

HUGH WALPOLE'S GREAT LOVER OF LITTLE CHILDREN

English Novelist Says He'd Like to See Rich Old Maids Adopt and Care for War Babies.

By Vella Winner

"Quite the most interesting thing I have seen in America is the children's court of New York city, for next to books my greatest interest is in the welfare of the child," said Hugh Walpole, the noted English novelist, who is visiting America for six months, during which he will deliver close to 100 lectures. He will be heard at Masonic Temple under Drama League auspices this evening. He is at the Hotel Portland.

"Judge Hoyt combines sternness and kindness in a really wonderful way and, being left almost wholly to his own devices he has great opportunities which he seemed to be making very wise use of," said Walpole. "We have an excellent children's court in London, but not as good as the one in New York."

LOVER OF CHILDREN

"The war has left us with a great problem in the matter of children. The war left widows with larger families than they can support, and the number of illegitimate children is amazing, and I have been active in an organization which had for its aim the interesting of well-to-do married people and old maid in adopting children. It is such a fine thing to do I don't see why more people don't do it, but we got into all sorts of trouble. The problem is to get the right children for the right parents and to overcome people's narrow prejudice against illegitimacy, which is perfectly silly. No, I am not married, but I am sure I could not be more interested in children and their welfare if I were."

LAST LECTURE TOUR

"This is my first, and I think it will be my last lecture tour; not that I have failed to enjoy it thus far, for I have. I have had most responsive audiences and I seem to have fallen among friends everywhere. People seem to go to lectures determined to get something out of them. It is easy to talk to people like that. But when I have finished, I shall return to England and write."

"Do you feel that the opportunity for your greatest service lies in writing?" was asked.

"Not at all. I don't want to be of service. Novelists should not be propagandists. I don't want to improve people. I like them as they are and I find I am kept quite busy attending to my own small affairs."

"The present world unrest has hardly had time to make its imprint upon the literature of the world. Past wars have not influenced literature very much. To be sure, following the French revolution the consciousness of freedom and democracy led to things like Shelley's poetry and to novels like Charlotte Brontë's 'Shirley,' and I suppose ultimately there will be a good deal of war poetry. There has been a good deal in England, but I haven't found much in this country. Few, if any, good novels have come out of the war."

Speakers Announced For Commencement Exercises on Friday

Commencement exercises for the graduates of Portland's eight high schools will be held Friday night in the auditoriums of the respective schools, except in the case of the High School of Commerce, which will be held in the Shattuck and Couch school auditoriums, respectively.

Speakers for the different schools were announced from the school administration office this morning. At Washington, Dr. William A. Waldo will give the address and Principal H. H. Herdman will hand out the diplomas. William F. Woodward will speak at Benson Polytechnic school. Dr. Francis Burgette Short at Franklin, J. A. Churchill at the Girls' Polytechnic, R. S. Gill, editor of the 4 L Bulletin, at the High School of Commerce, Dr. Jonah B. Wise at Lincoln, W. P. LaRoche at James John and E. E. Freville at Jefferson. S. P. Ball, principal, will dispense the diplomas at Franklin; A. C. Newell, school director, at Girls' Polytechnic; C. A. Rice, assistant school superintendent at the High School of Commerce, and W. T. Fletcher at James John.

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FAY KING SUGGESTS COMING-OUT PARTIES FOR 'DEBUTANTE' SONS



By Fay King
(Miss King is a Portland girl, whose first newspaper work was published in The Journal several years ago. She now is located in New York city.)

I just heard about a guy down in San Francisco that has mailed an engraved announcement to all the dames he knows, saying that as this is leap year he wants to remind them that he is still a bachelor!

Not so bad, eh? This ought to be a great year for the fond mamas who have sons instead of daughters.

You always hear about match-making mothers, and it is always taken for granted that it's the girl's mother who does all the matrimonial engineering and then when daughter gets into a fit of temper during the first year of married life, HER MOTHER is always blamed for the racket!

But take it from me, ten out of eleven times it's his Ma that starts the trouble.

It's the guy's Ma that always figures there ain't any girl good enough for her son, and when he does cop out a little wife, it's always his mother that says she's extravagant.

This being leap year, some of these

fond mamas ought to have coming out parties for their "dub"-utante sons. Some of these old baldheaded bachelors that have been hanging to their mother's apron strings—or should I say mink scarfs—all these years, afraid to pick out some nice girl for fear mother wouldn't approve of the match, should be presented at last to the matrimonial market under mother's own eye.

I guess may be some of these mamas would be surprised to find that every woman in their set is NOT trying to land her Algerion!

And it might be a good thing for once to let the mother of some sweet sub-dub son see how it feels to have a world-weary woman who has wasted her life pick on him with matrimonial intentions! Would she hand him over—like she expects a sweet young girl to be handed over to her old dissipated son?

I hope one stunt for leap year will be the bridegroom's picture on the society page instead of the bride's.

It would be a lot more interesting to the feminine readers to find out more about the guy she's getting than about her.

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Man Is Run Down by Woman's Automobile; Both His Legs Snap

M. J. Gardner, 48, 312 Sherman street, manager of a cigar store at First and Madison streets, was knocked down and seriously injured at Fourth and Harrison streets by a machine driven by Mrs. Jennie Yaroker, 548 Broadway. She drove her automobile on the side walk, in swerving to avoid a collision with another machine, about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Motorcycle Officers O'Halloran and Logie, who investigated, learned from witnesses that the other machine, which got away before anyone could determine the license number, was going at a high rate of speed.

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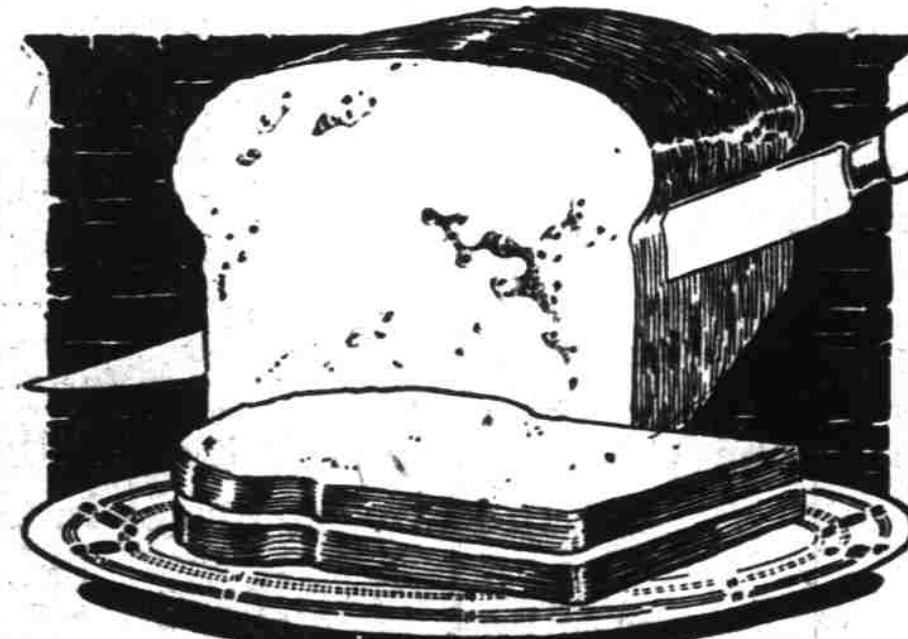
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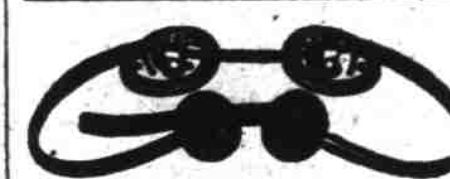
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