

The Family Next



Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

A life of Elenora Duse by the British critic and dramatist Arthur Symonds is something to look forward to among the late spring publications. Besides material on the career of the great actress there will be episodes concerning D'Annunzio, Bernhardt and others.

John Buchan, popular novelist, is proving his versatility by getting himself nominated for Parliament. He is following the example of the French cabinet ministers more than half of whom are well-known men of letters.

A TIRED MR. ARLEN
"YOUNG MEN IN LOVE"

By Michael Arlen
George H. Doran Co.

It is a slightly jaded and perhaps we might even say faded Mr. Arlen who makes his famous society bow in this latest gold-wrapped, maple ice cream papered book, "Young Men in Love." Perhaps Mr. Arlen is tired out trying to spend the income derived from his other gold (not solid) wrapped volumes which the public has devoured so avariciously, or the box office receipts from his charming well advertised, shocking play "The Green Hat." Whatever may be the cause Mr. Arlen is tired. That much is certain. And a tired author makes a tired reader. That too is certain. "Young Men in Love" is the story of several men most important among them Charles Savile, the successful novelist, and Peter Serle, the successful politician, and between them the young lady, Venetia. Who by the way is a proper addition to the gallery of Venises and Irises. Mr. Arlen must have a well thumbed almanac and garden and manual beside him when he is starting a new novel.

Now these people are much like those charming ones of Mayfair but they somehow lack the old dash. They are like champagne which has been poured out and left standing. They have color but are a little stale. They lack a certain wistful yearning for something ideal which kept Mr. Arlen's earlier characters from being common. They were people walking through mud puddles but with eyes turned upward to the stars. Now they have electric flashlights and are looking calculatingly at the mud. There are passages in which Mr. Arlen returns to his old vigorous, witty style but there are others—and more of them—when the machinery seems to creak a little. For example, "They did not kill conversation by expecting the truth from each other, nor did they kill the truth by expecting conversation from each other." One might add that they probably did kill each other by expecting anything at all from each other. Or, "Dreams of power were sweet to him. And what power was there to be gotten in South Africa but the power to leave it."

Of course Mr. Arlen was a phenomenon which could not last, he could no more be a steady light than can a shooting star, but perhaps he will turn comet and have recurring years of brilliance.

REALISTIC STORIES

"CHAINS"

By Theodore Dreiser
Boni & Liveright

Perhaps with the name of Theodore Dreiser more than with any other in American letters is connected the word "realism." Slowly, logically, mercilessly, Mr. Dreiser weaves together the threads which make a pattern of life in which nothing is left out, nothing is for the sake of sentimentality, exaggerated or depreciated for the same reason. In other words he is constantly and supremely the realist.

In this collection of short stories called "Chains," he has shown under many titles and in many methods this unflinching realism. The first story of the volume, "Sanctuary," in its meagre straightforwardness of plot,

is in the manner of "An American Tragedy." Madeleine, a child who flower of sorts, a simple, charming "might have been conceded to be a child, is the child of parents unbelievable to most of us outside of the lawcourts or lurid stories in the newspapers, people who live in the darkest drabness afforded by the tenements of our enlightened age. "Always about her there had been drunkenness, fighting, complaining, sickness, or death; the police coming in and arresting one and another. " "and in this atmosphere Madeleine grew up. Or grew to an age at which she could go out and shift for herself. At that age she ventured into the world and it showed her what it could do on another form of cruelty. Finally Madeleine, unbearably driven, finds sanctuary in the reformatory in which she had once been confined.

In the next story the realism is just as apparent, just as terrifying though not as poignant and the plot is a more or less supernatural one. The title story of the book shows the insidious chains by which a sensuous middle aged man is bound to the light grasping lady who calls herself his wife. It is easily seen that these are not stories to be read to an invalid or for one's own recreation, but they are fit representatives of Mr. Dreiser's great and powerful talent.

THE MAN BEHIND THE MASK

By Grace MacGowan Cooke

"The reader will be kept on edge until the last page."

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
\$2.00

YELLOW CAB RATES

First two-thirds mile 35c
Each additional 1-3 mile 10c
No charge for extra passengers.
PHONE HIGHLAND PARK 2000

W. OTTEN
MASON CONTRACTOR
County Line Road
Tel. Highland Park 899-Y-4

Spring and Summer Dancing Season Here

See Us for Hot, Peppy Music

Pompeian Jazz Kings
(Formerly Druggan Cowboys)
Phone Northbrook 73
Northbrook, Ill.



A STYLE FOR EVERY TYPE

Permanent hair waving is treated by us from the standpoint of the artist. The shape of the head and the characteristic features of each of our patrons call for individual treatment in order to get the best results. For artistic and pleasing effects come to our shop!

Borchardt Beauty Shop
12 North Sheridan Road
Highland Park, Ill.

IS COLLEGE COURSE WORTH WHILE? QUERY

DISCUSSED IN MAGAZINE

Prominent University Head Says Half of Students Are Unfit for College; Better to Be Elsewhere

At this moment, in this country, there is a vast, earnest army of parents imbued with a single ambition, and striving hard for one common end—that they may be able, when the time comes, to send their children to college.

According to official statistics, this army of well-meaning mothers and fathers numbers several millions, and there is many a battle against need, and many a sacrifice, along its front. The mother who is saving from her back, her table and her play; the father who is working nights and wearing last year's suit, the widow who has mortgaged her house that Jack may go to college—all these are there.

"Praiseworthy sacrifices!" is the ordinary feeling toward these parents.

"Tragic!" is the word used by President Faunce, of Brown university in the American Magazine. He explains:

Many Unfit for College
"Our common belief that college training is suited for every boy, and every boy for college, is one of the truly great tragedies of American life today. Fully half the boys whom these well-meaning parents send to college would be better off if they had never come.

"Every parent should consider very carefully this essential question: Is college worth four years out of my boy's life?"

"In fifty per cent of all cases, the answer should be No. "Colleges do not create capacity for understanding; they demand it. They are not designed for the purely practical-minded, nor for the youth who desires merely to do, rather than to think and comprehend.

Not College Type
"It is no disgrace to be of the non-college type—that is, not of the type for which college is designed. Not every man is suited to be a lawyer, or a doctor, or a machinist, or a miner. Then why should we believe that every boy born under the sun, with enough money to pay his tuition, is suited to be a college student?"

"A father told me, 'My boy must be queer; he doesn't like college.' In this standardized age, what we need are queer men. Give us more of them! Men who dare to be different, who dare to question, who dare to get from the beaten path and blaze new trails of their own."

ALABAMA HAS SHAFT TO THE BOLL WEVIL

Its Depredations Helped to Bring In Diversified Farming There

As an epitaph to the old South and a herald of the new, the town of Enterprise, Ala., boasts a bronze monument to the boll weevil, which has long been regarded as the curse of the cotton growers. The mayor of Enterprise, in a letter published by the American Magazine, explains the reason for the monument.

"The approach of the boll weevil in 1915 wiped this whole county off its feet," he says, "and jarred us from center to circumference as cotton was the principal crop. Now we are raising peanuts principally, and we take great pride in saying that this county holds the world's record in its production of peanuts."

Dr. J. Russell Smith, professor of economic geography at Columbia university, takes the mayor's letter as the text for a scientific prediction as to the future of the southern states.

"The saving of the South will come through diversified agriculture," he declares. "More than any other section, it has a great opportunity for easy expansion of agricultural products. In the past, the Southern farmer has raised a little cotton and a little corn. But the cotton belt can easily raise two crops a year—clover or oats in winter, corn in early summer, together with some legume such as peanuts, cowpeas, soy beans or velvet beans.

"The next step forward is for the South to become a dairy and meat-producing region."

U. S. Flyers
New York to Paris Duet



Capt. Chas. A. Lindbergh
"Spirit of St. Louis"

LOCAL INTEREST IN LINDBERGH'S SUCCESS

Everybody Watches For News of Flight and Pleased With Achievement

Highland Park, along with all other communities, and in fact the entire civilized world, exhibited marked interest in the epochal achievement of the famous aviator, Charles Lindbergh, in his successful flight of 3,600 miles from New York to Paris, without stop, last Friday and Saturday.

All over town interested listeners waited for reports of the progress of the aviator, and radio sets were in great demand, especially on Saturday afternoon, as the success of the flight seemed assured from cabled reports of Lindbergh's arrival in European skies. Everywhere there was expressed strong hope for his success and the thrill that swept the country when his arrival in Paris was officially reported surpassed all records.

QUEER FEATURES OF ENGLISH TAX SYSTEM

Odd Contributions Dating From Feudal Times Still Provided for In Laws; Not Always Claimed

The National Geographic society has just prepared a survey of odd features of tax laws abroad, showing that the American system is simplicity itself.

Kings of England, since feudal times, have received many miscellaneous articles as taxes on valuable property.

"Two knives, six horseshoes and 61 nails are sent to the king's court by the city of London each year for the use of a parcel of land near the famous Strand, a school occupying a piece of property near the Tower bridge sends a bunch of roses," the society disclosed. Peppercorns are paid by the Royal Academy for its London site.

Three Geese
The owner of Aylesbury Manor is required to provide three geese if the king visits Aylesbury during the summer and three live eels if he goes there during the winter. Even though the king probably has no use for eels or geese Aylesbury manor is forfeited if the toll is not met.

Certain manor owners are required to put clean straw on the king's bedroom floor three times a year if the sovereign, stops there, straw on the floor having been one of the luxuries of feudal times.

A crossbow is contributed by the ancient city of Chicester, while the Lord of Bryandon, Dorset county, is bound to make a yearly presentation of a stringless bow and an unfeathered arrow for his majesty's use should he decide to war with Wales.

Give Service
"Instead of paying an assessment in money," the statement continued, knights, to whom large parcels of feudal land were granted, were bound to perform 40 days service in the king's military establishment and to equip themselves for duty.

"Property owners in England, a few hundred years ago, also accounted for the number of hearths and chimneys in their buildings, for each one was levied upon. Windows were taxed and today one occasionally sees evidence of the evasion of this levy where old windows have been bricked up."

LOUISE M. Teacher of Piano Accompanist
EVANS
CLARENCE B. Teacher of Violin Viola, Ensemble

PIANO TUNING
All work guaranteed. Charges Reasonable. Estimates Free
H. F. PAHNKE, Piano Tuner
National Association
35 S. St. Johns Ave. Highland Park, Illinois
15 Years' Experience Phone: OFFICE HIGHLAND PARK 2048

MURPHY & SCHWALL
HEATING CONTRACTORS
Hot Water, Vapor, High or Low Pressure Steam
Estimates on New and Remodeling Work - Repair Work a Specialty
735 Glencoe Avenue 1523 Wilmotte Avenue
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
M. D. MURPHY Telephone Highland Park 2637
J. A. SCHWALL Telephone Wilmotte 1395

EXCEPTIONALLY favorable arrangements with hotel and auto companies enable me to offer a two-weeks Colorado Vacation Tour, all expenses included, at surprisingly low cost.
Party will leave Chicago Saturday evening, June 25th, under expert personal direction; itinerary includes principal points of interest and scenic grandeur in Pike's Peak Region, Manitou, Colorado Springs, Denver and Rocky Mountain National Park, stopping at finest hotels, including the famous Broadmoor. An inspiring vacation—comprehensive, yet leisurely, restful and care free. Limited party insures individual service.
Early reservations desirable. Write now for details. Address: Manager, Rock Island Vacation Travel Service Bureau, 714 La Salle Street Station, Phone Wabash 3200, Chicago, Illinois.

Make Money!
Buy—
GRAHAM BROTHERS TRUCKS
3/4 1 1 1/2 2-Ton
A. G. McPherson
Highland Park Phones 120-121

Correct Landscape Gardening
There is no one style of landscaping which fits every situation. Only a gardener, who understands true harmony, and who has carefully studied your grounds can tell exactly how they should be laid out. Years of study and practice have given us the knowledge of how to make the most of every garden—small or large.
JOHN FIORE
LANDSCAPE GARDENING
Box 142, Highland Park Tel. H. P. 2575