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**NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY**

**MR. SMITH**  
by Louis Bromfield  
Mr. Bromfield's latest novel is a slashing attack upon the sterility of the treadmill pattern of the successful businessman's life.

Wolcott Ferris inherited a successful and well-established insurance business. His mother was a nationally-known "do-gooder." His wife Enid came from a socially prominent family. Their two children were one hundred per cent normal red-blooded Americans. They lived in an expensive suburban home in an expensive suburban district completely surrounded by other successful Americans. They were named State Family of the year in a nationally advertised magazine. They had two cars in the garage and were considering a third for the use of the children. But with all this Ferris was unhappy and sought escape variously in reading, drinking, eroticism and the Army. Then he committed suicide.

Such is the bare outline of the plot that Mr. Bromfield hangs his ideas upon. And the ideas are at least interesting and often controversial. For example, the typical American wife of the year is a phoney existence. Both husbands and wives are hopelessly entangled in a set of false values. Modern society is bent upon preserving its poorest and most unfit representatives. Most people are merely killing time until they die. American men and women spend their major activities in avoiding thought on being alone with realities.

The author is particularly scathing in his denunciation of modern universities. There was no talk about anything except beer drinking, football and jokes that were pretty bad. A real mind was of the record of any quarterback who barely managed to stay in school on "scholarship" through the un-moral connivance of the University authorities.

In Mr. Smith we have a full length portrait of a reasonably intelligent modern man who has discovered for himself the aridity of the materialistic philosophy which has blighted most of the Western world. But in rejecting its standards and values he seems to have found nothing to replace them unless it is the animalistic courage and earthy simplicity of Sergeant Burke.

**THE BRIDE OF NEWGATE**  
by John Dickson Carr

This historical novel-cum-detective story is set in the London of the Regency period. In the year 1815, Lady Caroline Ross, a ravishing heiress, must, by the terms of her grandfather's will, marry within the year. She disdains the foppish dissolute bucks of the court circle and is determined to retain control of her own fortune. She secretly bribes a condemned murderer to marry her in Newgate Jail two hours before he is due to hang. It seems a foolproof scheme but of course it isn't. The condemned man is freed at the last minute on a technicality which even the Prince Regent cannot block. The freed man now inherits a title and a fortune and sets out to find how and why he was framed. He fights duels, survives dastardly attacks by his unknown enemy, tries to marry a courtesan, but in the end everything ends happily. A rattling good yarn told by a master of this type of fiction.

**THE MURDER THAT WOULDN'T STAY SOLVED**  
by Hampton Stone

**DEATH HAS DEEP ROOTS**  
by Michael Gilbert

The differences between American and British mystery thrillers are very apparent in these two murder stories. They both begin with a murder on the first page but there the resemblance ends. The American story by Mr. Stone plunges on into a blood-bath and features an unpleasant and amoral crew of parasites as could be imagined. The murdered man obviously deserved all that was coming to him. His story is a record of sordid loves in cheap hotels catering to fly by night couples and ladies who register under different names on different nights. The witnesses are no better and the murdered man's wife is even much worse. The D.A.'s office does the usual unorthodox things and cuts the usual legal corners but somehow manages to vindicate justice in the end.

On the other hand, Mr. Gilbert's characters are nearly all thoroughly nice people — on the surface, at least. The dignity and majesty of the law never falters. The accused is an attractive Frenchwoman who is on trial for her life. Even as the trial proceeds her lawyer's agents are exploring peaceful villages in England and France and interviewing schoolmasters, maîtres and respectable elderly ladies.

The American story creates suspense by piling up horror on horror. The English story moves more slowly and quietly and achieves its effect by the strength of contrast.

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**THE GREAT MAIL ROBBERY**  
by Clarence Budington Kelland

A murder mystery by the popular Saturday writer is bound to be competent and according to formula. Take a new situation; a clever plan to make the United States post office work to provide thieves with valuable loot, add a young handsome postal inspector, throw in a murder or two, add two beautiful females, one good and one bad but with the difference not too apparent; sprinkle in a few night clubs and let'er rip. Oh yes, the hero and heroine are rescued just in the nick of time from a fate worse than death. Also oh-hum.

**THE VIXEN'S CUB**  
by Katherine Morris

Conveys the atmosphere of the English farm home rather well but the plot limps badly at times.

**POISON-PEN AT LYFORD**  
by Douglas Fisher

An English mystery story without even a murder. However there is a definite plot and plenty of excitement in a quiet genteel way. Most of the suspects are in the cast of the village dramatic society which is coached by the squire's wife. The village postman, the Squire and Vicar, the head-gardener, and the Women's Institute are typical of the characters who provide most of the excitement. In spite of which the story moves along at an interesting and rapid pace.

(reviewed by J. I. Lambert)

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