

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

## "JULIE CANE"

By Harvey O'Higgins, Harper & Bros.

Emerson said "Tis the trick of nature thus to despise today . . . Every roof is agreeable to the eye until it is lifted, then we find tragedy and moaning women and hard eyed husbands and deluges of lethe, and the men ask 'What's the news?' as if the old were so bad."

This trick of nature has been strong in our day, especially in the class of "Main Street" fiction. The relief in "Julie Cane" is this, that the character most firmly caught in the tragedy of the small town, is able to "lift his own roof" and soar away.

Julie Cane's father, the grocer, jeering called "Sugar Cane" by the children, rather fell into everything in his life, including the grocery business and being Julie's father. The latter fact he never regretted, the former he escaped from in a sort of fantastic scientific interest in which eternal space was poised at the end of the village street, and he was a superior being treading above the world, having in his mind extraordinary powers which he would at some time call forth.

Through the first part of the book Cane's naive partnership with his daughter against the world is the chief interest. "You can't fight these people. See? You got to live with 'em an' if you once start them picking on you, they'll tear you to pieces. . . O' course they're a lot of mutt-headers, and we can run rings around 'em, you an' me."

After Julie starts to school we have less of the partnership and more of her contact with other characters who are less real. And when at last it is necessary for the plot that Cane must die it is as if the author thought "Well, the real part is over, we might as well hurry this along." So one phantom torments Julie, another weeps for her, another grasps her hand and marries her. And in the end we are told in one terse sentence that Julie was successful in the life of a rich New Yorker on which she entered. "For, whatever else you may think of her, she has certainly been successful—as conspicuously successful as Niagara Falls." Remarkable simile! We vaguely wonder whether Julie's success came in tumbling over precipices, or perhaps making shredded wheat biscuits.

In any case Julie was successful, and we know, whether the author tells us so or not, that it was because her father taught her that she could be master of her fate. This is the true reality in the book, the relationship of Julie and her father and the little town—the real somehow slips into a less vital world.

## "TWISTED TALES"

By Christopher Ward, Henry Holt & Co.

If you long for someone who will say all the clever things you have ever thought about the recent best sellers, seek out Christopher Ward and his "Twisted Tales."

He has caught your every hint. He makes you, vicariously, immensely clever. For instance he deals thus with the lack of quotation marks in Carl Van Vechten's work. It is the beginning of "The Blind Booby" by Carl Van Vechten:

"Father," said Rollo Primes, "Will you tell me the story of my life, so that all these gentle readers may know about it and be prepared for the very whimsical adventures, I am about to have?"

Certainly, my son, said the father, a portly man with a high bald forehead and a high-balled nose, but before I do so, let me suggest that, when speaking you discard quotation marks. It is so much cooler without them these hot days and it is considered very whimsical to omit them. Besides which, your readers will generally be unable to distinguish between conversation and narrative, which contributes much to their enjoyment.

Very well, father, said Rollo, I shall do as you wish though I feel it makes my remarks seem very bald, if not immodest.

"A Baked Alaskan" by James Oliver Dogwood justifies the writing of the book. The Indian braves are having their 4th of July celebration. Why, no one knows. But "Dear Old Puddleduk" would be setting off cannon-crackers under the chair of the giant brave, Motortruk, Hafbak and Thumtak would be firing roman candles at feeble old Jumpsjak."

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## FEW REALIZE WHY THEY DO THINGS

### VOCATION CHOICE URGED

Everyone Should Know Why His Occupation Is Selected  
Professor Says In Statement

Do you know why you are doing what you are doing? Do you know how you came to choose your present occupation? Chances are, you don't. According to Prof. Arthur B. Mays of the department of industrial education at the University of Illinois relatively few of us really choose a specific occupation.

"Most people are forced into an occupation by a variety of factors of which they are not conscious," declared Prof. Mays speaking before the women attending the vocational guidance banquet here last night. "Frequently choice of interests made long before they take up their present occupation is a determining factor. Then, too, choice of friendships and environment are important factors."

Can Advise Only  
"A great many people think that vocational guidance is a sort of hocus-focus affair in which the expert passes his hands over the bumps in his subject's head and then tells him what his life occupation is. That's all wrong. We who are interested in vocational guidance cannot tell a person what he should do; we can only advise him. We can do this in two ways. We can give him accurate information concerning the character of various occupations. Then we can show him the physical, emotional, and intellectual qualities that are ordinarily required.

Emotional and temperamental qualities of an individual come in choosing one's work. If he lacks patience, he should consider work in which he can be with himself a great deal of the time.

Serious Problem  
"I feel that the choosing one's vocation is a much more serious problem for women than for men. Men can pick out a career and follow it with little or no interruption. Women have a different problem to face. Many of them must at some time decide between marriage and their work. Very few women are strong enough to carry the double load of home and professional duties. It requires a woman who is strong physically as well as mentally."

## COAL ENOUGH FOR SEVERAL CENTURIES

So Says Professor in Geological Department of Illinois University

"We need not worry about our next winter's coal supply nor that for many years to come," says Prof. T. E. Savage of the geology department at the University of Illinois. Coal sufficient to supply Illinois for several centuries, he estimates, still lies buried underground.

The coal field of the Eastern Interior Basin covers 6,500 square miles in Indiana, 6,400 square miles in northwestern Kentucky and 35,000 square miles in Illinois. The enormous supply of fuel in this field has scarcely been tapped, according to Prof. Savage.

"We can estimate the amount by getting the number of beds and the average thickness of the coal," he explained. "It is found that each acre of coal one foot thick will furnish 1,770 tons of coal. In mining only two-thirds is available, as the other third is left in the mines. Taking all this into consideration we can estimate our future supply."

It is estimated that the original supply of coal in the Eastern Interior Basin was 320,410,000,000 tons. Out of that to the end of 1922, 4,153,310,386 tons had been mined. Subtracting we find we still have an available supply of 316,256,689,614 tons of coal yet in the mines. Hardly a seventieth of the supply has been used although exhaustion has been going on in this region for over fifty years."

Woman's place may be in the home, but she frequently thinks it is at the afternoon tea.

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7:45 p. m. Evening Service.  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LETTING  
Public notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for the construction of a local improvement consisting of the construction of a system of sanitary and combined sewers together with man-holes, catch-basins, catch-basin connections, house and catch-basin slants and "ey" branches and sewage disposal plant, and all accessories and appurtenances thereto, and known as the Village of Deerfield Special Assessment, Docket No. 22 by the Board of Local Improvements of said Village, until the

8th day of December A. D. 1924, at the hour of 3:00 o'clock p. m. at its office in the Masonic Hall in the said Village of Deerfield, Illinois, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened. The estimate of quantities for the construction of said improvement can be seen at the office of the Village Clerk of said Village.

Said improvement shall be constructed and made in accordance with the ordinance providing for the same and the maps, plats, plans, profiles and specifications for the same on file in the office of the Village Clerk and Engineer of said Village.

Proposals must be made on blanks furnished by said Board and in compliance with the instructions thereto attached, which can be had on application to the Village Clerk and Village Engineer, and must be accompanied by cash or by a check payable to the order of the President of said Board of Local Improvements in his official capacity, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount not less

than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposal.

The contractor shall be paid in Special Assessment bonds bearing interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum.

No bids will be received unless the party offering it shall furnish evidence satisfactory to said Board of Local Improvements that he has the necessary facilities, ability and pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the contract and execute the work should the contract be awarded to him.

Bidders will examine the ordinance, maps, plats, plans, profiles and specifications, and also the locality in which said work is to be done and judge for themselves of all the circumstances and surrounding conditions affecting the cost and nature of the work.

The contractor will be required to give a good and sufficient bond so well and faithfully perform and execute said work in all respects according to

the complete and detailed specifications and full and complete drawings, profiles and models therefore, and according to the time and terms and conditions as provided by law, which bond shall be in a sum equal to one-third (1-3) of the amount of such bid with sureties to be approved by the President of the Board of Local Improvements.

The Board of Local Improvements reserves the right to reject any and all bids, as authorized by law.

Dated at Deerfield, Illinois, this 27th day of October, A. D. 1924.

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