

### The Hoover Administration

Charles Scribner's Sons announce for October publication *The Hoover Administration: A History*, by William Starr Myers and Walter H. Newton. In this book will be chronicled the complete story of Mr. Hoover's four years in the White House from beginning to end. In its preparation Mr. Myers and Mr. Newton, with the full cooperation of Mr. Hoover, have had access to diaries, memoranda, state papers and other original material not previously available to any writer.

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### President's Mother Is Subject of Book by Rita H. Kleeman

**GRACIOUS LADY: The Life of Sara Delano Roosevelt.** By Rita Halle Kleeman. Illus.

D. Appleton-Century company announced the publication last week of the authorized life of the President's mother, *Gracious Lady: The Life of Sara Delano Roosevelt* by Rita Halle Kleeman. It is particularly fitting that the book should be published on September 21, the day which marked the eighty-first birthday of Mrs. Roosevelt. This volume will be of immense value to those interested in the family histories of two of our most prominent and aristocratic families. Mrs. Kleeman has been fortunate in having the close cooperation of both the Roosevelt and Delano families, and has had access to diaries, private papers and letters which heretofore have remained in obscurity.

#### Is Life of President, Too

For the first time an intimate glimpse of the President's childhood is revealed to the public. Reproductions of his school-boy compositions are included along with the personal reflections of Mrs. Roosevelt on his youthful years and up through his spectacular rise to the nation's highest post.

The book gives us a day-to-day record of the President's early development and training, his education at Groton and Harvard, and his various illnesses in childhood and manhood. Of special interest in the light of recent political events are President Roosevelt's early ideas on social and political problems as revealed in his school work. The various public offices he has held, his marriage and family life, and his inauguration as President of the United States—all are included in this highly interesting and important book. *Gracious Lady* will be of invaluable aid to the future biographers of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

#### Writer Was Friend of Family

Rita Halle Kleeman is particularly well qualified to write the biography of Mrs. James Roosevelt. She has been a personal friend of this charming lady for more than ten years and has been able to abstract from actual conversations many previously unpublished facts concerning both Mrs. Roosevelt and her famous son. The book begins by tracing the aristocratic heritage of Sara Delano, her years as a child in the Hudson valley, and her trip as a small girl to China on a clipper ship. She became known as one of the "five beautiful Delano sisters," and the picture which the author gives of New York society is one of great authenticity and charm.

The courtship and resulting marriage with James Roosevelt and the happy years spent at Hyde Park—years that were heightened in happiness by the birth of a son—make a fascinating and idyllic story. When her son became famous, Mrs. Roosevelt took the step to national prominence with characteristic grace and dignity, and, despite the overwhelming attention that has been accorded to her, her first interest is still with her family and her friends. *Gracious Lady* is a charming study of this delightful woman. The book is illustrated with many intimate pictures of the Roosevelt and Delano families.

### Gaar Williams



This silhouette, done by Kin Hubbard of "Abe Martin" fame, is of the late Gaar Williams of Glen-coc, creator of "Among the Folks in History," "A Strain on the Family Tie," "Wotta Life," "Zipper," and other cartoon series known to and loved by millions of Americans. The silhouette will be used as the frontispiece in a limited, de luxe edition book containing 166 reproductions of Williams' "Among the Folks in History" cartoons, selected by him, shortly before his death, as most completely portraying that intensely interesting period—the America of a generation ago.

### Englishman Tells of Adventurous Career YOUTH UNCHARTED, by Stephen Lawford.

An Englishman who "joined up" for the war at seventeen, and after two years of soldiering carried on an amazing business which took him all through south Russia under the most exciting conditions, and then was employed by the British Foreign Office and the League of Nations to assist refugees of many nations, tells his experiences—perilous, amusing, and often almost incredible—in *Youth Uncharted*.

In the course of his adventures on four continents, Stephen Lawford more than once narrowly escaped shipwreck, was lost in a Bolivian forest where he met a too-attentive jaguar, and nearly had his throat cut in a little affair in a Somali village.

At Aden he came upon an American girl wandering alone in the bazaars, apparently lost. He says, "She was the first of the genus I had met. I remember that her looks, her vivacity, and her lack of side made a great impression on me, as did also that American female habit of making one think that one is the only male on the globe." She wanted to see everything, and Lawford took her to a cinema which was crowded with Arabs and Somalis and all the hotch potch of the native population. About halfway through the show an Arab from a desert tribe, despoiling an old enemy of his who was seated near Lawford, crept up on him from the rear and stabbed him in the back. The place was thrown into confusion; the girl wanted to stay and see the fight but Lawford managed to make a way for them through the crowd by picking up a

### Compile 166 Cartoons of Gaar Williams in De Luxe Album Edition

**AMONG THE FOLKS IN HISTORY.** By Gaar Williams. The Book and Print Guild, Winnetka, Ill. De Luxe limited edition \$5.00.

To be published soon by the Book and Print guild of Winnetka will be a limited de luxe edition of 166 reproductions of Gaar Williams' *Among the Folks in History* cartoons.

Interspersed throughout the book are several typically Williams yarns—tales that express the real thoughts and habits of very real people of the Gay Nineties.

The cartoons were selected by him, shortly before his death, as most completely portraying that intensely interesting period—the America of a generation ago.

An intimate and sympathetic foreword by John T. McCutcheon presents the volume in the spirit that admirably fits the work it introduces.

#### It Is History of Our Times

In tribute to Mr. Williams' contribution to the history of our times, a contemporary recently wrote, "He stood in the first rank among contemporary humorists, but he was also eminent as a noted historian. In the years to come those who seek to catch the quality of the period from a little before 1890 to our day will turn to his work as an important source. They will do so because of Williams' unrivaled memory for physical detail and because of the no less astonishing accuracy with which he portrayed the mind of the ordinary man of his period."

#### Fashions Recorded

"Those who want to know what sort of men and women lived in the American midlands from the time of Cleveland onward to our day will find many of their questions answered in his work. They will find there the record not only of changing fashions in dress and decoration but also of changing habits of thought and behavior. As men today turn to Hogarth to recapture aspects of the England of the eighteenth century, they may well turn to Williams to recapture our period. They may do so with great confidence, for Williams seldom preached and never scolded. He had no axe to grind. His affection for the people and manners of his boyhood did not lead him to exaggeration of their virtues or to a jealous contempt of the contemporary world."

The volume is bound in genuine family album style with padded covers, gilt edged leaves and album clasp. The publishers announce that they will have a popular priced edition out about November 1.

#### Appearing in England

*Honey in the Horn* by H. L. Davis, the Harper Prize novel, appeared in England the first week in September with the endorsements of the English Book club and English Book guild.

#### By N. S. Poetress

*The Crystal Flute*, a collection of poems by Adelaide Love of Kenilworth, will be published on October 2 by Dodd, Mead and Co.

chair and driving onward with it in front of them.

There is excitement enough in this book, and idealism, and humor, to make it very good reading.