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THE SHORT CUT TO SUCCESS.
One of the wonderful things about

the advanced knowledge of the day is its availability. It can be had in concise form and at prices that everybody can afford. For example, here is a book entitled, "Full Instructions on How to Write Short Stories and Where to Sell Them." Former price

\$1, but now reduced to 10 cents. Almost anyone, it might seem, wanting to make a few thousands a year in spare time, could afford to invest 10 cents in a book as complete and as helpful as this. It leaves nothing to be desired, for it not only instructs the reader as to how a short story should be written, but what is more important, how to sell it when it is written.

It wastes no time, either, in laying bare the secret of the trade. "The plot," it says, "or scheme of the story is what the most successful authors work on an outline first, securing a synopsis, and aim to have something happen every 300 or 400 words." Then it cautions the student to "remember that the editor is going to decide, in reading your manuscript, according to the first sentence. It, therefore, must be striking—remember that action is essential. Every line must be gripping, if you would get good money for your work."

By way of example of an opening that is bound to rivet the attention of the wary editor and clinch the sale when there, the book gives this: "Mack Ainsworth looked sorrowfully from the golden curls of Alice Norworth to the bent head of her father, and he realized that he was to be weighed in the balance and that upon him depended their happiness and future." This is good—excellent, as Polonius might say—and illuminative, and if any one doubts that it has the virtue of selling stories let him cast his eye over the magazine fiction of today. Somehow, we fancy, he will detect some "first sentences" not a bit more striking than this—and not very different, either.

In short, from first to last, cover to the cover, the book is valuable. What it can do and will do for men or women who want to write short stories is obvious. From that point of view its merit cannot be questioned. From the point of view of those of us who are mere readers of short stories, its value is also apparent. It tells us plainly where many of the popular authors of our times learned their craft. Heretofore we have wondered and speculated in vain. Now we know.

THE QUESTION OF ARMAMENT.

It is hard for military experts to understand why their views should not be accepted without question, and on the other hand it is hard for civilians accustomed to forming opinions off-hand on all subjects to realize how little value their views have on technical questions to which they have given no thought. There is need on both sides for more discrimination and less of what President Wilson calls pride of opinion.

The opponent of increased armament only weakens his case and makes himself absurd when he recklessly discusses as a novice matters to which men have given a lifetime of hard study. On the other hand, the expert needs to remember that his views, even if as a matter of fact unbiased, cannot possibly be relieved of the suspicion of bias. He can give information; he cannot be left to decide.

Defense is but one of a nation's functions, and it has to be harmonized with all the rest; the political expert has to be consulted quite as much as the military expert, and a good soldier may have a quite extraordinary ignorance of his own people and what they want. This is where the military expert often goes astray; he regards "preparedness" as something that can be worked out ideally in the closet and imposed on the people. Prussia managed to do that to the Germans; it cannot be done in America until it ceases to be the America we know.

ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.

Although the news dispatches stated when the report was issued regarding Washington's Supreme court declaring the late prohibition law enacted by the people of that state unconstitutional, that Oregon has a similar law, the statement is not justified by a comparison of the two measures. Washington people initiated a law to make the state dry, but Oregon people voted for a constitutional amendment empowering the legislature to enact a dry law. This the legislature did and thus far the law

has not been attacked as to its validity.

WELL SAID.

Editor Piper of the Portland Oregonian has focused the whole political situation into the following lines: "The trouble with the Republican party is that, though the Progressive party is practically dissolved the sentiment which gave it being still prevails almost, if not quite, as extensively as it did in 1912."

That is the whole thing briefly told. And the Republican party in the nation and the state should heed Mr. Piper's opinion expressed in the above paragraph.

The hopes of the Allies may not be sinking under the onslaughts of the Teutons, but their steamships are.

Besides, a man always loses more money through the top of his pocket than through a hole in the bottom.

Since men are being supplanted by women in so many positions, the real eligible fellow of today is the guy who understands housekeeping.

Bethlehem steel company is in for a great future. When it gets through making war munitions, it will be framing steel bridges and structural iron for European countries.

If any material gain has come to the Allies from the entrance of Italy into the war it is not visible to any alarming extent.

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

Unfit
"What brought you to house-breaking, my man?"
"Lost my job as a baseball pitcher, judge."

"Well you were foolish to go into burglary, if you are poor at locating the plate."—Louisville Courier Journal.

A Precedent
The English are justifiably shocked

as are we, by the killing of an Englishwoman by the Germans. Chivalrous people, good sports, don't do such things.

We always wondered if there were any basis of fact for a line in an old song you may remember:

"They're hanging men and women, too,
For the wearing of the green."
—New York Evening Sun.

Editorial Elysium

"Fellow dropt into the office the other day and ordered the paper, and we were pleased. Said it was a good paper, and we were glad. Said it was more than worth the money to any man of intelligence, and we were tickled. Said it was the mainstay of the town, and we were supertickled. Said it was the greatest booster and the most reliable town-builder and developer in this whole community, and we yelled with joy. Paid for his paper, and—we slid gently to the floor in blissful unconsciousness. Nature had reached its limit."—Altoona Tribune.

A Fearful Occurrence

A gentleman farmer tells of a city lad who once worked for him.

The lad was called one winter morning before dawn and told to harness the mule to the dearborn.

The lad was too lazy to light a lantern and in the dark he didn't notice that one of the cows was in the stable with the mule. The farmer, impatient at the long delay, shouted from the house:

"Billy! Billy! What are you doing?"
"I can't get the collar over the mule's head," yelled back the boy.
"His ears are frozen."—Collier's Weekly.

Misfit

Ad in a New York paper: "Wanted—Bookkeeper and salesman. Must have one leg shorter than the other."

We were about to telephone this opportunity to a friend, when we suddenly remembered that what he had was one leg longer than the other.—Boston Transcript.

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