

FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



FANNIE M. LOTHROP The Author of Our "Famous People" Series

We take pleasure in announcing to our readers that with this issue we begin a series of remarkable, illustrated, biographic sketches of famous people—men and women who are making the history of the times.

For this work Mrs. Lothrop has a double fitness; from the literary side her knowledge of the great people of the day and her original way of putting things, and from the artistic side, her close acquaintance with the world's famous people.

To her belongs the distinctive honor of possessing the largest collection of portraits in the world, now numbering over 400,000—a treasury of portraiture unapproached by that of any museum or library in existence.

The time, patience, concentration of purpose, industry and systematic attention to detail expended in arranging such a collection is remarkable.

Mrs. Lothrop passed her girlhood years in Wisconsin, her native State. Her father, L. F. Mack, a New England gentleman of that class we fondly term "the old school," was a lawyer, educator and thinker of rare power and singular clearness of mind.

For two years Mrs. Lothrop was a student of Oberlin College, standing highest in her class, and a graduate of the Normal College of Chicago, where her musical genius early attracted attention.

She is brilliant in conversation and well informed on all topics of the day, though not a "new woman" in any sense of the word.

In the library of her home in New York, filled with the best works of the best thinkers, she does all her literary work.

TOPBOYS and GIRLS

TRIOLETS.

He said it hurt him worse than me. I didn't hear him crying. When I was there across his knee He said it hurt him worse than me. I wish it had 'a' done, b'gee!

He must have thought it was a treat That he to me was handing. It's been some time since he was beat. He must have thought it was a treat I notice, though, he didn't eat.

It wouldn't be so awful bad To get a little licking. If that alone was all I had, It wouldn't be so awful bad: But "hurt him worse!" That makes me mad.

It's that that starts me kicking. It wouldn't be so awful bad To get a little licking. —Chicago News.

A FAMOUS RAT.

When Napoleon, at the burning of Moscow, ordered the retreat of the grand army there happened to be in the ranks a private by name Baptiste.

This man, unlike his comrades, who looted the doomed city of all valuables which they could carry, preferred to take away with him a remarkably fine specimen of a Russian rat which he had captured.

And the young Turks, believing the teachings of their hodja, grow up without further investigating the cause of rain, the true source of which is taught an American in the kindergarten.

MARINE WHO OBEYED ORDERS.

The other night Marine Conant, a recruit of a month's service, was stationed as sentry at the main gate of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Now, the front part of the house, at back of which stood the old soldier's shanty, was in the occupation of a butcher's store and a tobacconist's, divided from each other by a corridor which led into the yard behind.

On these occasions there was noticeable in Voltaire's conduct a marked difference. At the tobacconist's he jumped upon the counter and submitted to be petted by madame.

For weeks this routine worked without a hitch. At length one day he dropped his pipe and smashed it. Calling to Voltaire to come with him he set out to replace the broken article at the tobacconist's.

Perplexed and worried the old soldier settled his account, and instituting an inquiry at the butcher's found there awaiting him the explanation of his pet's behavior.

MY PET SQUIRREL. I am going to tell you about my pet squirrel. He used to make everybody laugh. He was very sensible, yet was full of fun.

What He Meant. An old sea captain was visiting a certain exhibition, and was greatly interested in the mechanical section, where a fine array of steam whistles was on show.

WHEATON ITEM. The farewell service to Arthur T. Arnold in Gary Memorial Methodist Church, Wheaton, Sunday night was largely attended.

CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE. That Chicagoans are thoroughly alive to what is going on in the dramatic world is evidenced by the continued large patronage the Chicago Opera House is attracting.

SALESMEN WANTED. To introduce our New Commercial and Statistical State Chart for office and general use.

PIANO PLAYING TECHNICAL AND ARTISTIC. Arthur E. Fisher is in Downers Grove every Friday, and can take two more pupils.

YOUR NAME IN THE BOOK. This one fact that your friends and neighbors have telephoned—should convince you that the service will be valuable to you.

TURKISH BOYS AT SCHOOL. The beginning of a Mahomedan school here is to be a success.

MRS. BRIGGS OF THE POULTRY YARD

To Be Given by the Arcadian Club.

The Arcadian Club will present this entertaining comedy at the Auditorium Friday evening, Feb. 19th.

It will be remembered that the club gave "The Cricket on the Hearth" three years ago to an invited audience and it was so successful and well-received that they were encouraged to try their talent again.

These things they are going to give a comedy that will hold your interest straight through, and if you don't want to bubble over with laughter you are warned to take a good dose of anti-laugh pills before going.

Her family: Mrs. Briggs, a woman of business. Ann Findlay, Ralph, a young man.

NO REASON FOR IT. When Downers Grove Citizens Show the Certain Way Out.

There can be no just reason why any reader of this will continue to suffer the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the dangers of diabetes or any kidney ills.

Josephine Peterson, Corner N. Foot and Lincoln streets, Downers Grove, Ill., says: "I have been a sufferer from kidney trouble for twenty years."

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AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

AUDITORIUM THEATER, CHICAGO. Return of Ziegfeld's famous revue, "Follies of 1908."

"Follies of 1908." At the Auditorium theater, next Sunday night, F. Ziegfeld's revue, "Follies of 1908" will return for a limited engagement of four weeks.

"Follies of 1908" returns with the same eminent cast that was seen at the Illinois theater six weeks ago, where so many people were turned away that it was found necessary to book this big variegated "fun" show in the largest theater in America.

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TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE AT HINSDALE.

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protected faces of the determined men, and when they arrived at the fire they were nearly frozen. At 9 o'clock the thermometer stood at 15 above, and dropped three degrees in an hour, but the intensity of the fire was such that the men were not aware of the cold.

The fire caused a loss of over \$20,000 in property. Ditzler & Linsley losing \$10,000 on their stock with \$8,000 insurance. The building was owned by C. G. Anderson, who stated it cost \$10,000 to build, and could not be duplicated today for \$12,000. He only carried \$3,000 on the building. The losses on the barns destroyed is not ascertainable, but is partly insured.

Ditzler & Linsley resumed business the next morning with temporary offices in the Froescher block, occupying a part of the store of the Hinsdale Electrical Supply Co. Their order clerks started out as usual and the goods will be supplied the burned out firm through the courtesy of Fox & Davis and H. C. Kammerer.

Ditzler & Linsley were burned out eighteen years ago when the Fox building now occupied by Fox & Davis was totally destroyed.

As for a time it looked as though the storm south would go too, the occupants of the Bata over Bahlmann's and Pfeiffer's stores moved out their effects, as did the owners of the stores. Residents in other adjoining buildings had made furniture and belongings packed ready to move on, on a moment's notice.

Postmaster McCintock with his staff of clerks, hastily locked the mail and other valuables in the postoffice and made ready to vacate the premises when the word came.

The La Grange department was removed at 2 o'clock and on duty until 7 o'clock in the morning. At 2 o'clock the fire raged from Broadway and another fire was seen in, calling back the regular firemen. An hour later it was again called for help.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The following article cut from the Chicago Tribune of Feb. 23, so truly represents the condition of affairs in Downers Grove on a smaller scale that we give room for its publication.

Our schools are greatly overcrowded. The town is growing all the time and the children must face the need of more money—and then more. The means of supplying the need must be discussed and decided upon by the people.

A town is as prosperous as its schools. Let us keep ours to the front.

MILLIONS FOR SCHOOLS. Chicago must spend \$50,000,000 for school buildings. Within three years that great amount of money must be used in the improvement and enlargement of old buildings and the erection of new ones.

The President of the Board of Education gives it in a few easily understood words. "Chicago shows a natural increase of 3,000 children of school age every year."

There is no place for argument about the need of education. That is accepted. There is no satisfaction in half way measures. To throw up the hands and declare the problem incapable of solution is cowardly.

The chances are that no argument can be used to show an immediate need not to be present again for some years. By the time the \$50,000,000 is spent there will be a demand for more money for the same purpose.

Chicago is growing all the time. As a result it is all the time trying to catch up in the matter of educational facilities for its children. Things are never satisfactory under such conditions. The city must face