

## NEW MYSTERY THRILLER

For the sophisticated lover of mystery and adventure 100 percent entertainment is offered by Francis Beeding's *The Street of the Serpents*, recently published by Harper's.

Another book of good entertainment, but in a lighter vein, is Margaret Jepson's *Via Panama*, which has just been published.

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# COMMENT on BOOKS and AUTHORS

## For Children

The first of a series of children's books by Paul T. Gilbert of Kenilworth, *Bertram and His Funny Animals*, will be published early this fall by Rand, McNally and company, with jacket and illustrations by Minnie Rousseff.

The book is a collection of short stories which for the past three years have been appearing in *Child Life*, and which have proved one of the most popular features of that magazine. Thousands of letters have been received from parents, teachers, and children in all parts of the United States and in many foreign countries, asking for more "Bertram stories." Some of the episodes have been featured as radio programs and by readers at the children's entertainments at Enchanted island on the World's Fair grounds.

The first of the stories, *Bertram and the Hippopotamus*, was selected from 100,000 manuscripts for inclusion in the *Child Life* anthology of 1932.

As the heroine of the adventures, there is a real little girl, Virginia ("Ginny") Banning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Banning, for many years residents of Wilmette, now residing at the Orrington hotel, Evanston.

Mr. Gilbert has just completed the manuscript of another book entitled *Bertram's Circus Days*.

## TWO NEW VIKING BOOKS

Two important books will be published soon by Viking, one of them from America, the other from Europe.

The first will be Albert Halper's *The Foundry*; the second is Franz Werfel's *The Forty Days of Musa Dagh*.

Halper, author of *Union Square*, has been acclaimed as an important young writer. In this latest book of his he gives weight to the belief of many critics that he is one of the leading chroniclers of current life in America. His people are vibrantly alive.

Its publishers rank Werfel's book with *The Magic Mountain* and *The Case of Sergeant Grischu*. It is the story of a little band of people who fled to a hilltop, where, shut off from the world, they tried for forty days to preserve their lives and their civilization in a new and threatening environment. Into the new life they carried their personal loves and hates; on the plains below was a common enemy, and within themselves many emotional conflicts.

## SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET

A diverting book, *All the Skeletons in All the Closets*, by Keith Fowler, will be published next month by Macaulay. It is not a mystery, but a hard-hitting, robust hilarious novel that takes the hide off a crew of crooks and highbinders who fleeced the elite and would-be's.

## ANOTHER MYSTERY STORY

*The Crooked Lane*, by Frances Noyes Hart, noted author of *The Bellamy Trial*, will be published soon by Doubleday, Doran. This is a gay and tantalizing mystery.

## 'The Midwest,' Newest Magazine, Out Aug. 15

"The Midwest," a national monthly newspaper which will contain stories, articles, comment, book reviews, poetry, and criticism will be published August 15. Its founding, the editors declare, is based upon the belief that such a publication will fill a long felt need in the United States, and especially in the Midwest.

The present staff is as follows:

Editor: George E. Hoffman, 66 Warwick road, Winnetka, formerly of English department, Northwestern university; managing editor: John Upton Terrell, author and newspaperman; advertising manager: Howard R. Smith, managing editor of Commerce Magazine; art editor: J. Z. Jacobson, formerly art critic for the Chicago Daily News and The Chicagoan; poetry editor: Jessica Nelson North, associate editor of Poetry Magazine; juvenile editor: Elizabeth Stewart, well known reviewer.

It is the purpose of the editors, it is announced, to present a paper truly and typically American. The young writers will be encouraged and developed whenever possible, but writers of national prominence will contribute. The fields covered will be wide, and any subject allied with the arts will be treated in a frank, intelligent manner. Criticism will be constructive and the contents will be of the highest type obtainable. Reproductions and illustrations will be used—in general the paper will have an appeal to artists in every division of artistic endeavor.

## For Summer Reading

**SOMEBODY MUST**, by Alice Grant Rosman. (Minton, Balch and company.)

Year by year Alice Grant Rosman has produced successful books until she has eight best sellers to her credit. Her books have a nice quality about them. They are happy stories that end nicely and that everyone enjoys. Perhaps her *The Sixth Journey* is the best, although *Protecting Margot* that came out last year was very good. *Somebody Must* is just out and promises to be on lists of popular novels for the summer.

When Winifred Flete suddenly left home and went to Scotland for a month to prove to a gossiping neighbor that she could go to Scotland if she wanted to, she did a great favor to her family. She had stood between her husband and her children and, perhaps without quite meaning to, had made the children feel that their father was a very harsh and unsympathetic person. When Kay, his daughter, and his small son, Pell, were thrown much in his company they found him to be a very different sort of person from the one they thought they knew.

Derek, a young neighbor, and Dolly, a visitor, figure in the family affairs. James the Second, Pell's beloved dog, enters the scene frequently and Elliott, the gardener, is a more or less necessary person. There is naturally a romance that ends nicely, and when Winifred returns she little suspects it is to a made over family.

The book is short and quickly read and it is a perfect story for a summer afternoon.

Anna K. Whitchurch

## STORY OF A TITAN

*Big Steel*, by Leslie Swabacker, which will be published soon, tells the story of a titan of industry in fierce battles with other titans, and of the strange revenge his passions finally took on him.

## The Story Cove

Three Winnetka writers who have books in the Story Cove on the Enchanted Island at A Century of Progress are Ruth Harshaw, author of *Reindeer of the Waves*; Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. Bond, co-authors of *A Little History of a Great City*; and Anita Willets-Burnham, whose *Round the World on a Penny* has been so thoroughly enjoyed by many readers.

The Story Cove is the International Library for Children and is under the direction of Martha King, who has assembled a wonderful collection of books from many lands, which are gifts from the various publishers. There are stories about children of today, of their homes, their toys and their ways of life.

To the Story Cove come parents, librarians, and teachers, all those interested in children's reading, to become enchanted with the books on display and to make lists for their own use. The national holidays of the Fair are celebrated here, and every afternoon stories are told to the children, which grown-ups seem to enjoy as well.

The children who visit the Enchanted Island and attend all of the concessions are delighted to find a cool quiet spot which is familiar to them from their use of a public library, and they settle down with a familiar book friend and are soon oblivious to all the outside diversions.

Now that the admission charge to the Enchanted Island has been removed until 4 o'clock, the Story Cove will be busier than ever. Children are thrilled to find one more place open to all as was evidenced by the boy who turned at the door and said, "Oh, dad, it's free," then dashed across the room to get a book.

## FOR TIRED BUSINESS MEN

On July 27, D. Appleton-Century company published simultaneously fifteen brand new novels. These embraced adventure, detective, and mystery fiction, and are known as *The Tired Business Man's Library*. Bound in similar format and available as a set or in single volumes, they constitute one of the most unique enterprises of the present season and one which is sure to be talked about. Especially notable is the list of authors contributing to the library, among them being Octavus Roy Cohen, Talbot Mundy, George Gibbs, Florence Ryerson and Colin Clements, Babette Hughes, Robin Forsythe, Cecil Freeman Gregg, and others. Never before has there been assembled such a splendid collection of light fiction, selected purely for entertainment, conducive to evenings of real relaxation, and offering in the variety of the novels included—some frank thrillers, some straight adventure, others sophisticated and witty, others rattling "westerns"—the perfect library for the average business man.

## BY SOUTH AMERICAN

One of the most distinguished literary books of this season is *Holy Wednesday* by Manuel Galvez. Telling of the soul-searching conflict of a priest of Buenos Aires, confronted, in the confessor's box, by the secrets of his parishioners, here is a serious artistic masterpiece by one of the best known modern novelists in South America today. To all those who take a real interest in current literature, who appreciate true beauty of style, and react to the sincerity of thought of a manifest artist, we commend without reservation Senor Galvez's *Holy Wednesday*. It brings him for the first time before American readers.