

Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

New York is still the same energetically dazzling city. Ford Madox Ford is still insisting that "New York is not American"—a statement that meets with no contradiction since no one is conscious of having ever said that it was—and still giving farewell parties and then turning up the next week. Isa Glenn is serving tea charmingly and declaring that cooking is the proper avocation of a writer—cooking without a recipe that is—since "there are no words in it" and backing up her theory with Elinor Wylie's experience. Louis Bromfield is preparing to sail precipitously for France where a modest little apartment with six bedrooms will help to recoup an America-riddled fortune. And everyone is saying that he is awfully tired of "wondering what a certain old trader thinks when the postman brings him his morning check for \$5000." This last is undoubtedly only jealousy, however.

A POET'S NOVEL

"SOUTHERN-CHARM"
by Isa Glenn
Alfred A. Knopf

It is the new tradition in southern books to break up the old tradition which earlier southern books have so painstakingly built up. It is a good sign and shows as all revolutions do show, new blood. Miss Isa Glenn is coming to the fore as one of the most able of these revolutionists. In her new book, "Southern Charm," she has made the most devastating case for the far-famed charm of southern womanhood.

Following the new dramatic method of novel-writing which plunges the reader directly into an important moment and from that vantage point allows him to look back into the past and forward into the future, Miss Glenn gives us a crowded twenty-four hours of a charming southern woman's life. Mrs. Habersham brought up her two daughters in what was to her the most approved style. She taught them that to be pretty and innocent and charming was everything since their only possible careers in life would consist in by this method keeping the upper hand over some man. She taught them this and nothing else. So years before, Laura, the wayward daughter, who had not "gotten her figure down" as had her older sister Alice May, and therefore could not expect to be attractive to men, had gone astray and had an illegitimate child. Her mother leaving her in Rome where this regrettable incident had happened announces to her relations that she has died of the fever.

Twenty years later in New York City Mrs. Habersham and the docile daughter, Alice May, run across Laura. They have a dramatic meeting in which without illusions they look at each other and themselves. Then, the shock over, each goes back to her way of life, but slightly changed.

Miss Glenn's characterization is

sharp and excellent. She has a merciless pen but she has done the job she set for herself, given the other—the back-stage view—of southern charm.

THE END OF IT

"BLUE VOYAGE"
by Conrad Aiken
Charles Scribner's Sons

Conrad Aiken's novel "Blue Voyage" is a poet's novel. It is the "stream of consciousness" of a young man, William Damerest, unsuccessful dramatist, whose problem for success is not so much to write better as to make up his mind that it is worth while to write at all. It is one of those books in which as a groaning lay reader said the other day "You read a thing and don't know whether it's happening or not." True, but you do know that lots of things that never happen are more real than lots of things that do. And when you finish you know a great deal about William Damerest which you could not have known if you had heard only the things that do.

Mr. Aiken has a quality in his writing, a "life" which makes it what we call poetic prose. There are scenes of beauty as there are scenes of a more or less brutal realism. Damerest is intensely aware of the life on the ship about him—the girl Cynthia with whom he is in love and yet whose weaknesses he sees quite clearly, of Mrs. Faubion who attracts him with an attraction about which he has no illusions, of the Jew who sells chewing gum and whom he calls "Caligula," of old Smith, returning, homesick, to the town of his childhood in which he won't know a living soul.

This "Blue Voyage" is a book for those who care for the thing that doesn't happen, who care for a finely chiselled prose, in other words, it is a book not for the many but for the few.

The novel that has captivated the country:

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CULINARY HINTS



by Nina Brewer

of Home Service Department of North Shore Gas Company

This week I am giving you another of the attractive variations of the Baking Powder Biscuit foundation recipe which I am sure you will like, and that is: Orange Tea Biscuits. This is a very delicious little biscuit and may be served with any meal or with a cup of tea or coffee.

I find that a temperature of 450 gives me the best results with baking powder biscuits, and you will notice the temperature I am recommending for the Orange Tea Biscuits is 425. The reason for this slightly lower temperature is the sugar on top which will brown more quickly.

Orange Tea Biscuits

- 2 cups cake flour
- 4 teas baking powder
- 1/2 teas baking powder
- 2 tab sugar
- 1 tab grated orange rind
- 4 tab butter or other shortening
- 3/4 cup milk
- Loaf sugar
- Orange Juice

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together, add orange rind. Mix in the shortening and add milk, as for any biscuits. Roll out, cut and place in greased muffin pans. Dip the pieces of loaf sugar in orange juice and press one in the center of each biscuit. Use half or a whole piece of loaf sugar, depending on the size of the biscuits.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes at 425. I use sack flour for these biscuits, as it makes them more delicate, and I like to sift the flour several times. Sifting flour is simplified by using two pieces of paper and pouring the flour back into the sifter from the paper. If bread flour is used, you will require a little more milk.

(Next week: Baked Stuffed Fish.)

BONUS PLANS DELAYED; APPROPRIATION SHORT

Ex-Service Men Who Have Not Had Theirs May Have to Wait Awhile

While news dispatches stated several weeks ago that the bonus paid by the state of Illinois to ex-service men who enlisted to serve in the world war from Illinois, would be made up immediately, further notice states that because of an insufficient appropriation, no bonus claims can be made at present.

The appropriation, it is reported, was only for \$10,000 and this amount would be insufficient to pay off more than a few claims. The amount would not permit the opening of headquarters and furnish enough funds to do the necessary printing and mailing work connected with the bonus payments.

There can't be much the matter with Kansas now. It has 80 millionaires.—Milwaukee Journal.

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All these cars were designed for Hudson in Hollywood, Calif., by a firm which has specialized in special, exclusive bodies, none of which ever have been offered at less than \$5,500. A few months ago a number of these de luxe bodies were purchased by Hudson officials, and others, for their personal use. So different were they from models current at the time that Hudson determined on them as the basis for a special line of cars on the 127-inch chassis.

These custom bodies are built to express what Hudson terms "the vogue of tomorrow." The whole contour of the car is designed to express fleetness and modern style with a sport motive. Color schemes and moldings are more daring than in Hudson's usual models. The front is brightly nickel-plated. Similarly, window pillars are slender in outline, while the outer rim of the windshield the window supports at the top of the doors are unusually trim and are nickel-finished. This is said to improve vision from within the car and to assist an impression of smartness.

Illinois ranks fourth among the states in the value of all farm crops produced during 1927, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

Al's problem is to thaw out the solid South and keep it solid, too.—Dallas News.



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FIRE BADLY DAMAGES LIBERTYVILLE HOUSE

Residence of James Swan Guttled Last Week; Loss Is About \$8,000

Fire starting in back of the fire-place in the James Swan residence at Libertyville last week gutted the structure causing damage estimated

at \$8,000. The flames fanned by a high wind spread through the house with amazing rapidity and for a time it appeared that the fire would spread to houses on either side.

More than fifty volunteer fire fighters from the Libertyville and Mundelein departments battled the flames for over three hours before finally bringing them under control.

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Several hundred scouts and their parents gathered at the Glencoe Union church on Friday evening, January 27th, to witness the Area Wide First Aid Contest in which troop 35 of Ravinia proved themselves victors. The contest was very close. A half point behind the first team came troop 5 of the Wilmette Presbyterian church and a quarter of point behind them was troop 16 of the Winnetka Community House. Fourth place was won by troop 33 of the Lincoln school of Highland Park, fifth place by troop 55 of Glenview. Sixth place was a tie between troops 21 of Glencoe, 31 and 32 of Highland Park and troop 6 of St. John's Lutheran church, Wilmette.

The winning team of Ravinia boys was composed of Bob Jerome, captain David Camann, Peter White, John Krofft, Sterling Rushton, Tom Jones. The judges were J. W. Oliver, Chief Judge, H. Renner, W. J. Wertzel, J. Jennings, F. J. Meade, D. Cameron, and L. Bentley. L. H. Ball Recorder.

The winning team will compete next month against the winning team from Northwest Suburban Council, Evanston, and Waukegan-North Chicago Council.

800,000 Scouts and scout leaders all over the United States extend birthday greetings to you in commemorating scouting's eighteenth birthday for scoutings birthday is not an event to be celebrated by scouts alone, but rather to be paid tribute to by all who are interested in good citizenship. On February 8th, it is requested that every scout again dedicate himself to do his best

to live up to the best that scouting expects of him.

A letter has gone to every scout from local headquarters requesting him to sign the following re-dedication of himself:

"I will be one of more than a million scouts and former scouts to take my pledge anew on February 8th, 1928, to do my best to do my duty to God and my Country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Every troop of the Northshore and practically every troop throughout the United States is working out ways to commemorate Scouting's eighteenth birthday during the week of February 5 to 12.

Highland Park troops will have a big Father & Son banquet February 5 at which it is expected more than 300 men and boys will attend. This will be held on February 6th, at the Deerfield Shields High School. Lake Bluff troops held a big Parent's night on January 27th, and a Scout Church Service on February 12th. Wilmette troops will stage a rather elaborate exposition on Saturday afternoon and evening, February 11. Troop 23 of Glencoe will hold its banquet on Friday, February 10. Many troops plan to have prepared a birthday cake with eighteen candles on it. It is not necessary to explain what will be done with this cake at the weekly meeting.

There are approximately 14,000 public school houses in Illinois, their aggregate value being about \$323,000,000.