BOOK REVIEWS

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"There is no past, so long as books shall live."
—Bulwer-Lytton.

The BOOK PAGE

News of New Books, Writers and Magazines

"Books are sepulchres of thought."—Long.

MAGAZINES ARE OFF FOR THE NEW YEAR

What Congress May Do or May Not Do, Offers Subject for Discussion.

Forthcoming Century.

When peace comes back to earth, what will happen? Twenty million men will return to their homes. Accustomed to struggling through life trying to make both ends meet, they will have been for months or even years fed and clothed and looked after as never before. Will they return quietly to their tasks, to face the miserable existence they had known of old, made ten times more miserable now by taxation? That they will not do so is said to form the burden of an article by Hendrick Willem van Loon entitled "The World After the War," announced for the February Century.

Dr. van Loon, it is stated, bases this argument on the fact that labor has learned once for all through the war that organized violence is the best way, and is admitted by society in general to be the valid way, to accomplish desired results. The man in khaki has been trained to take from his enemy by force what could not be obtained by argument and reason.

Is it likely then that he will return peacefully to his unpleasant tasks when he knows he possesses the power to obtain for himself all he wishes? That a social revolution is certain to follow the war everywhere is Dr. van Loon's conviction, and just what form it will take in the various countries is said to form the substance of his article.

Current History Magazine.

The January number of Current History, a monthly magazine of the New York Times, 200 pages illustrated, contains the chief utterances and most important writings of the leading statesmen and writers of all the principal nations of the world on all phases of the European war. It is neutral and unbiased, and covers the utterances of important German statesmen and authorities, as well as the English and French writers, and likewise important declarations from Denmark and other neutral nations.

The number contains the complete official utterances of the German chancellor on the progress of the war, likewise the extraordinary address verbatim of Winston Churchill in retiring from the cabinet, covering the entire year's work of the British fleet; also President Wilson's remarkable message on unneutral Americans and preparedness, and an interesting article by Richard Harding Davis on the changed French attitude toward the United States.

There are 24 pages of cartoons by cartoonists of England, Germany and France, and pages of extracts from the most important magazine articles from the leading magazines of the world.

American Boy.

A new type of the wooly, wild west Indian story appears in the January American Boy in "Apauk, Caller of Buffalo." More thrilling than fiction, the life story of the greatest of the Blackfeet Medicine Men, not only possesses an enthralling interest, but gives the reader an authoritative historical picture of the life of the American Indian on the great western plains before the invasion of the white man. The biographer, James Willard Schultz, is an adopted member of the Blackfeet tribe, and has lived the life of an Indian for 40 years.

"The Whiner," by Clarence B. Kelland, is a New Year's story of a lumber camp with a point to it. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, sends a message to American boys on what science offers the young man.

"Yim," by Lee Smits, is a likable tale of a pet bear, whose faithfulness to his master amounted at times to a nuisance. "Laddie Breaks Honor" is a story of a boy worth while, who used a prohibited skate sail to save life. Other interesting stories are: "A Feller T' Depend On," by George M. Johnson; "A Profitable Investment," by James William Jackson; "Juana of the Hills," by Vera Connolly, and the serials, "The Fighter," by Gardner Hunting, and "Indian Lodge Post," by Dillon Wallace.

There are other features of interest.

January World's Work.

The World's Work for January continues its campaign against a "Pork Barrel" in congress. Mr. Burton J. Hendrick's article on the rivers and harbors extravagance calls specific attention to the great waste of our public money on river and canalization "projects," and points once more to the fact that the remedy is a budget system of appropriating of public money.

An editorial discussion on "The Case With Germany" reviews our relations with that country, and shows the present status of affairs. An article by Theodore H. Price, "Stocks and Bonds—War and Peace," shows why American securities have maintained their high market value, despite the selling of large quantities of them by European investors.

"Morocco Has Entered the War," by Charles W. Furlong, explains the diplomatic struggle which has taken place in Morocco, and gives a very interesting view of German prisoners in Morocco and their treatment by their French captors. "America, a New World Arsenal," by French Strother, depicts the remarkable growth of Bridgeport as an example of the stimulation of industry in many communities, due to the war orders, and discloses the remarkable fact that many of these new projects are building permanent, rather than temporary, factories. Dr. Victor G. Heiser, who has had control of the medical clearing up of the Philippine islands, in his article, "Fighting Leprosy in the Philippines," heralds the eradication of the disease, and holds forth the hope of a permanent cure for these unfortunate people.

There are other articles and features.

All the New Books Do Not Have to Do With the War In Europe

At the right, above, is Mary Austin, author of "The Man Jesus" (Harper & Brothers), an endeavor to strip tradition from the character of Jesus and to show him as he was interpreted by what he believed and did, and to reproduce times in which he lived as he himself saw them and not as we would understand them.

Next is Bertha Runkle, author of "Straight Down the Crooked Lane" (the Century Company), a story of love, loyalty and mystery, in which the scene shifts from society life at Newport to army life in the Philippines.

James Branch Cabell, who wrote "The Soul of Milicent," has a later offering, "The Rivet in Grandfather's Neck" (Robert M. McBride & Co.) This is a romance of Virginia, partly ironical and partly whimsical, that reflects certain phase of life now passing.

At the left is Eden Phillpotts, author of "Old Delabole" (The Macmillan Company), a story of a slate mining camp in Cornwall, in which the author has injected much wise and cheering philosophy.

Doctors Interested In Cobb Operations

Doctors are taking a professional interest in Cobb's new book, "Speaking of Operations," which tells humorously of his recent "pruning or remodeling" at the hands of a duly qualified surgeon.

A well known southern surgeon took such a fancy to the book that he bought 1000 copies, which he sent out as New Year greetings to his friends.

The amount of money Cobb has made off the books sold to doctors is considerably greater than the cost of his operation. The moral of all this seems to be that if you have anything the matter with you "that needs looking into," you might better belong to the writing profession, because then you can turn your experiences in the hospital to commercial advantage.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

Among the books recently added to the Portland public library are the following:

Biography.

Coleridge—Coleridge and Wordsworth in the west country, by W. A. Knight. 1914.

Gordon—Flags of the world, past and present. 1915.

Stewart—Stars and Stripes; a history of the United States flag. 1915.

Webb, ed.—Famous living Americans. 1915.

Books for the Blind.

White—Steps to Christ. 1913.

Description and Travel.

Ballard—England in 1915 as seen by a young Boston merchant. 1913.

Ensor—Belgium. 1915.

Fraser—America, old and new. 1912.

Munson—Kipling's India. 1915.

Wallis—Teaching of geography. 1915.

Fiction.

Froest—Grell mystery.

Fine Arts.

Beethoven—Concerto No. III, in C minor.

Brahms—Klavierstucke, op. 76; sonata, F minor, op. 5; for pianoforte solo.

Broadhouse—Organ viewed from within. 1914.

Chalif, comp.—New music for the classical exercises for technique in dancing.

Dana—American art, how it can be made to flourish. 1914.

Hampden—Every woman's flower garden. 1915.

Keystone Publishing company—Portfolio of monograms. Most popular trombone solos.

Wickson—California garden—flowers, shrubs, trees and vines. 1915.

History.

Buxton—The War and the Balkans. 1915.

Fling—Source Problems on the French revolution. 1913.

Foord & Home—England invaded. 1913.

Fuehr—Neutrality of Belgium. 1915.

Hamelius—Siege of Liege, a personal narrative. 1914.

Hedin—With the German armies in the west. 1915.

Waxweiler—Belgium neutral and loyal. 1915.

Philosophy.

Larson—Brains and how to get them. 1914.

Liddon—Advent in St. Paul's; sermons. 1912.

Oldham—India, Malaysia and the Philippines; a practical study in missions. c1914.

Reed—Hinduism in Europe and America. 1914.

Sears—Drama of the spiritual life. 1915.

Science.

Baynes—Wild bird guests. 1915.

Bennett—Text-book of inorganic chemistry. 2v. c1892-94.

Ealand—Insects and man. 1915.

Job—Propagation of wild birds. 1915.

Salisbury & Trowbridge—Interpretation of topographic maps. c1912.

Thompson—Alpine plants of Europe 1911.

McComb Is Canon.

Dr. Samuel McComb, whose book, "Faith: The Greatest Power in the World," is one of the autumn publications, has just been appointed a Canon in the new Episcopal Cathedral at Baltimore. He writes that he expects to carry on there the same work he has been doing for several years at Emmanuel church in Boston.

Two New Precincts.

Hood River, Jan. 8.—Two new voting precincts—Oak Grove and Park precincts—have been added to the 12 Hood River county precincts, in the interest of taxpayers, who have had to travel many miles in order to get to a voting place.

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EDITORIAL.

What Next?

Ben Franklin did not start the Saturday Ev'g Post, first called the Pennsylvania Gazette.

This flat declaration is made by the Editor and Publisher.

It had been running along six months before Ben took hold of it, according to the Ed. and Pub.

This is awful.

Something ought to be done about it.

Mr. Franklin's descendants should do something to correct this impression, which is being soaked up by "more than 2,000,000 readers a week."

It doesn't say, however, who did start the est. Post.

Whoever he was, he gets no credit for laying the foundation for the American literature of the present. Perhaps he hadn't ought to get any, but it doesn't seem right that he should escape utterly.

Thus do we behold what tricks time plays upon us.

The man who gave Jam Blythe and Irve Cobb and Ring Lardner a chance to idle away their lives perhaps died unwept, unhonored and unhung, knowing not what he had done.

It doesn't seem right.

Who knows but a hundred years from now somebody else will be getting the credit for starting the Sat. Ev'g Alibi?

We protest in advance, for it seems to be a despotic fact that post mortem protests avail a man nothing.

TOWN TALES.

What has become of Melvin G. Winstock?

Judge Stevenson quit his job as municipal judge this wk. What is he going to run for, we ask.

Kernel Bob Miller was fussing around in the N. W. Nat'l bank Thurs., but we don't know what for.

Nat Clarke, genial mgr. of the Oregon house, says he knew a man one time who bought a pocketbook and had it charged.

Tom Dobson, the w. k. troubadour, is here from N. Y., where he makes a good living singing songs, some of which he writes himself. Several local songsters that we know are often offered money to keep still when they try to do the same thing, which only shows what a funny world we live in.

Tom Neuhausen, the w. k. stander at Armageddon, has been lagripping the past week.

Ev Johnson says that the snow this wk. did almost as much good as a frost would have done harm.

The Jackson club will hold its annual bunquet tonight. The price will be a dollar a plate, but some of the speakers will talk a lot more than a dollar's worth.

We met 'Gene Brookings, the former w. k. uplifter, last Tues., and asked him what he was doing for the human race and he said he was trying to make a living. This change has come over 'Gene since he was married.

Will U'Ren, w. k. paternal ancestor of the Oregon system, gave the Prog. Bus. Men's club the antidote for Ballingerism Thurs. He said there was nothing the matter with what Mr. Ballinger said about the Oregon system except that it wasn't so. It will be remembered that Mr. B closed his speech against popular govt. by quoting Browning, "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." As proof that both Browning and Ballinger are partly right about this, we cite the fact that Ballinger is no longer secretary of the interior, but is permanently retired to private life at Seattle.

Promise Is Kept.

Last year thieves stole a large share of Mrs. Anderson's canned fruit from the cellar. Later on they returned some jars, one of which was labeled: "Fill them up again; we will get them next year." Sure enough, a few nights since thieves raided her preserve store and stole nearly all her canned fruit.—Houlton Herald.

Our cartoonist wanted a raise in pay this week. This gives us an opportunity to make an innovation in the world of art, namely, to use a beautiful frame without a picture. There are a great variety of beautiful picture frames. We trust that artists and art patrons will realize the daring originality of our suggestion, even if they have not the courage to follow suit.

RURAL NOTES

Gold Hill Nuggets.

Bill Hayes is just about the same as ever, only more so, we regret to state.

Bill Cook, jr., Nort Eddings and Johnnie Reed were observed in close communion late Wed. ev'g. What's in the wind, boys?

Fred Dodge, the w. k. organizer, proposes to inaugurate a Paresis club, with he and ex-mayor Beeman as charter members.

Chief of Police Ray says that there is a notable decrease in the local consumption of liquor since Jan. 1. He hasn't been able to find any, he says.

Dr. Kelsey, the w. k. local Rockefeller, has recently absorbed the Comus theatre and rumor has it that he has designs on the small S. P. building just west of the depot. The motto on Doc's coat-of-arms is: "Everything comes to him who waits."

Alvie Kellogg, our genial and optimistic undertaker, says that business in his line is going to pick up, and Doc Gibbons insists that it certainly ought to.

Some of our most ardent sports are arranging for a grand spectacular pinochle tournament in the near future, with "Ad" Graham and Doc. Howard as headliners.

—HATTIE.

JITNEY FABLES

No. 1—The Candidate.

A Pliable Politician was running for governor with the Campaign slogan of Lower Taxes. In the course of the campaign he was Hypnotized by a Muckraker, who asked the Candidate while under Control why he had taken the Tax Question for his Platform and got this answer: "To decrease the Expenses of the Corporations that run me if I am elected."

Weekly Alf Item.

Alf Cridge says he has made a New Year resolution not to eat more than four suppers in any one night as he goes around from one fraternal gathering to another. Alf wrote this item himself, and the advertising manager said we should charge him for printing it, but we're going to print it anyway, well knowing that Alf will never pay us a cent.

When Amnesia Is Bliss.

Dave Roth, the memory expert has been at Seattle for some time teaching its business men to remember. John Golden says he thinks it would be a disadvantage if you had to live in Seattle.

Won't Do It, My.

Hy Cohen says that all he'd have to do to look like the Kaiser would be to turn up the ends of his mustache. There's a lot of things the Kaiser would have to do to look like Hy.

Fashion Note.

Sam Hewitt has cut off his mustache, which he didn't need anyway, and J. Fred Larson has started one, of which the same is true, if not more so. Thus, so to speak, the equilibrium of our fair city is preserved.

Joost So.

Ed Joost, elevator pilot of the Labbe bldg., says that under present conditions there is a strong probability that more mineral water will be drunk than hitherto. Ed argues that many people would rather drink anything than plain water.

No Pun For Ed.

Charlie Berg was talking to Ed Werlein the other day, and Ed interrupted the monolog and Charley said, "See here, Ed, I'm not arguing this question with you; I'm telling you."

WIRE WHISPERS

Garibaldi, Or., Jan. 6.—There is considerable interest here of late in the peculiar actions of a new arrival who says his name is Floyd Feighner and that he was formerly the nut barber at Oak Grove, which no one can find on any of the maps. Those who have let him operate on them say that he is partly right when he says he is a "nut barber." They say they are sure about the first part of the title.

POET'S CORNER

On the Columbia Highway.
(Waltz Song.)

There are highways and byways, but none can compare
With the Columbia river highway, in dear old Oregon so fair.
The scenery is so grand, mountain cliffs on every hand,
Through the valleys, and o'er the hills
A-long the river you will sway,
How good you sure do feel, riding in an auto-mobile
Along the Columbia river, on the Columbia highway.

CHORUS.

You should take a trip, not in an air-ship,
But out in an auto-mobile,
On the Oregon side, along the Columbia you'll glide,
How good you sure do feel.
You'll say, you'd like to stay, and ride and glide always
A-long the Columbia river,
On—the—Columbia—Highway.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, if you search everywhere,
There's only one Columbia highway, That's out in Oregon so fair.
Mr. Benson and John Yeon, are great men of Oregon,
They will always be remembered,
And there names will ever stay,
For the great work they have done, and the victorys they've won.
A-long the Columbia river, on the Columbia highway.

—Composed by Edw. W. Thornton, Hood, River, Ore.

Author's Note—This song poem is registered in the library of Congress. Anyone wishing to compose the music for it address the composer.

Subject of Drugs Is Treated by Expert

"Habits That Handicap," by Charles B. Towns. The Century Company, New York. $1.20 net.

The startling prevalence of drug habits brought to light by recent legislation gives a special timeliness to this book, in which every aspect of the subject is discussed by a widely known specialist.

Mr. Towns classifies and describes the various habit-forming drugs; tells how habits are formed; and is especially severe with the drug-taking doctor and nurse and the sanatorium which only establishes the habit more firmly or swindles the patient. He shows how unfairly drug-victims are dealt with by society and how erroneous most of the special treatments are, and outlines a method of treatment the success of which has been amply proved in his own long and wide experience. He discusses also the alcohol evil and the tobacco evil, and the inter-relations of all injurious habits; he considers, suggestively, the legislative aspect of the question; and in a final chapter analyses the relation of drugs and alcohol to insanity.

Preface by Dr. Richard C. Cabot.

Writer Gives Story Of Lepers at Manila

In the last few months 23 lepers have been discharged as cured from the hospital in Manila. In the United States health report, published last January, the present writer announced the "apparent cure" of six individuals who for several years had suffered from this disease. There are about 3,000,000 lepers in the world at the present moment.

From earliest times this disease has aroused intense interest. The fact that leprosy is one of the few diseases described in the Bible probably explains this. It will, therefore, interest the people of the United States to learn that their government has been one of the first to deal with the problem of its treatment and eradication on a large scale, and that these efforts have been more successful than any which have heretofore been made.

If our annexation of the Philippines leads to the cure of leprosy, certainly that fact itself will justify us.—Dr. Victor G. Heiser in the January World's Work.

"Vive La France" Is Picture From Front

"Vive la France," by E. Alexander Powell. With illustrations from photographs. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. $1.00 net.

This record of Mr. Powell's second and third vists to the front, on which the most unusual opportunities of seeing the conflict were opened to him, gives a vivid and comprehensive idea of the brilliant French fighting about which so little has been known in this country.

The book describes, among other things, the bombardment of Dunkirk (the longest range bombardment in history); the destruction of Boissons; the fighting on the Aisne; the invasion of Alsace; the battle of Neuve Chapelle; the second battle of Ypres; the campaign in the Vosges; the poison gas; the last stand of the Belgians on the Yser; the underground cities; the big gun duels, etc., etc.

It contains the latest account from the front up to the end of October.

LIBRARY NOTES UPON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Something of Musical Organization as It Stands, Subject of Booklet.

Anticipating an increasing interest in the Symphony orchestra, and in orchestral music in general, the circulation department of the public library has prepared multigraphed copies of "The Symphony Orchestra of Today." This is an analysis of the parts or sections of the orchestra—the "strings," "wood-winds," "brasses," and "percussion or battery," with notes on the different instruments used in each section. The seating of the orchestra is also explained.

These leaflets may be procured at the desk in the circulation room or at the branch libraries. In addition, the library has excellent works on "How to listen to music," "What we hear in music," "How to listen to an orchestra," "Standard symphonies," and many other treatises on the history and appreciation of music; books adapted for the student, the musician and the music lover.

The following magazines and newspapers have been added to the library and may be found on file in the periodical room of the central building:

American Miller, Athenaeum and Index to Periodicals, Boot and Shoe Recorder, Commercial Travelers' Magazine, Journal of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, Journal of Genetics, Mathematics Teacher, Modern Gladiolus Grower, Photo Era, United States Government Advertiser. This weekly publishes all new calls for bids, notices of bids opened and the awards on government work and government supplies. It also prints foreign trade opportunities. Great Falls, Montana, Indianspostsen.

The next lecture in the course on Children's literature will be given in room A of the central library Saturday morning, January 15, at 10:30 o'clock.

"The problems of the New China" will be the subject of Prof. Kenneth Scott Latourette's lecture Friday, January 14, at 8 p. m. in library hall.

Wednesday afternoon, January 19, at 4 o'clock, Prof. George Henry Darton of Reed college will lecture in room B on German literature, recommending the best books on this subject.

Another Volume of "The Boy Mechanic"

"The Boy Mechanic," Vol. II. Published by Popular Mechanics Book Department, 6 North Michigan avenue, Chicago, Ill. $1.50 net.

Volume II of The Boy Mechanic is a veritable treasure trove for boys. It describes a thousand things that an ambitious or ingenious youngster can make or do, and there are enough suggestions within its 480 pages to keep Johnny or Billy out of mischief for the rest of his natural life.

The book tells how to make things useful and things ornamental, from roller coasters and aeroplane gliders, to lamp chimney cleaners and exercisers for chained dogs. Directions are given for making bodsleds, war kites, adjustable stilts, ice boats, skiffs, canoes, snowball throwers, snowshoes, fishing rods, reed furniture, ice pushmobiles, and motion picture cameras.

Sleight of hand tricks are described. Simple lessons in surveying are given. One is told how to make a camp outfit, and even how to build an entire house, furniture included, out of poles. Many of the appliances which the boy is taught to build—such as skating merry-go-rounds, paddlewheel boats, and Ferris wheels—could not be bought at stores at all.

The book is not the work of one person, but of many, and every appliance described has been thoroughly tested to be sure that it is practical. Nearly a thousand pictures and diagrams are used as aids to the boy builder.

"Me" Is Story of A Woman's Life

"Me: A Book of Remembrance."—The Century Company, New York. $1.30 net.

"Me" is the anonymous autobiography of a well known woman novelist, that is, it covers about a year, when, at 17, unsophisticated but almost hysterically alive, she left her home in Canada to make her own way in the business world of men. Besides being a piece of art as a perfectly transparent self-revelation, it tells, and quite incidentally, more of what meets an attractive girl who goes out to work than a dozen sociological volumes.

The author is the daughter of a Bohemian artist of English-Irish extraction and a mother whose early years were spent with a troupe of jugglers and tight-rope walkers wandering about her quaint, faraway home country, whose name is not revealed.

Before he covers many pages of this book, the reader will have sensed the captivating personality of the author; after that he will understand how she came to meet the experiences she did in the way she did.

"The Turmoil" Is at Head of Best Sellers

The six best sellers of the year, according to the Bookman's statistics, were Booth Tarkington's "The Turmoil," Winston Churchill's "A Far Country," Eleanor Porter's "Pollyanna Grows Up;" Gene Stratton-Porter's "Michael O'Halloran," Harold Bell Wright's "The Eyes of the World," and Mary Roberts Rinehart's "K."