

# Book Corner

**JUST PARAGRAPHS**  
Few books from Australia have been brought to America, a fact which gives added interest to the publication of "Working Bullocks" by Katherine Susannah Prichard, an Australian novelist, writing about her native land.

April 25 was the publication date set for the second series of the "Ask Me Another" series by the original publishers of this successful work, a work which according to its publishers, reached 180,000 in the first two months.

Louis Bromfield may be said to have reached a high place in the life of Europe. His publishers announce that he has been broadcasting talks on American literature from the Eiffel tower. Perhaps he had to climb that high to get away from his pursuers for we venture to think that many in France would not agree with the laudatory remarks he is making. At any rate he has proven himself to be cut out for a sailor or an aviator. His new book, by the way, which Stokes will publish in August, Mr. Bromfield is not loath to have announced will be called "A Good Woman."

**GOOD SATIRE GONE WRONG**

**"THE RETURN OF DON QUIXOTE"**

By G. K. Chesterton  
Dodd Mead & Co.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton in "The Return of Don Quixote" has chosen as usual to be amusing and clever but not profound. Sometimes he makes a fluttering gesture in the direction of profundity but the gesture doesn't "come off." It is as if he lighted a fuse a bit fearfully, now and then, and almost with relief saw the light die out before it reached the bomb. To the reader the sensation is less that of relief than irritation. If he didn't mean the bomb to go off why light the fuse at all?

In fact the questions that occurred to me as I read the book were consistently, "What did he want to say that for?" or "Why did he make his characters do this?"

The scene of the story is laid at Seawood Abbey, country place of Lord Seawood, wealthy English mine owner. The opening is the preparation for some private theatricals which are under way, in which a group of young people are going to dress up in medieval costume and go about spouting resounding phrases. It so happens that being disappointed at the last moment in one of their actors the librarian of Seawood Abbey is dragged out from his dim corner and put into the role of King Richard the Lion-Hearted.

Now the librarian throws himself with such zeal into the role and plays it with such whole-heartedness that he makes the play more real than the life about him, not only for himself but for all the others. So when it comes time to change back from green forest, suit to ordinary clothes he refuses to do so, saying that he feels more natural this way. And before long in this simple manner of wearing green and carrying a spear he has effected a revolution in the whole of England. He has become King-at-Arms of a Court of Chivalry, and it is to him that the question of the vast coal strike goes for settlement.

Now this is an awfully good idea for a satire, in fact, I find as I recount the plot that unlike most books to which one cannot possibly do justice in such an outline, in this case there has been more than justice done it. In other words the idea is much better than its execution. For the execution while it is witty and amusing at times, on the whole simply refuses to "come off."

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This in itself is enough to make us pause. Enough to make us feel that here is a message worthy of our time and our appreciation. And it is. It is truly a "Harvest of the Years" because in it are revealed that more subtle harvest which Luther Burbank gathered not only from the millions of plants and trees he tended but from his varied experiences and from the numberless kinds of people with whom he came in contact. From all this he garnered wisdom about life, and the purposes of life—a kindly, gentle, delicate wisdom. And this, with humility, he has tried to pass on to us. A humility which is an integral part of anyone who sees deeply, a humility which, imparted to us, must give a finer awareness of the life. What more can we ask from any work or any person?

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**TAX REDUCTION BILL IS BEING DRAFTED**

Congress Committee to Work on It This Summer; Advisory Board Also

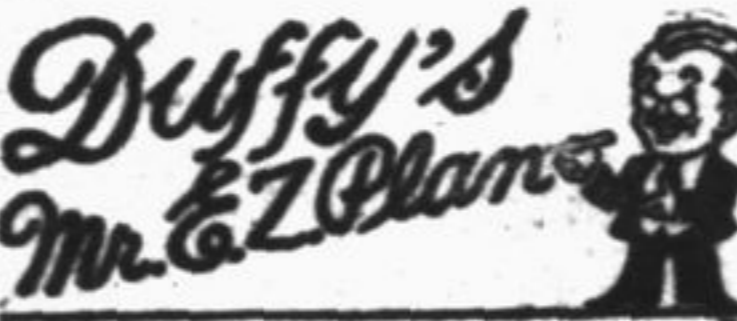
The joint congressional committee designated to draft the new tax reduction bill which will be introduced by the Republicans when Congress convenes in December has already started its labors and will be hard at work all summer. Congressman William E. Green, veteran chairman of the House Ways and Means committee and at the head of the special committee this week issued a nationwide invitation to taxpayers to submit suggestions both as to rate and as to changes in the administrative procedure of tax collection. He also announced the appointment of an advisory board of tax experts to cooperate with his committee.

The men named to this advisory board are Professor T. S. Adams, member of the faculty at Yale; A. A. Ballantine, of New York, former solicitor of the Internal Revenue bureau in the Treasury; Thomas W. Page of Washington, chairman of the Council of the Institute of Economics; and George O. May, of New York, a member of the firm of Price Waterhouse, public accountants. This is an able group which Chairman Green expects will be of invaluable assistance in framing the tax bill on sound economic principles and scientific lines, and on a non-partisan basis.

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The official orders of King George's procession to open Parliament declare that men must wear "full dress with trousers." Very thoughtful of His Majesty. It's pretty cool in London. —Chicago Tribune.

The Tennessee legislature adjourned the other day to go out and see Babe Ruth play baseball. Maybe it would be a good idea to keep the Babe constantly visiting the towns in which the legislatures are in session.

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