

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

## JUST PARAGRAPHS

Our contention that "Tar a Mid-west Childhood" by Sherwood Anderson was more a collection of peaks in short story writing strung together with low places, has been justified by the fact that an incident from it has taken an O. Henry prize for a short story. How gratifying to have one's judgment backed up for once.

Ring Lardner has been induced to write his autobiography. His "Story of a Wonder Man" tells how he introduced Jane Austin to Al Smith in Albany, how he attended the inaugural ball when it was held in Seattle and of his declining years in "Great Neck." After having read it we will undoubtedly know a great deal about all biographies.

Among the new welcome titles in The Modern Library edition are Celine's immortal "Autobiography," "The Scarlet Letter," "The Philosophy of Spinoza" for which the "Story of Philosophy" has created a particular demand, and a modern "Anthology of American Poetry."

## MORE OF GENJI

### "A WREATH OF CLOUD"

By Lady Murasaki  
Translated by Arthur Waley  
Houghton Mifflin Co.

Again, by the publication of another volume of the Japanese classic, "The Tale of Genji," we are enabled to follow further the adventures of this charmed and charming man. This volume for reasons which it is not easy to determine seems more delightful than have the other two. Perhaps it is that Genji grown to mature years and mellowed by his experiences, more readily wins our sympathy, perhaps that he and his friends have by familiarity become our friends, too, or perhaps simply that we are more able to keep them and their intricate names and relationships straight in our limited Western minds.

The narrative flows along smoothly enough in this volume, for to be sure Genji is less subject to his amorous inclination and more free therefore from their sometimes disastrous consequences. Back from his exile and reinstated in favor with the young Emperor, his half brother, he goes about smoothing the way for all those of whom he is or has been fond.

He builds a palace, spacious and charming, with delightful gardens, in which his various concubines are housed in splendor and with strict eye to equality. Genji has seen too well what jealousy can do. Here they live for the most part in peace and equanimity.

It is a really remarkable thing, this novel written before the year 1020. It is modern in its outlook, exceedingly penetrating in its psychology; except for some quaintness of speech and a tendency to poetry which has never been a characteristic of Anglo Saxon races the characters might be living in any place at any time. None but the Japanese, however, would avail the loss of friend and father thus. "Spring comes, and still the sweet birds warble as of old, but altered and bereft are they that sit beneath the blossoming tree."

## AMID THE DELUGE

### "THE LINGERING FAUN"

By Mable Wood Martin  
Frederick A. Stokes

In "The Linging Faun" Mable Wood Martin has written a vigorous and vivid story of the great maelstrom that was Paris after the War. Russian noblemen and women running taxicabs and doing laborious head work to keep from starvation, idealists pouring in to the Peace Conference to have their ideals step-

ped on, the maimed and bereaved making a grotesque and terrible background.

This is a mighty whirlpool, full of drama, but the artist who would use it must take care to keep aloof from its entanglements and free of its emotions. This Mrs. Martin has not sufficiently done. She is so much involved in it that she draws us down with her, instead of giving us the sense of clarity and vision which, after all, is what makes art different from life.

Barbara, the beautiful American, married Prince Serge Petanoff and went to Russia to live. There she came into conflict with all the old tottering, unsound fabric of Russian nobility. She tried to change it but she was powerless — and then, she was too late.

She and her husband flee the Deluge and arrive with many of their countrymen in Paris. Mrs. Martin has described vividly the pitiful tortured life they lived there, haunted by fear and buoyed up spasmodically by groundless hopes. The figure of the "faun," a mysterious man from the east, an envoy to the Peace Conference, is weakened by a sort of appeal to the supernatural. He represents mankind with his blind power and his dreams. He represents to Barbara an escape from all the futility and horror of her world, she longs only to get off in the ocean or the desert where nothing can ever happen to her again.

But there is no escape for Serge. He being part of the old regime, must pass away with it and he finally takes his own life. The frozen helpless defiance of his reaction is very well drawn. The envoy through a failure of his plans goes away to start over again, and Barbara is left to make a new life as an American and not as Russian this time.

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Some one has said that "thrift is telling your money where to go, while shiftlessness is asking where it went." Making a budget, then, is the beginning of thrift.

To make good fried oysters, dip them in egg and bread crumbs some time before they are to be fried. This gives the coating a chance to harden and the oysters will fry better.

Almost one-fourth of a banana is starch and sugar. In addition, a banana contains a small amount of protein, a trace of fat, and a small percentage of mineral matter. When buying bananas be sure the stem end is left on, thus making it a sealed package.

Benzine and naphtha give off explosive vapors and require the same precautions in handling as gasoline. Never use as a container for such liquids a glass jar, bottle or other receptacle likely to break if dropped or struck accidentally.

One of the reasons why children should play out of doors in the sun is that in this way they may obtain the ultra violet rays contained in direct sunshine. These important, health-giving rays, which have been found so necessary to the health of both men and animals, are screened out by ordinary window glass. Take advantage of every bright, sunny day and keep the youngsters out of doors.

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