

THE BOOK PAGE NEWS OF NEW BOOKS, WRITERS AND MAGAZINES.

NEWEST ENGINEERING WORK NOW AVAILABLE AT PORTLAND LIBRARY Work of General Interest Edited by Technical Experts and Professional Designers

"The Encyclopedia of Engineering," edited by Louis Burt, Chicago, American Technical Society, 1918, 7 v., has been added to the technical department of the public library.

"THE GREEN ALLEYS" IS PHILLPOTS' NEW STORY



The Green Alleys—By Edna Phillips. The Macmillan Company, New York, \$1.50 net. Guess what the "Green Alleys" are. Wrong.

Mr. Wells Has War For Theme Again

Mr. Wells has the logical conclusion of those who have been looking to the European conflict to produce a real novel of the war or of the war's current effects and results. A close observer of the movements of society; imaginative and speculative, the theme has given him unlimited resources.

The scene is laid in Matching Easy, an Essex county village, which is meant to typify the old England. Into its calm, unruffled surface comes the news of the outbreak of hostilities.

It Would Be Fun to Know What Dickens Thought of Wallula

\* Because of a sandstorm, and probably for no other reason, Charles Dickens, English novelist, was greeted by a fairly good sized audience when he lectured at Wallula, Ore., in 1875.

JACK LONDON

It would be a splendid thing if, as a San Francisco Spiritualist suggests, Jack London comes back and tells of what he sees on the other side. But maybe he won't come back if he can. It may be a land of enchantment too wonderful to leave, at least for the time being.

London was born in San Francisco in 1876. When he was 11 years old he left home— he said himself that he did not run away — and joined the oyster pirates. Tiring of piracy, he joined the fish patrol, and was looked to for the arrest of those who had been his former companions. "Tales of the Fish Patrol" are narratives of his experiences along the California coast.

Plenty to Be Sure.

The New York Times published the other day an account of an interview with His Excellency John Bonzano, titular archbishop of Milene and apostolic delegate to the United States. The interview was highly complimentary to his opinion of modern American literature as he had observed it during his stay of four years in this country.

Children's Story Hour Room Book Selling Trial Being Made List of Books Gives the Little Ones a Very Wide Choice



Children listening to stories told by Miss Beatrice Doty in the story-hour room of the J. K. Gill book store. The children are displaying a notable interest in the sessions and they are quick to respond to the stimulation of the imagination. The undertaking is a new one at the book store and the story-hour room is proving to be popular with the adult patrons of the store.

Allies' Fairy Book Not Tale of War

The Allies Fairy Book—By Arthur Rackham, Edmund Selous, and others. Twelve illustrations in color and others in black and white. J. P. Lippincott company, Philadelphia.

Primarily a gift book this volume gets its war-time title because of original publication in London. In the volume are 13 stories selected from fairy lore of the British nations, arranged and illustrated by the author, and gathered in artistic manner.

"The Confession" Is Not Real Confession

The Confession—By Maxim Gorky, translated by Rose Strunsky, with an introduction, Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York, \$1.50 net.

"The Confession" is entirely a work of fiction, and not, as might be concluded, about the author himself. It has to do with the relation of the people to their Creator, and the philosophical work. His theme is that the people are the creators of God and the creators of miracles and the all-in-all power of the world.

Experts Have Been Placed in Charge of the Room and the Experiments in the Bookselling Art Are Being Keenly Watched by the Proprietors.

In the pleasant story-hour room of Gill's bookstore the possibility of developing book-selling into an art is being experimented upon—the moving idea being that the public will read the best in literature if the best is presented to them.

The adorns of the room itself gives an added grace to the books it holds. Ceiling and shelves and tables and chairs are low; there are flowered hangings and a wide window seat.

This was the difficulty met long ago by managers of the company in their effort to carry only books which at least approached worthiness of the name of literature—a difficulty which they struggled with until one of them, John T. Hotchkiss, perceived that this store of solid reputation could count on the public as well as the present library, and that so it would be worth while now to put good books before the reading children, who in 20 years will be the buying parents of Portland.

Open Seaside—genre of monstrous bulk and frightful aspect arise to confound Aladdin (who, by the way, is here disclosed to be a Chinaman); one brave artist has cast aside tradition and has illustrated several unsimplified plays of Shakespeare. With the aid of the pictured "urchins, ouches and fairies, green and white."

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Century for December.

One of the leading features of the December Century is "The Future of Europe," by Herbert Adams Gibbons, author of "The New Map of Europe," etc., the first of a series of articles Dr. Gibbons is to contribute to the Century during 1917 on the outstanding problems of reconstruction, the conflict of Europe as the war draws to a close. Dr. Gibbons explains in the present paper why he believes that one

Story of Hunchback Has Christmas Flavor

The Little Hunchback Zia—By Frances Hodgson Burnett. Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York, 75 cents net.

Who Is He? This Mysterious Z. Gray

Another literary bubble has burst on Coos Bay, says the Marshfield Record. A story was printed recently about Zane Gray, the author, being here and sneaking away without letting himself be known.

NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY

- Among the books recently added to the Portland public library are the following: General Works. Boyd—Public Libraries and Literary Culture in Ancient Rome, 1915. Ryan—My Years at the Austrian Court, 1918.

Harold Bindloss Writes of Border

Jalastone of the Border—By Harold Bindloss. Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York, \$1.35 net.

Tacoma Eliminates Its Branch Libraries

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 25.—(U. P.)—As the result of the cut made by the city council in the 1917 budget the Tacoma library board has decided to discontinue its branch libraries.

Every Night For Constipation Headache, Indigestion, etc.

BRANDRETH PILLS Safe and Sure

Through The Window

BY J. R. J. SHOP JOURNAL. Appreciation is extended Mr. Jack Seed, artist, for the well executed heading above, and for the cunning tailpiece below, even though it is only a blind.

Mr. Billie Burke realizes he can never be mistaken for the actress of the same name. Mr. The Count, Wallin, on Wednesday held an informal musicale near The Window.

Mr. Freddie Bell, erstwhile night editor, has been transferred to San Francisco. Four paydays before Christmas. Hey! Mr. Titus, Look.

Truth, Justice and Gallantry. A San Francisco judge held that it is extreme cruelty for a man to try to write a novel when he could be working as a lather for \$6 a day, and he granted a divorce to Katherine Hemson from Frank R. Hemson.

Hemson did not appear to tell his side of the story. "Mrs. Hemson has had three husbands before me," he said, "and it would have been ungallant of me to have appeared in court, and thereby to have deprived Mrs. Hemson of her wretched pastime."

It's a hard game to get above the Law if her name's Ruth. The Passing Show. Old expressman. Frank McGettigan. The man with the broom. Hugh Hume.

Sister! Read My FREE Offer!

I am a woman, I know a woman's trials, I know the need of sympathy and help. If you, my sister, are unhappy because of illness, if you feel faint for household duties, if you are tired of your employment, if you are just a general feeling that life is not worth living, I invite you to send today for my FREE Ten Days Treatment.