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JUST PARAGRAPHS

Hugh Walpole whose novel "Harm-er John" will soon be published is planning an imminent lecture tour in America. The last one we believe it was said produced "The Portrait of a Man with Red Hair," so we tremble at the possible effects of another. Sir James Barrie has just proved himself the most liberal minded living author (the dead have nothing to say about it) by allowing his story "Peter Pan and Wendy" which was considered difficult for children to understand, to be rewritten by May Byron in two versions one for little children, three to seven, another for children, seven to fourteen.

MR. HECHT EXPOSTULATING

"COUNT BRUGA"

By Ben Hecht
Boni & Liveright

Think of a lake which is calmly, daintily blue with a sprinkling of white caps just to prove that it has spirit, with dark pines coming down close as if they would touch it, separating here and there to show you a glimpse of serene sunlit country—think of all this, then think of the exact opposite and you will have some conception of "Count Bruga" the latest book by Ben Hecht.

Just what Mr. Hecht is bent on accomplishing by this strenuous excursion into the field of the fantastic, it is not for a humble and bewildered reviewer to attempt to say. In the person of Count Bruga, otherwise the poet Jules Ganz, even earlier, Julius Ganz, the runaway from his father's Michigan farm, Mr. Hecht has created the literary lion par excellence, trading on the reputation from his bizarre literary gift to perpetrate every possible social outrage. Count Bruga scarcely claims to be a person he is rather a gesture, a wail, an oath against society, against conventional morality, against smug virtue—against most of the world as man has tried to make it.

In Panini, the magician, Mr. Hecht has an agent for bringing in the bizarre and supernatural which are his flourish of disgust at the normal and the ordinary. Then there is Winterbottom, the little dried up Latin professor designed to make virtue odious, and doing it, and his prim yet voluptuous wife designed to make it humorous—and doing it, too.

There are other characters in the persons of which the law, middleclass dumbness, outrageous wealth, are the objects of seathing satire.

It is hard to say whether Mr. Hecht is a man engaged in throwing pebbles or a small boy rolling large stones.

OLD FRIENDS

"THE NIGGER OF THE NARCISSUS"

By Joseph Conrad
Doubleday Page & Co.

It is well in the pause of mid-summer to turn to some of the old favorites, to bring down from their shelves some of those books which grow finer with the years. Read again of that breath-taking voyage which began so simply, "Next Morning, at daylight, the 'Narcissus' went to sea."

One realizes more fully than ever since he is gone, that no one else but Conrad, has quite the same intimacy with the sea. He knows it so well that he speaks of it effortlessly, bringing out the most trifling or important of its phases as one would recall the moods of a person with whom one had lived a lifetime of conscious devotion. The deep swaying rhythm of his sentences with sometimes their break or pause or swift-ness is like the motions of a ship at sea.

In the crew of the "Narcissus" Conrad found and gives to us a world in miniature, with its uncertainties, its feuds, its terrors and the amazing situations which personalities in their conjunction make.

Then, oddly enough, this is a book in which the Preface is better than the book—to me at least—the finest thing Conrad ever wrote. A discussion of the aim and purpose of his work, and of all art, "to render the highest kind of a justice to the visible universe. . . . It is an attempt to find in its form, in its colours, in its light, in its shadows, in the aspects of matter and in the facts of life what of each is fundamental, what is enduring and essential—their one illuminating and convincing quality—the very truth of their existence."

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Proper disposition of these essentials and the addition of such other conveniences as in the opinion of the designer were necessary to fully equip the kitchen were left to the skill and ingenuity of the architect competing. The results of the contest indicated that the electric refrigerator is of surpassing importance in the simplification of kitchen work. When it is installed the architect goes away with the cold room. As an architect states: "We find it no longer necessary to provide a special room accessible from the outside, as in the case when an ice box is installed, and the saving in the cost of construction of such a room is often equal to the cost of the electric refrigerator."

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"The kitchen cabinet, being both a storage and a preparation center, should be placed between the range and the refrigerator, with any extra space for food storage quite near. The serving table will adjoin the range near the dining room door, thus providing a continuous and very direct routing from the rear entry around one side of the kitchen to the dining room.

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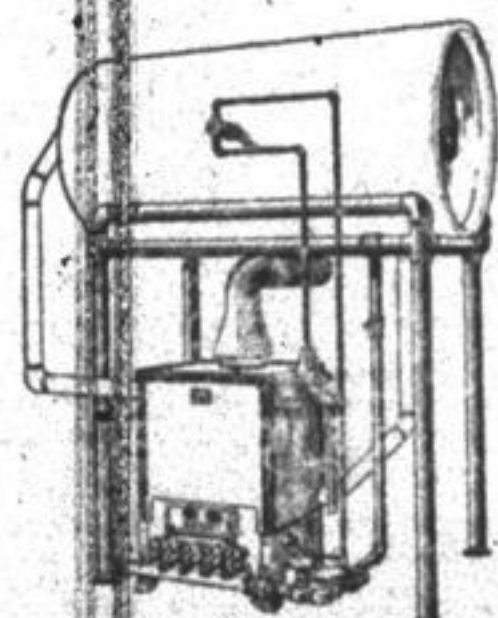
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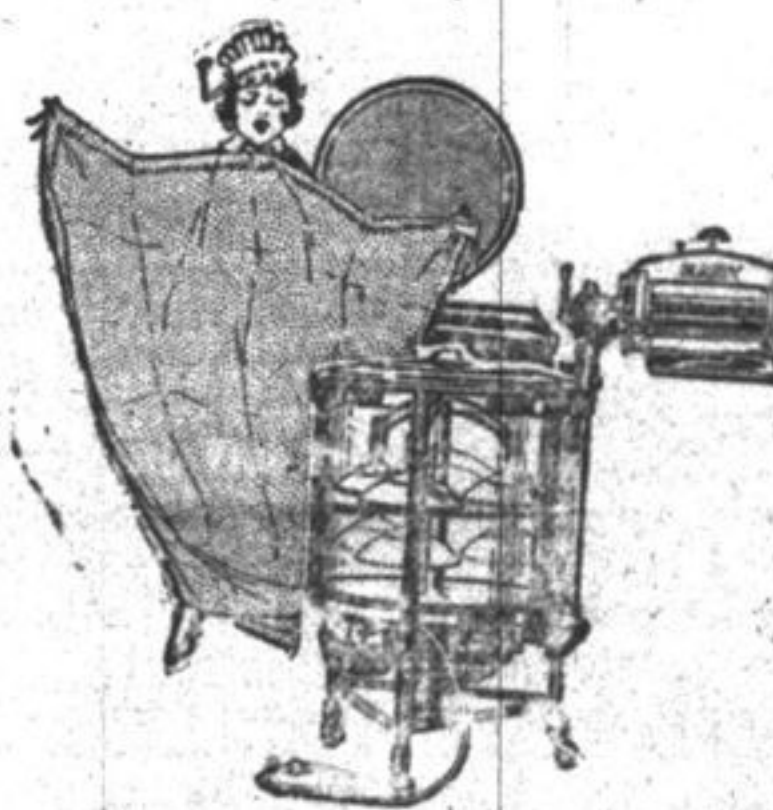
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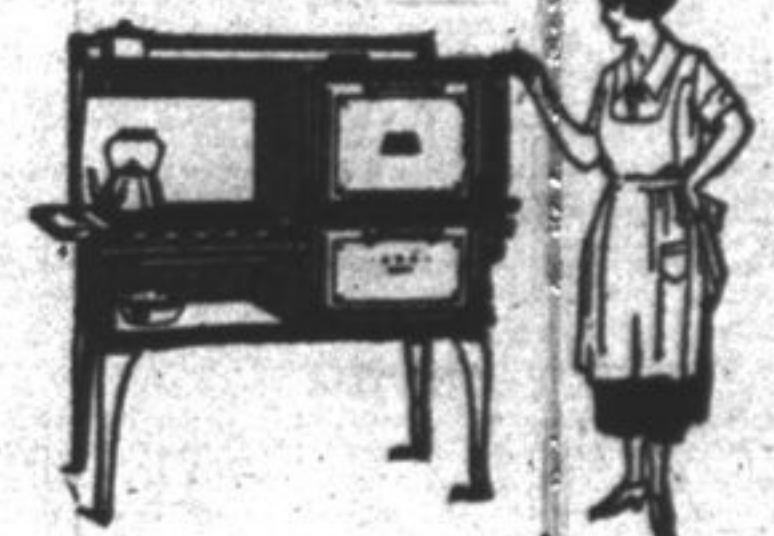


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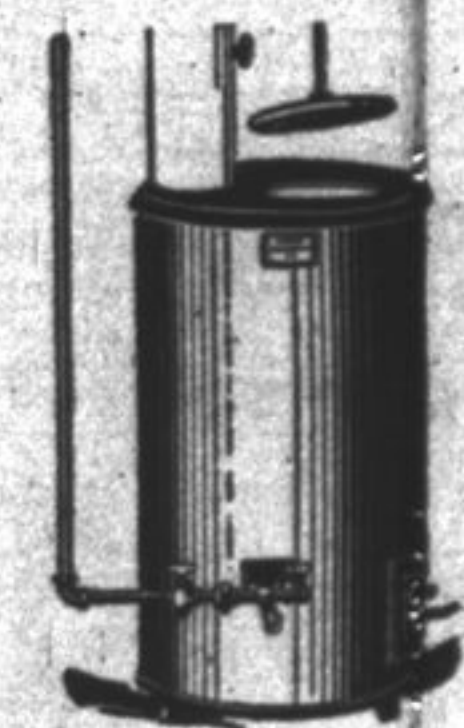
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