

# "THE WALLS OF JERICHO"

By JULES ECKERT GOODMAN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—It is strange how conditions change. Time was when any thing of domestic make was held in disregard. Our very manufactures were considered second-rate and without the word "imported" attached to it, an article was regarded of the common sort.

### Recognizing Our Own Merit.

Nothing has probably had more to do with this outside the merit of domestic articles, than the lack of merit in the foreign. We began to discover that we had as good and better at home than European markets could give us.

The stage has in this as in almost everything else been the last to recognize merit. We have stuck close to the foreign trademark in our things and those of domestic manufacture have not been received in times past with scarcely more than indulgence.

### "The Walls of Jericho."

One is brought face to face with this new assertive spirit in the reception given Mr. Sutro's play, "The Walls of Jericho," in this country. This play ran all last season in London and is now in its second year there.

The play is being produced in this country by James K. Hackett and his wife, Mary Mansmering. Both these artists have large followings and the applause nightly is great.

### The Story of Jericho.

Of course it was the satire and picture of high life that caused all the fuss, this modern Jericho, at which Mr. Sutro strikes. For two whole acts there is picture after picture, touch after touch, all pointing sometimes with Hogarthian directness to the rottenness of "smart" society.

# HAROLD BAUER NEED PLAY ONLY AS WELL AS BEFORE



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### The Guinea Pig.

You see also this same father, an example of the state to which the nobility has fallen, trading on his name to float wild-cat companies, conniving through his daughter to obtain rich sons-in-law in order to obtain money from them, yet all the while talking of his honor and his name.

Meanwhile Frobiisher himself has become weak-spined, has felt himself caught in the enervating sickening atmosphere. He who was once virile, strong, commanding is now a puppet, a thing which his wife orders about as she would a child, while she carries on a flirtation with a Mr. Dallas and even allows him to make love to her.

### The Transformation Scene.

In act two you are introduced to Lady Althea's boudoir. As the curtain goes up four ladies are discovered seated about the table, playing bridge and smoking cigarettes. Lady Althea loses a large sum, in fact all the money she has of her three companions some idea may be had from the fact that one makes her living from cards, the other cheats and the third speaks spiteful things.

### Mr. Sutro as a Dramatist.

There you have the play in outline. The crispness and cleverness of the dialogue, its rude power and strength in spots has not been even suggested how- ever. That is, that the play is a masterpiece or whatever you care to call it, where Frobiisher arraigns society is tremendous. A man who saw it in London, wrote that when it came, "the audience was still as death, held not a breath, as if the great vigor and wit of Boucher (who acted Frobiisher) as by the daring truth of the words. You can have no idea of what a London audience would think—a bit of awe in it—as such a cutting description of their morality."

Strength and power and an evident sincerity, all this the play possesses. Moreover it has ideas and mentality behind it. If it does not grip an American audience in quite the same way as it does an English one, that is because we have no illusions about nobility and are in no way in awe of them. Yet it carries even us by the sheer strength and power of its recital.

### George Ade's New Comedy.

"The Bad Samaritan," Mr. George Ade's comedy which was produced three weeks ago has already been withdrawn, thus registering Mr. Ade's first failure. On last Wednesday however a new comedy by Mr. Ade entitled "Just Out of College," was presented at the Lyceum theatre and while it has not met with the reception of "The College Widow," it yet seems destined to success.

In parts "Just Out of College" is by far the cleverest thing Mr. Ade has given us. The whole first act is wonderfully humorous and original. There are parts which follow in the next two acts which are also clever. There you have at once the virtue and the falling of Mr. Ade's new piece; it is a play of "parts," a series of flash-light humorous scenes, lacking logic and sometimes consistency. As for the company, Mrs. Harriet Otis Delenbaugh played Lady Westorby with charm and intelligence and Miss May Blayne was delightful as Lucy.

### Harold Bauer.

It was with the Boston symphony orchestra in 1900, that Harold Bauer made his first American appearance, and his success was instantaneous. Bauer played Brahms' concerto in D minor—a work which well might put any pianist of the foremost rank, who played it, to the test—and he conquered solely by his display of art and temperament. He proved himself a master of pianoforte tone, an artist deserving a place at the side of the highest.

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### The Unmasking.

The third act takes place in Frobiisher's library. The very practically laying plans to catch Bannister. Althea now surprises her and at the same time shows that she is good and real at heart by advising her to marry for love. Bannister comes and in the midst of a proposal which she has just made, she is interrupted by the arrival of Althea. Lucy goes out. Then Frobiisher tells Bannister frankly and bluntly that Lucy, his own sister-in-law, is trying to do, that she is merely anxious to catch him for his money and that she is in love with her cousin. While they are talking a servant comes up and says that Mr. Dallas is down stairs writing a letter to Althea. Frobiisher orders the servant to fetch the letter and also to show Dallas upstairs. Dallas comes and Frobiisher forces him to read aloud what he has written in the letter; then orders him from the house, much to Bannister's dismay for he wants to pummel him.

In comes shortly after the marquis. He is furious over Frobiisher's aid to the young couple who now are married and are gone to Queensland with 3,000 pounds which Frobiisher has given them. The marquis starts in to give Frobiisher a lecture but instead of finding him placid, and receptive receives in turn a lecture which drives him from the house. Then approaches the climax of the play. Frobiisher gives orders to his agent to sell his house, his yacht, all his possessions. He now tells his wife that they are going off to Queensland, so contenting his restless wife by a vigorous stride against society. Althea refuses to go with him.

The fourth and final act is short. It takes place at Lady Westorby's. Thither comes each day Althea to see her little son in whom she has fallen in love. She is here, however, to show that she is not a little interested in her own life. She is about to take the boy with her, for he is going even if Althea will not go with him, the great love both for the boy and his father that had always been in her heart springs to the surface. But she still remains with Frobiisher and says that she hates him. Husband and wife meet unexpectedly. When Frobiisher discovers that Althea really loves the boy, he determines to leave him with her. As he starts to go she rushes to him and with a sob says, "I will go with you," the curtain falls.

### NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

RELIGION. Briggs—General Introduction to the Study of Holy Scripture.

SOCIOLOGY. American Economic Association—History of Contract Labor in the Hawaiian Islands, by Katherine Coman.

AMUSEMENTS. Kingsland—Book of Indoor and Outdoor Games.

LITERATURE. Euripides—Trojan Women. Trans. by Gilbert Murray.

TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION. Beaman—Twenty Years in the Near East.

HISTORY. De Costa—Pre-Columbian Discovery of America by the Norsemen. Munsell.

BIOGRAPHY. Dickens—Real Dickens Land, by H. S. Ward and C. W. B. Ward.

GENEALOGY AND HERALDRY. Dixon—Border or Riding Clans. Munsell.

FICTION. O'Higgins—Smoke-Eaters. Roberts—Rachel Marr.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. Eggleston—Signal Boys. Lucas—Book of Shops.

FAIR RUGS AND FURNITURE. Many very choice pieces of furniture exhibited by the Oregon Manufacturing company in the company's booth in the Manufacturers and Liberal Arts building.

Reduced Rates to Shasta Springs. The Southern Pacific company has placed on sale at its Portland offices round trip tickets to Shasta Springs at a rate of \$20.

### BOOKS

"CAMERON OF LOCHIEL" —By Charles G. D. Roberts, from the French of Gaspé. In making this translation the author confesses to a dual motive—first, to bring into more prominence Edmond de Gaspé as a writer of fiction, in which he feels justice has never been done him, and by preserving in English the rich traditions, folk-lore and customs of old Canada.

According to Canadian history, De Gaspé was born in Quebec in 1788, and died there in 1871. He belonged to a noble, French-Canadian family and received a seminary education in his native city, and later studied law, but forsook it early in life for literature.

The origin of this romance, as given by his biographer, is Abbe Casgrain, is as follows: When in 1841, that patriotic French-Canadian publication, *Solaces Canadiennes*, was established, its inaugurators adopted as their motto, "Let us make haste to write down the stories and traditions of the people, before they are forgotten."

It is only just, however, to the translator to say, while De Gaspé has preserved them through his memory and by his pen, they have been crystallized and polished into more perfect literary gems than the original writer could possibly have done.

The conquest of Canada by the English, the submission to an alien rule by the French residents of Canada, who had built up an empire almost to their own liking, is a pathetic story, and it is of this period in the history of Canada that "Cameron of Lochiel" deals with. It is a stirring romance and alive with incidents.

Archibald Cameron of Lochiel was a schoolmate of Jules d'Haberville in the Jesuits' college at Quebec; the two became warm friends and many incidents of school life bound them together until their love was like that of a brother.

The book is handsomely bound with a suggestive cover, price, L. C. Page & Co., K. Gill company, Price, \$1.50.

"In the Brooding Wild"—By Ridgwell Cullum. This is a strong, well-written book, dramatic and intense from beginning to end. Each page is a picture of the wild.

The book is magnificent in its description of the story, the vocabulary is an extensive and powerful vocabulary, his command, but the story is one of gruesome horror and the reader wonders why such a motive should be chosen when the setting is magnificent enough to make the story a treasure memory instead of a shuddering and gloomy remembrance. L. C. Page & Co., J. K. Gill company, Price, \$1.50.

"Matrimonial Primes"—By V. E. Ames, with pictorial mathematical mathematics and decorations by Gordon Ross. Like satire, real wisdom and philosophy is often concealed beneath the liveliest wit and rollicking humor and the "Matrimonial Primer," which at first glance would appear to be written for no purpose but to create a laugh, is a case in point.

"Rose of the River"—By Kate Douglas Wiggin. Through "Rebecca" and "The Blind Christmas Carol"—to mention but two of her delightful stories—Mrs. Wiggin has undoubtedly come closer to the heart of the American people than any author now writing.

After each letter a few matrimonial axioms are introduced, some decidedly witty, but all with a good sharp point either of common sense or biting sarcasm. Some good advice is also introduced as, for instance, "If your assets are broad culture and his are business integrity and capital, the ethical success of the partnership lies with you."

"The Home Life of Wild Birds"—By Francis Hobart Herrick. In order to get close to the home life of these little creatures, the author built a tiny tent out in the woods near their haunts and covered it with green, and when they discovered that the would not be molested by the stranger, went on with their home-making without interruption.

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