

Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

It is said that Louis Bromfeld is looking for an inexpensive farm in France. Which looks as if this shining light on America's literary horizon intended to desert her shores permanently. It seems as if this would be a sad thing not only for America but for Mr. Bromfeld whose writings he intends to make a complete picture of American life.

Milt Gross, perpetrator of the incomparable "Nize Baby," is launching another little book for the public's delight. It is "Hiawatta, Wit No Od-der Pomes," published last week.

Fast work is sometimes necessary, but fortunately this time it is possible. Greenberg, Inc., is bringing forth a double quick Royal Edition of Queen Marie's romantic novel "Ilderim." For those who want to be really up-to-date, don't forget her other book, "The Queen of Roumania's Fairy Book" for children.

A GOOD SABATINI

"BELLARION"

By Rafael Sabatini
Houghton Mifflin Co.

Sabatini, like the poor, is always with us. Inept, however, is this simile, since, considering his enormous popularity, Mr. Sabatini can resemble the poor in no other way.

"Bellarion" is a good story, as good it seems to me as anything I have read of Mr. Sabatini's, even including the great "Captain Blood." It has the zest, the color, the convincing vigor which make Mr. Sabatini's stories the best of their kind.

"Bellarion" is a story of Italy in the glamorous days of the Renaissance, the days when it was possible even more than in our own great Wild West for "men to be men," or even—as the Princess Valeria says of Bellarion—to be "half god, half beast." Bellarion was a youth, a founding, who, issuing from the convent of his childhood years, became involved in many things—plots and wars, intrigues and escapes. Through these we go breathlessly, yet always with the comfortable assurance that all's well since it will end well for Bellarion.

PRESTO! WHERE IS THE POET?

"INTO THE VOID"

A Bookshop Mystery
By Florence Converse

An Atlantic Monthly Press
Publication
Little Brown & Co.

"Into the Void" is a new type of mystery story. No blood and thunder murder business about this—Miss Florence Converse, frequent contributor and member of the editorial board of the Atlantic Monthly, has taken the fourth dimension as her field of operation.

There is a college book shop and a poet reading his verses to a select and temperate audience on a certain evening. The last of the verses has to do with disappearance into the fourth dimension. Jokingly, it is remarked that it might be fun, as well as a good "ad" for the bookshop to have him do it. So, promptly, it is found the next morning that not only he, but the manager of the bookshop has taken this advice.

This plot is not breathless at all, but it is a rather amusing little variation on the usual mystery theme.

SALLY THE FAIR MORON

"INTRODUCTION TO SALLY"

By "Elizabeth"
Doubleday Page & Co.

It is difficult to say what "Elizabeth" was aiming at in "Introduction to Sally." If she had been a little less ironical we should have said she was laughing only at her characters and not at us, if a little more so we would have been sure she was laughing principally at us and less at her characters, but as it is we are left doubting just how her humor is divided between us.

Sally is an incredibly beautiful person. I say "incredibly" advisedly, because never in spite of the many references to the fact on every page do we get quite used to and accept the fact of Sally's beauty. We have never seen anyone who could make us forget that she was a moron and as without will and purpose as "a parcel."

But that is not a criticism of "Sally" as a book, merely as a true picture of life. And a true picture of life it is not, and did not intend to be. It is a laughing, biting satire on the plain but brainy husband married to the beautiful but brainless wife. "Elizabeth" has laughed and made us laugh at many things, but we cannot help feeling that in "Sally" there is a keener edge to her laughter.

It used to be that a senator's troubles were over when he was elected. But nowadays he has to put on another campaign to get seated.

GLENCOE POLICE IN NEW ORGANIZATION

Form Benevolent Association for Welfare of Force; Officers

The officers and men of the Glencoe Police department have formed an organization to be known as the Glencoe Police Benevolent association, the purpose of which the announcement says, is to bring the police department in close touch with the citizens of the village and to establish funds to assist the members of the department in time of need.

All moneys received by the department, in the way of rewards, gratuities, etc., will be placed in this fund, it is said, together with moneys obtained from other sources, as from benefit dances, entertainments, etc.

Officers of the association have been elected and it is the plan to incorporate in the near future. Jacob Rudolph chief of the Glencoe police department is president of the new association; Lieutenant William Helke is vice-president; Desk Sergeant, P. C. Lahum, is secretary and Assistant Village Manager, James Williams, is treasurer.

Parachutes are becoming so effective that by 1928 one may be devised that will save a candidate's political life after his boom collapses.—Indianapolis News.

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VALUE OF ALCOHOL IN COOLING SYSTEM AS ANTI-FREEZE MIXTURE

Directions for Utilizing This Method of Preventing Damage to Car From Cold In Winter

The ordinary cooling system holds about three and one-quarter gallons of water. If one gallon of denatured alcohol is added to two and one-quarter gallons of water, to fill the radiator, the driver will have about a 30 per cent solution, which will not freeze until the mercury gets down to 10 above zero, says a bulletin issued by the mechanical first aid department of the Chicago Motor club.

This is satisfactory for most conditions, even if the thermometer may be hanging around the zero mark, because it takes some time for a car to cool down to the temperature of the air. One and one-third gallons, however, a 40 per cent solution, will give immunity down to 2 degrees below zero, and if the car is left in an unheated garage over-night this is safer. Of course, if a real old-fashioned cold snap comes on, the safest thing to do is to see that the radiator contains a 50-50 solution of alcohol and water.

Only Denatured Alcohol

In buying alcohol for the radiator, only denatured should be accepted, as it is harmless to the radiator, hose connections or engine, whereas wood alcohol usually contains free acetic acid which is harmful to these parts, and while it is a slightly better anti-freeze than denatured alcohol it is not enough so to warrant its higher cost.

The trouble with alcohol is that it boils at a somewhat lower temperature than water, and although this is not a drawback from the standpoint of heating, it means that it will evaporate fast and one can never be sure he has enough alcohol in his radiator unless he makes a hydrometer test.

Regular hydrometers for testing the specific gravity of anti-freeze solutions are on the market. In the ordinary hydrometer a sample is taken in the usual manner, but unlike the battery test, the desirable thing is to have as low a reading as possible. It is also important that the reading be taken in a place where the temperature is not below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. If the reading is 1,000, then you have pure water, which will freeze at 32 degrees above zero. The presence of alcohol will lower the specific gravity, and also will lower the temperature at which it will freeze.

Specific Gravity
With a hydrometer reading from 1,000 down to 0.9450 or lower, the specific gravity of the water can be

found. If, for example, it is found to be 0.9633, then the radiator contains 35 per cent of alcohol, and will not freeze at temperatures above 5 degrees above zero. When the temperature is 10 degrees below zero the radiator will require about 46 per cent of alcohol, which will show 0.9498 specific gravity on the hydrometer.

If the car has a cooling system the capacity of which is two and one-half gallons, of which one gallon is 40 per cent, the addition of one gallon of denatured alcohol to such a cooling system should produce a hydrometer reading of 0.9570 which will serve as a protection against freezing down to a temperature of 2 degrees below zero.

Tax reports state that the value of land in New Jersey has increased \$687,000,000. Doubtless part of this is due to the boom around New Brunswick.

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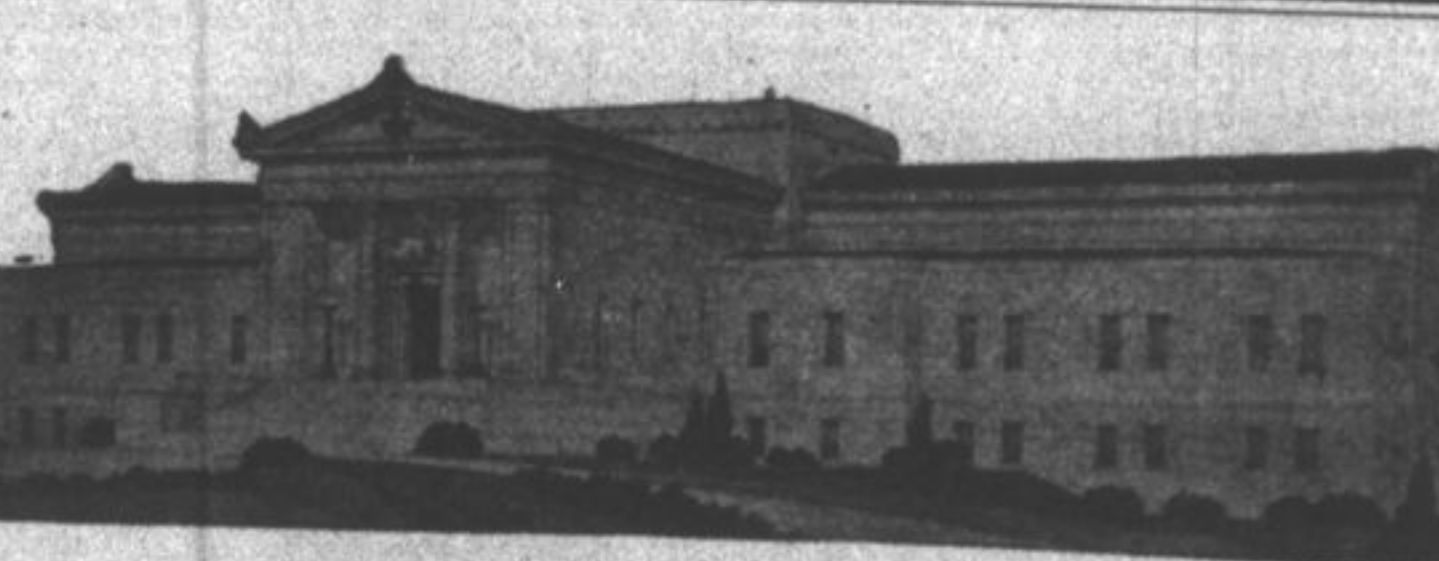
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