

### Esther Gould's Book Corner

#### JUST PARAGRAPHS

Count Corti, in his book about the Rothschilds says it was a common practice of that age to open other people's mail, government officials having a regular system for intercepting the letters they wished to see. The Rothschilds, knowing this, proved a little too clever for the officials, for they wrote their letters to spread the kind of information they wished known, either to advance their interests on the stock exchange or to ingratiate them with the officials.

"A Book of Stories" is the not very original title under which Ring Lardner will publish a new volume in the Fall.

The John Day Company has published something that should delight the hearts of the Lindbergh fans. It is a large decorative wall map by Ernest Clegg, whose work in this field is well known, showing all the flights of Lindbergh from his first spectacular trans-Atlantic flight to the one carrying serum to Bennett.

#### ADVENTURE, THE REAL THING

##### "THE ISLAND OF CAPTAIN SPARROW"

By S. Fowler Wright  
Cosmopolitan Book Corporation

S. Fowler Wright likes a good robust knockdown adventure story. His new book "The Island of Captain Sparrow" is of that kind, much like "Deluge" except that it hasn't the more or less serious or moralizing elements of that work, just a good old desert-island-lone-castaway-hostile-native type with a leaning toward the bloodthirsty. It was very probably written before "Deluge" though the publishers do not say so.

Mr. Wright, this remarkable man who began novel writing at the age of fifty-two or thereabouts, and stepped overnight into the notice of such men as Arnold Bennett, Swinerton and others, uses the ordinary method of making unreal things real, that is the method of piling up detail. Charlton Foyle lands on an island in the North Pacific, drifting there after days upon the open ocean, and chances upon an entrance cave, the only opening in the face of the cliff. From this cavern he finds a tunnel-like opening upwards. He decides to explore it, we wish we could give a sufficient extract to illustrate with what exact detail we follow his every movement. But it is by this following of his physical actions that we become convinced by the process of bludgeoning that that is just how it did all happen. It is the method often used in children's books, it used to delight us in "Swift's Family Robinson."

We go thus matter-of-fact and precisely through weird and sometimes bloodthirsty adventures with Charlton Foyle. We encounter man-eating birds, a race of satyrs, ferocious natives and, not the least remarkable, a charming French girl who has lived for two years in the trees.

##### "HAVELOCK ELLIS, PHILOSOPHER OF LOVE"

By Houston Peterson  
Houghton Mifflin Co.

It looked at first as if Houston Peterson's Book on "Havelock Ellis, Philosopher of Love," were going to be one of those unsatisfactory, rather watery volumes which biographies before the death of the subject for some reason usually become. They have that slightly smirking tone which one would unconsciously assume in saying praise of anyone who was listening at the keyhole. There is too, that guiding hand on the part of the subject himself which is usually felt, as incongruous, really, as if the corpse stuck his head out over the edge of the coffin and corrected the minister.

The first part of Mr. Peterson's work has this rather uncertain air about it. Then as it moved from Ellis' childhood into his maturity the author seemed to get more firmly into his stride. He is evidently a man who sympathizes more keenly with ideas than with actions so the vigorous mental development of his subject's manhood appealed to him. Mr. Peterson is not abject in his attitude toward Ellis, though he does consider him one of the significant figures of our time.

Not only Ellis but a number of interesting figures who in some way crossed Ellis' path are presented in the book, among them Olive Schreiner, James Hinton, and Freud. Mr. Peterson might perhaps better have made his sub-title "Philosopher of Sex" not "Love" for it is to the question of sex, the better understanding of which Ellis feels is essential to a finer life, that he has given his best effort. He has done important and pioneer work there for which he is rightly recognized, but we know him better, if we have read his more general works, for example "The Dance of Life," as a philosopher and stimulating exponent of sane, vital, positive living.

**NOTICE**  
Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, has filed in the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, a certificate that the following improvement has been completed, and that it conforms substantially to the requirements of the original ordinance for the construction of the same, to-wit: The construction of a reinforced concrete pavement in Ruth Terrace, Groveland Avenue, Oakland Drive, Lyman Court and Woodland Road, Highland Park, Illinois. The Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, Illinois, has filed in the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, a certificate that the following improvement has been completed, and that it conforms substantially to the requirements of the original ordinance for the construction of the same, to-wit: The construction of a reinforced concrete pavement in Ruth Terrace, Groveland Avenue, Oakland Drive, Lyman Court and Woodland Road, Highland Park, Illinois. The Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, Illinois, has filed in the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, a certificate that the following improvement has been completed, and that it conforms substantially to the requirements of the original ordinance for the construction of the same, to-wit: The construction of a reinforced concrete pavement in Ruth Terrace, Groveland Avenue, Oakland Drive, Lyman Court and Woodland Road, Highland Park, Illinois.

Objections may be filed to said application on or before the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day.  
J. H. ZIMMER,  
W. J. BROWN,  
W. M. ELLIOTT,  
Board of Local Improvements  
of the City of Highland Park  
Dated at Highland Park, Illinois,  
August 2, 1928.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 323**  
Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered the construction of a reinforced concrete pavement in RICE STREET with integral curbs, necessary drainage, catchbasin, catchbasin manhole and drop manholes and headwalls in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 16th day of August A.D. 1928 or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten installments, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all installments from and after date of issue of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.  
ROBERT E. CLARK,  
Officer appointed to make said Assessment  
Dated at Highland Park, Illinois,  
August 1st, A.D., 1928.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Sealed bids will be received by the Council at its office in the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois, until 7:30 o'clock P. M. Monday, the 20th day of August, A. D. 1928, for the furnishing of all labor, material, tools and equipment required for the following improvements in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Clerk in the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois:  
No. 1—Highway bridge to be constructed across the ravine in Dean Avenue south of Cedar Avenue.  
No. 2—Foot bridge to be constructed across the ravine in Cary Avenue west of Sheridan Road.  
Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check made payable to the Mayor of the City of Highland Park for a sum of not less than ten (10) per cent of the aggregate of the proposal.  
Payment for said work to be made in cash on engineer's estimates.  
Plans, specifications and blank proposals may be secured from the City Clerk in the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois or from James L. Fyfe, engineer, 228 No. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids if they deem it best for the public good.  
By order of the Council of the City of Highland Park.  
V. C. MUSSER,  
City Clerk.  
Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, this 2nd day of August, 1928.

#### OPEN MODEL ELECTRIC FARM AUG. 11; IS PLAN

##### Public Service Has Equipment Under Way Two Miles West of Mundelein

August 11 will be the day on which the 80-acre Model Farm of Public Service Company of Northern Illinois will be open for first public inspection according to announcement from the company's offices in Chicago this week.

The Model Farm, now under construction two miles west of Mundelein, will embody every practical feature of rural electrification, and the use of gas for domestic and farming purposes.

"The idea behind this farm," says John G. Learned, vice-president of the Public Service company, "is to show the public what can be done to ease the burdens of country life and make it as convenient as city life by the modern use of electricity and gas, in those localities where those services can be made available.

Both the airplane and the dirigible have accomplished the feat of removing mail from a steamer in motion. Now some one may hit upon a method whereby letters may be transferred to the mail box from the pocket of the forgetful man.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

#### KILLING AT ROUND LAKE IS REPORTED

Ervin Snyder, 30 years old, son of W. M. Snyder, of Lake Villa, was shot dead Wednesday afternoon of last week in a woods at Long Lake.

Albert Coffill, 73 years old, father of Snyder's children, who has lived alone in a wooded section at Long Lake for many years, was arrested on a charge of murdering Snyder, a short time after the finding of the body. He is being held in the county jail without bonds.

Coffill is alleged to have shot Snyder in the head with a shot gun. Police said Coffill had been drinking.

Some cynics say that diplomacy is merely the art of lying but if this were true the fellow who stays out late three nights a week and gets away with it, would be head of the diplomatic corps.

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