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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Spring dresses for the women-folk are on the market, and provide more publicity for curves.

AN OBLIGING SCRIBE (Mansfield Monitor) Notice—Will the party who is using wood off the editor's wood pile, please take from the office—then we won't have to carry ours so far.

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Editorial Correspondence

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 21.—The seven-day storm departed in a burst of glory—clouds, rain, tornadoes, waterworks, thunder and lightning, blizzards, everything in the climatic calendar but earthquakes, and probably there were a few earthquakes if the complete truth were told.

There is an English woman in our party who has spent several years in Oregon, but never before visited California. Her remarks on the climate and scenery of this state were put on some ill-fated speaker who would all be laughed before we could get to Arizona. To most of us this land is an old story.

Our departure for the Mojave desert has been delayed several days by the storm which has blocked Cajon pass with snow, and even with chains made the going precarious. They do things in the Sierras—but of course such a blizzard in these parts is "unusual." We would like to see how much storm information went out of California over the A. P. Tires were actually unrotated in Los Angeles yesterday by a wind that blew down telegraph poles and a few of the less substantial buildings.

Personal Health Service By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

SPILT FINGER NAIL. Once a finger nail has been split lengthwise it is difficult and sometimes impossible to remedy it.

CELESTINE. I am drinking celestine tea made from celestine seed, for nerve trouble. Could this be harmful in any way?—C. R. S.

LODIN. I have taken one drop of lodin daily for one month without missing a day. I think it has worked wonders with me. Now my mouth is up. Still I stop, or would it be all right to go right on with it?—A. W. V.

FLAXSEED. I do not believe it has any medicinal virtue.

THE HOME NURSE. Please name a book that is helpful along the line of practical nursing.—M. L.

FLAXSEED. Flaxseeds, bless them, great for suggestion in your column.—Mrs. E.

FLAXSEED. Flaxseeds were imported from Hindia and sold for a penny a seed, in a package decorated in green and gold, how very popular this homely succedaneum for physic would be.

FLAXSEED. Please publish the symptoms of a tapeworm.—J. W. S.

FLAXSEED. Tapeworms are very fertile and seldom complain of their symptoms. There are no symptoms that a layman can recognize.

FLAXSEED. I am 35 years old, five feet and three inches tall and weigh 174 pounds. Kindly forward literature by return mail.—F. W. N.

FLAXSEED. I have no literature. Glad to give you some advice and suggestions for reduction if you will ask for it.

FLAXSEED. Included you will find stamped addressed envelope for which please fill in what is the cause of catarrh, how it can be cured, and complete detailed information about it. Also catarrhal deafness.—F. O'P.

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is only a health service. I cannot give out morbid information indiscriminately.

There will be four more painful partings in 1920. There are four extra pay days.

The ideal arrangement would be to make the installments last no longer than our interest in the new toy.

A new high-brow publication in Paris had a circulation of 200,000 in three weeks, which shows what you can do in an intelligent city where circulation isn't audited.

There are two reasons why congress doesn't give the people what they want: (1) It doesn't know what they want, and (2) the people don't know what they want.

Correct this sentence: "My own view," said he, "seem just as hideous to me as the other fellows."

Review of Current Literature By Book Lovers of Medford

A Guidepost to the Best in Late Books As Selected by County Librarian Miss Fay Woolsey for Reaction of Local Readers.

This splendid group of annotations written by five local residents, on new books to be found in the Medford library, begin what we hope will remain a regular weekly feature in the Mail Tribune.

The Mail Tribune is proud to print the following reviews, which are not only well written, but present clear-cut views of some of the more outstanding late books now in the local library.

Next week, five different readers will present their criticisms of five additional books, while on the same page will be run comments, criticisms or suggestions on the reviews which appear today, if any are received.

The reviews are necessarily limited to 300 words, and must be handed in not later than Thursday morning preceding the Friday upon which the review is to appear.

Local people scheduled to review books next Friday include: Mrs. Fred Colvig, C. T. Baker, Joe Brown, Miss Mary Gilbert, A. C. Allen and Fred Kelly.

"The Son of Man" (by Emil Ludwig.) English publication in 1918. Reviewed by Laura J. Alving.

The opening chapters deal with conditions of the Holy Land, the power of the Romans, the political situation between Rome and the Jews, and the intense hatred borne by the Jews, galley by servitude, hating their rulers; praying and hoping for delivery by direct intervention of Jehovah.

The word pictures of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes are revelations of the character, habits and mental ideas of the people among whom Jesus worked and by whom He was judged, and executed.

The influence of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman philosophy. Especially the writings of Seneca and Philo who give forth the first hints of the spiritual evolution of eternal life, and the psychological influence of the Divine towards man, which the moderns are only now beginning to grasp.

From there on the story loses its value, for he writes only of Jesus the boy and man. He begins when Jesus is twelve years old, and deals only with the human and mental side of his development.

He discards all miracles, denies any claim of Jesus to Jerusalem, and his goal for his trial and death. He finally pictures Him as developing into a weak, jealous, and irritable character, doubtful of His powers, works, fellow men, and even of His disciples.

His death on the cross is devoid of hope, and he closes with the statement: "That the women who love Him believe in working dreams, they have seen Him in the flesh."

So ends a book that could have been beautiful and helpful, had the author dealt with Jesus and Christ and given His spiritual mission, which has civilized the world, which modern science acknowledges, which as yet is only dimly revealed but foreshadows a spiritual existence more beautiful and soul-satisfying than man can as yet comprehend.

"Troupers of the Gold Coast" (by Constance Bourke.) Harcourt Brace & Company. Reviewed by Mrs. J. G. Gray.

Constance Bourke's new book "Troupers of the Gold Coast" is a delightful and valuable addition to the history of California and the west during the stirring years immediately following the gold rush of '49.

In this story of the development of the theatre in the west and biography of Lotta Crabtree, the celebrated comedy actress and pioneer in extravaganza and burlesque, the author senses the thrilling romance of the time and the reader eagerly follows the child, Lotta, and her company of trouper-ettes from camp to camp where all was glories and life, where fortunes were made in a day and often lost in a night and where Lotta laughed, sang and danced her way into the hearts of her varied audiences. Night journeys on foot, on horseback or in rocking stage coaches, over mountain passes, and one night shows on itinerant stages—all were a part of this life so affording to the trouper.

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The entering wedge to this realization was had when Austria declared war against Germany and Austria was defeated.

The author brings out many very interesting details, but the details are really all a part of the general scheme and purpose of Bismarck to bring about under a Prussian emperor, the centralization of power of all of the German states.

The author brings to the attention of the reader, through these details, the masterful mind of Bismarck, and how indispensable he made himself felt to his king. Many quarrels arose between them but always Bismarck prevailed.

The author discloses, from the very inception of Bismarck's advent to the position of prime minister, the obsession and covetousness for power.

Eventually an application was made to the German people for the selection of a king for Spain from among the German people.

Reverent was at once aroused against the French, and Napoleon declared that this was a threat against the security of his nation and his government.

Bismarck promptly grasped this attitude of the Emperor Napoleon to signify the German states.

The Franco-Prussian war of 1870 grew out of this request, and through this instrumentally the German states were united in the prosecution of the war, and when the war was over and Germany prevailed, it was very short resented to an agreement among the German people to have one ruler for the entire German people, and Emperor William of Prussia was selected. Bismarck's dream was realized.

The author brings out in attractive detail the superior statesmanship of Bismarck, and the manner in which he dominated not only the German people, but his emperor.

The late Kaiser succeeded to the throne in 1888. He retained Bismarck as the imperial chancellor, not because he wished to do so, but because it was quite impossible to rid himself of him.

Bismarck would resign and the Kaiser was afraid to discharge him. This condition continued until 1895 when Bismarck, bowed with the weight of years, succumbed to this feasible and somewhat erratic ruler.

The author brings out the numerous disagreements between the late Kaiser and Bismarck, and the humiliation and grief which Bismarck felt at his dismissal from a service in behalf of the German people covering a period of fifty years.

At this time, if the spirit of Bismarck could view conditions as they are and as they were in 1918, one speculates upon the degree of regret at the ruin wrought, which must have come to Bismarck as he viewed the retreating heels of William the Second, across the Holland border to his estate in Doorn. Read the book.

"The Golden Bough" (by Sir James Frazer.) Reviewed by W. A. Gates.

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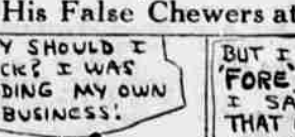
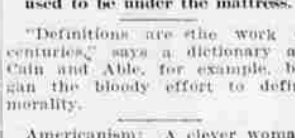
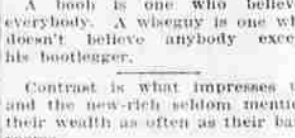
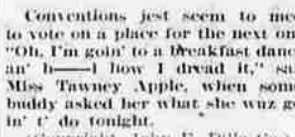
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