

Authors  
Today  
Write of  
Nothing  
but  
Love



By CARMEN SYLVA, Queen of Roumania

Why  
Don't  
They  
Try  
Another  
Theme?

**W**HAT is love? No one can say definitely what love is, but that this uncertain quantity is made the HUB AND AXIS OF NINETY-NINE PER CENT OF ALL LITERARY OUTPUT is certainly very foolish—nay, more, a mistake and grave error.

The world's authors are seeking for the dramatic conflicts of life in spheres bereft of them, and this practical vacuum they designate "life's drama."

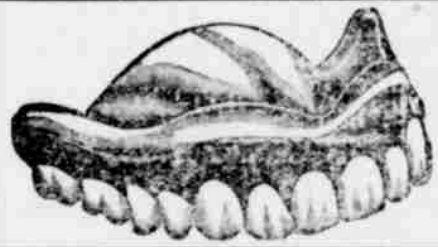
As a consequence the novels of America, England, France, Germany, Roumania, the whole world, CONCLUDE WHERE THEY SHOULD BEGIN TO EXPAND. The lovers are mated, a new generation is about to spring up, the tragic conflicts are to begin, and the unthinking author writes "Finis" under his elaboration.

ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF TODAY REALLY INTERESTED IN NAUGHT BUT IN OTHER PEOPLE'S STRUGGLES AND TROUBLES TO GET MARRIED? IS IT NOT FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW THE MARRIAGE PROBLEM WILL WORK OUT, WHETHER THE PROCESS DESCRIBED TURNED OUT A SUCCESS OR A FAILURE? SUCCESS OR FAILURE IS THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS—YET WHO CARES?

The novel of today is no book. With a little stretch of the imagination we may call it the beginning of a book, the foreword, so to speak.

A BOOK TO BE A BOOK MUST PAINT LIFE, ITS KERNEL, CORE AND NUCLEUS. There must be marrow and backbone.

The novel, the story, may rise superior to the fairy tale if it deals with real passions and drops—love.



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## OPERATIONS AT THE DAM GIGANTIC

A popular and interesting trip nowadays is to cross the river and go up to the scene of operations at the big dam which is being built by the Northwestern Electric Company on the White Salmon River above Underwood.

The business center of operations at the dam site is now the west bank. Here the powerful rock crushers, sand makers and concrete mixers are at work for the fill of the river bed. From the bed of the river to the top of the bank is a distance of about 500 feet. At the top is the quarry from which 30,000 tons of rock will be dropped to the crushers thence to the mixer farther down, from which it is being poured into the gorge. High up towards the top of the bank is a donkey engine, a little speck, but which required some engineering to place up there so high. There are many interesting things about this dam making, and every Sunday visitors are attracted, so much so that they have been forbidden descending down the stairway to the bottom where they would interfere with the work.

Though it appeared too gigantic an undertaking to accomplish in a few months it will not be long after the first of the year before the fill is completed, the big pipe line down, and the power house in, for work on these three divisions goes on simultaneously.

Proceeded by blasts, the steam shovel is now plowing up close to the dam, in its one mile course from the power house site. The pipe which is to carry the flow of the river is 13 1/2 feet in diameter and is the biggest pipe line of its kind in the United States. In one hour 35,000,000 gallons of water will flow through this big pipe on its way to the two turbines which will generate the 20,000-horse power which the plant is to furnish. Just before the flow takes its sheer drop of 180 feet to the turbines it divides into two nine-foot pipes one for each turbine.

Ernst Thälman, the international banker, was greatly liked by newspaper men in Wall street. He spoke as an authority on all banking questions—in a strong German accent, however. Shortly before his death a reporter—one of his friends—interviewed him in regard to European finances.

The next day he met Mr. Thälman in Broad street and was halted by the banker, who made a great show of anger.

"I saw you yesterday," he said. "I told you nothings, and you got that wrong in your paper."—New York Mail.

## ROUND-UP SECURES DAREDEVIL RIDERS

Pendleton, Ore.—There will be at least eight performers at the Round-up, which is to be held in this city from September 26 to 28 inclusive, who have reached that skill in wild west specialties that entitles them to the rank of artists par excellence, eight riders, ropers and steer wrestlers whose daring and proficiency enable them to command exhibition salaries of which even the most popular of footlight favorites might well be envious. Each of these eight peerless ones has a reputation known in every western state, a reputation he or she must sustain at the Round-up.

Three of the feature performers will be ladies, undoubtedly the foremost of their sex in their abilities as riders. The names of Tillie Baldwin, Bertha Blanchett and Blanche McGaughey are too well known to require a lengthy dissertation on their abilities. Suffice it to say that, besides doing trick and fancy riding, each has mastered the science of sticking to the back of a bucking broncho, and the competition between them for first honors will be one of the most exciting and spectacular contests of the Round-up.

Two of these lady buckaroos have buckaroo husbands who appear with them. Johnny Baldwin is a trick hippodrome and fancy rider, the peer of any in the business, while Dell Blanchett combines with his abilities as a rider a mastery of the art of bulldogging a steer and will be entered in the bulldogging contest for the championship of the world. Both he and his wife were features of the 1911 Round-up.

The directors of the Pendleton show are jubilant over the annexation of Art McCord to their list of exhibition attractions. Besides being an expert at steer wrestling, McCord is one of the few cowboys who do the "drunken ride," the most thrilling and daring feat known to the cowboy world.

The other two of the "big eight" are Tex McCord and Chester Byers, kings of the rope. Under their skillful hands the lariat is almost human and is more formidable in some respects than a 44 Colt.

## CLUB PICNICS AND EATS WATERMELON

The Sans-souci Club held its regular meeting Wednesday in rather an unusual manner. The Fashion Stables' four-horse wagonette with Charlie Rathbun in charge collected the ladies and drove out the West Side to Tuckers, up the river road into the Summit section, and landed them at the ranch home of one of the members, Mrs. C. D. Hoyt.

As the meeting was held one day ahead of schedule, Mrs. Hoyt knew nothing of the arrangements and was taken completely by surprise. Baskets were unloaded and a picnic dinner was soon ready in a near-by grove.

After an afternoon spent in pursuit of various kinds of needlework, a watermelon feast, "nigger style," was indulged in and the ladies drove back to town. Those present were Mesdames Bartness, Blagden, Bolton, Coolidge, Hartley, Hunt, Ireland, Perigo, Stranahan and Sumner, the Misses Jackson, Lucinda Lucky and Catherine Perigo, Master Bobby Perigo, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rathbun and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hoyt.

## MORE PAYING FOR VANCOUVER This Rapidly Growing Washington City Sees the Value of Hard Surface Paving

More evidence concerning the value and real economy to taxpayers in hard-surfacing urban streets comes from Vancouver, Washington, where the city council of that city has just awarded another contract for bitulthite paving.

Vancouver has for a number of years been trying out the merits of hard surface pavement, mostly in the form of bitulthite. This provision for more of it to be laid this year, and preparations being made to lay more of it next year, is an endorsement from the taxpayers concerning the value in a general way of hard-surfaced streets for cities and of the value in a specific way of bitulthite.

All the new pavements that are "just as good," so-called, are always thoroughly investigated by the Vancouver city council before making final choice for bitulthite. So far, as is apparent in this latest award, they have failed to find anything that equals bitulthite, a decision in which the taxpayers of Vancouver thoroughly concur.

Not Reciprocated.  
"How many children have you?"  
"Three. Two grown up daughters and a son in college."  
"How proud you must be of them?"  
"I am, but somehow or other I don't seem to be able to act so that they can bring themselves to feel proud of me."  
—Detroit Free Press.

## MONSTER WHALES.

A Dozen Men Might Stand Upright In the Blue's Big Mouth.

Specimens of the blue or sulphur bottom whale weighing seventy-five tons and measuring eighty-seven feet have been known. The mouth is sufficiently large to permit ten or twelve men to stand upright in it, but the throat measures only about nine inches in diameter.

The "finback," closely related to the blue whale, has been called the "greyhound of the sea," for its long, slender body is built on the lines of a racing yacht, and the animal can equal the speed of the fastest steamship.

The "humpback" is the most interesting of our large whales, because of the fact that its habits are more easily studied than are those of other members of the family.

But most extraordinary of all is the square nosed sperm whale. Instead of having plates of baleen, this whale carries a row of twenty to twenty-five heavy teeth on each side of the lower jaw. These fit into sockets in the roof of the mouth and assist in holding the giant squid and cuttlefish on which the enormous animal feeds. The squid seldom gets away from the warm currents; hence the sperm usually remains in the tropics and in the gulf of Japan streams.—London Family Herald.

## VALUE OF A PASSPORT.

The Odd Experience of a Stranded Tourist in Paris.

"Until you go broke in a foreign country you never can realize just what a useful thing a passport is," said the returned traveler. "It not only enables you to get into a country; it also helps you to get out, sometimes in a most unexpected way. Everybody abroad thinks well of a passport, but nobody sets quite so high a value on it as a pawnbroker."

"Owing to a delayed remittance I had occasion to visit one of those men in Paris. The article I offered for security was worth many times the loan requested, but he refused an advance on account of unsatisfactory references. My temporary address in Paris and my permanent address in Washington were not sufficient guarantee of my honesty."

"Just as the case assumed a desperate complexion the broker suggested a solution of the difficulty."

"Have you a passport?" he asked.

"I had, at the hotel."

"Fetch it," he said. "If that looks all right, I'll let you have the money."

"Up to that time my passport had been a useless piece of luggage; then I blessed the foresight that had bidden me secure it."—Washington Star.

## His Conquest.

He was a simon pure, edition de luxe lady killer. The girl in the seat opposite him was easy to look at. Further, she looked demure and shy and impressionable. It wasn't long before he had things going right—he thought. He had raised the window for her and readjusted the blind; he had fished her bag from under the seat, where the porter had shoved it; he had placed her pillow in a better position for her; he had handed her a magazine; he had looked after her comfort in every way he possibly could, and she had been very sweet about it besides. He thought he was coming along splendidly. "She started to get off the train before he expected her to leave, but he carried her luggage to the platform for her. Then she turned and handed him a nickel with a sweet smile and the remark, "I think it is so nice of the railway company to furnish an assistant porter."—Argonaut.

## How the Katydid Sings.

Everybody is familiar with the rasping notes known as the katydid's "song." It is the male only that is capable of emitting the well known sounds, and he does it in a most peculiar manner. His "vocal organs" are at the base of his wings and consist of two fat excrescences of thin, dry membrane. It is the rubbing of these two membranous plates together which produces the "song." If your shoulder blades were so loosely put together that one could be slipped under the other and the underside of one and the upper side of the other were so rough that the operation of slipping them past each other would cause a rasping sound you could imitate the katydid's musical efforts very nicely.

## Setting Her Right.

A newly married woman made a plea for dinner. "I am afraid," the bride said, "that I left something out, and that it's not very good."

The husband tried it and said: "There is nothing you could leave out that would make a pie taste like that. It's something you've put in."—Argonaut.

## Matthew Arnold.

"Matthew Arnold had a curious way of telling little stories against himself," writes Sir H. W. Lucy in the Cornhill.

"Talking about Mrs. Arnold, he said: 'Ah, you should know my wife! She has all my charm of manner and none of my conceit.'"

## Badly Smitten.

"I wish there were ten days in the week," sighed Gladys.  
"Why?" asked Grace.  
"Jack could call oftener then."—London Answers.

When our hatred is too bitter it places us below those whom we hate.—La Rochefoucauld.

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