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 decadent fiction.

> A former magazine editor, now reformed, tells a sigificent story of a novel written by a well known author. The manuscript came into his hands and was read bice im that the story was so indecent as to be unprintable, nd "the public would never stand for it." The manucript was accordingly returned to the writer.

> That was back in 1905. Eleven years afterward the ditor in question was surprised to see it published by the same magazine he had been connected with. It was till a respectable magazine, too. The editor explained that the magazine had not changed, but its readers had The public not only stood for it, but ate it up and wanted

Anyone familiar with the present run of fiction will probably agree that "the gradual decadence of taste on the part of the great mass of magazine readers has not only made readers less easily shoe ager to embrace these flashpots."
What shall I say of this literature and the prevailing demand for and consumption of it?" asks the retired citor. "What sh

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To is responsible? The writer says it is the New ork magazine editors who have been "gradually feeding alized its taste. The editors defend themselves by saying that they have only been giving the public what it wanted sil along. They take particular pains to explain that they minister to the western taste--by "western" meaning everything west of the Appalachians-- and that "they like this sort of thing out west.'

A great many Westerners, however, indignantly re-
ate the charge, pointing out that there has been a similar decadence in the drama, and that American dramas, as everybody knows, are mostly mostly made to suit Broadway taste.

IRELAND AT PARIS.
A preat deal ef American sympathy attends the e forts of the American delegation now at Paris pleading
the cause of Irdand. The distressful isle" still occupie Warm place in many American hearts of Irish descent before the war, because of the alliance made with tho Germans by the radical element, and the lukewarmness
for the Allied cause on the part of the Irish people, now demanding freedom. Many of our people, regardless of their racial origin, would frankly like to see home rule
hecome a reality in Ireland. Some Americans would like


## RIPPLING RHYMES

by Walt Mason
the wagon.
In the past I've begged the boozers to get on the cart h, piekied snoozens, have some soused for evermore? Come and mounta he water wagon, I beseech and I implore!" Now I need no longer worry der their folly and disgrace; they must ride on that old surrey, for it is a groundhog case. Soon the Rum Holes the long hing, ano not may saunter in, there to spend Soon all barkeeps must be quitters and no more shall thirsty jakes help themselves to brimstone bitters till they count their private snakes. So I don't denounce the dragon till the welkin's out of plumb, for all men must ride the Wagon in the happy days to come. I am done with Tiery preaching, pointing out the drunkard's doom, done vith begging and heseeching when a friend has nose
whoom. I don't roast the brimming flagon, roast the vicker demijathn, for all men must ride the wagon, and ing, though the soak be thot and sore such thing as choosend to boozing, sud the watgon's at the door has come an

aims of the present movement that is so strong in South : Ireland, if there were essurance that independenece could ;
be obtained amicably without inviting greater evis than be obtained amicably, without inviting greater evils than *
those already existin? Bose arready existing.
But granting ail this, most of Ireland's American friend found
The P aris conference is a peace conference, engag. ed in winding up a war and setting the mutual affairs. of the nations engaged in it. Ireland was not a participant in the war, except as Scotand and Wales were par-
ticipants and her part in it was and ticipants, and her part in it was smaller than either
Scotland and Wales are represented at Paris hy the Brit Scotland and Wales are represented at Paris by the Brit ish government, and Ireland is represented likewise. Thi
is necessarily the case while the present governmental oris neessarily the
ganization lasts.

The rish question is not an international question It is purely a domestic question within the British Em pire Americans can very properly ask Lloyd-George, as
head of the British government, to consider the Irish claims for self-government and make "sel-determination or peoples a reaity for reand. But on what grounds
can the delegates base a demand for an official hearing on the part of the Peace conference? Ireland's status at Paris is hardly different from that i New York or California. If either of those state vanted to leave the Union, the Peace Conference would vorked out here at home, desirably in hapronyy with the est moral judgment of mankind, but without any other oreign influence than that of moral suasion.
The Roosevelt highway from a dairyman's point of view is discussed in an article in the Capital Journal to-
lay. Certainly, this proposed road would assist materialin the development of an important section of the state. Genoo has changed its Wilson street to Fiume street. Well, speaking in general, a certain amount of Fiume--
This is not the only country which can build ships in twenty-nine days from keel-laying to trial trip.
Three things the world cannot have too much wheat, m
America.

Italy seems not only to want her own "Irredenta" ut all her neighbors, too

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