

# HALLIE ERMINIE RIVES

## The Young American Novelist, Now in Diplomatic Life, Introduces Nippon Aristocracy to a Genuine American Dinner, and Sets a New Fashion



MR. AND MRS. POST WHEELER IN THEIR GARDEN AT TOKYO

"A bright morning star of the literary world in the West is now illustrious word-bearing family in America, and one of the most celebrated novel-writing persons she has left her country for stay-doing in Japan, where she lives and is happy in the Japanese style. Dressed in white silk, she loves to import, from her fancy, like the poet's, thoughts of this country. To tell of her in a single page is like attempting to describe a beautiful woman by drawing her bones."

Thus the Kokumin Shimbun, the foremost of the Japanese capital's vernacular newspapers, began its first "write-up" of Hallie Erminie Rives, the Virginia novelist, who last December married Mr. Post Wheeler, one of the secretaries of the American Embassy at Tokyo.

The female novelist is not common in Japan. There has never been but one, in fact, worth talking about. This was Murasaki Shikibu, who, in the year 1004, A. D., wrote a novel called "Genji Monogatari," the adventures of a Japanese Don Juan, in 54 books and something under 5000 pages, which remains a classic to the Japanese. Therefore, the advent of a female novelist from America was something interesting.

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Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin have also declined in hardwood production. The chief centers of production now lie in the Lake States, the Lower Mississippi Valley and the Appalachian Mountains. Yet in the Lake States the presence of hardwoods is an almost certain indication of rich agricultural land, and when the hardwoods are cut the land is turned permanently to agricultural use. In Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi the production of hardwoods is clearly at its extent, and the lumber industry in Texas has already begun to decline.

### The Schemes of Colonel Clay

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looked at them with a smile, while I told him the price. "Eight hundred pounds less than their value," he answered, well satisfied. "You have no doubt of their reality?" I asked. "Not the slightest," he replied, gazing at them. "They are genuine stones, precisely the same in quality and type as Amelia's necklet."

Amelia drew a sigh of relief. "I'll go upstairs," she said slowly, "and bring down my own for your both to compare with them." One minute later she rushed down again, breathless. Amelia is far from thin and I never before knew her to exert herself so actively.

"Charles, Charles!" she cried, "do you know what dreadful thing has happened? Two of my one stones are gone! They've been stolen, a couple of diamonds from my necklet and sold them back to me."

Charles clapped his own hand to his brow in pain. "And Jessie," he cried, "what! How could this innocent little Scotch woman! I often detected a familiar ring in her voice, in spite of the charming Highland accent. Jessie is—Madame Picardet."

"How did he get at my jewel case, though?" Amelia exclaimed. Charles answered, "You leave it about so!" "And why didn't he steal the whole riviere at once and sell the gems?" I inquired.

"Too cunning," Charles replied. "This was much better business. It isn't easy to dispose of a big stone like that. In the first place the stones are large and the second place they're well known—every dealer has heard of the Vandrift riviere and seen pictures of the shape of them. They're marked gems, to anyone who plays a better game."

Waning Hardwood Supply. Although the demand for hardwood lumber is greater than ever before, the annual cut today is a billion feet less than it was seven years ago. In this time the wholesale price of the different classes of hardwood lumber advanced from 25 to 55 per cent. The cut of oak which in 1899 was more than half the total cut of hardwoods, has fallen off 38 per cent. Yellow poplar, which was formerly second in point of output, has fallen off 38 per cent, and elm has fallen off one-half.

"Happiness is the perfume you cannot pour on others, without getting a few drops yourself." EMERSON



MRS. GEORGE CORNWALLIS-WEST, FORMERLY LADY RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

Hotel Nuts, rhymed into English by Arthur Gutterman. The cents. Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco. Irish wit has world fame. And the quaint sayings and proverbs of the people of Hindustan, Afghanistan and the Orient generally have equal circulation—but not among Western readers.

The Uprising of the Many, by Charles Edward Russell. \$1.50. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York City. A splendid, far-reaching lamp of altruism—a book that is part of a tremendous force in bettering the race dependent upon wage for the means of livelihood.

For Males, by Katharine Lyman. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago. Kit Wells, whose father was drowned at sea and whose mother was a fortune teller, begins her life on a crime-stained raft off the coast of England, and starts out to lead an honest life.

A Fountain Sealed, by Anne Douglas Sedgwick. \$1.50. The Century Co., New York City. An intellectual novel of American life principally, circling around a modern, self-giving mother—Mrs. Valeria Upton—who allows herself to be dominated by a "cold-blooded, self-righteous and self-centered" daughter.

Conradship in Norway, by James Stark. D. D. T. Co., Jennings & Graham, Cincinnati, O. An intellectual novel of American life principally, circling around a modern, self-giving mother—Mrs. Valeria Upton—who allows herself to be dominated by a "cold-blooded, self-righteous and self-centered" daughter.

Abelard and Heloise, a poetical rendering, by Ella C. Bennett. \$1.00. Paul Elder & Co., San Francisco. A delicate poem of passionate, exalted verse with burning sentiment of the Shelley-Byron order. Abelard and Heloise are two of the greatest lovers of the world, and at one time he was renowned in France as the most eloquent orator, the broadest theologian and the most learned logician.

pieces of the November Century. Later, will be published portraits of Madame de Sevigne, Sembrich, Calve, Melba, Fremstad, and others.

Mrs. Michael Davitt solicits from the friends of her late husband the loan of any letters or documents that they may have received from him. Mrs. Davitt will undertake to return all such communications, without delay, to their owners.

One of the new books announced by the Harpers is "From Van Dwellers to Commuters," by Albert H. Hays. It is a book of breezy and clever humor, picturing the trials and tribulations of house-hunting and moving and settling in a new city, and then the settlement in a near-by town and the life of a commuter.

The novels of Will N. Harben, set as they are in Northern Georgia, and steeped in the charming atmosphere of the South, are not only popular in the United States, but in England, Canada, and distant Australia as well. A second American edition of his "Ann Boyd" was recently issued and also a second Australian edition of "The Georgians."

Kipling's readers will be glad to know that his "Collected Verse," hitherto only available in four volumes, are to be published this month in one volume. All the poems contained in "Seven Seas," "Barrack Room Ballads" and "The Five Nations" will be included. Mr. Kipling has himself revised this collection and added to it other poems hitherto unpublished in book form.

An important book by Henry Sloane Coffin, D. D., will shortly be published. Dr. Coffin is pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, and is a lecturer in the Union Theological Seminary. The book is a straightforward statement of the Christian Gospel, based on the idea that the message of Christianity arose from the religious experience of its founder.

Three notable new books: "An Encore" by Margaret DeLaney, a story of Old Chester and Dr. Lavender, depicting a droll situation in a charming narrative; "The Cruise" is quite in keeping with Christmas time; "Little Girl and Philip," by Gertrude Smith, a charming story of two children told in all the attractive manner in this popular writer of juvenile books, and "The Woman's Exchange," by Ruth McKenney Stuart, a holiday edition of a delightful story of Southern life.

Camille Flammarion, the French astronomer, has written a work on the subject of psychical research entitled "Mysteries of the Cosmos," which is to be brought out in this country. The author has comprehensively reviewed the work done by European scientists in their attempt to investigate psychical phenomena, and he gives the record of his own study of the celebrated medium, Eusapia Paladino, who has now been under scientific observation for 30 years.

Edith Wharton's great story, "The Fruit of the Tree," will see the light in a few days. Henry van Dyke's "Days Off," stories and essays on life out of doors in his inimitable style, will also appear this month, as well as F. Hutchinson Smith's new book, "The Romance of an Old-Fashioned Gentleman." Thomas Nelson Page's new book of stories, called "Under the Cross," and the new edition of George W. Cable's "The Grandmother," beautifully illustrated, will be brought out before the end of the month.

The exhibition of Timothy Cole's engravings, which was held at the National Arts Club, New York, last winter, will be seen in several cities this winter. It is now being shown at the Cincinnati Art Museum, and dates are set for the collection's exhibition in the near future at the Cleveland School of Art, the Boston Art Club, the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., and the Albright Art Gallery, Buffalo. Included in this collection are 18 prints from the "Old Spanish Masters," which is soon to be published in two editions.