

Review of Current Literature By Mermaid Tavern Book Club

A Guidepost to the Best in Late Books as Selected by County Librarian Miss Fay Woolsey and Reviewed by Discriminating Readers.

Radio Receiving Tubes—J. R. Moyer and J. F. Worstell. Reviewed by Jewell Waddell.

Several years ago Thomas Edison, while experimenting with one of his newly invented electric lamps, discovered that by placing a small piece of sheet metal in the globe an electric current would pass from the filament to the other piece of metal in the globe. These globes called valves, because they allowed current to pass through them in only one direction were tried as detectors of radio waves but were found to be inefficient. Lee DeForest, however, at about this time invented a tube with a third element, which was destined to revolutionize radio.

A fourth element has been added within the last few years. The fourth element, also a screen, is used for greater amplification. J. A. Moyer and J. F. Worstell have written a book on these later developments of radio entitled "Radio Receiving Tubes." Many books have been written about radio, for both laymen and technical experts, but none is so precise, yet so clear and simple, as this one.

In order to understand things which take place in a tube one must understand the fundamental electrical principles and properties of solenoids, condensers, and resistances. When you have read and studied this book, you will be able to take the tubes from your receiving set and analyze them. You will know what kind of tube is best for each tube socket in your set.

Quite often you have wondered why your set would not work so well as the set of one of your friends. It might be the kind of tubes. The best way to find out is to read an authority on the subject. Another use of radio tubes taken up by the authors is the commercial. Radio tubes are used to amplify public addresses. They are used on long distance telephony. The last musical instrument to be invented employs them, and they are used to control boats, airplanes, torpedoes, and robots.

This book is the first of a series by the authors. A review of the next two books in this series will appear on this page in two weeks.

Destiny Bay—By Donn Byrne. Reviewed by Anna Mae Fuson.

In "Destiny Bay," Donn Byrne, the last of the traditional Irish novelists, takes his readers into a place of enchantment. Here he reveals the souls as well as the outer aspects of the lives of his people. In words that glow and sparkle, he brings out the traditions of the gallant MacFarlanes. Between the covers there are nine tales dealing with love and comedy, romance and tragedy.

"Destiny Bay, a remote place on the north coast of Ireland, forms the setting for these lovely tales. Byrne, in words as euphonious as a poem, makes the places familiar to us, from bogland, alluring with its white bog flowers, to the north Atlantic, ever-changing.

The characters in the persons of young Kerry MacFarlane, with his red-bearded uncle Valentine, and the gentle blind sister, Jennifer, move gallantly through the pages; cousin Jennie, the swarthy, handsome gypsy, Lady Clontarf, and last the great valet and butler, Carabine, live and breathe before us.

His critics state that this is Donn Byrne at his best, though he has written stories of the beloved people he knew well. The pity is, his tragic death denies the world more stories of this sort.

Eminent Asians—By Josef Washington Hall. Reviewed by Victor Dallaire.

"Six Great Personalities of the New East" is the subtitle of this book. It would be difficult to find a better-suited term. Each character taken up is great. Who has not heard of Mahatma Gandhi, Josef Stalin, Sun Yat Sen, Mus-

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APPLEGATE FRIENDS MOURN MRS. RUSSELL
APPLEGATE, Ore., May 16.—(Special)—Word was received here this week of the death of Mrs. Eliza Jane Russell, who died at the home of her son, Chester, at Talent Saturday, May 10, and was buried at Ashland Sunday, May 11. She was the wife of "Huk" Russell, who died about two months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Russell came to the Applegate about 48 years ago and made their home near Rich for 20 years. While here they made a host of friends who wish to extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

APPLEGATE WOMAN HURT BY WRINGER
APPLEGATE, Ore., May 16.—(Special)—Miss Rose Buckley of this vicinity met with a very serious accident last Tuesday afternoon when she caught her right hand in the wringer while doing the family washing. The flesh was scraped from one finger, leaving the bone visible and another finger was crushed very badly. She was rushed to Medford, where she received medical treatment and will remain there for a few days.

REESE CREEK REVIVAL ALL DAY ON SUNDAY

REESE CREEK, Ore., May 16.—(Special) Revival services here have entered upon the second week and while the attendance has not been as large as was expected on account of the stormy weather, the messages have been very helpful, and those who have come out seem well pleased.

There will be another all day service next Sunday, May 18th, with a basket lunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy the all day meeting so much last Sunday that it was thought best to have another, but it was decided not to have a service on Saturday night, giving every one more time to prepare for services Sunday.

There will be Sunday school at 10 o'clock, one-half hour earlier than usual, and preaching at 11 a. m. and again at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Yagumal and His of Japan?
In this work the author treats each individual as an ordinary man, not as the inspired and heavenly person we read of in news accounts. He has known them all personally. He gives little insights into their lives that make such men as Gandhi and Sun Yat Sen seem human. He points out cleverly the hopes, ambitions and desires of each.

Sun Yat Sen, who died a few years ago, is probably the best known of the sextet. In an ultra news-style, the author tells in one hundred pages the high lights of Sun's life, from his birth near the base of Hsiang Shan, the fragrant mountain, to his death amid the turbulence and intrigue of the great republic he had fostered. Mr. Hall has shown admirably in his work, and presents probably the best life-sketches of prominent men of the East.

Heirs, by Cornelia James Cannon. Reviewed by Mary Gilbert.

This is a new novel which they say will be read and discussed considerably. It is an Atlantic Monthly press book, 1930. The chief character, Marilla Walton, is a vital, energetic young New England school teacher with high ideals and little or no experience. She marries for the sake of bringing up a family. The story deals with her struggle to adjust herself to the disappointment of being childless.

The author deals with Marilla in a way which has quite a little merit. To begin with, Marilla is a trifle smug, but after she is made to undergo one unaccustomed experience after another, she develops a genuinely wide and unselfish viewpoint on life. Her first day as teacher in an ungraded country school complicated with a foreign element in its pupils will interest anyone who has been a schoolmistress.

The Polish members of the New Hampshire community where Marilla lives serve as forces to impress on her that there are other workable codes of ethics besides the one which she had accepted out of her down-east heritage, her absorption in the English poets, and her education in a normal school.

Cimarron, by Edna Ferber. Reviewed by Mary Gilbert.

Forty years ago in the Oklahoma territory, Sabra Venable, a young southern woman whose husband was unbusinesslike, took the family fortunes into her own control. She built up an impressive newspaper publishing business, and later became a member of congress. She is the same woman as Sabina in "So Big," who, because the burden of supporting the family fell on her, created a successful truck gardening business. She is the same as Kim in "Show Boat," whose husband was a gambler and a wastrel, and who provided for herself and daughter by going off the stage.

We all like these self-sufficient women under whose administration the grubby, precarious financial situation turns into a glowing success. They make up in drive what they have not in allure, as Miss Ferber pointedly says of Sabra. Their stories make satisfying reading: plenty of definite, intimate details; shocking coincidences; nice love scenes; dramatic death scenes; and, confidently put, a great deal of the local color of life in the United States. At the end, the story implies that, after all, it was intended to be less about Sabra than about the development of Oklahoma; gun-fights, Indians, all.

Yancey Cravat, Sabra's husband, is a Bret Harte character, reminding a person of Tennessee's partner. Sabra and Yancey together are like the man and the girl in Mary Roberts Rinehart's "Lost Ecstasy" while Sabra herself is like the central character in A. S. M. Hutchinson's "This Freedom."

The book is worth reading for the first four chapters alone. These contain perhaps the best writing Miss Ferber has included in any of her books so far.

County Health Department Activities and News

By Dr. B. C. Wilson, Health Officer

Infant Care.

No doubt you people have had a great deal of advice from neighbors, grandmothers and many other lay persons as to how to raise your child and what to feed it, but in this article I wish to give you some well proven, and sound advice as to how to make your child grow normally, and be healthy.

First, never under any circumstances, unless by absolute necessity, take the baby off the breast and put it on the bottle. If there isn't sufficient milk for the child on the breast, then seek your physician's advice as to various methods to follow to increase the milk supply, because it is a known fact that nine out of ten cases can in-

crease their milk supply to normal quantity and quality.

Even though your previous children or your neighbors' children were raised on a bottle, breast fed babies have four times the better chance of being free from illness and attaining normal childhood than bottle fed children and, because me, it isn't worth the chance you take.

But, if it is absolutely necessary to take that child off the breast and put it on artificial feeding, do not take the advice of most anyone and put it on Eagle Brand, Horlick's, Borden's or in fact any kind of mixture because, it is most important that you go to your physician, let him judge your child's condition and then let him give

you the formula you should use. Next, your baby should start cod liver oil by the time it is one month of age, especially during the fall or winter months. Here, I wish to state that there has never been any product put on the market that equals or is better than pure cod liver oil. Do not spend high by pharmaceutical houses but which do not compare with the pure cod liver oil.

Orange juice should be started by the end of the first month of life. If orange juice is not available, tomato juice will answer the purpose.

A baby, whether on the breast or the bottle, should be fed with absolute regularity, that is, every three or four hours, four preferably. If the baby is normal, and this feeding is done regularly by the clock, regular feedings are much better for the baby and much better for the mother and, above all, gives the coming child the beginning of habit formation and regularity which is an essential thing

in a child's life. A baby should always be fed in the semi-upright position and if a bottle is used the nipple is full of held so that the feeding period, milk during the feeding period. After feeding, the baby should be raised carefully, and laid with its abdomen down on the mother's left shoulder and patted gently on the back with the flat of the hand for two or three minutes. This baby will get rid of the air the same has swallowed, and prevent some of the spitting up of food and colic. One of the worst things used in bringing up of a baby is a pacifier. Never give a pacifier. Roll all milk that is fed to a child from the bottle and you will eliminate that dreaded, summer complaint.

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