

Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

September 10 saw the publication of a distinguished biography of the poet Francis Villon by D. B. Wyndham Lewis, an Englishman critic, journalist, and playwright. The book is a scholarly one but, if Mr. Lewis' account of his life furnished to his publishers is a criterion, it is also a lively one. Part of his history runs "Was to have read for the law had not the Great War broke out to my greater relief. Joined the Army and by the time of the Armistice had risen without influence of any kind to the rank of second-lieutenant. Went into the trenches, disliked them, kept on disliking them, disliked them more and more and then got shell shock..."

After telling of a man condemned for a murder he didn't commit in Scotland, and describing the account of the case which is soon to be published, the publishers naively conclude "The British Government compensated Slater for his imprisonment with a liberal sum of money." How much would you consider twenty of your years unjustly spent in prison were worth?

WE DON'T

By Djuna Barnes
Horace Liveright

"And speak not of Me, for thou knowest not of what thou speakest, nor knowest what thou hast given or taken, thou knowest not where thou beganest to ravel and where I caught thee up on my needle." Truly might these, its own words, be written at the head of a review of "Ryder" this decidedly amazing book given by Djuna Barnes to a censoring world. (The book was censored in manuscript, has been censored again, and is probably due for and certainly by most standards would profit by a third course in asterisks.)

"Ryder" is a book conceived and executed in the spirit of Rabelais and James Joyce, Cabell and the Elizabethans. It is not a book to read aloud to a child. It is not a book to

read to yourself unless you like the "lusty" "robust" joy in the physical elements of living which a so-called higher civilization is supposed to discourage. It is written in beautiful prose with one or two chapters thrown into Chaucerian verse. It is delightfully illustrated by the author. It has altogether the masculine and not the feminine touch.

Ryder, the man who, though living in our generation, is a contemporary of Casanova, senses everything, loves all women, brooks no interference and makes no compromise. When asked to explain the second family under his roof he invents the redoubtable—and extremely doubtful—Arthur, the salesman who comes home only once a year. It is one of Ryder's most lovable traits, this ability to lie charmingly and fluently.

Wisdom flows from Ryder's lips in a stream which we no less than he can understand. "Yes" he managed to say, that's it of course—if you will, why there are, and if you don't why there am I. She smiled and immediately he knew that she had not understood what he himself did not understand." We might add, nor did we!

Djuna Barnes is one of the "Little Review" group which made perhaps the most distinguished and memorable chapter in the literary history of Chicago.

"THE FLUTES OF SHANGHAI"

By Louise Jordan Miln
Frederick A. Stokes

We would consider it an achievement if we had written as many stories about China as Mrs. Miln even to find new titles for them and new names for our characters. Louise Jordan Miln has gone far beyond that, she has found a new plot. "The Flutes of Shanghai" is one of those charming not hair-raising novels of life of the English in China. There is always the girl, usually a visitor in the Orient, and the man, perhaps a visitor and perhaps, as this time, having lived all his days in China. There is usually a match-making mother or aunt, they must be common in those regions.

John Cadell is the richest bachelor and best catch in Shanghai, though most of the maidens and widows have given him up long since as a bad job. But Ruth Blake having just arrived

with her match-making aunt doesn't know he is hopeless and has the inspiration to laugh at him on first meeting. This is an excellent move for which it makes them mad it piques their curiosity, and anything is better in the confirmed variety than boredom. But even with interest roused all is not plain sailing. These are grave days in China and Cadell is interested in her politics and her welfare to the extent of often quite forgetting Ruth's existence. He has also had the poor taste to make himself the center of the most delightful scandal in Shanghai. But aided by the flutes, which are a charming touch, the real music of old China, everything is explained, he was only shielding a long-dead friend, and—but what else could happen?

FARMER CITIES BEING ORGANIZED IN UTAH

Danish Architect Responsible; Residents Go Out to Work on Land by Day

Beauty greater even than that of the old world countryside is being created in the Mormon "farmer cities" of Utah, a survey of that state by a representative of Farm & Fireside has disclosed. The work is being carried on under the direction of Emil Hansen, a Dane who, with his wife, became converted to the Mormon religion in Denmark while he was studying landscaping under the Danish Royal Garden association. The magazine writer found fourteen "farmer cities" already created, Smithfield being the most attractive

example. Farmers gather in these communities and go out and return mornings and evenings from their fields. The work of beautification is community handiwork and the result is a vista with all the appearance of a painting. This community is being used as a model for other places and ultimately Hansen hopes to convert the entire state to a beauty spot unequalled in America.

Hansen came from Denmark in 1904 and designed Wandermere, a public park in Salt Lake. Rose City cemetery in Oregon is also his design. He practiced landscaping privately for some time and then accepted in 1912 the job of superintendent of the grounds of the Utah Agricultural college. In 1920 the college doubled his salary and gave him the whole state of Utah to beautify.

Since that time the progress of his work has been rapid, being based always upon the ideas of "farmer cities." In addition to the fourteen communities he has created, there are large numbers of farmers living in Salt Lake who commute between the city and their farmlands.

A PROVERB THAT FAILS

The proverb "neither a borrower nor a lender be" cannot be kept in a small town.—The American Magazine

FAITH AFTER A STORM

A storm compels a man to seek shelter to try out his anchors, and it appears to me that storms develop the fine spiritual fiber of faith, says a student of nature in The American Magazine.

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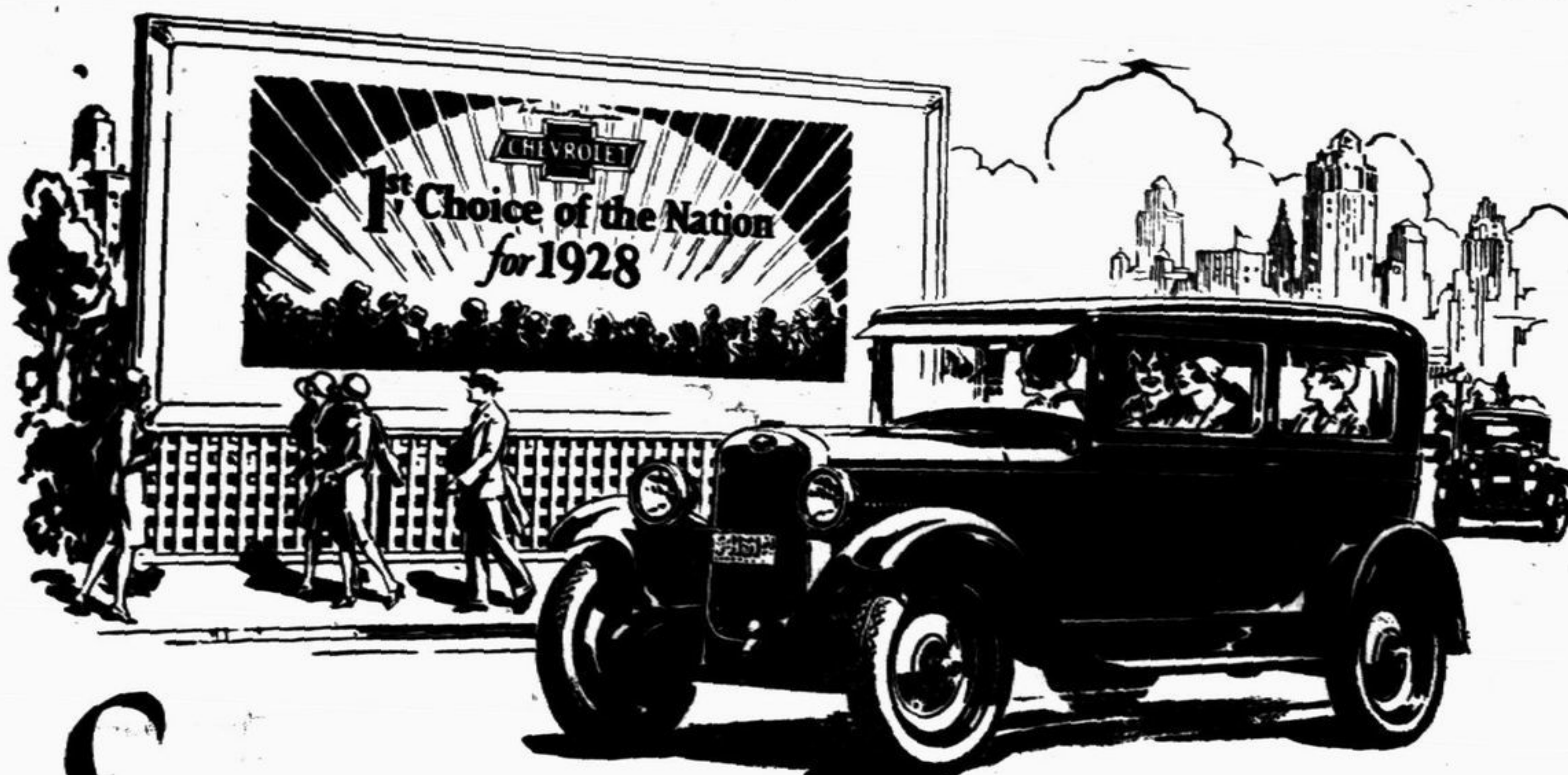
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