

BOOK REVIEW

By VERA BRADY SHIPMAN

"Sackcloth and Scarlet" by George Gibbs. Published by D. Appleton Company, New York City. Price \$2.

The story of two sisters, the one shallow enough to court trouble, and then avoid its consequences, the other strong in sorrow carry-

ing the misplaced burden for seven years. Love comes to Joan the elder sister, in the midst of the nation's capital, its political intrigues and bickerings. Love has well drawn. The characters are well drawn. It reminds you a bit of Kathleen Norris' "Sisters," al-

though its handling is more masterly and from a masculine standpoint. Joan is a fine character. Stephen Edwards has strength coupled with fearless independence. Polly, Joan's sister, is the weak butterfly who when crushed against the walls, flutters her helpless wings in hostile abandon. Hers is the ruthless forgetfulness. Joan's is the bitterness of remembrance. Little Jack around whom the story revolves, little Jack it is whose life is balanced in uncertain supremacy between deep affection

and thoughtlessness. Shallow youth needs no accuser. The tide of life carries the spring on to deeper protecting waters, and always on, always protected. Its lesson is hard but pre-evident. Joan in sackcloth (self-inflicted) and Polly in scarlet (preference) makes a story of unusual interest, qualities and will doubtless be a best seller.

"Pepin—A Tale of Twelfth Night," by Evaleen Stein. Published by the Page Company, Boston, Mass. Price \$1.50.

A beautiful story of the Christmas time, the kind which the Page Company has featured for so long. Its spirit is the beauty, the love, the depth of the Christmas spirit. The tale is of the Twelfth night return of the Three Wise Men, those three kings, who return and bless the children on the road. It is interwoven with the tale of Gundebood, the Wild Huntsman and his return as a beggar. The child Pepin, is told the old tales by his grandfather. After grandfather's death, Pepin makes a new home and later returns to the land of Duke Loys, whence he came with his grandfather.

"Nan's Christmas Boarder," by Francis Margaret Fox. Published by the Page Company, Boston. Price \$1.25.

A pretty story of the home and school life of the little daughter of an Arctic explorer. Nan is a clever child. "The boarder" is an interesting orphan baby. The story unfolds in a delightful way as the Christmas preparations develop, of apartment owners who refuse child boarders and their subsequent winning to the cause of Christmas kindness. A story with a great deal of charm and some facts of interest.

"The Poppy Seed Cakes," by Margery Clark. Published by Doubleday Page & Company, Garden City, N. Y. Price \$2 net.

This cunning book for the child from three to seven is beautifully illustrated by Maud and Miska Petersham, with many pages in color. "Auntie Katushka," "Androwahok" and "Erminka," are the characters of the little book, their tales of poppy seed cakes, red topped boots and farm scenes, are told in attractive nursery tales. A beautiful gift for a little child.

"Red of the Redfields," by Grace S. Richmond. Published by Doubleday Page & Co., Garden City, N. Y. Price \$2.

The famous Red Pepper Burns, the country doctor of Mrs. Richmond's many stories, is now in ill health. Overworked nerves and a weakened heart urge less country practice and more quiet consultation. A city doctor friend sends to Burns a shell shocked veteran whose former newspaper feature work has been lost in his recollection. Burns plants the young man, Felix Ross, in a family of cousins, the Redfields.

"The Purple Mist," by G. E. Locke. Published by the Page Company, Boston. Price \$1.00 net.

If you have shudders prepare to exploit them as you read this story. It reeks of hidden chambers, secret influences, yellow fingers and rising mists of purple from across the moor. Romance, overshadowed with intrigue, affection blotted out by treachery, these make a first rate detective story which will please your friends at Christmas.

"Russ Farrell, Airman," by Thomson Burtis. Published by Doubleday Page & Co., Garden City, N. Y. Price \$1.75 net.

Your boy who is interested in flying, the boy from eleven or twelve to sixteen, will revel in Burtis stories of flying, his knowledge of aircraft and his stories of the Mexican border. It is a well told tale and is sure to delight any boy in the family.

"The Spirit of America," by Angelo Patri. Published by the

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MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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WHAT LILLIAN TOLD KATE TO COMFORT AND QUIET HER

As Lillian, with her never-failing, prompt reaction to an emergency, obeyed my command to turn the light up high, and followed that action by shutting the door I bent over my little maid's bed, and took the hands clutching her bruised throat in mine. "I am here, Katie," I said soothingly, "and I won't leave you again. Stop crying now."

"Oh, dot Joe! Dot Joe! He know now dot I fool him! He go and keel my Jeem, he go and keel my Jeem!" Lillian and I exchanged a glance of sudden comprehension. This, then, was one of the threats which the mysterious "Joe" now in the hapless girl's head—that the husband she adored in the funny, hectoring fashion would be murdered did she prove treacherous to the line of conduct Joe had marked out for her. And Jim, mistaking her, had left her to face her problem alone.

Poor Katie! Hers had been, indeed, a hard fight and a great triumph. I felt my spirit bow in recognition of the victory over her own terror which the humble, unlettered but great-hearted girl had won. "You Not Know?" It was no time for half-measures. I stooped and gathered her in my arms as I would a frightened child, and held her close, her face against my shoulder, smothering her cries. "Joe does not know anything," I said slowly, firmly. "He is still in the hospital, and no one has seen him. And we know that in a day or two he will be taken many miles from here. You will never see him again."

There was such deep conviction in her tone that I could not help a terrified shiver. The two men certainly had been able to plan in her an abiding terror of their power. But I gave her no inkling of my feeling. Instead, I stooped and looked her straight in the eyes. "Katie, did I ever tell you a lie?" I asked. "No! Oh! no!" she asserted fervently. "Then I expect you to believe me now," I answered slowly. "But Mrs. Underwood can tell you better than I can what happened to-night. Listen to her carefully."

I had switched the responsibility to Lillian, partly because I felt that I could not stand the strain of rehearsing the escape to Smith, partly because I knew what a calming effect upon my little maid Lillian's authoritative manner would have. "Joe knows nothing of what you did tonight," Lillian began impressively. "We do not think he ever will know. This is the reason we think so."

"The man, Anton, whom you fear so much, was captured by Mr. Drake tonight, and then frightened so that his only idea was to get as far away as possible. He was tied up in a room and left to himself, so that he might get away, but still fear that some one was after him. Do you understand me?"

Katie's face had come alive with interest and the dawning of a hope. "Yes Oh, yes! I understand," she said. "He get away?" American Viewpoint Society, Inc., New York City. This splendid book for the American child from the viewpoint of an Italian who has become one of the greatest authorities on child training in the world. A mention of the name Angelo Patri means efficient child training. He rules by friendliness and his story of the milestones in history, the election day, Fourth of July holidays, the future citizens of America brings to us all the value of patriotism in early life. It is a simple book with limitless value in the hands of young America. Well illustrated and large clear print.

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and tell him about your splendid bravery tonight, there will no trouble come of it for you. They will be powerless." The hope in Katie's face warred with a shadowy but real terror. "Maybe so, maybe so," she said

tonelessly. "But does two men like big poison snakes. They do no mischief—only ven dey dead." And my heart contracted with a tiny premonitory warning that she had spoken but the truth. (To be continued.)

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