

# Book Corner

## JUST PARAGRAPHS

The latest welcome additions to The Modern Library series are "The House with the Green Shutters", a novel of remarkable power by George Douglas Brown, and "Chinese Ghosts" by Lafcadio Hearn.

The many friends of Louis Bromfield were delighted when it was announced that he was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize with his latest novel "Early Autumn". How he is taking the news it is impossible to ascertain as he is still in Paris.

America is becoming a more popular resort for her own authors. Struthers Burt has a country home at Southern Pines, N. C., near which live James Boyd and a number of other literary people. The Larry Barretts, after a year in Paris, have settled near New York, and the F. Scott Fitzgeralds, just returned from France, have settled on the Delaware River.

## THE WAR IN THE AIR

### "NOCTURNE MILITAIRE"

By Elliott White Springs, and "WAR BIRDS, THE DIARY OF AN UNKNOWN AVIATOR"

George H. Doran Co. "Nocturne Militaire" by Elliott White Springs is a collection of stories on the War. "War Birds" is the war itself. One is a conscious achievement, the other grew without effort out of the turmoil itself. To read one is to hear about the War; to read the other is to live it.

Not that "Nocturne Militaire" is not a good book, it is; its stories have the primary requirement of all short stories, they hold your interest. But they are stories, they have the subject, verb and predicate of a carefully constructed sentence. You know when you start one that it will have a conclusion, one which will be startling, unusual, that you will know the end of the story. That makes it fiction. In "War Birds" there can be no conclusion, except death, which is the conclusion of life itself.

There were not many men who went into the War who could have written a diary as frank, as vivid, as free of pretense and sentiment as this one. It takes a certain type of mind, a very clear mind, to be without pose toward itself. And this honesty makes his self-analysis touching and illuminating. "I have always longed for better things but

didn't know how to go about getting them. But now Fate has tossed me this opportunity. I must make the best of it! Ah I have to pay for it is my life! I must make it worth the bargain! I am always feeling sorry for myself, a poor habit, and one I am going to cut out."

He spoke as truly as he spoke without irony, he did pay for it with his life. Not only in the actual fact of death but in the loss of health, the breaking of nerves under the terrific strain. But before he went he had his part of the bargain—life lived at its highest pitch because it was so close to death. "War Birds" seems to me the most poignant book which has come out of the War.

### "BRACKIE THE FOOL"

By Klabund

G. P. Putnam's Sons "Brackie the Fool" is by Klabund, author of "Peter the Czar". For those who had read the latter book this was enough to give assurance that this would not be an ordinary one. It is not. It is an indefinable book, a collection of legends, bits of wisdom, strange utterances such as might come out of the mouth of a fool who did not know the value of the things upon which civilization has placed a value.

Perhaps Brackie's prototype is an ancient "Jester of Brandenburg" to whom the book is dedicated. Many stories about him are still extant and according to the author's acknowledgment many of them have been embodied in this book. Brackie consorts with grave diggers and hangmen, emperors and monks and is neither cast down nor unduly impressed by either experience. He goes about, a sort of disembodied voice, uttering strange truths which others hear with the utmost and most long suffering tolerance.

Perhaps the only criticism which might be directed against "Brackie the Fool" is that it is too long. The earlier book was one hundred and fifty-two pages, this one is over a hundred pages longer—about that much too long. A mood of this sort cannot be sustained for too long at a time without losing some of its effectiveness.

Lem Bender, who likes things quiet, says the chap who invented the noiseless typewriter ought to get busy on a silent radio set.—Farm and Fireside.

## SAYS U. S. GAINING IN AVIATION RACE

F. Trubee Davison, assistant Secretary of War, in charge of aviation, who not only dispatches planes but flies in them, thinks it about time we stopped the practice of minimizing American institutions. Mr. Davison, thinks that the time has arrived when the American government aviation program be made fully known to the people. He pointed out that the five-year program ratified by congress means increase of the air forces to 2,000 planes, 1,650 officers and 15,000 enlisted men. This program, says Davison, is in keeping with the long established policy of the nation—to possess a military establishment of a size sufficient to repel invaders, but not to maintain an elaborate military machine.

A favorite assertion of those who would detract from the aerial accomplishments of Uncle Sam's army and navy has been that planes are obsolete and a menace to life. "This is not true," says Davison. "The war-time planes, are being replaced. The new types bought by the government are not alone equal, but in some respects superior to similar types used by foreign governments." The assistant secretary says the administration is keenly alive to increasing air competition and regards the present air program as constantly open to improvements to meet any contingency.

## ADJUDICATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber Administrator of the estate of John H. Cariberg, deceased, will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be held at the Court House in Waukegan in said County, on the first Monday of August next, 1927, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

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J. Griffith and wife to E. Burgess and wife, jt tens. WD \$10. Part of lot 160, Lake Forest.

Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver says America's modern young folks are the best ever. Which is a subject for extensive discussion at the dinner table this evening—if you should be looking for a topic.

## MISS HELENE WILSON TO BE DEAN HERE

Miss Helene E. Wilson will be the dean of girls at Deerfield-Shields next year, according to an announcement made by the Board of Education last week.

Miss Wilson, who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin, spent one year as principal of Gordon (Wisconsin) high school, one year as an English teacher at South Division high school, Milwaukee, two years as a public speaking teacher at Iowa State college, and two more in the same capacity at the State Women's college at Denton, Texas. This year she was an instructor at Oshkosh Normal school.

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