me have
One dividend.
-Smoff
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## ON AND OFF THE AVENUE

## FEMININE FOIBLES



THE first thing that you notice around Lord \& Taylor these fine days, chilluns, is a wave-but a big, roaring wave-of red, white, and blue for summer clothes and accessories. Any person who has a particular lech for all or one of these colors should take her straw suitcase straight down there, and if she can't find what she wants, she is just an ole fussbudget and not a worthy reader of this department.

THE linen beach pajamas are especially exciting. There is one of white linen with red and blue horizontal stripes every couple of inches, made in one piece, with shoulder-straps and a bolero jacket. Another has wide white pants that button (in front only) on a red linen jumper with a blue binding on the round neck and short sleeves and a blue-and-white star ornament over the heart. Anyway, you get the idea. Red-and-blue piping appears on little two-piece dresses of white shantung, on bouclé dresses, on striped sweaters -all over. It breaks out in a perfect fury on handkerchiefs, the nicest being linen ones, man-sized, with sprawly or modern patterns.

As for evening clothes, there is one ensemble of a blue crêpe dress, having a red and a white flower ornament on one hip, and that Lanvin jacket consisting entirely of coolie sleeves and done up in tucked red georgette. Startling but chic.

The new sweater-and-blouse department, which also includes separate skirts and jackets, is another place well worth visiting around here. There is a group of sweaters at two-ninety-five, for instance, that gives you that how-do-they-do-it feeling. Look at the white ones of a lacy lisle mesh in every possible style, from frilly little frothy things to simple $V$-necked summer indispensables. You will also find copies of that Schiaparelli fishnet mesh sweater, like a surplice, tying at the side, and having short sleeves. They have a dandy golf skirt of flannel, with huge patch pockets bulging a little on each hip and nicely tailored, and there are lots of jumpers, sleeveless and V-necked, in every possible color and knit, for those
of you who think that this type of thing is coming back again. Personally, I loathe them, but who am I against so many? Anyway, in this department you can assemble almost any kind of a costume you like.

In the Accessory Shop: Leis to wear with evening clothes, made of crisp flowers, all colors, at three-ninety-five. ... A beaded evening bag for sevenfifty, simple and flat, and in grand colors. . . . Chiffon fichu scarves to be used over evening clothes or nightgowns, ruffly and tying on one shoulder. . . . Two grand summer bags: one of white felt with a red felt lining, the other of a white Rodier tweedy stuff, lined with natural chamois. . . . And look at L'Ortay single compacts and lipsticks: very chaste, and coming in every possible color to match any costume; one dollar each.

IN the sports department at Franklin Simon, they are making a special
fuss over bouclé dresses. One of them, a veritable love, is brown, with handcrocheted trimming at the neck and sleeves. It has a sash that is all horizontal brown and white stripes, and a brown and a white tassel dangle from the V-neck. This for nineteen-seventy-five, no less. For older women with twenty-nine-fifty aching to be spent, there is one with a pink cardigan and skirt, and a sweater of a white lacy weave, with a brown, pink, and white applied bow on it. It is the one-piece, youthful ones, however, made very simply with those striped sashes, that I like best. They are using Norazil bouclé a lot, which doesn't stretch, no matter what. Another fabric that they are making much of is a mesh with a frosted surface. One dress in a navy blue with this shimmering type of surface has an amusing talon fastener at the neck, finished off with a navy and a white pompon. They have golf dresses of this fabric, too,


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COTY

## PERFUMED MANICURE POLISH


with the conventional inverted pleats in the skirt and at the back of the blouse, and a double-breasted effect above the belt in front.

There are also lots of chamois jackets in this department, going straight up to a round neck, as chamois jackets all over town like to, and fastened either with buttons or with those Schiaparelli clips. They come in swell colors-rose and green and such-but I still like the natural shade best. Franklin Simon, smart folks that they are, also carry separate skirts of gabardine in exactly the color of chamois. N the shop of Louise Hanna, at 7 East Fifty-fourth Street, you find something that is very, very Trend of the Times: a glorification of the homedressmaker type of thing. They show no models whatever; you pick out your fabric, give them a few hints about the kind of dress you happen to crave, and they thereupon leap forth with a lot of ideas, sketches, and so on, to help you along. Prices range from $\$ 20$ up for the workmanship (the cost of the material is not included in that, of course) and all in all it looks like a boon. Another interesting thing they are doing is simple bathing suits of jersey to order (and nothing is more important than having a bathing suit fit perfectly-every wrinkle counts against you) for from $\$ 12.50$ onward. They have ready-to-wear clothes here, too, but it is fundamentally a place for people to have ideas about clothes carried out and improved upon.

$A^{R}$ROUND Cammeyer way, there are some dandy new shoes for those of you who dislike going about in stocking feet on hot summer pavements. One, for the street, has a vamp of brown sharkskin, a back of brown patent leather, and a tiny white kid piping separating them. The brown-and-white idea gets another new twist in a pump with a white lizard vamp and a brown patent-leather back. Simple but somehow dressy. Shoes of white linen, whether pumps or onestrap affairs, have a vamp with discreet white embroidery; and there is a grand shoe with a navy-kid wing tip, a back of white linen, and inserts of white linen crochet at the sides. This sort of thing is everywhere, and ordinarily bores me, but this here now shoe has quality.

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the more, have brought forth one that might easily be construed as a hint. It is a miniature engagement ring in platinum, with a diamond chip on it. Bait for brazen women, I calls it. . . . The Accessory Shop at Macy would probably go into a decline if something new didn't crop up at least once a week. This time it is an epidemic of plaid gingham, making blouses, envelope bags, wide belts, floppy beach hats, Ascot scarves, and such. You can buy all or one of them, as you like. . . . The farthest north in perfumes since the Astrologique ones came out has been reached by Chanel's. If you wear red, it appears, you must have a perfume that smells red to go with it, and so on. Lord \& Taylor have themin case you don't feel like laughing, as I did. . . . Lenthéric, suffering from an attack of conscience because indelible lipstick stains on table napkins are worrying hostesses so much, went to work to find out how they might easily be removed. Both their own and other indelible lipsticks were the subjects of the experiments. With white linen, you should first use any good cleansing fluid, like Energine or Carbona, to take off the waxy substance. After this, Javelle water, which you can buy at any drugstore, should be applied to remove the dyestuff. You then rinse the linen in clean water. For colored linens, the cleansing fluid first and then soap and water-not as effective as the Javelle but still good after two or three launderings. This for the little-hostess department.

IWAS particularly interested in that last cable from B. M., in which she said that that roll of hair going all the way around from ear to ear was beginning to look a touch tiresome. All the millinery people last autumn had me to fight when they flatly stated that this method of doing the hair was the newest, the smartest, and everythingest in Paris. What very few people bother to remember is that, whatever styles Paris sets in other matters, so far as hairdressing goes it is approximately three years behind us. It was three years behind Irene Castle in taking up the bob; and just as late in adopting the shingle and in doing a Garbo. I don't know what new thing will crop up here for Paris to decry in all directions, but I saw one bob that looked nice and new to me. Permanently waved and longish at the sides, shingled in back, with a deliberately raggedy effect on the nape of the neck-reversed wind-blown

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-W. E. Farbstein

# MUSICAL EVENTS 

Not for "Pinafore" Pooh-Poohers



T${ }^{\top}$ HOSE of us who review music are a snobbish lot. When a second-rate operetta like "Boccaccio" is reupholstered with a few recitatives and Mme. Jeritza and performed in the Metropolitan Opera House, we attend -and take the show and ourselves pretty seriously. When a work of genius like "H.M.S. Pinafore" is produced with taste and skill in Erlanger's Theatre, we conclude that this assignment belongs to the dramatic department. It is all rather lamentable, because the dramatic department undoubtedly would enjoy Mme. Jeritza and the recitatives, whereas a music critic should find joy and refreshment at "Pinafore."

It happens that I am more familiar with "Pinafore" than I am with "Parsifal" (to quote "Pinafore": "Horror!") and when Howard Marsh omits the confession that he is a ganglion of conflicting emotions or Frank Moulan remarks that all sailors should dance hornpipes instead of "every sailor should dance the hornpipe," I can catch the offender as easily as your perfect Wagnerite trips up a poor soprano who confuses "versagt" and "entsagt." "Pinafore," "with English text by W. S. Gilbert," as the program so bewilderingly puts it, is a libretto of inevitabilities. An inserted word shrieks out to tell you that Gilbert was not its father. Even so traditional an interpolation as "the cat came back" in "Silent be-it was the cat" obviously is a smudgy finger to the nose, wiggled at the stern mustachios of the dramatist. Milton Aborn, director of the present performance, ought to have some sort of Pulitzer Prize for eliminating returning cats and other addenda. The "English text by W. S. Gilbert" is permitted to speak for itself; and there is nothing else in town that speaks so well.

EVIDENTLY, someone took the trouble to rehearse the current "Pinafore," and the result is a performance that does almost complete justice to the amazing score. I rarely have heard a satisfactory Ralph or a


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Josephine who was much more than a young singer battling with the Bellinian parodies of Sullivan, but Howard Marsh sings the hero without tenor poses and at once he comes to life. Ruth Altman is much the best Josephine in my rather extensive acquaintance. I think that she ought to find somebody who can show her how to produce her upper tones, but except for these forced notes, her Josephine has everything, including exactly the right flavor of travesty.

Frank Moulan, William Danforth, and William C. Gordon are old hands at Gilbert and Sullivan, but this time they are more effective than ever. Joseph Macaulay, a memorable Grosvenor in an unfortunate production of "Patience" a few years ago, steps forth as a superlative Captain Corcoran; and Fay Templeton is an astonishing Little Buttercup. Miss Templeton is the Schumann-Heink of operetta. Some of the music has been revised for her, but no harm is done, and her recitative with Mr. Macaulay would be worth study by some of the folks who sing four blocks downtown.

$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{F}}$F course, not all is heaven. The evening begins with an interminable "selection" of melodies, after which the overture is played. The addition of "God Save the King" to Sir Joseph's entrance is a throwback to the days when "Pinafore" was done with real water. Almost every item is encored automatically, even when there is no surging demand for it. The lighting is a fearful thing.

I could add to the catalogue, but it would be misleading. This "Pinafore" is a grand show. It will be with us the rest of this week, and may be repeated later in the season. If you have a musical friend (one of those superiorities who sniff at Sullivan) invest two dollars in his salvation. Take him to Erlanger's Theatre and have him listen to Sullivan's handling of the ensemble, of recitative, and of a text that only a musician of exceptional sensibility could set with success.-R. A. S.
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Questionnaire in the MetropolitanBeelzebub's Cup-High-Priced Horses

IT seems to me that the appellation of champion has no place in racing. It savors too much of dog showswhere every other entrant is Champion So-and-So of This-and-That-and comes too readily to the tongue of the man who has backed the winner and takes longer to cool off than the horse. One heard it on all sides after Questionnaire came strolling away from his field three furlongs from home in the Metropolitan Handicap at Belmont Park last weekend.

ALTHOUGH he was on my list of horses likely to do well this season, I was agreeably surprised on my reintroduction to James Butler's colt earlier that week. Last year Questionnaire was an unprepossessing animal, just a tough hide but always doing his best, as the horsemen say. Over the winter, however, he has grown into a fine, big colt filled out in the right places, with an abundance of muscle and a coat that carries a rare bloom. The story of the Metropolitan is not difficult to unfold. Questionnaire broke well from the rail, but there was a breathless moment or two when Polydorus and Curate bore over sharply and Her Grace stumbled, tossing her jockey in a long, twisting loop. (He landed on his head, burying his cap in the mud to his ears, but rode the winner of the next race.) Halfway around the turn Polydorus and Curate tired, and as Questionnaire was left in splendid isolation his owner's face lighted up with a victorious smile. In spite of the mishap to Her Grace, I shall continue to have Questionnaire on my side, particularly for the Suburban.

IAM disappointed in Charlie Schwartz' Cree. When he won the Harbor Hill Cup last autumn, I thought he was the best three-year-old jumper I had seen in years (so did Thomas Hitchcock, who developed him) but last week he was beaten twice. After the Charles Appleton Cup, Rigan McKinney, who rode him, and Max Hirsch, who trained him, met in the stand and each tried to take the blame for Cree's fading away into the shadowy background until Schwartz called it a draw. Ed Bradley's Beelzebub, who won the Harbor Hill three years
ago, galloped and jumped to such purpose that he never was headed after the first half-mile of the Appleton Cup.

ANUMBER of interesting two-year-olds were out last week. Mrs. Jock Whitney's Brocado (a full sister to Toro) beat Joseph Widener's Foxiana (a filly by Stefan the Great who I am told is one of the best-fancied in the barn) with George Widener's Straightlace (a full sister to Jack High) third. Then we saw the Greentree Stable's Pro Bono, a half-brother to Twenty Grand. He is goodlooking but evidently lazy, for he was slow to settle to running.

WELL, this weekend we shall see George Widener's Jamestown run for The Withers, a race, no doubt, that he will win. He is such a fast horse, and seems to sweep over the ground so effortlessly. Twenty Grand, of course, will not run until The Belmont, but perhaps it will be just as well to take a look at Jamestown's opponents. Clock Tower will be one of them, and Ladder, third in The Preakness, another. And I think it would be interesting if Ed Bradley were to start a filly, Baba Kenny, against colts.

OBVIOUSLY, Mrs. H. C. Phipps must have had her card well marked when she gave $\$ 30,000$ for the two-year-old Caerleon at the sale of the late Gifford A. Cochran's horses last week. He is a fine-looking colt, however, and Henry McDaniel, who trained him this spring, tells me he can really run. I daresay Epithet, who was bought by the Warm Stable for $\$ 20,000$, will do most of his racing in Kentucky and Illinois.

Metropolitan Moments: R. M. Appleton's yellow beaver top hat. . . . The Japanese ladies the crowd mistook for Siamese royalty. . . . Ed Bradley with a seat stick. . . . Norrie Sellar wearing his Turf \& Field Club badge on his left sleeve cuff. Joseph Widener and Barclay Warburton receiving congratulations over Miami's pari-mutuel victory. . . . The not-so-liberal odds of the new auto-graph-collectors. -Audax Minor


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Prospects at Carnoustie -Young Wealth in the British Amateur


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DERHAPS it's just as well that the course will be helping the British, who learn their game on layouts like that. They are liable to need help. Mac Smith, Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour, Horton Smith, Joe Turnesa are a tough crowd to tackle-the ablest crowd of pros, I think, that has ever gone over from here. Besides the usual flock of dark horses-the weather-beaten, unknown pros, young and old, who flock into the tournament from all the courses of Ireland, Scotland, and England-Britain has two white hopes: Ernest Whitcombe and Henry Cotton. Henry Cotton is a sort of Walter Hagen there now; although his personality is entirely different from Hagen's, he has a similar knack for showmanship. Whitcombe played beautifully in the Thousand Guineas tournament at Leeds.

Then there's Mac Smith, who is technically an American now, but who knows Carnoustie very well indeed, so well that if he wins, the British are sure to reclaim him as a native son. From the dramatic point of view, winning this tournament is Mac Smith's duty.


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WITH George Voigt, Cyril Tolley, and Roger Wethered all put out simultaneously in the fifth round at Westward Ho! the finals of the British Amateur turned into an event more interesting to sociologists than golfers. It presented the spectacle of two agreeable and extraordinarily rich young men meeting in a friendly match after having triumphantly overcome the piddling opposition of inferior incomes. Eric Martin-Smith is the son of Everard Martin-Smith, a banker who is no mean golfer himself. John De Forest, runner-up, is the son of one of the richest barons in England, who decided that no price would be too great to pay for having a champion in the family. So De Forest came over here and took lessons from Stewart Maiden and Horton Smith, and played around the country in the best company he could get into. Then, to stimulate him to do his best for England, his father promised him \$1,250 for every round he came through, and a bonus of $\$ 5,000$ if he got in the finals. That made young De Forest careful. In his match with Roper, he lay face-down on the green to study every putt. This Roper just went ahead and putted. He is a former coal-miner who has graduated into a clerkship. But this wasn't the time when the poor lad with his borrowed clubs trimmed an effete scion of wealth; De Forest beat him, and then the two rich young men put on a very exciting match for their final. Possibly the moral is that golf is still a rich man's game-if the rich man is good enough.
-N. B., Jr.


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Spring Day—The Childs Cup and the Lightweights

$A^{T}$ least three of the Eastern college crews will enter the races at Poughkeepsie and New London unbeaten as a result of the execrable weather which prevented the rowing of Cornell's Spring Day regatta on Lake Cayuga last Saturday. Harvard, for the first time in several years, goes to its camp at Red Top this week to train for New London with a record which includes victories over Navy, Princeton, Pennsylvania, and M.I.T., while both Cornell and Syracuse will row at Poughkeepsie as undefeated crews.

$\mathrm{I}^{1}$N the Childs Cup regatta, to be held at Princeton this Saturday, Pennsylvania and Princeton may make trouble for Columbia, a crew that seems to have lost its early effectiveness. With two fixtures as hard as its races against Navy and Yale coming so early in the season, it was necessary to develop the Columbia varsity a bit faster than normal, and after the Yale race it was inevitable that the boat should fall into a slump; but the slump has lasted longer than was expected, and this is giving Dick Glendon, the Columbia coach, real concern. Nearly every man has developed a tendency to rush his slide on the recovery, and the shell has begun to wobble and check badly. When the eight is going as it should, I have seen it row a full half-mile, at the end of a four-mile pull on the Hudson, and space at least a foot with the stroke somewhere between 39 and 41-but that was before the slump.

In one way, however, Glendon has been fortunate: he has not had to shuffle the men around. He is working the crew out of the slump, not shifting its seating order and hoping blindly for a change in form.

PDrinceton and Penn, neither of them the winner of a varsity race this season, have been preparing for the Childs Cup by the shifting process. Neither has hit on a stable boating order for weeks, and Princeton, among its numerous changes, suffered a really serious loss when Johnnie Pease, last year's captain, was forced to give up rowing. As a crew it is still an unknown quantity. Penn will enter a heavier and stronger eight in this race than it sent

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It is a pity the Schuylkill is not broad enough for the seven lightweight crews representing Yale, Pennsylvania, Marward, Princeton, Columbia, Navy, and Cornell to line up at the start. As it is, the race will be rowed in heats, with four crews in one and three in the other, and the first and second crews in each of the trials meeting in the final for the championship. Yale appears to be the most promising boat of all, this spring. It has soundly beaten Princeton, Columbia, Harvard, and Pennsylvania. Cornell is entered for the first time. Navy has already lost to Pennsylvania.

Perhaps the lightweights will never achieve the distinction of rowing for their championships before such crowds as Poughkeepsie and New London draw, but they are at least putting an end to the idea that rowing is a sport for big men only. In a way they are making rowing democratic. -M. R.
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THERE is a new picture out with somewhat the same kind of laughs in it that you found in the Charlie Chaplin show. This is "Le Million," at the Little Carnegie at the moment-possibly for many moments -and in spite of the fact that it is as French as this vermouth they sell is said to be, it suggests those old Yankee nickelodeon comedies we used to see back in 1910 or thereabouts. The old comic items, such as the chase and the burlesque of grand opera, form the backbone of its action, and yet this film is definitely as novel as anything now being shown. It belongs, indeed, to the class of artistic offerings officially dubbed "modern," and I am told by my correspondents in the various legations abroad that all those persons most up on things, as it were, have laughed their jaded heads off over this picture. I suppose that you might as well get that laugh checked off before you sail, so that you will have more time for the tears of the Tuileries.

The young man who directed this picture and contrived something new out of so many old gags is that René Clair who directed, you may remember, "Sous les Toits de Paris." I am not sure that I think this picture quite as agreeable as "Sous les Toits." It's funnier, more on the side of crazy farce, and for many a day I shall be grateful for the grand-opera scene and the laugh it gave me-and it's paced so fast it makes a Mack Sennett comedy of the old school look like a minuet -yet I think it rather lacks the charm his other movie had. My slight choleric hesitancy about the piece, for instance, may be based on the fact that the management shoved me so far front that all the music was a great din in my ears. This is a word to the wise: sit far back in the theatre when you see the picture.

" Ee Million," of course, is in French, but a little trick of interpolating English explanations of the story has been slyly woven into the film, so that language problem-if it is a problem-need not worry you. I

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might go on a bit more at length, I suppose, about this movie, but there is a Lubitsch picture on hand, and that too deserves commendation. It's a pleasure this week to find two pleasant pictures, especially as a young man from New Haven, signing himself "a hopeful student," has been so good as to write that he has almost despaired of finding an entertaining movie. I think the student might enjoy "The Smiling Lieutenant," at the Criterion now, with Chevalier. It's attractive, gay, I guess; as much on the Gallic side of things, that is, as a Teuton can be Gallic. I refer in this last, of course, to Mr. Lubitsch. As the best director of light comedy our movies have, he sustains his position here pretty well. He does at times repeat old stunts, suggesting, occasionally too apparently, some of the trickeries of "The Love Parade," and sometimes he is a little more listless than he has been. The Oscar Straus songs are lively, and the ladies of the extravaganza, Miss Claudette Colbert and Miss Miriam Hopkins, do well. Miss Colbert perhaps is naturally a little too grave in gesture for her rôle, and she yields the sensational honors of the piece to Miss Hopkins. Miss Hopkins sparkles in this picture. I don't think she "runs away" with it as do some, but she is variable and quick and pretty and very good. M. Chevalier has not altered his familiar and successful stage mannerisms, and I don't find them tiresome.

$M^{Y}$Y New Haven correspondent wonders why I review "rotten" movies at all. I do nót consider as "rotten" movies such, for instance, as Clara Bow's "Kick In," in which she appears as a subdued, grave Miss Bow in heavy melodrama, and not exactly as her vast public expects her to be; nor do I so describe Robert Montgomery's "Shipmates," nor Elissa Landi's "Always Goodbye," nor Richard Dix's "Donovan's Kid." No, I don't call them "rotten." These are four just ordinary pictures, and my reason for listing them is by way of warning you that your pleasure in them will be mild. That little affair of Mr. Woolsey's, "Everything's Rosie," of course I might be inclined to put down on the records as-well, I hesitate to employ the New Haven terminology. As for my reason for reviewing pictures which we shall say are not brilliant offerings, I suppose it's that desire to warn the public. Those who are no longer hopeful sometimes appreciate a warning.
-J. C. M.

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## READING AND WRITING

Words, Words, Words



THERE are hence the weight, of the book, were ages blow to fluff, and comparisons stiffen and shrivel. Such an occasion is surely at hand when one is confronted by Dreiser's latest museum piece, "Dawn." One can but revise a none-too-hot dialectic of childhood; ask, in rhetorical aggressiveness, "What writes worse than a Theodore Dreiser? ;" loudly crow the answer, "Two Theodore Dreisers;" and, according to temperament, re joice at the merciful absurdity of the conception, or shudder away from the thought.

THE reading of "Dawn" is a strain upon many parts, but the worst wear and tear fall on the forearms. After holding the massive volume for the half-day necessary to its perusal (well, look at that, would you? "Massive volume" and "perusal," one right after the other! You see how contagious Mr. D.'s manner is? ) my arms ached with a slow, mean persistence beyond the services of aspirin or of liniment. I must file this distress, I suppose, under the head of "Occupational Diseases;" for I could not honestly chalk up such a result against "Pleasure" or even "Improvement." And I can't truly feel that "Dawn" was worth it. If I must have aches, I had rather gain them in the first tennis of the season, and get my back into it.

This present Dreiser book is the record of its author's first twenty years. It requires five hundred and eightynine long, wide, and closely printed pages. Nearly six hundred sheets to the title of "Dawn;" God help us one and all if Mr. Dreiser ever elects to write anything called "June Twentyfirst"!

The actual account of the writer's early life, and of the lives of his mother, his father, and his nine brothers and sisters which colored and crossed it, is wholly absorbing; but, if I may say so, without that lightning bolt coming barging in the window, what honest setting-down of anyone's first years would not be? And Mr. Dreiser had, in addition, the purely literary good fortune to be a child of poverty-for when, in print, was the shanty not more glamorous than the salon?

Nor should I cavil at the length, and
times when im- it all given over to memories, since if a man were to write down his remembrances and his impressions up to the age of five, much less of twenty, six hundred pages could not begin to contain them. But I do fret, through "Dawn," at the great desert patches of Mr. Dreiser's moralizing, I do chafe at such monstrous bad writing as that with which he pads out his tale. I have read reviews of this book, written by those whose days are dedicated to litera-
ture. "Of course," each one says airily, "Dreiser writes badly," and thus they dismiss that tiny fact, and go off into their waltz-dream. This book, they cry, ranks well beside the "Confessions" of Rousseau; and I, diverted, as is ever the layman, by any plump red herring, mutter, "Oh, Rousseau, my eye," and am preoccupied with that.

But on second thinking, I dare to differ more specifically from the book-sie-wooksies. It is of not such small importance to me that Theodore

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For years, you see, I have been crouching in corners hissing small and ladylike anathema of Theodore Dreiser. I dared not yip it out loud, much less offer it up in print. But now, what with a series of events that have made me callous to anything that may later occur, I have become locally known as the What-the-Hell Girl of 1931. In that, my character, I may say that to me Dreiser is a dull, pompous, dated, and darned near ridiculous writer. All right. Go on and bring on your lightning bolts.

Othe earlier Dreiser, the author of "Sister Carrie" and "Jennie Gerhardt," the portrayer of Muldoon and of Paul Dresser, in "Twelve Men," you don't think I could be so far gone as to withhold all the reverent praise that is in me, do you? But then I read all those hundreds of thousands of words that made up "An American Tragedy" and, though I hung upon some of them, I later read the newspaper accounts of the Snyder-Gray case, and, still later, of the cornering by a hundred or so of New York's finest of the nineteen-year-old "Shorty" Crowley. And I realized, slowly and sadly, that any reporter writes better and more vividly than the man who has been proclaimed the great reporter. It is a quite fair comparison. Mr. Dreiser, with the Chester Gillette case, had a great story; the unnamed men of the daily and the evening papers with the tales of the unhappy Ruth Snyder and the bewildered Judd Gray, and the little Crowley boy who never had a prayer-they had fine stories, too. But they would have lost their jobs, had they written ton much.

The booksy ones, with that butterfly touch of theirs, flutter away from Dreiser's bad writing and but brush their wings over the admission that he possesses no humor. Now I know that the term "sense of humor" is dangerous (there's a novel idea!) and that humor is snooted upon, in a dignified manner, by the lofty-minded. Thus Professor Paul Elmer More raises a thin and querulous pipe in his essay on Longfellow-I think it is-to say that

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there were those who claimed that Longfellow had no humor-of whom I am the first ten. All right, suppose he hadn't, he says, in effect; humor may be all very well for those that like it ("Only fools care to see," said the blind man) but there's no good making a fetich of it. I wouldn't for the world go around making fetiches; yet I am unable to feel that a writer can be complete without humor. And I don't mean by that, and you know it perfectly well, the creation or the appreciation of things comic. I mean that the possession of a sense of humor entails the sense of selection, the civilized fear of going too far. A little humor leavens the lump, surely, but it does more than that. It keeps you, from your respect for the humor of others, from making a dull jackass of yourself. Humor, imagination, and manners are pretty fairly interchangeably interwoven.

Mr. Theodore Dreiser has no humor.

I know that Mr. Dreiser is sincere, or rather I have been told it enough to impress me. So, I am assured, is Mrs. Kathleen Norris sincere; so, I am informed, is Mr. Zane Grey sincere; so, I am convinced, was Mr. Horatio Alger-whose work, to me, that of Mr. Dreiser's nearest approxi-mates-sincere. But I will not-oh, come on with your lightning again!admit that sincerity is the only thing. A good thing, a high thing, an admirable thing; but not the only thing in letters.

THE thing that most distressed me in "Dawn" was the philosophising of its author. His is a sort of pre-war bitterness, a sort of road-company anger at conditions. Once does Mr. Dreiser quote a youthful sister: "When men proposed marriage, I found I didn't like them well enough to marry


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On this the author comments: "At this point I am sure any self-respecting moralist will close this book once and for all!" But, you know, I must differ. I don't think that's enough to warrant the closing of a book by even the most self-respecting of moralists. I think that Mr. Dreiser believes that the world is backward, hypocritical, and mean, and so, I suppose, it is; but times have changed and Mr. D. is not now the only advanced one. I think the self-respecting moralists are much less apt to close the book "at this point" than are those that get a bit squeamish over the authenticity of a woman who says "Aside from the social scheme as people seem to want it-"

Early in this little dandy, you saw that I had been affected by the Dreiser style. That, maybe, is responsible for this plethora of words. I could have checked all this torrent, and given you a true idea of Theodore Dreiser's "Dawn" had I but succumbed to the influence of the present-day Nash and the sweeter-day Bentley, and had written:

## Theodore Dreiser

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Miscellany


THERE'S rather an odd assortment of books this week, none of them specially good, all of them fairly readable. We might equally well start with any one of them, so long as we start in. Let's begin, then, with "World Champions," by Paul Morand, which is published by Harcourt, Brace. It's a novel, and concerned with that race whose doings seem to hold such a peculiar interest for Europeans nowadays: namely, the Americans. It has also the distinction of being, so far as I know, the only book to have a relay team for its hero.

The four members of the team are students at Columbia as the story starts, and the narrator is an instructor in French at the same university, as well as being more or less the confidant of the boys. They win a world's championship before graduation, and in the process of doing so weld themselves into so compact a unit, not only physically but spiritually, that a final parting seems unbearable to them and they make a pact to return every ten years, from wherever they may be on earth, to a stated meeting place for a reunion. Many and many an undergraduate has made a similar oath but few have kept it, which shows that youthful promises are vain. These four keep it-a very praiseworthy thing in itself, but one which operates to the detriment of the book.

Having graduated in 1909, their first meeting comes due in 1919. One is by now a budding financier, who has been in China but has dropped everything there to get back and see the old crowd again. Another has become a prizefighter; a third is just back from the war, where he'd made a name for himself as a combat flier. The fourth fellow doesn't turn up, but his wife does, to inform them that he's in prison for some phony doings in the way of stock manipulation.

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would have forgotten what it was all about, and nobody would have bothered about the man in jail. Mr. Morand, however, keeps them all together and even follows them as far as their next decennial, in 1929, when pretty nearly everyone has fallen in love with one of the other fellows' wives and things generally have got far too complicated for us to go into here. It just shows that the old American customs are best, and ex-classmates shouldn't see too much of each other. As for the book itself, I hardly think you'd want to read it, except during a very idle hour. It's far from being up to Mr. Morand's best.

THERE are two more books by foreign authors. One is "The Night's Candles," by René Roy, published by Macmillan. In 1917, during the attack on the Chemin des Dames, Mr . Roy received a wound which caused permanent blindness. He was then twenty-three years old, and the book is the record of his experiences from then until now when, at the age of thirty-seven, he holds a post as State Engineer of Bridges and Waterways in France. He has, then, made a practical conquest of blindness as an impediment in the ordinary way of things, and the book is largely a setting-forth of the arrangements, mental and otherwise, a blind man must make with life. There's no insistence on the emotional side of the situation; instead, the whole thing is as simply set down as a diary full of rather humdrum, day-byday philosophical observations, together with an occasional incident, trivial in itself, which somehow suddenly awakens in us an understanding of all the tragedy of blindness. It's a very honest and appealing recital, and I think you'd like it.

FURTHER, there's "Schliemann," the new biography by Emil Ludwig, published by Little, Brown. Heinrich Schliemann, of course, was the man who, while all the archeologists investigating the Homeric legends were following their own noses, followed Homer, with the result that he



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Nowadays Schliemann, except for that one bright achievement of his life, is pretty much forgotten, but Mr. Ludwig, in preparing his biography, suffered from no lack of material. Methodical and painstaking, during his life the man had kept voluminous diaries, chronicling every incident of his wanderings, as well as business records, letters received and copies of letters sent, newspaper clippings-everything, in short, that might even conceivably be of value to the biographer -and his family had piously preserved these documents during the forty years after his death before that biographer at last appeared.

With such a wealth of material to draw on, Mr. Ludwig may be excused for quoting largely, which he does so copiously that in many cases the quoted excerpts run for three or four pages without a break. All this undoubtedly made things easier for Mr. Ludwig; also, fortunately, it adds to the interest of the book for us, in the minute and detailed recital it affords of the man's varied and wandering career. You'll be interested in the book, I think, especially if you, like myself, have always known about Schliemann, but have also wondered whatever else he did besides discovering Troy.-R. M. C.

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[^0]:    "You know, Mater, I decided it would be nice if you went to Germany and took some baths."

[^1]:    "It's not old-fashioned, Madame. It's just a reaction."

