

Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

John Vandercook has contributed to be quite funny in his reply to the usual "publicity request" as to how he will spend his summer. "I will rise punctually at eleven, hurry through breakfast and go to lunch at the Players' club fifty feet from my front door. There I will prolong that function as long as is decent and about an hour after that point, then I will walk fifty feet back and, the day's exercise done, I will sit a typewriter, moan, make guttural noises in the throat, gaze solemnly at the wall, cross out sentence after sentence, throw away reams of stuff, smoke too much, welcome correspondence like this as a blessed interruption, and try to get a book finished by next spring that Harpers fondly supposed they were going to publish early this fall. All in all I will have a just dandy time."

700,000 copies of the War book "All Quiet on the Western Front" have been sold in Germany, 185,000 in France. America will have to hurry up.

THREE-BLIND MISE

"See How They Run" by Helen Grace Carlisle
Jonathan Cape and Harrison Smith

Heat. New York. Subways. No punctuation marks except periods, no quotation marks at all. Three girls weeping life. Finding the stage, heat, New York, subways, lovers, passion, disillusion. And all this in Helen Grace Carlisle's "See How They Run" would be nothing if there were not also vitality, force, an idea, a good deal of intelligence. It is one of those explosive books all of which might have been shot in varying sized pieces out of a gun, but it is interesting, stimulating, thought it does not fully convince. It falls short of inevitability.

Yet the author has done a good piece of work in the vivid presentation of the experience of three girls seeking life and fulfillment in the milling heartlessness of New York City. Olivia, the oldest and most intelligent, seeks release from herself, her coldness, and her reserve in passion. But the object of her passion is a common brutish taxi driver. Whether Olivia, the Olivia that has been pictured, could be thus deluded and snared by physical passion alone is something of a question.

Rose, a child of the tenements, seeks beauty and the higher life in an affair with a common little cad of a commercial artist.

Whether she could be, coming from her surroundings, such an ingenuous innocent creature, one also somewhat questions.

But she and Olivia are both real, even though we sometimes question them, they both engage our interest and our sympathies.

Mary Elizabeth, from middle-class suburbia, we cannot say as much for. She being middle class and suburban is safest of the three. She makes her lover sign on the dotted line and finds fulfillment in a marriage as middle class as that of her own parents. The book is modern, extremely frank, and if you wish to try to understand the psychology of our terrible youth, distinctly worth reading.

TO WHILE AWAY THE HOURS

"The Baccarat Club" by Jessie Louisa Rickard
Horace Liveright

It is futile to write a review of a mystery story. Better to do a review of the conditions under which you will enjoy it. Take a lake, a sun, a gentle breeze, that tiredness which comes from golf, that mental hiatus which comes in the middle of the day before a swim, then pick up "The Baccarat Club" by Jessie Louisa Rickard.

That is the time when you can become interested and yet not too excited over the fate and fortunes of young Lady Selwyn and her unfortunate husband who walk with both feet into the trap set for them by the malicious and deadly "Baccarat Club." That is the time to follow their blind struggles to the inevitable happy conclusion letting them live even the gentle weight of a midday hour from one's indolent mind. And since it does that "The Baccarat Club" fulfills the purpose for which I think mystery stories were made.



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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore; County Seat

A Waukegan symphony orchestra consisting of at least 50 musicians will be organized this fall to give a number of concerts during the winter season, according to Sandor Kish, music instructor of that city.

Charles Herrington, 50, of 218 First street, Libertyville, an employe of the Libertyville Lumber company, lost three fingers of his left hand last week, while he was operating an electric band saw.

The Edison Square district on the west side of Waukegan has made arrangements for the proper observance of Sept. 28, the day when the new Edison Square sub postoffice will be dedicated.

F. Lee Middendorf, who was scheduled to have gone to jail last week for six months in the event of failure to pay a judgment of \$600 was reported missing from his home in Antioch and is being sought by the sheriff.

Charles Watechowcz, 44, of the Maywood hotel, Waukegan, was drowned recently in a channel off Lake Michigan north of the Johns-Manville plant, Waukegan, while bathing with companions.

A serious fire was narrowly averted recently on the farm occupied by George Thatcher just west of Prairie View, when a spark from a threshing machine ignited a pile of straw near the farm buildings.

James Rangers, owner of property in the vicinity of Greenfield avenue and Tenth street, North Chicago, last week, filed a bill for injunction in circuit court to prevent the construction of a factory building to house the North Shore Foundry company, an industry sponsored by local capital.

Construction work totalling more than a quarter of a million dollars is being done in the downtown business district of Waukegan at the present time, according to the building department estimate. Six big jobs are now underway and will be completed before winter.

V. A. Van Horn, of Big Rapids, Mich., who sought to promote a factory in Waukegan and then left taking \$7,000 or more of money that he raised with him, is in New York trying to raise money enough to make a settlement before Sept. 12, according to States Attorney A. V. Smith.

Future Candidates

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