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Book News & Reviews

The title of Winston Churchill's new novel is "Mr. Crewe's Career." Mr. Churchill's previous story, "The Crossing," was published in 1904.

Mr. Kipling is writing a series of articles on his recent experiences in Canada, which will be published under the title, "Letters to the Family."

Sir F. Burnand in his "Records and Reminiscences" says of Browning that he was not at all the sort of man one would take for a poet. "It is expected generally of a poet that he should be of somewhat eccentric appearance. He should be above the prevailing fashion and dress and wear a costume entirely of his own creation and the tailor's make. Now there was nothing about Browning of the Tennysonian ruggedness. He was in every way neat but not gaudy, faultlessly dressed, and if there is one epithet above another that could be chosen to exactly describe him it would be the adjective "amug."

Joseph H. Adams, author of "Harper's Electricity for Boys," believes that the study of practical science cultivates both mental resourcefulness and the habit of hard work. "I should like every boy interested in electricity to hear what Thomas A. Edison once said to me when I was a boy working in his laboratories," Mr. Adams says. "I asked the great inventor if invention was not made up largely of inspiration. He looked at me quizzically for a moment, and then replied: 'My boy, I have little use for a man who works on inspiration. Invention is two parts inspiration and 98 per cent perspiration.'"

The Stratford Town Shakespeare, which is to be brought out soon in this country, is the only complete edition of Shakespeare published in his native town. In 1597 Shakespeare purchased New Place and in the same year Julius Shaw obtained a twenty-five years' lease of the house standing two doors from New Place. Shaw was a friend of Shakespeare and one of the witnesses to his will. Though parts of the house occupied by Shaw have been renewed the main structure of the building is unchanged. It is from this old Tudor house where Shakespeare must have been a frequent guest that the Stratford Town edition of his works has been issued.

Concerning the "Hundred Best Books" Clement Shorter says in his recent volume of "Immortal Memories" that there is no possibility of choosing them for any large number of readers, because there are very few books that are equally suitable to every kind of intellect. Temperament as well as intellectual endowment makes for so much in reading. "Take for example the 'Imitation of Christ.' George Eliot, although not a Christian, found it soul satisfying. Thackeray, as I think a more robust intellect, found it well nigh as mischievous as did Eugene Sue. There are great books that can be read only by the few, but surely the very greatest appeal alike to the man of rich intellectual endowment, and to the man to whom all processes of reading are incomprehensible." The list which Mr. Shorter gives as that of his own choosing begins, as most lists do, with the Bible.

It Didn't Come Natural.
"I have heard that man tell the truth once or twice," said one Wall street man talking of another. "He can tell the truth, I admit, but it does not come natural to him. He reminds me of the Russian moujik."

"A Russian moujik sat one day in the anteroom of the military commissioner of his town. There was an anxious frown on his face. A friend approached and said:

"What is the matter, Piotr?"
"I am worried," Piotr answered, "about my son. I don't know what to say when the commissioner asks me about his age. You see, if I make him younger than he is he will be sent back to school, and if I make him out older they'll stick him in the army. What the deuce am I to do?"
"How would it do," said the friend, thoughtfully, "if you told the commissioner his exact age?"
"Piotr slapped his leg and laughed delightedly.
"The very thing," he cried. "I never thought of that!"

Pay of Army Officers.
When a young man becomes a cadet at West Point, he enters upon a government allowance of \$600.50 a year. On graduation the West Pointer is commissioned a second lieutenant and receives a salary of \$1,400 if unmounted or \$1,500 if mounted. Increases at each five year period bring the pay at the end of twenty years up to \$1,900 in the one case and \$2,100 in the other. The pay of first lieutenants begins at \$1,500 and \$1,600; captains, \$1,800 and \$2,000; majors, \$2,500; lieutenant colonels, \$3,000; colonels, \$3,500. Each officer attains a 40 per cent maximum increase in twenty years. On the average the salary of the army officer is higher than that of the college professor, the minister or the graded civil service employe. The officer has allowances for residence and personal attendance. He may buy household supplies from a government commissary at cost.—Detroit News-Tribune.

What are neighbors for? They are to notice things. If you ever did anything out of the way you are reminded that that was what your neighbor was there for.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

Wonderful Growth of Past Sixteen Years.

By Corolla Marvin, Secretary Oregon Library Commission, Salem.

In 1905 traveling libraries had been authorized by law in twenty five states. In sixteen of these, the libraries were in the direct charge of state libraries or library commissions.

This wonderful record of growth from the idea promulgated by Mr. Melvil Dewey in 1892 is a most significant testimony, not only that illiteracy is becoming unpopular, but that good taste in reading is to become an American habit. Time was when some of our scholars thought that bad reading was better than none at all. A well known teacher of English literature at one of our large universities stated to me that it would be better for people to read even the "Fireside Companion" than to have no reading at all. In those days our rural population had little or nothing to read. Magazines were expensive, and the almanacs and county papers made a very meager literary diet. Even the doubtful gift of having the cheap weekly papers thrust into the dooryard was denied the average farm home.

In these days, when the farmer is just as close to the heart of the world as the rest of us, if he chooses to be, he is greeted by a bewildering opportunity for choice among mediocre and even more vicious publications than were common twenty years ago. There are capable men and women, highly cultivated and useful citizens, whose early reading was largely of the character then current in the cheap weeklies; but who shall dare prophesy that the youth of today, whose literary excursions take him into the company of "Buster Brown" and "Happy Holligan," will have an even chance with the youth of a generation ago to develop into a useful and law abiding citizen? The influences of the dukes, haughty countesses, swaggering pirates and common ruffians of those days was certainly not so quickly transmuted into bad conduct as that of the current yellow favorite.

Isolation had its advantages for the people on our farms. Today, the farmer's lad, only less than his city contemporary, has the worst that our times afford thrust upon him. In the cities, the public libraries are live to the necessity of getting people to read, and to read that which is, at least, not distinctly harmful, with strenuous efforts to promote the more vigorous and helpful sort of reading. That those in charge of traveling library systems are fully conscious that wise selection of the books means much to the commonwealths whose interests they serve, may be seen from the character of the books they are sending to the villages, country school and farm houses. It is recorded of one well selected and combined collection of 40 volumes that in three years it traveled over 2,000 miles, and had 918 recorded loans in 28 months of actual circulation in 8 different neighborhoods. Only 64 per cent of this circulation was fiction, so that these encouraging figures show that the miscellaneous books are being read and appreciated. What the general result of the circulation of this better class of books in more or less bookless communities is, no one may definitely know, but the librarian of any system of traveling libraries could find in the correspondence of her office innumerable and eloquent testimonials of the good work that is being done. So general is the belief that this class of literature will help people to live on farms and in villages more intelligently, and therefore more contentedly, that state workers in farmers' institutes have persistently acted as advocates of traveling libraries, with excellent and immediate results in many cases.

Oregon now has 95 state traveling libraries being sent to as many stations throughout the state. As these libraries belong to the state there is no charge for their use. Oregon people, wherever they may be located, may draw books from the Oregon Library commission at Salem.

Dish Drainer.
The majority of improved appliances designed to assist and lessen the work of the housewife are too complicated and troublesome to warrant even a trial. To gain attention they must be exceedingly simple in construction, such as the dish drainer shown here, the invention of a New York man. This dish drainer is made a part of the dish pan, being hinged to the edge at one of the handles, so that it will not slip. The drainer is also in the form of a pan, having side wall to prevent the dishes falling to the ground when being drained. The water draining from the dishes descends down the inclined bottom of the drainer into the dish pan. A small upright serves to support the outer end of the drainer, and raise the drainer on an incline. The drainer and dish pan can be instantly separated or readjusted.



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S.S.S. HEALS OLD SORES

No old sore exists merely because the flesh is diseased at that particular spot; if it were true simple cleanliness and local applications would heal them. Whenever a sore or ulcer refuses to heal readily, the blood is at fault; this vital fluid is filled with impurities and poisons which are being constantly discharged into the place, feeding it with noxious matter and irritating and inflaming the nerves and tissues so the sore cannot heal. These impurities in the blood may be the remains of some constitutional trouble, the effect of a debilitating spell of sickness, leaving disease germs in the system, or the absorption by the blood of the fermented refuse matter which the bodily channels of waste have failed to remove. Again the cause may be hereditary, the diseased blood of ancestry being handed down to posterity; but whatever the cause, the fact that the sore will not heal shows the necessity for the very best constitutional treatment. There is nothing that causes more worry and anxiety than an old sore which resists treatment.

Every symptom suggests pollution and disease—the discharge, the red, angry looking flesh, the pain and inflammation, and the discoloration of surrounding parts, all show that deep down in the blood there are morbid and dangerous forces at work, constantly creating poisons which may in the end lead to Cancer. Local applications are valuable only for their cleansing and antiseptic effects; they do not reach the blood, where the real cause is located, and can therefore have no real curative worth. S. S. S. heals old sores by going down to the fountain-head of the trouble and driving out the poison-producing germs and morbid matters which are keeping the ulcer open. It removes every particle of impurity from the circulation and makes this life-stream pure, fresh and health-sustaining. Then as new, rich blood is carried to the place the healing begins, all discharge ceases, the inflammation leaves, new tissue and healthy flesh are formed, and soon the sore or ulcer is well. S. S. S. is the greatest of all blood purifiers and finest of tonics, just what is needed in the treatment, and in addition to curing the sore will build up and strengthen every part of the system. Special book on Sores and Ulcers and any medical advice desired furnished free to all who write. **THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.**

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