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NEW AUTHOR TELLS OF HIS ADVENTURES
Man Who Wrote "House of Five Swords" Has Had Varied Career

Nowadays, when many people complain of modern novels that they are either steeped in gloom or over-sexed it is a pleasure to come upon a book written by a man who has seen all phases of life and still finds it wholesome and worthwhile. Read what Tristram, author of "The House of Five Thousand Swords," says of his own adventures and see if you do not want to read the novel a man of this sort would write:

"I was born in Caroline county, Virginia. I couldn't seem to stay in any school—being fired out at eight, and finally out of the Pennsylvania Military school. Then I decided to run away from home. I got as far as Massachusetts where for ten weeks on a farm I did the hardest work that I've ever done. It did me good but it couldn't last. I had to go home, Louisville at that time, where I worked for the L. & N. Railway for several years. After being seriously hurt in a railway rpw I left them.

"Still having no money, I went to New Orleans, then to Atlanta where I worked on the News. I did every kind of newspaper work and enjoyed it all, but soon wanted to tramp again and went to Chicago. That is one year in my life that I hate. My job was to address envelopes at ten cents a thousand. I left for a construction job in Nashville. Nashville bored me and I started round the world with another man but in Los Angeles we both fell in love and spent the year there. During the following summer I ran a hotel in the Catskill—eighteen rooms and no bath.

"At this point I decided to settle down, studied law and passed the bar, I opened an office with another man and we had just stopped borrowing money from the stenographer and begun to make money when I left to join up for the Mexican border row. On my return I started writing on the side and then the great war came along. I enlisted in the 27th and went overseas. I started out as a private and ended up as a divisional adjutant ranking as major. After the war I turned to writing. "The House of Five Swords" is my first novel. It is primarily the story of a child and I have found a certain sweetness in life that I have tried to put in the book. I am tired of authors who go through life seeing only the ashcans on the sidewalk.

As President Harding is anxious that his western trip be not regarded as a political one, he will have to confine his remarks to safe subjects like the weather and baseball.

GROWING CHINESE PLANTS ON SHORE
EXPERIMENT AT EVANSTON
Botany Professor at Northwestern Endeavoring to Discover Whether They Will Stand Climate Here

Trees and plants native to China are being grown experimentally in Evanston to see whether they can stand American climate conditions and transplanted to American soil. Professor Charles B. Atwell, head of the department of botany at Northwestern university, has several of these importations under cultivation in the botanical garden of the college. As the plants prove to be adaptable to our climate their number will be multiplied and distributed to the lawns, parks and gardens of Chicago and environs.

The plants are imported by scientific explorers sent out by the bureau of plant industry of the United States department of agriculture especially for that purpose. Northwestern university is but one of the many experimental stations in various parts of the United States.

Rarer Specimens
 The rarer specimens of these foreign trees are the hackberry, from the province of Honan, China; the Chinese juniper, which remains green the year around; a hybrid pear, a cross between the common pear and a Chinese variety, and a bush cherry, which comes from Tientsin and is an ornamental fruit-bearing shrub with white flowers tinged with rose. This cherry is grafted upon the wild peach, thus making a more vigorous growth and withstanding drought better than if grown upon its own roots.

The fruit, according to Professor Atwell, is suitable for preserves and jelly.

The Chinese hackberry, the experimenter explained, is a close relative of our American hackberry and distinctly related to the American elm. It reaches a height of 30 feet and in due time should have orange-red, edible fruits, Professor Atwell said. Then there are the sweet-gum from Nankin, a tree attaining 130 feet in height and which the Chinese are said to use for making tea-chests; and a Chinese maple, a small tree with three-lobed leaves, shiny and dark green with flowers in clusters.

Can Identify Them
 Professor Atwell declared that in fostering the growth of these plants and trees he is encountering one obstacle. He finds every once in a while that someone has trespassed on the experimental ground, which is located behind a garage, and extracted one of his samples. "One day I shall be walking along and recognise one of the Chinese trees growing in somebody's garden," he said.

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TOO MUCH RED TAPE IN U. S. BUSINESS
Difficulties Met by Director of the Budget; He Tells Good Story

Brigadier General Herbert M. Lord, director of the bureau of the budget, is trying to reform the government's methods of doing business. He wants the government to adopt a sane and sensible form of contract, for one thing; to reduce the number of its purchasing agents, for another; to simplify and standardize the specifications covering commodities sold to the various departments; and to put into effect modern business practices in dealing with business men.

General Lord has a mans size job ahead. He knows the disrepute into which the government contract has fallen and he doesn't underestimate the work. He told a story the other day, at a gathering in Washington, illustrative of the kind of thing he has to encounter, which is thus quoted by The Nation's Business.

"A business man in San Francisco had a contract with the government," he said. "There arose a situation which could have been cleared up, in ordinary business practice, at the cost of a letter and a postage stamp. But this was a government contract, so the contractor had to come from San Francisco to Washington to adjust the matter.

"After spending many weary, ineffective days in Washington, the man wrote to his young son back home as follows:

"My son, when you become of age, if your country is at war, fight for it to the last drop of your blood, but do not do no business with it."

PRESIDENT INVITES BOYS TO TRAINING

Colonel Noble Brandon Judah, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War for the Sixth Army Corps Area comprising the states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois has received the following invitation, distribution of which will be made to the youths of the three states who are eligible for the military training at Camp Custer:

White House,
 Office of the President,
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