

Esther South Book Corner

NOT SO GOOD JUST PARAGRAPHS

A new writer has been discovered for America, though he was discovered as has not seldom been the case, in France. He is W. E. Trittes, whose small volume, "The Gypsy," is being met with paens of praise. American critics who have seen it have joined the chorus, among them the Hartford Courant, which says, "It glows with sharp color, and yet conveys the expression of stern restraint. It surpasses in its grim power and its superb artistry anything written by an American novelist since 'Ethan Frome.' 'The Gypsy' is scheduled for publication Jan. 26, by Frederick A. Stokes Co.

One of the interesting books of the spring should be "The Rise of the House of Rothschild" by Count Egon Caesar Corti. Count Corti, who is celebrated abroad as an historian and biographer has spent three years in the collection of his material. The Rothschild family has had romance for its companion, its wealth having been behind kings, empires and battles. This history should not be dull reading.

"SOMETHING ABOUT EVE"

By James Branch Cabell
Robert M. McBride Co.

Alas, Mr. Cabell! That you who wrote "Jurgen" should also write "Something About Eve"! There is so much in "Jurgen" beside its shockiness. There is little in this latest book of Mr. Cabell's beside that shockiness grown, we are sorry to say, staler and less passable with its years.

There is a similarity in theme between these two books: Jurgen who went out to find the justice, the beauty, which he craved, and found it nowhere in all the experiences vouchsafed him by a more than indulgent Providence, and Gerald Musgrave who leaves his natural body to a spirit and goes off in quest of his illusions in the land of all the gods.

The theme is much the same but the manner is different. There is less freshness, less poignance, or rather no poignance, in Gerald's disillusionment and there was in Jurgen's. Who can say without being able to go back to that rare experience of reading "Jurgen" for the first time just what is slacking? It is something so subtle

as to escape labelling, yet so important as to change by its absence the tone of the entire work. It merely seems to us that in this book Mr. Cabell has failed.

Gerald Musgrave's most amusing act is, on the very border of the land of Antan, over which he as god is going to rule all the gods, to be domesticated by the plain woman, Maya, and spend the rest of his truant years in her little cottage. Then he returns home content to have found Maya instead of a kingdom, and the spirit released out of his body goes forth in search of his kingdom of illusion. So the eternal cycle of youth is maintained.

WORTH READING

"MEN OF DESTINY"

By Walter Lippmann
The MacMillan Co.

Walter Lippman, in this book, "Men of Destiny," gives one a sense that he is sitting on top of the world — not the "New York World" where he actually does sit, but our world, round like a globe, so that one could sit on top of it and see quite a distance on every side. Mr. Lippman does see and then he is able to tell us what he sees with the most astonishing clarity and precision.

The first of Mr. Lippman's articles is upon "Al Smith, Man of Destiny." In it he sets forth the theory that Mr. Smith, to whose ability and integrity he is anxious to do homage, has been selected by Fate for a destiny larger than any of which he dreams, that of bringing to a focus the struggle which is inevitable in the history of the country, and yet for which we are not yet ready—the struggle between city and town. It is the town which has produced the leaders we have trusted in the past, we are not yet quite ready to trust the city, yet it is from the city that Mr. Smith comes, a figure, demanding attention and consideration.

Mr. Lippman brings to every subject his original and penetrating mind; he discusses Mr. Coolidge and the opportunity for vicarious Puritanism he has given to a luxurious nation. Harding and his all-embracing mediocrity, Bryan and the dogma or fallacy of majority rule, H. L. Mencken, Sinclair Lewis and many more. He is on each one of these vigorous, original, enlightening.

HOME SERVICE EXPERTS RECEIVE MANY CALLS

Some Unusual Demands Made Upon Time of Public Service Co. Representative

Gaining the confidence of the public, with whom she is in daily contact through her services as head of the Home Service department of the North Shore Gas company, has been achieved by Mrs. Nina T. Brewer to such a degree that many unusual requests are made of her.

One instance in particular, according to Mrs. Brewer, shows the faith of at least one housewife in the home service department director's ability in the kitchen.

Mrs. Brewer was called on this particular housewife one day to make some adjustment of the heat control on the oven or some similar service. Evidently knowing Mrs. Brewer's knowledge of cooking and her acquaintance with a wide variety of recipes, the housewife informed Mrs. Brewer that she was giving a dinner party that day and would she help direct its preparation?

Of course, Mrs. Brewer gladly would have helped show the woman some of the dishes that would fit in nicely with such an occasion, but if she were to stay and personally direct the cooking of the dinner this one time, and other women were to ask her on other occasions, the day would have to be longer than its allotted 24 hours.

Mrs. Brewer spends a day each week in the localities served with gas by the North Shore Gas company and gives many valuable suggestions for use in the kitchens of the homes she visits.

NEW EXPEDITION OF FIELD MUSEUM SAILS

TO BRITISH HONDURAS

Will Seek New Facts Regarding Culture of Ancient Maya Race in Central America; Details

Sailing, Friday, January 6, from New Orleans on the steamship "Castalia," an archaeological expedition sponsored by Captain Marshall Field will head for British Honduras to seek new facts concerning the ancient culture of the Mayas, and to collect material illustrating their civilization for exhibition in Field Museum of Natural History.

The expedition, to be known as the Captain Marshall Field Archaeological Expedition to British Honduras, has for its leader J. Eric Thompson, assistant curator of Mexican and South American archaeology at the museum. Its center of operations will be at Belize, where Colonel Charles A. Lindberg stopped last week in his good will flight through Central America.

Excavations will be carried on for about four months at Corozal, in northern British Honduras, and other sites. Efforts will be concentrated upon bringing to light more knowledge of the Old Empire period of Maya culture. To date scientists have learned but little of this period, according to Dr. Berthold Laufer, curator of anthropology.

At the conclusion of the excavations, Mr. Thompson will resume ethnological studies of the modern Mayas which he began on previous trips, in southern British Honduras and Guatemala. The Ixil Mayas of Guatemala, no study of whose culture has ever been attempted previously, will be investigated, according to plans. The tribe is known to be extremely hostile to white men. They are believed to retain traces of the ancient organization and customs.

Field Museum recently published a leaflet by Mr. Thompson entitled "The Civilization of the Mayas," in which he presents the results of his past researches among these people.

Woman's intuition is said to be needed in our legislative bodies. Very likely, although it will be the same intuition that has frequently told the men they should help with the housework and clean up the back yard.

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VETERANS MAY YET OBTAIN STATE BONUS

TIME HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Applications May Be Filed Up to July 1, Announcement Says; Of Interest to Legion Men

World war veterans who failed to apply for the Illinois bonus are advised that the time for filing applications has been extended to July 1, 1928.

The law providing a state bonus became effective in 1922 and the filing of claims started January 12, 1923. Many claims have been filed by local veterans through the assistance of the American Legion. Those who have not yet availed themselves of the opportunity to apply now may do so within the next few days.

Fifty cents for each day of service after April 6, 1917, is payable to honorably discharged persons who served in the United States forces at least two months, part of such service between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, and who were legal residents of Illinois at the time of entering service. The maximum payment is \$300.

If the veteran is deceased, the bonus is payable to the nearest relative in the following order: Husband or wife, child or children, mother, father, brother or sister. If the veteran died in the service, the sum of \$300 is paid to the nearest relative. The average bonus paid to living veterans amounts to \$220.

This extension of time applies only to those veterans or relatives who failed to send applications to Springfield prior to January 1, 1925.

FOWLER'S FRIENDS WANT HIM TO RUN

According to reports about Waukegan, friends of Frank T. Fowler, secretary-manager of the Waukegan Chamber of Commerce, as trying to get him to enter the race for the legislature to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. F. Weiss. Mr. Fowler was alderman in Chicago years ago when he lived there and knew the political game from end to end, his friends say, and his contact with business, with the farm interests make the consideration of his candidacy important among those who have talked about it. Mr. Fowler, when asked about it, smiled but would say nothing more than to admit he had been approached along that line.

MAY CONSOLIDATE VERNON TWP. SCHOOLS

Discuss Project to Unite Four of Them, Including One at Half Day

Several public schools in Vernon township, some of them old beyond the memory of the present generation, are to be abandoned in the interests of better education, if the consolidation project sponsored by residents of that vicinity, goes through, it was announced this week. The schools in the district affected are the Gridley school, Aptakisic, Tripp and Half Day.

According to the unofficial plans it is hoped to be able to erect a modern school building in the center of the area served by these four schools and to carry the pupils to and from school in busses. The building will probably be patterned largely after the new Hawthorne consolidated school, which is recognized as one of the best and most modern rural schools in the state.

NEW LEGION BAND IN DISTRICT ORGANIZED

Prominent Musicians Interested In Project; Lake Forest Man Sponsor

The Eighth district, Department of Illinois American Legion band is at last after seven years of waiting a reality.

Under the capable leadership of Monte Rasmussen of Lake Forest, past district chairman who was elected temporary chairman and R. C. Rursell, commander George A. McKinlock Jr. post as secretary, the organization of the band was started with twenty qualified legionnaire musicians.

A committee to draft constitution and by-laws headed by A. R. Wagstaff of the famous Monahan Post band of Sioux City, Iowa, has been formed with Max Muller, Highland Park band leader, George M. Illich of Lake Bluff and J. W. Klein, commander general George Crook post as the other members.

Carleton Cummings of Lake Forest college will have a prominent place in this band as will Selvi G. Carlson of Highland Park.

With the nucleus already established the aim of the Eighth district commander, Edw. J. McGeogh, for a band of 100 pieces now seems to be well along and fairly easy of accomplishment.

This band will give its first rehearsal at the next Lake county council meeting at Lake Forest, Ill., on Friday, Jan. 20.

The purchase of Insurance of any kind should be given careful consideration for very often policy holders find that they have bought worry and trouble and no protection.

In the last five years Highland Park residents alone have lost thousands of dollars and endured much worry by entrusting their insurance to strangers who pretended to sell low cost insurance that developed into nothing more than a swindle.

It is well to consider that some people selling insurance are only interested in the commission they make and not in your welfare. The average person does not understand an insurance policy and in many cases the seller does not know any more about it than the buyer but the seller gets the money and the buyer the agony. Being over-anxious to deal with strangers to save a few dollars may some day cost you your home and savings.

Following are just a few local experiences:

One local man said for \$3,600 fire insurance he had a fire that was a total loss and received less than \$1,000.

Another bought a policy that was represented to be a public liability and property damage policy on his car and discovered after a year that he had liability only and that if he had during the year damaged any one's property he would have had to pay the loss himself.

Another man bought a policy that he was advised covered two cars at a saving he later found that when both were in use only one was covered.

Another bought a burglary policy at a price and later found that it covered only holdup.

Another bought an automobile policy and found that it did not protect him from the claims of people riding in his car. Several hundred Highland Park people each paid \$39.00 for two years' automobile insurance only to discover that they had no insurance but only a worthless service contract.

In view of the above, profit by the experience of others and buy Insurance from recognized agents established to render you service. We do not and will not represent Reciprocal and Mutual Companies but restrict our operations to Stock Companies only.

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