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Immense Volume of This Business In America Brings Products of North to World Markets

Furs and fur trimmings sold over retail counters in this country in one year are valued at about \$500,000,000. Of the 20,000 concerns in the United States handling furs, New York alone includes about 2,000 wholesale manufacturers who produce about 80 per cent of the manufactured furs and fur trimmings sold at wholesale. Their 8,000 workers in a year turn out goods valued at \$150,000,000. The annual payroll of the 5,500 workers employed in the 160 fur dressing and fur dyeing houses in this country amounts to \$8,400,000. Exclusive of rabbit skins, they dress and dye about 40,000,000 skins a year, says the National Business.

New York is first in facilities for the manufacturing and wholesaling of furs, and buyers from all parts of the United States are customers in her busy marts. For New York is the style capital, the fashion capital of the United States. Buyers go to her shops and salons to inspect and choose furs to be worn on provincial Broadways and Main streets.

In her gilded show rooms smartly dressed mannequins languidly drape their forms with fur garments draped from a few hundreds to many thousands, and suave sellers point with pride to swart critical customers. So civilization takes the sophisticated fur for warmth and ornament, and an ancient business thrives in a polished setting contrived with the guile of the decorator's art.

To that highly conventionalized exchange of money for goods contribute the vast resources of the metropolis of the western world—the American city, sometimes called a foreign city, that preens itself on its peacock ways, that welters in the sweat of drudgery, that throbs with striving to

RADIO FADING TEST TO START FEB. 9TH

Several Thousands of Observers Will Participate; Twenty Control Stations

Dates for the National tests of radio reception to determine the cause of static and fading were announced today after 4,000 of the 4,500 designated observation stations had expressed a willingness to take part in the survey, which is being conducted by the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation in cooperation with the Northwestern University. The first test will be held on the night of February 9th, from 8 to 11 o'clock central standard time. The second and third will be on the two succeeding nights at the same hours. Subsequent trials will be held through the winter should the data obtained indicate the real progress in a search for the causes of these two major radio annoyances is possible.

It was originally planned to hold these tests in January, but owing to the international tests scheduled for that month it was decided to hold the fading and static tests at a later date.

Most of the observations will be made by broadcast listeners using standard receiving sets and depending upon their own ears. However, to insure the scientific accuracy of the result, twenty control stations equipped with electrical measuring devices and automatic recorders will be placed in the principal broadcasting centers of the country.

The Little Red Schoolhouse may have been all right, but the flappers will say it would not harmonize with their complexion.

be all things to all men, and that somehow achieves the apogee of beauty from congestion, misery, disorder and growing pains.

And to that exchange contribute many men remote from the outer edges of comfortable cities and settlements, sharp-eyed men who scan the trails and snows of silent places to bring a fur-bearing world to a fur-wearing world.

TROUBLE IN CHINA DUE TO FOREIGNERS

EUROPEAN AND ASIATIC

But American Government Leans Toward a Square Deal for the Chinese; Against Injustice

Responsibility for the present trouble in China rests primarily with European and Asiatic powers which have not ceased to look upon China as a legitimate object of greed and injustice. China is compelled to maintain her tariff rates on imported commodities at a maximum of five per cent. Thus the means of supporting the central government are destroyed.

The policy of the American government in China has always stood out in sharp contrast with that of other great powers. Under McKinley and Hay the partition of China after the Boxer rebellion was prevented. The Chinese people have since looked upon Americans as their traditional friends.

Bolshevists Busy
 Bolshevik representative in China, having in mind of course no good to the Chinese people but only the opportunity for fomenting revolution along communist lines, have seized upon the aggressions of other powers as an excuse for assuming championship of Chinese interests. It is fortunate that our government at such a time has so fine a record of disinterested friendship and fair treatment for China.

The strike in Shanghai began because of the flogging of Chinese operatives in Japanese-owned textile mills. The resultant disorders have been fanned by bolshevik agents in an effort to bring about an oriental uprising against the western world. The student demonstrations which led to the shooting of unarmed demonstrators by British police at Nanking were not conscious communist ebullitions, however, and the justification for firing upon the paraders is not clearly established. Child labor in Shanghai textile mills commands a wage as low as two dollars a week. It is this sort of industrialism to which our American foes of protection would expose the American producer in free competition.

U. S. for Square Deal
 In this crisis the American government will be found leaning toward the policy of a square deal for China, a nation which is the natural object of foreign exploitation because their pacifism renders a people defenseless. China is a horrible example of the state to which our own pacifists and foes of preparedness would bring the American people.

The powers which continue the policy of injustice toward China, merely because she has not the means of defending herself, are playing into the hands of bolshevism and exposing the Orient to the danger of revolu-

tion and a world-wide yellow peril. If the league of nations is of any value to the cause of world peace, this is a situation which it might well take up. As matters now stand, whatever is done in China to ensure peace and justice will doubtless have to be done by the United States on its independent initiative.

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AS KATY LEARY SAW IT

"A LIFETIME WITH MARK TWAIN"

By Mary Lawton
 Harcourt Brace & Co.

If you would enjoy an intimate picture of Mark Twain, the kind of picture an old servant who was more friend than servant could give read Kate Leary's version of "A Lifetime with Mark Twain."

Katy was only seventeen when she went to live with the Clemens family, Mr. and Mrs. Clemens and their three little daughters, in Hartford. From that time on for thirty years Katy's life was bound up with this family so that after a separation the summons to join them once more was a call to begin living again.

With perfect candor and true Irish wit Katy tells her story, or stories, rather, for they are incidents strung like beads on a string and told tenderly looking back on those happy years as the beads are told on a rosary.

There is plenty of laughter in the book, as why should there not be in the life of a humorist. Contrary to expectation Mark Twain seems not to have felt as most humorists are said to do, that laughing is "talking shop." The stories told at the famous and frequent dinner parties used to upset the equilibrium of George, the butler, to such a degree that he was discharged for his appreciation.

Some of the laughs are "on" Mark, too, as the day when the telephone was first installed, he spent five minutes swearing at one of the loveliest and most "proper" ladies of Hartford thinking she was a "hello girl." When the fatal typesetting machine which ate up most of the family fortune finally breathed its last the Clemens family went to Europe where they could live more cheaply. There Katy became familiar with Wagner and royalty at Bayreuth, and the mud baths at Aix le Bains. We chuck royalty under the chin, figuratively speaking, and speak of "that old Frau Wagner—she used to run it—the opera."

There are a number of interesting personalities unfolded in this pleasant book not the least of them being Katy Leary, herself.

A STORY OF THE KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS

"THE GLASS WINDOW"

By Lucy Furman
 Little Brown & Co.

There is a charm all its own in this story of the Kentucky mountain

people. Anyone who read "The Quare Women" need only be told that "The Glass Window" is a continuation of that story. It tells of the return of the "Quare Women" to the mountains to found a school and settlement house on Troublesome Creek. It is a swift change from our world into that one where a "Glass Window" was considered a "vanity" which the Lord could scarcely countenance. A change like that of boarding the train at night in a flat country and opening one's eyes in the morning in a country of mountains and streams.

There is more romance and that which is commonly called action in this book than in its predecessor. Here Christine, one of the newly arrived "Quare Women" finds her true love in Giles Kent, a mountain boy who had always fought against terrible odds. It is necessary that Giles be wounded before Christine succumbs but in the end we are assured that they will live happily ever after.

But it is in these delightful mountain people themselves that the chief charm of the story lies. And it is here that Miss Furman is at her best. She knows how perfectly to reproduce their delicious Uncle Remus conversations and to preserve intact for our delight the simple, quaint, God-fearing point of view which we thought had long ago died from the face of the earth.

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