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# Esther Gould's Book Corner

## JUST PARAGRAPHS

Boni & Liveright, publishers of "Poorhouse Sweeney," the sensational—in its effect rather than its intent—account of life in a country poor-house have been widely accused of trying to put over a hoax on the public. The unoffending public which has been docile for long is becoming suspicious. But this time their suspicions are cruelly unjust, it seems, for the publishers have come forward with a well substantiated official statement of its authenticity.

G. D. Eaton, author of "Backfurrow," announces that he is going to edit a new monthly magazine called "Plain Talk," the first number to appear in the fall. Those who like dynamite are warned to watch the newsstands. It depends on how we get our dynamite, whether or not we like it.

Anne Douglas Serdewick, author of "The Old Countess," announces that her hobby is birds and her "passion" her little dog, a "Pom" "who hunts across the fields like a terrier and is yet the most sensitive, delicate and exquisite of creatures." Even the best of us have our weaknesses.

## A SOCIETY NOVEL

### "CHILDREN OF DIVORCE"

By Owen Johnson  
Little Brown & Co.

In "Children of Divorce" Owen Johnson has written a good society novel. The people are people of our own time, and it is in this that our interest in the story lies. The fact that it is a "problem novel" means less than that it is a sprightly, well written story which holds your interest.

Jean and Kitty, cousins, both children of divorced parents, are exiled to a convent in Florence. There amid strangers in this seemingly hostile alien country, they are to each other sole friend and comforter. Then Kitty is taken away and Jean is left more miserable than before.

Years later Jean and Kitty are meeting in the fashionable world. Jean reserved and quietly charming, sobered by her experiences of life, Kitty heartless and darting, made sharp and bitter by what she had had of life. There is a man of course, Ted Larrabe also the child of divorced parents. Jean and Ted have loved one another from childhood but their different ideas about life have driven them apart. Jean asks for something stable, some assurance that their marriage will not end in disaster, Ted is too weak willed to be able to give it and between them is laughing, unprincipled Kitty, ready to take Ted on any terms she can.

Of course there is shipwreck in which, on the various terms each has made for himself or life has made for him, the chance for happiness of each one is lost. The book is an argument against divorce, yes, but is it no less an argument against wealth used lightly, against unprincipled freedom, against selfishness, against everything which we understand by "society" in its narrowest sense.

## ON THE TRACK OF GENIUS

### "THE ROAD TO XANADU"

By John Livingston Lowes  
Houghton Mifflin Co.

The pursuit of pure knowledge is a luxury seldom accorded to anyone in

this age of utilitarianism. We are all so busy with things which are good not necessarily in themselves, but good for something that we have little chance to pause for those abstractions which beckon sometimes, though perhaps, feebly, from the shadows.

But Prof. John Livingston Lowes found one of these shades anything but a feeble beckoner. As he says in his preface "A glittering eye and a skinny hand and a long grey beard could not have done more summary execution, nor for that matter could the Wedding Guest himself have been at the outset, a more reluctant auditor." And the thing which beckoned was the vision of the poetic genius at work, the genius of Coleridge which wove those fantastic brilliant tales of "The Ancient Mariner" and "Kubla Khan." It is to the making of these two that Professor Lowes has confined himself.

Where did Coleridge, a man who had never been on the sea until after the writing of "The Ancient Mariner" find the material for that incomparable poem? Obviously the raw material must have come to him from outside, from things he heard or read, has traced the poet's reading, picked

With this realization Professor Lowes up the bits of the elements here and there which when fused made great poetry. It is not these elements themselves or what would academically be called the "sources" of Coleridge's poetry in which he has been interested but in the actual process of fusing, the workings of the creative faculty. And he has written it not as a learned treatise for scholars only but as a romance interesting to anyone who like romance. As he himself, puts it, "I am not sure, indeed, that one of the chief services which literary scholarship can render is not precisely the attempt, at least, to make its finds available (and interesting if that may be) beyond the precincts of its own solemn troops and sweet societies. At all events, that is the adventurous enterprise of this volume." An adventurous enterprise, indeed, and one worthily carried out.

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## SUPER-HIGHWAY NEAR LIBERTYVILLE, PLAN

Regional Planning Board Has Proposal Well Under Way, Report Says

Plans are under way for the building of a three states boulevard, circling Cook county for 11 miles and extending from Milwaukee to Michigan City.

A communication from Robert Kingery, general manager of the Regional Planning association to the Cook county board last week embraced the plans for a 200-foot greater Chicago super-highway. Cook county commissioners took their first official step toward building the highway by accepting the tentative plans.

The highway will start at Layton boulevard, Milwaukee, and come south along the present line of Wisconsin highway No. 57, passing through Thompsonville and Sylvania to the Illinois line. It will continue south running through or near Libertyville, Mundelein, Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Elmhurst, Villa Park, Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Mouth of the Sag Channel, Lansing, Gary, Chesterton and La Porte.

Pledges have been secured for all of the right of way needed in Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties in Wisconsin, in Du Page county in Illinois, and in Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties, Indiana.

The Regional Planning association has been active in promoting this belt road plan for more than a year.

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