

Book Corner

PARAGRAPHS

Two late and valuable additions to the modern library are "Up Stream" the progressive book by Lester Lewis which deals a blow of interest when it came out first in 1932, and one of the greatest of Hamlet's novels "The Ship of the Nation".

When Will Durant, author of "The Story of Civilization" came out of the middle west to lecture, the audience must have known he was coming, for he traveled out on a car named "Durant" and back on one called "Hamlet".

LOVE IN CHINA

"IT HAPPENED IN Peking"

By Lester Lewis

Mr. Lester Lewis has written another of her brightly colored novels in the setting of China. These novels are woven with two sets of threads, one, the background, the gold and silver, jade green, and turquoise blue of China, the other, the love story, of good old American black and white cotton. It is something a shock to change from one to the other, but perhaps it is well in order to satisfy all types.

"They had but two things in common. They had those two very strongly: a stinging dislike of each other, a letter dislike of China," is the intriguing way in which the story begins. And so we get more than usually certain about one is a man and the other is a girl that before the end of the story we shall see a reversal of both these aversions.

It is through the agency of the Love relation that this is brought about, the two things colored together bringing about one, the kindness shown them by some of the Chinese, the other.

The story is well written as are all Mr. Lewis's. They give more the interior than the exterior view of China but they give that effectively.

MR. VAN BOREN IN VOGUE

"THE NINTH WAVE"

By Carl Van Doren

Truly, having finished "The Ninth Wave" by Carl Van Doren, I find myself wondering just what it was about. It is, to be sure, the inner story of a man as he moves from fifteen to fifty, but what exactly that inner story means I am at a loss to say.

His critics, accused Wills Cather's "Professor" of being vague and indefinite, but he at least, we stood very close to at the crucial moments of his life. This other professor—forget to mention that Mr. Van Doren's hero also follows that calling—I did not come close to at any point. The story was never really definite.

For it is only then that it again our own inner experiences and makes us see with the character, which is what we are supposed to be.

We know Kent Kerrow best when he is a boy, but later on during the experience of growing old we lose touch with him. It seems to me that one of the most poignant experiences of growing old would be the comparison between the dreams of youth and the actuality. This comparison Kent Kerrow does not make, and so we are never sure whether life has been satisfying to him or not. The book is simply written, if it could only have combined simplicity with someone it would have been much better.

A MAN'S IDEA

"MY HERESIES"

By Bishop William Montgomery Brown

This book by Bishop William Montgomery Brown is quite an unusual thing. It is not many men who have the sincerity, the patience, the fortitude, to analyze dispassionately their mental developments. That is what Bishop Brown has done and that fact alone makes the book worth while.

He describes himself as the little boy found out to a farmer to work when he was only six and a half years old. The farmer didn't believe in education so Bill Brown grew up without the faintest rudiments of one. When he determined to get one for himself he was so far behind that he had to take all the short cuts. He didn't study anything that didn't apply actually on the spot. And this pigheadedness being just what the church wanted, he rose rapidly.

Then one day when he was laid up with illness he read Darwin. A whole new world opened before him. Now he tried to reconcile this world with

the church is the plot of the story. It is written largely, clearly, in a style almost journalistic.

CUSTODY CHILDREN

When there are children—how then to divorce? For the ordinary "illustrious society novel" it catches your emotions and you find yourself caring especially what happens to "Them."

Toby's First Case

As unusually pretty girl makes good in the difficult role of newspaper reporter. "Mr. Toby" has handled the theme in her customary charming way. —Mississippi Star.

SHOT TOWERS

Full of humor and cheer. A good book for Christmas.

EVERY WIND HAS ITS OWN WEATHER

Government Bureau Says Boomer's Old Saying Has Much Truth In It; Details

"Every wind has its weather," said Boomer, a good many years ago. The Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture says there is considerable truth in this old idea. The prevailing direction of the wind in middle latitudes is from west to east, roughly. Winds of any different direction, and especially shifting winds, imply a storm disturbance of some kind. For instance, the cyclones, or regions of low atmospheric pressure, are always accompanied by a system of winds directed spirally inward, counter-clockwise about the center in the northern hemisphere, clockwise in the southern. Now, this wind system almost invariably moves eastward and is nearly always accompanied by precipitation on its front side and clearing weather to its rear.

Wind from the east may therefore mean that a storm is close at hand; wind from the west, that the storm is past and gone. Wind from the south is commonly the most humid and frequently brings rain. Wind from the northwest is characteristically cold, and being caused frequently by an approaching storm is almost certain to bring disagreeable rain or snow, justifying the saying:

"The wind from the northwest, neither good for man nor beast." The gentle west wind "sails every one's boat," and another old proverb advises people to "do business with men when the wind is in the northwest." The Weather Bureau supports this proverb saying because when the wind is from that direction at any place in the Temperate Zone of the Northern Hemisphere the weather there is likely to be cool, dry, fine, and bracing.



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Radio Topics

By E. H. Merrill (Radio Engineer)

THE RADIO FARM COLLEGE

By E. H. Merrill, Radio Engineer

It is expected that over 20,000 farmers will become enrolled in the Radio Farm College which has been recently inaugurated by the department of Agriculture. According to Sam Pitcock, director of the radio activities of the department, the course of farming are distributed throughout the country by a large number of leading broadcasting stations, and are supplemented by pamphlets and bulletins arranged by the department of agriculture.

The radio farm school is only one of the projects outlined for broadcast during the winter as a governmental service to the farmers. An hour for knowledge has been arranged for the winter of the farm, and other features include "Anthropology of Insecticide Eggs and Bacteria," "Dusts by the Weather," "A Farm New Digest" and "Interview with the Agricultural Economist."

According to Mr. Pitcock, the textbook style of teaching will not be used in the radio university, but will be supplemented by concise material arranged with short words and in short sentences, and containing human interest and humor.

The Farm School course, which is divided into a series of short courses of eight lessons each, deals with all phases of live stock, poultry and dairy farming, and will be broadcast from participating stations on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for periods of 15 minutes each.

Under the new arrangement, solutions to current farm problems are given on the air through the medium of a dramatized conversation between "Edith the county agent," and "Mr. Thibe, a representative farmer." Listeners will hear both sides of an intelligent, interesting conversation dealing on the most timely current farm problems. The hearing program is devoted to live stock, the Wednesday conversation is to poultry, the Thursday conversation is to fruits and vegetables, and the Friday conversation is dairying.



KIXE "Kicks" Book Station KIXE of Los Angeles has originated a novel scheme of keeping a record book of all mail received at the station. There is one column for letters and another for the media. Thus the artists may tell at a glance the public's reaction to their program.



Know Radio Long Wave Length Reception

The Great government has permitted the operation of all private wireless receivers having a wave-length range of more than 1,000 meters, according to a report to the department of commerce from Mr. Dickerson, the acting commercial attaché at Athens. Owners of sets having a receiving capacity of a wave-length higher than 1,000 meters have been required to bring their receiving sets to the electric plant of the service of telegraphic, telephonic and post for adjustment.

New Chinese Broadcaster

It is reported that a broadcasting station having about 20,000 will be constructed in Kailien, China, according to advice from Vice Consul A. J. West of Kailien and made public by the department of commerce. Receiving sets will be taxed 25 cents

per month for crystal sets and 50 cents for tube sets.

This project will probably open up a large field for radio receiving sets, as hereafter their use in such districts was prohibited outside of the railway zone.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THIS STATE

Interesting facts of various kinds are brought to light through our surveys carried on by the Bureau of Soils of the United States Department of Agriculture. For example, a survey in southwestern Illinois covered an important general farming and livestock region, and the facts disclosed by it tended to discourage the production of a proposed irrigation district as being unprofitable. A survey of over 1,000 square miles in Oregon revealed large areas of all lands that would be adapted to the production of grapes, walnuts and almonds. In Arizona, the amount of a survey, a number of soil types were identified suitable for a wide variety of production of cotton, melons, alfalfa and early potatoes. Through a survey in the State of California, a perfect double, known as "double-crop" is currently producing grape orchards are found to be associated with the presence of healthy soilborne nematodes. Extensive field and laboratory studies are now being made on this basis by a group of state specialists. A survey recently started in Illinois county, Calif., an important pear-growing district in the hills of the Sierra Nevada, is expected to aid in the identification of land suitable for the extension of the pear-growing industry and of others that may be utilized for similar or growing rather than for fruit.

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