

Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

The Harriet Monroe of Poetry Magazine has given still further proof of her belief in poetry by starting a "Book Club," an organization like that of the Book of the Month Club, only that instead of general books, books of poetry will be sent to its members.

As proof of the undying interest in "Alice in Wonderland" the publishers of its first edition in this country are publishing a "second first edition," a facsimile as to illustrations, covers and everything of that first famous appearance.

AN INTERESTING NOVEL

"BLACK STREAM"

By Nathalie Colby Harcourt Brace & Co.

After "Green Forest" the very interesting first novel of Nathalie Colby last spring we have been waiting to see what her second novel would be. "Black Stream" is a worthy successor to "Green Forest," in some ways a gain and in some ways a loss over that one. It has gained as second novels usually do in greater mastery on the part of Mrs. Colby of her art. Her touch is firmer, swifter, more incisive. It has lost, in that this firmness has sometimes led her to carry her particular style too far, in trying to do it well, so overdo it.

We are carried in "Black Stream" swiftly into the center of the lives of a little group of people. Our interest does not lag for a moment from the first page to the last. Dr. Farraday, though he is perhaps less charming than was Mrs. Chaffner's doctor in "Green Forest" has our sympathy. He is a man longing to do research, with an important discovery he is trying to perfect, but chained to the wheel of a lucrative practice by his family's "social aspiration." Miss Mapes is his secretary who tries to stand between him and the ravenous world. It doesn't sound very exciting or unusual, but it is both of those things, because it is sympathetically and well done.

FARCE

"STRANGE WOMAN"

By Elmer Davis Robert M. McBride & Co.

Elmer Davis can write excruciatingly funny things. "Strange Woman," however, instead of being high comedy is light farce. The setting of the farce is this, Dr. Merriam, a university president in the small town

of Embury, has by dint of great effort and trouble brought a Chicago opera company to the town for a two day run. The town is upside down with excitement. But the demoralization has not stopped with the town—it seems that Dr. Merriam himself is under the thrall of the theatrical atmosphere last year in Chicago that he had become the lover of the leading woman of the company, Dagmar Dahl.

His wife, Lucy, hears of this the night of her reception to the visiting artists. Instead of enraging her it puts her in a queer state of exaltation, she is glad that they are "still people things can happen to." This reckless exaltation makes her so attractive that she is the belle of the evening, driving her own husband at the end to climb up the water spout to enter her window. He is seen, of course, but not recognized and an impossibly ridiculous situation is the result.

For lively amusement and some clear truths in the manner of Erskine's Helen of Troy from Lucy's lips the book is to be recommended.

THE NATURE OF THE ANIMAL

"A SHORT HISTORY OF WOMEN"

By John Langdon-Davies The Viking Press

We seem to have in this particular age an exhaustless interest in the matter of "why we behave like human beings." It might lead us to suspect that many of us wonder if we do. However that may be, John Langdon-Davies, prominent English student and writer, who is lecturing in our part of the country at the moment, has written "A Short History of Women," designed to tell us "why we behave like men and women."

It is a history of the status of women beginning with primitive times and going down through the civilizations of Asia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome, through the Middle Ages to modern times with an epilogue on the future. It is clearly and interestingly written giving a great deal of data which one knows if one has ever studied sociology and a great deal more of a more popular and picturesque nature.

"The final drama in this emotional emancipation (of women) is being enacted in our own time," says Mr. Langdon-Davies in his epilogue on the future, and for the woman of tomorrow, he says, we must look to America and Russia.

It is said that the audience broke into tears when Mustapha Kemal finished that six-day speech. Maybe the audience was sad because it had to awaken.

CUBA CONSTITUTION COPIES IN SCHOOLS

To promote a clear understanding of constitutional rights and civic obligations in the State contain 2,275,000 copies of the Constitution will be distributed by the secretary of public instruction and fine arts among teachers and pupils in elementary schools.

HOMELESS AND ASTRAY

He was a kind-hearted old gentleman and it upset him to see the poor little chap crying. "What's the matter, my little man?" he asked, sympathetically. "I'm lost, boo-hoo!" "Lost? Nonsense, you mustn't give up hope so soon. Where do you live?" "Don't know," whined the youngster. "W-we've just moved and I c-can't remember the address." "Well, what's your name?" "D-don't know." "Don't know?" exclaimed the old gentleman.

"No," sobbed the boy. "M-mother got married again this morning."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

GRANDFATHER'S DISCOVERY

"No wonder everybody is running to the dentist all the time," says Grandfather. "These days people simply brush their teeth into dust and powder."—American Magazine.

Well, people were just about as ingenious 50 years ago at breaking the law, considering that there wasn't much of it.—Detroit News.

If you have not already, read

AMERICA

By Hendrik Van Loon

The Review of Reviews says "The story of our country told in the inimitable manner made known through 'The Story of Mankind' . . . His best effort."

Boni & Liveright \$5.00

ADVENTURES IN READING

By Mary Lambertson Becker

Mrs. Becker, who has made a fine art of reading herself, passes on her knowledge to boys and girls in this fascinating book. She tells how and what to read and what is more makes you want to do it.

Frederick A. Stokes Co. \$2.00

LATE PROCEEDINGS IN PROBATE COURT

Will Disposing of Large Estate Admitted; Other Court Action

The will in the \$145,000 estate of Miss Mark E. Kirk, for years a resident of Waukegan, was admitted to probate last week by Judge Martin C. Decker in the probate court.

The document makes her sister, Mrs. Alice Kirk Porter, the chief beneficiary. Her share of the estate will reach \$125,000, it is indicated.

Nieces and nephews, Mrs. Marjorie M. Skene, Kirk Harold Porter, and Robert Merchant Porter, all receive \$5,000 each under the will and are to divide the sum left Mrs. Alice Porter at her death.

The Presbyterian church receives \$1,000, the interest to go to the Social Union, \$500 to the Y. M. C. A., \$2,500 to Jacob Peterson, for years

an employe of the deceased, and Ella M. Kirk, sister-in-law, \$1000.

Other matters before the court were:

John Henry Zitt, incompetent, hearing on report of conservator continued to March 5, 1928.

John I. Marshall, Highland Park, hearing on final report continued to December 12.

Thomas Hooker Cowles, Lake Forest, appraisers appointed.

Emily Russell Dawson, Lake Forest, current account approved.

John Collins Dawson, Jr., Lake Forest, current account approved.

Lawrence R. Dawson, Jr., Lake Forest, guardian authorized to invest funds.

William B. Ashman, Highland Park, hearing on motion to set aside order allowing claim of Theodore Kutcher continued to December 6.

Iowa now has the Mellon habit. The state tax rate has been cut again, for the third time since 1925.

NEW YORK CITY FUND FOR EDUCATION LARGE

A total expenditure of \$161,101,809 for public education in 1928 is authorized under the budget adopted by the board of education of New York City. Included in this amount is \$35,000,000 for building and \$14,000,000 for increase of teachers' salaries made possible by the state-aid grant.

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LAY IT AWAY!

This is such a sensible and RIGHT idea that there will be very few people who will follow it! It's NEVER very interesting to do the SENSIBLE THING; always MUCH more interesting to do the SENSELESS thing. Or at least that's the way I've found it.

Christmas 17 days away. The last four or five days BEFORE Christmas will find folks bustlin' about full of frayed nerves, sore feet, tired minds and a bent purse! Am I right?

NOW is the right time to do that shopping! NOW is the time to make up that list!

So here's what I'M going to do! You come in and make your selections NOW! You can do this calmly, peacefully and from a fresh, FULL stock of goods.

AFTER you've done this, hand your purchases over to us, pay down TEN PER CENT on them and tell us to—

"LAY IT AWAY."

Check these items off your list and then a few days before Christmas come in, pay the balance and you will find them all wrapped up in proper Christmas togethery READY TO SEND! But there'll be only a very few of you to snuggle up to it! As I said at the beginning this is a GOOD IDEA!

Shorty Says:

MELVIN D. SWEETLAND



I violently disagree with Melvin! It's my belief that Sweetland's are going to have their ENTIRE CHRISTMAS TRADE this week and next! Millions of people will come in and say "Lay it away"—and — M. D. will need a terrible big room just for that alone! This is ONE YEAR when everyone will get through their shopping by the 18th of December! Like ducks they will!!

Just a Few Suggestions:

Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Perfumes and Perfumizer, Eaton, Crane & Pike's Stationery in fancy boxes, Photo Albums, Kodaks and supplies, Sheaffer or Conklin Pen and Pencil Sets, Electric Heating Pads, Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, Johnston's, Stover's Bungalow and Bunte's Candies in boxes ranging from one-half pound to five pounds, White Ivory Goods, Eveready or Yale Flashlights, Thermos Bottles, Safety Razors, and last but not least, Cigars that "she" can safely give to "him."

Also, don't forget the complete assortment of Christmas Cards and Booklets, Wrapping Twine, Tissue, Foil, Yuletide Candies, etc.

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