

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

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## A Work of Art

**"THE CONSTANT NYMPH"**  
By Margaret Kennedy  
Doubleday Page & Co.

Margaret Kennedy has accomplished a masterly work in putting before us a group of characters such as those in "The Constant Nymph." "Sanger's Circus" as the Sanger family is called, is made up of children more naive and barbaric than any that we can picture in the world today, yet Miss Kennedy portrays them without a single unconvincing or discordant note. She maintains a deliciously refreshing and original tone through the entire book and does so without a single lapse of good taste. Sanger, a musical genius, with all the eccentricities of the role, has begotten a family "too clever to live," as one of his friends expresses it, and yet they have lived and thrived with as much hardness and as little restraint as young plants. There in the Austrian Tyrol we find them living, happy and lawless, entertaining or being entertained by a queer motley of guests. Among these Lewis Dodd, a young composer and devoted follower of Sanger, is not only the most interesting but the most spiritually akin to the Sangers of them all. Ever since Teresa could remember anything she knew that she loved Lewis. She was capable of the loyal passionate devotion which genius needs and calls forth.

But hard times fall on the Sangers. Sanger himself dies, and some civilized relatives from England claim the children. Alas, their manners are too coarse and their spirits are too free for the ways of civilization. They are like some strange wild birds of lovely barbaric plumage which someone has tried to imprison in a cage. Teresa, especially, must droop in a cage and she is more sad for her unerring instinct tells her that "There is no going back." The story is worked up to an absolutely convincing and artistic climax.

Miss Kennedy has made moments in the book of unbelievable beauty. Words which are like the music which she must understand so well. At a concert at which Lewis is conducting, he tapped on the rail and the hum of the hall behind him sank to a rustle. The rustle was silence. Music stole out like a mist into the great spaces of the building. There is some delicacy in the book which steals out like a mist into the minds of its readers.

## A Player Tells Some Tales

**"A PLAYER UNDER THREE REIGNS"**  
By Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson  
Little Brown & Co.

Just after the final proofs of his autobiography had been dispatched to his publishers Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson passed away. He had completed a timely monument to his full life and his genial appreciative spirit.

As we read the biographies of those men who in the last few decades have made history in art, literature or the drama we cannot help feeling that "there were giants in those days." Perhaps it was due to a greater simplicity of living some forty or fifty years ago, but the people who were working in kindred arts seem to have been much closer together. Informal Sunday breakfasts, at a home in Gower street only broke up when it was time to saunter across to an afternoon "Opera House" in Bedford square, and there was so much more time for joking. Forbes-Robert-

The motorists continue to show prudent caution when they see a traffic cop. Some folks can't help walking in their sleep, but they can't expect full pay when they work in their sleep.

son tells of a thousand little episodes which must have called forth a chuckle every time the witnesses thought of them for many years. There are a number of these anecdotes of the stage so dear to the heart of everyone. There was the time that the heroine who was holding a double part, had to disappear after one of her characters had died in order to appear again as the other. By some mistake the couch on which she sweetly passed away in the midst of her weeping friends had not been connected with the wings and to the delight of the audience the dead lady was seen scrambling out on her hands and knees.

Or the time when the hero of the piece began his soliloquy in great style by stating "Here I Am." Then discovering that he couldn't remember any more he repeated with increased fervor "Here I Am." This was too much for a wag in the gallery who called out "All right, Tom, we can see that, get on."

Sir Johnston's friends were delightful and talented people. He has filled his book with tales of them, chatty human tales which by their rambling nature give a sense of reality. We feel when we lay the book aside that we have been sitting for a summer's afternoon beside a delightful, modest, gifted raconteur.

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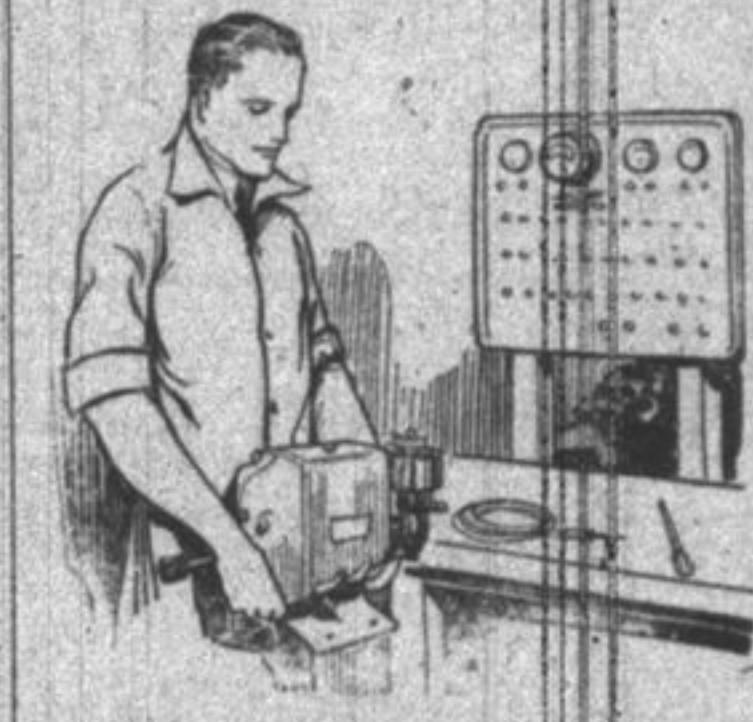
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