

## Esther Gould's Book Corner

### JUST PARAGRAPHS

Is it possible that old-fashioned virtue is coming back to the novel? Such is the opinion of Percy Hutchinson in his review of Ernest Raymond's new two-volume work. "In short 'Daphne' is an attempt to piece together the house that fell when Nora slammed the door so many years ago. What an appalling lot of destruction Mr. Hutchinson is laying at Nora's door!"

To the many for whom Rebecca West's "The Judge" was an unforgettable experience, the announcement of her new novel "Sunflower" to be published this fall will be of great interest. Miss West is planning to visit America in October.

Magdalene King-Hall fooled us all by publishing last fall "The Diary of a Young Lady of Fashion" supposed to have been written about 1775. But now we retaliate by wondering why if she wrote it herself she didn't make it more clever?

### LOVE NEVER FAILETH

#### "WINTER WHEAT"

Almeij St. John Adcock  
George H. Moran Co.

The story of "Winter Wheat," a novel by the English author, Almeij St. John Adcock, is more nearly an index to the book than are most titles in this age when ingenuity in thinking them up often seems strained to the breaking point. It is the story of simple people in simple surroundings, told in a style which makes up for a certain lack of beauty by a more than usual force and vividness.

It is the story of the love of Nancy Follow for the handsome but worthless Jason Unthank. "Love's quare aren't it?" says Lottie Chastaney, the book's philosopher. "Reminds me of winter wheat, love do. Frost and snow can't wither it, and if you trample on the young shoots you'd only stamp 'em further into the ground so that they come up stronger and sturdier at the first touch of sun."

But for Nancy's love the "touch of sun" comes too late, not until she lies dying. In her young girlhood she loved Jason with a completeness which left her without defence against the cruelty, the selfishness, the waywardness of his nature. So she went away and years later, in the arbitrary way Fate has, she is almost forced into the thing she had so passionately longed for—marriage with Jason. But this time all the years of the past and their many misunderstandings stand between, and

pittifully they fail to bring forth the love which in both of them is waiting for the "touch of sun."

The story has reality, it grips you at times, loosening its hold during the middle portion because you seem so far from the changed Nancy, and again nearer the end because the child who is her chief interest is not made sufficiently real to you. But the author has shown a true insight into the life of a little town in England, and a decided gift for character portrayal.

### MANY EDGED HUMOR

#### "THE LOVE NEST"

by Ring Lardner  
Charles Scribner's Sons

Ring Lardner, who in the old days used to be known as Chicago's baseball humorist, is developing a strain of grim realism which will soon make Theodore Dreiser sound like a comic sheet. But in art Mr. Lardner has travelled a long way since the days when he used to make us wonder whether it was worth while turning to page 102 for his column.

"The Love Nest" and the other stories of the volume vivisection with such unerring cruelty their unconscious subjects, that one finds oneself wondering just which would be the shortest way to cease being one of the human race. There is the movie magnate and his adoring wife who married him so that he would make her a star and all that he made her was a "chronic mother"; there is the great producer who steals plots, the famous song-writer who steals tunes, the brutish creature who in a small town passes for a practical joker and a "good feller."

Mr. Lardner has not given us one admirable character, but he has caught with devastating clarity down to the last shade of feeling the poor creatures that he does depict.

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### URGES THE USE OF LARGE ENVELOPES

#### POSTMASTERS GET NOTICE

Postal Department Points Out  
Difficulties Caused By  
Handling of Odd Size;  
the Details

Did you ever stop to think as you post one of the small "greeting" cards or a missive enclosed in a small, undersized envelope, the vast amount of trouble and inconvenience you are causing the faithful servants of the public who are in the employ of Uncle Sam's mail department?"

Not Realized  
"It is reasonable to presume that the average person really has not given this matter a thought, else he would not do it. Many do not know that it is an inconvenience to those who have to handle the mail. It is not alone the trouble which these tiny pieces cause, in the handling along with the standard sized envelopes and cards, but it is the actual delay occasioned in the gathering, sorting, despatching and distribution of mail, as well. And this delay is, really, your loss—the public's loss."

All postmasters in the United States are in receipt of a notice from the third assistant postmaster general on the subject, which follows, and which local residents are urged to heed as far as possible:

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### NEW TRIER SUMMER SCHOOL IS ENDED

Very Successful Session Is  
Reported and Twenty  
Graduates

New Trier completed one of its most successful and well attended summer school sessions last week and granted diplomas to twenty graduates. According to a statement from Wesley L. Brown, principal of the summer school, 617 students registered for summer work and only fifty-four dropped out. Of those who were dropped from the roll, four or five intend to take special exams in September, and the remainder were reviewing subjects.

There was an average attendance of 97 per cent daily, or but eighteen students absent each day. A good record was made as to punctuality, only an average of eight students being tardy each morning.  
The faculty numbered twenty-two, and the subjects which were shown to be in greatest demand by the large enrollment for them were, in order of their popularity, English, mathematics, the social sciences and commercial subjects. Of the commercial subjects, typewriting drew the greatest number of enthusiasts, there being more students than typewriters.

It used to be said that the women folks were dressed in all colors of the rainbow, but at last accounts the rainbow had retired from the competition. It is claimed that no man should be allowed more than two divorces, but there are people who can learn only by experience.

It is not yet reported that Mr. Coolidge has caught so many fish that the family demand something else for dinner for a change.

The politicians are repairing their fences, but a good job can't be done merely by using the hammer.

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## "NEWS and PROGRESS" No. 1

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in Manhattan Library of Popular Economics, republished in serial form through  
courtesy of Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York.

### THE POWER BEHIND PROGRESS

IN the Fall of 1923 an odd form of calamity befell New York City. It was not an "Act of God." Fire, flood or famine did not threaten. There was neither rumor of war nor suggestion of riot. The weather was friendly, the public health good, transportation was uninterrupted and business moved smoothly—yet into this peaceful picture there suddenly descended a kind of community paralysis that filled multitudes with dismay. Had it not passed as swiftly as it came, it would be hard to calculate its consequences, but even its few days of duration cost millions of dollars. More than this, it revealed in a somewhat startling way the degree to which all the activities of a great city were dependent on a commodity which most people had taken unthinkingly, as a matter of course.

What had happened? Merely that for the first time in two centuries New York found itself without its usual newspapers. A press room strike had halted their publication.

While most people had been aware of a controversy between publishers and employees, it had generally been regarded in the casual way with which one is apt to view the affairs of others until, on a certain day, it became suddenly and distressingly personal. On that day there was no paper on the doorstep. The news-stands were unnaturally bare. Commuters were driven to watching familiar landscapes as their trains rushed city-ward instead of renewing their contacts with the happenings of the four continents. The world seemed strangely out of joint.

Store sales sagged abruptly, for only the strangely alone. People cannot co-operate in the dark. When the newspapers suspended, co-operation became difficult in some cases, impossible.  
There are communities abroad where the lack of a newspaper may be merely a vexation. Not so with America, for America, in a unique sense, is the land of voluntary co-operation; this is the basic principle of its wonderful development. Machines can operate in the dark, but not men. When judgment and volition are demanded, people must be keenly aware of one another. The newspaper is a happy instrument for satisfying human curiosity; but its real function is to bring about that awareness so that people, however widely separated, may work together intelligently and effectively.

The newspaper is in itself a remarkable example of voluntary co-operation. Not only is it a complex fabric woven of the labors and abilities of hundreds within its

No objection is manifested at the wedding to giving the reporters information about all the distinguished guests who were present.

Three more plots to murder Mussolini have been discovered. Acting as dictator of Italy must be as dangerous as making a left-hand turn during the traffic rush.

The average automobile is said to last seven years, but the pedestrians who have to jump out of its way may not do so.

The "full dinner pail" was once a strong political argument, but it takes a full ice cream saucer to satisfy the flapper vote.

This country can not yet be con-

plant and of thousands on the outside, but it usually is a part of one of those great associations of newspapers through which the news of the world is daily gathered, exchanged and made available to all.  
Not less significant and quite as important is the triangular co-operation between publisher, advertiser and public. Once it ceases, publishing, merchandising and buying all languish and the wheels of progress stop.

When it is considered that there are 45,000,000 copies of each issue of 13,000 newspapers entering every home, office and workshop of the land, we begin to realize the vastness of this co-operation. We begin also to sense the extent of the constantly renewed influence which brings our millions of people into continuous conscious touch with each other.

(Next article, "From News Letter to Newspaper.")



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The American newspaper enters every home in the land

## BRITAIN'S DOLE SYSTEM EXPLAINED

### MILLIONS RECEIVE AID

Total Expenditures by Government of Over Billion of Dollars and Paupers Not Fewer

P. W. Wilson, former member of the British Parliament in Nation's Business Magazine says: In Britain there are 9,000,000 homes, each with a family that, on the average, consists of five persons. In any given week, 7,000,000 payments are distributed by the state among those 9,000,000 homes, or three dols for every four homes. Of these dols, only one in five is paid on account of unemployment, which factor is merely incidental to the larger and more comprehensive scheme of industrial insurance against old age, sickness and other emergencies. This insurance embraces all workers from the age of 16 upwards, and today contributions are received from 16,000,000 employed persons.

The total annual expenditure on dols is roughly \$1,250,000,000 a year or \$2.70 a week per family. Most of this money is paid by the treasury out of taxes.

Not War Measure  
The dols in Britain did not originate as so many people suppose with the war. For generations, Britain has had an extensive system of Poor Law for relieving destitution; and today there are, despite other dols, as many paupers as ever there were in the past. It was as long ago as the year 1909 that David Lloyd George introduced his famous budget which made the first provision for pensions and insurance. At that time, there was no urgent distress. Foreign and home trade was booming. And the labor party did not number one-twentieth of the House of Commons.

The dols, therefore, were adopted, not in a panic, but deliberately. They were not and are not regarded by Britain as socialism. Originally, they were the liberal party's alternative to socialism. And so far from being abandoned by the conservative party, they are being widely extended this year by the Baldwin administration. You may, if you like, regard the dols as the blackmail which the bourgeoisie are paying to bolshevism. But the economic theory, if it really be this, has become international.

### MEMORIAL BEACON ON WATER TOWER

Plan Being Considered at Kenilworth In Connection With New Improvement

Plans to enclose the new Kenilworth water tank in a structure which will be at once a memorial to the Kenilworth aviators who lost their lives in the World war and a beacon to present day and future aviators passing along north shore air routes were outlined last week by R. W. Murison, 339 Kenilworth avenue.

Murison has been appointed head of a committee to work on the project by the Aviation Post of the American Legion, located in Chicago. William P. MacCracken of Winnetka, who has recently been appointed assistant secretary of commerce and who will organize and head a department of commercial aviation for the government, is a member of this post, as is Major E. G. Camp, head of the Chicago aviation committee. Both Major Camp and Mr. MacCracken are interested in building this combined memorial and beacon in Kenilworth.

Some places advertise their beautiful sunsets, but some people say that any kind of sunset that creates darkness is all right.

Reason why some traffic cops are cross with drivers, is that they have concluded it does no good to present a speeder with an etiquette book.

So far this year ten state legislatures have enacted 4,100 new laws, but the records show that a law-ridden people can smash laws faster than the statutory mills can enact them.—Houston Post-Dispatch.



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