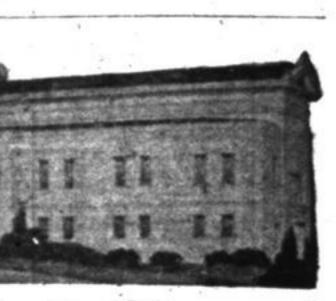
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You're not even safe if you've been comfortably dead for centuries, as Mr. John Erskine is going to continue to tell the world in general and in particular Sir Galahad, who is the victim of his forthcoming book. After dealing so adequately with Helen of Troy what more could we ask than that he should tell us how Sir Galahad got that way?

A NOVEL OF DIVORCE

"Eustody Children" by Everett Young Henry Holt & Co.

"Custody Children" is a very brilliant novel. We choose the word brilliant perhaps partly because the book deals with glittering things, wealth, society, pomp, display. But Mr. Everett Young, its author, makes it very clear to us that these things have only outward glitter, that within they a dark hollow sham. Like the kind of macaroon - we believe it is - alluring on the outside which, when you bite into it falls into a few miserably crumbling flakes of beaten egg.

For seldom has an author painted society as darkly as Mr. Young does, yet he does it entirely convincingly. But we can comfort ourselves that he has taken only one layer of society, the "ultra smart" set, the "perpetual motion addicts" as he aptly characterizes them.

As the title indicates "Custody Children" is a novel of divorce, tho it is one of those novels which starts out to be a book with a theme and surprises itself by ending up a work of art. Yet divorce is, of course, but one of the evil out-croppings of this heartless strata of society. In the midst of this merry-go-round of sham put Clodi Dillon, slim, pale, with hyacinth blue eyes, and a deep sense of loyalty. But her weak father and worthless mother betray that loyalty and Clodi begins to see that affection doesn't pay. She begins to pride herself on being "alone," free of all the ordinary bonds of loyalty.

Then comes Matt Wishart and for a time there is a chance that her marriage with Matt may bring her thru unscathed. But she fails him in many ways and he fails her in a few, and habit-the sort of machine like ease with which it's done-makes Clodi divorce him. Then begins the buffeting by the world with which Clodi is both too fine and too weak to

It reminds me, and such a comparison means much to me, of Edith Wharton's "House of Mirth." In both there is the character of the woman who grips your emotions yet whom you must see trodden on, defeated, by a world which she can neither renounce or subdue.



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ways kept two or three. The last of in which the metal was melted. his dogs, an old fellow eighteen years old, is now mourning his death, and

Mr. Otto was born in Germany, and moved to Winnetka about 1890. When Kore Arabin, outwardly a flapper Winnetka was but a small village he of the too well-known after-the-war built his florist shop and supplied the type, in England, does not attract village with flowers. He finally sold Vernon Milburne at all. But seen un- the shop to Sandy Clifford, who in der rather different conditions, as the turn sold it. Mr. Otto has done garlonely, courageous upholder of her den work for many residents in Winfamily's house amid hostile natives of netka, and at one time he worked for Funeral services were held at the

night of spring, a dream about which J. W. F. Davies conducted the servhe only knows that each year some- ices. Burial was at Memorial Park thing comes nearer him. So strong is cemetery. Mr. Otto is survived by a

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