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Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

The two latest additions to the popular Modern Library series will be more than welcome. First that great English novel of Thomas Hardy's, "The Return of the Native," and second the book which created such a furore at its publication in 1922, Ludwig Lewisohn's "Up Stream." This latter one contains a new introduction by the author, and also a few "revisions" which were thought advisable in the text.

More spring lists are appearing. We thought every author had a book last fall but it seems that a few were missed and those are coming forward during the spring. Booth Tarkington's new novel is already published, Philip Guedalla will have a biography of Palmerston published in February, Sherwood Anderson has "A New Testament," Gertrude Atherton a novel about Peficles and Aspasia, entitled "The Immortal Marriage." There are lots more but we will let you down easy, with a few at a time.

PLEASURE AND PROFIT

"THE BEST PLAYS OF 1925-1926"

By Burns Mantle
Dodd Mead & Co.

Anyone with sufficient temerity to hope to follow the workings of the drama from the backwoods of Chicago and its environs could not do better than to clasp to himself Burns Mantle's collection of the ten best plays of the New York season. The plays are well chosen, there is no question of that from former experience with Mr. Mantle's critical ability, and the book is prefaced by a short summary of "The Season in New York" followed by shorter ones by other contributors of that in Chicago and California.

As Mr. O. L. Hall in his summary of the Chicago season says, "Now we are but a market for, not a manufacturer, of the shining gimeracks of the playhouse." Which only goes to reinforce my statement that we need some such guide to what is really what in the theatre. For example, there is a Pulitzer prize-play, "Craig's Wife," which did not find its way to Chicago, and yet which was surely one of the most interesting plays of the year. If one would judge the actual weight and worth of a play's dialogue let him read it. "Craig's Wife," which on the stage was a gripping production, stands out as one of the best in point of literary craftsmanship. The dialogue is extremely pertinent, the climax of the play is built up from the first words of the opening. While no written word can give the full effect of that slowly lowering curtain while Craig's wife stands, with the shattered fragments of her life about her, yet the excellence of the craftsmanship makes possible a powerful effect.

"Young Woodley" on the other hand, is the sort of play which plays much better than it reads. It has

not, in other words, the literary excellence though it has good dramatic qualities. "The Dybbuk," that play produced with startling success by the Neighborhood Players in New York, while it is better to read than not to know at all, cannot reproduce on paper the pervading powerful mysticism of the stage production.

There are lighter plays than these given, George Kaufman's amusing "Butter and Egg Man," and Marc Connelly's "The Wisdom Tooth." Also our old friend "The Green Hat," in which we have the laugh on New York having had it first.

Altogether Mr. Mantle's book is both entertaining and instructive, a rare and beautiful combination.

POOR GEORGE

"GEORGE IV"

By Shane Leslie
Little Brown & Co.

George IV having labored during all these years under the distinction of having been one of the worst if not the worst Prince of history, has of course attracted numberless biographical mode in being chatty with-forward with something a little different, something which he considers a little more fair to the character of the royal subject. Although he admits that George was full of faults, he is anxious to trace the origin of those faults and to uncover the compensating virtues.

"With those who make history and those who take it ready-made from the makers," he says, "George still remains in irretrievable disgrace." He then goes on to catalogue the contributions made by this Prince to England and the world. He did much to reform English cookery and more to set a supreme standard in English dress. He built the palaces of Buckingham and Brighton, thus developing two opposing and new styles of architecture, he fostered literature and the arts, he made London the capital of the world for the first and perhaps the last time, he maintained peace in England and handed on to his successor an England which "had attained a national greatness perhaps never before or afterwards exceeded."

These are, given in an ascending scale, no small achievements for a King. Of course he was a profligate and perhaps acted often most unwisely, yet he was as are all kings more or less the victim of his circumstances. Brought up in severe strictness by his parents, the world burst upon him in all its brilliant allure, a world ready to lay itself at his feet. No wonder that he, the handsomest and most charming prince in Europe had his head turned. It is only a pity that he met when he was so young such powerful obstacles.

Mr. Shane has written a lively and very vivid account of those shadowy days. He has followed the new biographical mode in being chatty without following it further in being sketchy.

ELECTRIC POWER LIGHTENS LABOR

SAYS FEDERATION HEAD

William Green Declares That It Has Played Important Part In Aiding Industry Grow

During an address on the five day work week at a luncheon meeting of the New York Building Congress at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, December 8, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, paid tribute to the part electric power has played in lightening the burden of the working man, in bettering standards of living, and in increasing production.

Some Excerpts
Following are excerpts regarding electricity taken from his address, without any attempt at continuity with respect to his main theme of shorter working hours:

"The use of machinery and electric power is transforming our modern industrial establishments so that the service rendered and the commodities produced have increased many fold while the character of such service rendered has tremendously improved and the cost of the manufactured commodities has been greatly reduced.

"The change from primitive methods of manufacturing and industrial service to mechanical and modern which has taken place in the industrial and economic world. We are amazed at the progress which has been made when we compare modern manufacturing enterprises with those of a similar nature operating twenty-five or thirty years ago.

Not Fully Explored
"The field of industrial efficiency and productivity has not been fully explored or its limitations clearly defined. Thus far we have not reached the limit of American enterprise or topped the standard of American efficiency and service.

"In reflecting over these tremendous possibilities we must take into account the use and importance of electricity in industry. As steam revolutionized our industrial processes so we find electric power is working a greater transformation, at the present time. The general use of electric power has enabled the workers to raise their standard of efficiency and productivity until America has established its industrial supremacy throughout all the nations of the world. It is clearly evident that electric power will be utilized and applied in an ever increasing way in all lines of industry. As the amount of electric power supplied to each individual in industry is increased in like proportion his efficiency and productivity is increased. Though silent and unseen, electric power is the greatest agency making for the establishment of the shorter workweek in all lines of industry.

DR. W. A. COLLEDGE DIES IN FLORIDA

Former Pastor of Kenilworth Church Passes; Was Noted Educator

Dr. William A. Colledge, educational director of the Redpath Lyceum bureau and formerly pastor of the Kenilworth Union church, head of the department of English at Armour institute, died recently at Jacksonville, Fla. Funeral services held at Jacksonville last week.

He assumed the chair of English at Armour institute in 1904. Previously he had been an extension lecturer at the University of Chicago. He left educational work to enter the ministry and for several years held pastorates at Aurora and Kenilworth.

Dr. Colledge was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1859. He was a member of the Stanley expedition into Africa to rescue Dr. Livingston. He was editor in chief of the New Standard Encyclopedia in 1906 and the first editor of the Technical World magazine. He was the author of many books, a noted lecturer in chautauqua work and vice-president and director of La Salle Extension university.

His widow, Mrs. Frances M. Colledge, and one son, Edward, of Jacksonville, Fla., survive.

SUB-ZERO WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

Coldest on North Shore In Two Years, According to Official Report

Lake county and the North Shore generally during last Friday and Saturday passed through the coldest period of weather experienced in two years. The official reading of the thermometer at Waukegan at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning was 17 degrees below zero. This reading was made by John O. Laux, of Waukegan, official government weather recorder for this district. According to Mr. Laux this is the coldest weather experienced this winter and was by far colder than last winter when the lowest temperature recorded was 11 degrees below zero.

While the official reading was 17 below zero there were numerous reports of 18 below from unofficial thermometers in various parts of the county.

VISTA DEL LAGO HAS WINTER SPORT PLANS

With the advent of snow and cold weather the Vista Del Lago club announces its winter sports program of tobogganing and ice skating, on the clubhouse site between Sheridan road and Lake Michigan, adjoining Kenil-

worth on the south, according to L. L. Arms, managing director of Vista Del Lago.

Ample accommodations are offered to club members and their guests, attendants being on duty at the rink and slide each day. Many special events are to take place as the session advances, including fancy skating ex-

hibitions and an ice carnival. The Vista Del Lago program comes as a distinct addition to the general winter sports program at the north shore.

Five Italians have shot at Mussolini without hitting him and yet the Duce talks of conquering the world with such marksmen.

Our National Efficiency

VISITORS to the United States from other countries marvel at the efficiency of our great industrial organizations, of the skill with which great crowds are handled on occasions of public interest, and a score of other things in which the ability of American organizers to handle things in great volume is shown.

The principal tool or instrument behind these seeming marvels is usually found to be the telephone. Take telephone service out of our great factories, our great stores, our great expositions and congresses, and confusion will be likely to replace the smoothness and efficiency at which the visitors marvel.

Studies extending over half a century have brought the telephone service in America to its present efficiency. While this is most strikingly shown in connection with big affairs and great emergencies, it is likewise to be found in the ordinary service, which is at the call of any and every telephone subscriber.

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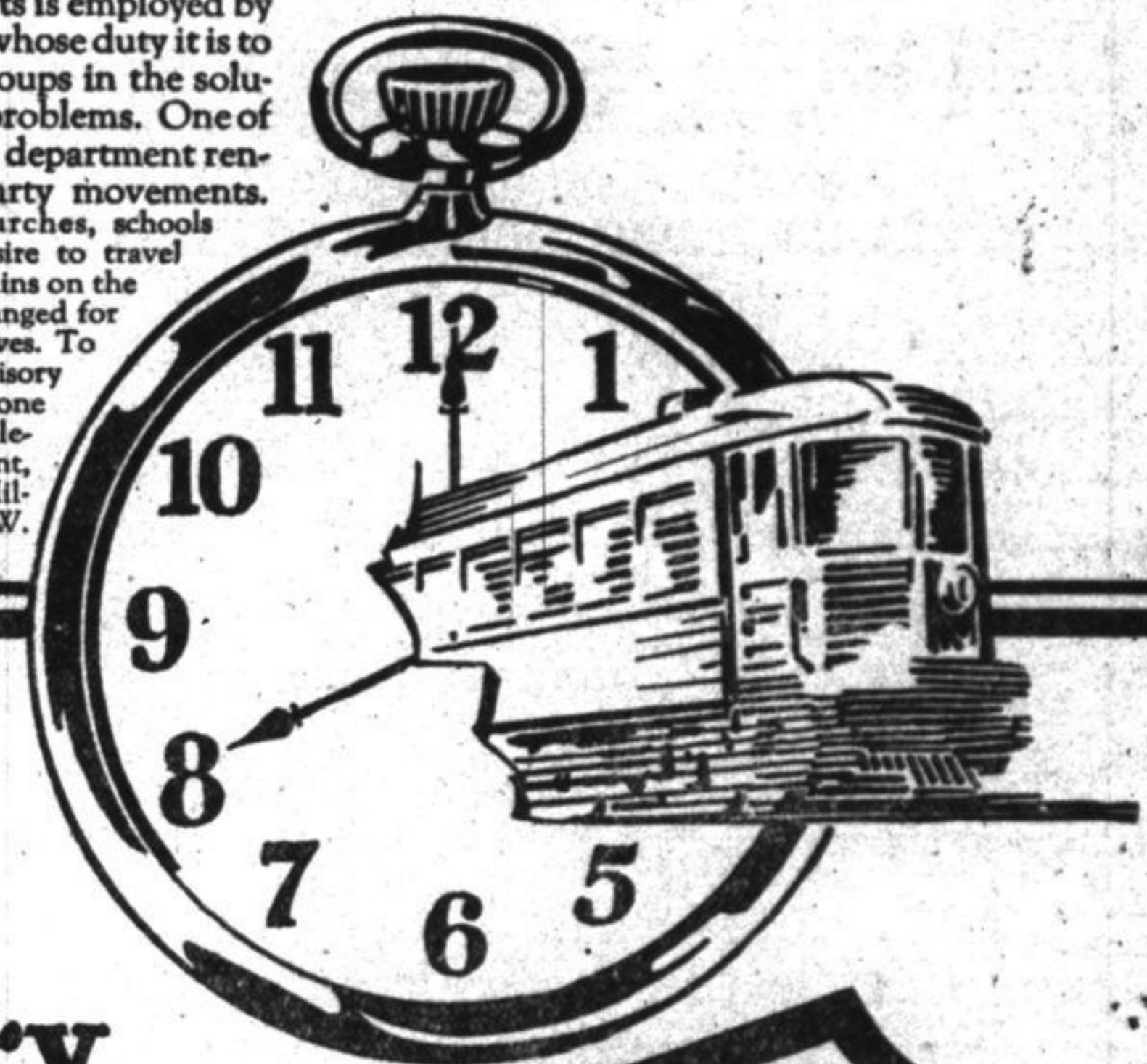


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