

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

## JUST PARAGRAPHS

The people of Chicago ought to be warned that "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" in dramatic form is ominously near Chicago. It is scheduled to open in Detroit the second week in April.

Christopher Ward, incomparable parodist of other people's novels, has turned novelist himself. "The Little Man" will appear in April. We wonder who will rise to avenge his former efforts.

## A NOVEL OF BUSINESS

### "PIG IRON"

By Charles G. Norris  
E. P. Dutton & Co.

Charles G. Norris writes a business-like novel. In his series in which under titles usually of one word, he treats of a subject, he deals with that subject adequately and with precision.

"Pig Iron" is a story of business of the time when opportunities lay about like loose cobblestones on the streets of New York. Opportunities as there are in most times for the person of unusual ability.

Sam Smith at the age of fourteen seemed scarcely cut out for a brilliant career in business. Awkward, overgrown, shockheaded, there is nothing but unending work for him on the dreary farm in New England. But when Sam is about twenty his mother and father die, and the farm is sold, the only sister who was at home, marries, and Sam, a ludicrously dressed young country boy, journeys to New York to make his home with his uncle.

It is an interesting picture of New York at the end of another century which seems in some ways conserved from our own. Sam finds companionship, stimulation, and a job in a hardware firm which pays him \$4.00 a week. Contentedly he goes along until there comes the inevitable first romance. This goes hard with Sam and he throws over his entire world to live with the girl whom he cannot marry because of a possibly existent husband.

Idyllic, for Sam, is the life they live in one room on Christopher St., but for Evelyn it is too far removed in its rigid poverty from the old life of easy pleasure among her friends at "Molla's." So Evelyn breaks the covenant and poor Sam is left to pick up the threads of the old life as best he can. It is the end of romance for him and he turns his energies definitely to business.

His early career though not spectacular, is marked by sound sense and foresight. After he marries the beautiful and clever and totally uncongenial daughter of his employer, and goes into business for himself, success comes swiftly. Everything he touches turns to gold, until, become "S. Osgood Smith," noted millionaire, he is one of those pitiful individuals who, deprived of the necessity for the struggle for existence, seems to be deprived of everything. We leave him, undeniably human and authentic, sitting in the midst of luxury and glitter of which he seems so little a part, remembering for a moment the days of his old romance.

## GOOD POEMS

### "ROAN STALLION, TAMAR AND OTHER POEMS"

By Robinson Jeffers  
Boni & Liveright

There are stories which, the instant one hears them, achieve a sort of separate existence and regardless of their complete verification with

facts, live on comfortably in our minds. Such a story is that told of Robinson Jeffers, who came to New York after he had been writing poetry for twenty years in California, to see if he could find a publisher. But publishers look upon poetry as does the cautious investor in oil stock and they would not accept his wares.

But the poems came into the hands of a printer who in the great heartless city amuses himself by printing a few copies of books he considers of real worth. So "Tamar" appeared, slipping in the back door so to speak, but it was not long before she heard her name blazoned from the house-tops. The inconspicuous little volume had found its way into the hands of reviewers and they saw "a new planet that has swum into the ken of the reviewer." Robinson Jeffers awoke to find himself famous and a line of publishers on his doorstep.

Certainly this poet has a magnificent gift. Strong, with an almost terrible daring, his poems reach out beyond the limits of time or space as we know them. The supernatural slips in quietly, the sea, the stars, the sky as truly characters as those masterful hardly more than semi-human creations, Tamar and the rest. The reading of these poems is a great experience, unforgettable. The publication is what the threadbare phrase proclaims a literary event.

In its 24th edition the day after publication  
**PIG IRON**  
Charles G. Norris's  
new novel—\$2.00  
E. P. Dutton & Co., N.Y.

The Big Novel of the Spring  
**THE HOUNDS OF SPRING**  
By SYLVIA THOMPSON  
"The kind of book that appeals to every one."—The Chicago Tribune.  
Sixth large printing  
33rd thousand. \$2.00

LITTLE, BROWN & CO.  
Publishers, Boston

## HOME TALENT

By Louise Closser Hale

A witty, wise and ironic picture of the American stage by a distinguished actress.  
Henry Holt & Co. N. Y.

## RIDERS OF THE WIND

A heart-warming love story of youth and adventure. "A romance which challenges comparison with anything short of Kipling, Stevenson or Rider Haggard."—New York Times. \$2.00

By ELSWYTH THANE  
6th Printing! Stokes, N. Y.

Valentine Williams, author of "THE RED MASS" presents  
**MR. RAMOSI**  
the great and clever rascal with a singular fate. \$2.00. H. M. Co.

## PLAYGROUNDS REDUCE CHILD FATALITIES FEWER WHERE THEY EXIST

### Cities Having Recreation Parks for Youngsters Report Less Deaths From Auto Accidents

Fatal street accidents to children are much fewer in cities amply supplied with well distributed playgrounds than in cities not so well supplied with these safety zones. This conclusion of the National Safety Council engineers is made public by the Playground and Recreation Association of America, with which the council is co-operating in its safety campaign.

The investigations of the safety experts in most of the cities cover the three year period 1922-1924 and show that cities with the most playgrounds had from one-third to one-fourth as many child pedestrian fatalities as adult fatalities.

**Cleveland's Example**  
In Cleveland, with a high pedestrian fatality rate, less than 20 per cent of the victims were children, according to the study. This city has seventy-two supervised playgrounds. This low percentage of child fatalities is in marked contrast to the high percentage in an eastern county, where playgrounds are few and poorly distributed.

In Toledo, very few child fatalities were found within normal drawing distance of playground locations. Toledo has twelve playgrounds. The positions of the grounds were plotted on a spot map and circles of a quarter mile and half mile radii were drawn about each to indicate their effective area for the different ages of children. Out of thirty-two child automobile fatalities during the three years, 1922-1924 inclusive, only four occurred within the quarter mile circles and six in the half mile distance.

**Few Child Casualties**  
In Richmond, which has many playgrounds in proportion to the population, the child automobile fatalities were less than 25 per cent of the total number in which pedestrians were involved. Only twelve children were killed by automobiles in the city during a three year period ending December 21, 1924.

Two hundred thirty-one cities reported 635 new playgrounds last year, according to the Playground and Recreation association. New athletic fields number 132.

## LAKE SHORE TEACHERS MEETING MONDAY, 19TH

The Lake Shore division of the Illinois Teachers' association will meet at Oak Park high school April 19. There are to be both afternoon and evening sessions and the Parent-Teacher association will serve a luncheon at noon.

Mr. Raymond Robbins will speak during the morning session while Professor William E. Dodd, Professor Philip Fox, editor of the Elementary English Journal, and Mr. C. C. Certain will appear on the afternoon program.

In addition to the regular meetings there will be sectional meetings. Mr. R. W. Schneider and Mr. H. C. Wright of Deerfield-Shields will act as chairman of the Industrial Arts and of the Intermediate and High School sectional meetings respectively.

Music will be furnished by Oak Park high school organizations. There are in Cook and Lake Counties about 2,400 members of the institute. These members are all high school or elementary school teachers.

The morning meetings begin at 10 and the afternoon meetings at 2:00.

## H. S. JUNIOR PROM FRIDAY, APRIL 23

### Music To Be Furnished By the Purple Kings of Jazz; Features

Music for the Deerfield-Shields junior prom on Friday evening, April 23, is to be furnished by the "Purple Kings of Jazz," according to information given out by the junior class social committee last week.

This orchestra, the same one which played for the prom last year, is composed of seven fraternity men from Northwestern university. A member of last year's prom committee said of this orchestra, "It is the best that we ever had at a dance at Deerfield."

"We wish to emphasize the fact," said Miss Amborn, junior class adviser, "that the prom is not a formal affair. All seniors and juniors are very welcome."

As at the senior hop, admission will be by ticket only. Underclassmen and guests from outside the school will be admitted after their names have been submitted to the social committee, Miss Amborn, junior class adviser, or Miss Wilson.

The decorations are in charge of Helen Carr, Milton Wright, Elina Benson, and their committee.

## RUSSIAN IS HELD; BOND THEFT CHARGE

### Highwood Chief of Police Gets Man Against Whom Woman Made Complaint

Efforts to get a loan account for Nicholas Solovey, of Raynina, being held in the county jail on a charge of larceny, Marshal J. C. Frame of Highwood, had the man locked up Saturday on a complaint from a Highwood woman, Mrs. Martha Wilson, who lost two \$500 real estate mortgage bonds several days ago.

Solovey, according to the officer, was working as a carpenter on the Wilson home. In doing this work he had occasion to move a box in which the two bonds were secreted. The box dropped from his hands, spilling out the bonds, Frame says, and the carpenter saw them.

They were next found in Chicago, it is said, where a person was trying to get a \$700 loan. Solovey, Frame said, was the man trying to get the loan. The bankers investigated to find that the bonds had been issued to the Highwood woman so the police were notified.

Frame got on the job immediately and waited for Solovey. He arrested him Saturday as he was returning home. Solovey, according to the officer, admitted taking the bonds. He was held to the grand jury, and the bonds were returned to their owner.

Not one American in ten takes decent care of an automobile; and so it soon goes to pieces, and he feels like a slave, and ground down by the plutocrats, unless he has a new one.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.



Purer Because Carbonated

50c Full Quart Brick

# HYDROX

Division of National Dairy Products Corporation

## SPECIAL

This Week

## TUTTI FRUTTI ICE CREAM

## BARGAINS!

### Trees, Shrubs, Fruits, Vines and Perennials

The land of the Peterson Nursery has been sold, and we have only this spring to sell off the stock. This is your last opportunity.

## CASH AND CARRY

60% Off Catalog Prices

to those who come to our Nursery and get the stock.

Freshly dug; roots not dried out. Nursery is just west of Lincoln avenue on Peterson road, Chicago.

Peterson road is north line of Rosehill cemetery.



20,000 Amur Privet for Hedges; 30,000 Other Shrubs

- Syringas
- Buckthorn
- Bridal Wreath
- Lilacs
- Barberry
- Coralberry
- Honeysuckle
- Froebel's Spirea
- Sumach
- Weigela

and quantities of other varieties. Large clumps of perennial flowers.

Tel. Main 3613 **PETERSON NURSERY** 30. N. La Salle St.

# BIG REMOVAL SALE

On May 1st, we will move our Shoe Stock, where we are now located at 508 Central Avenue, to the Lencioni Building on North Second Street.

On this account we are starting our "Big Removal Sale" on Friday, the 16th, at which time we are offering exceptional values in Footwear in order to reduce our stock.

Come and see for yourself.

# "BUTLER'S"

Phone 451

508 Central Avenue

## WRECKING

### Northwestern Military Academy

All material being sold on premises. Lumber, Doors, Windows, Brick, and other building material being sold at a great saving.

BUY NOW AND SAVE MONEY

## American House Wrecking Co.

St. Johns and Ravine Avenues  
Highland Park, Ill.

## WILL KRUMBACH

Sash, Doors and Millwork

Telephone 1589

Ridge Road, Highland Park, Ill.

## JAZZ IN 20 LESSONS ON Piano, Banjo, Sax., etc.

**Christensen**  
SCHOOL OF POPULAR MUSIC  
70 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago  
Write for free booklet