

Gertrude Atherton's Latest "BLACK OXEN"—By Gertrude Atherton. Reviewed by D. Kenneth Laub Publisher: Boni and Liveright \$2.00.

To have been the most beautiful woman in the richest and most exclusive set in the New York of the Eighties; to have beaten a field of thoroughbreds in the race for the hand of the greatest catch of the season; to have won the reputation of being the most brilliant hostess in Vienna; to have been sought after by all the young bloods of Europe for your physical charms and by all the great statesmen of Europe for your intellectual charms—

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Oh, girls ain't it a grand and glorious feeling?

And that's just what Mary Ogden, heroine of Gertrude Atherton's "Black Oxen," does. Yessum; this young "Sophisticate" (who, though he's dark, slim and saturnine, isn't F. P. A. for F. P. A. himself has said it and it's greatly to his credit, nor any other column-conductor we can think of at the moment either, for none of them—we think—refers to himself as a "colyumist" or has to be told by a platonic-lady-novelist-friend when he's in love and when he's out of love and how he ought to pursue his inamorata) is just nuts about the old-young lady and can hardly turn out his daily column for thinking of her!

Oh boys, ain't nature wonderful? And oh, Doc Steinach ain't science wonderful?

CONSTANTINOPLE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO  
"The Lotus Woman" By Nathan Galizier. Publisher: The Page Company. \$2.00.

This is an unusual and brilliant historical romance, with Constantinople a thousand years ago as a setting. It is teeming with plots and counter-

plots and the absolute lack of decency, morality and fair dealing of the people of that time and place are shrewdly revealed. The book is beautifully printed and illustrated.

A ROMANCE OF DISCOVERY  
"1492" By Mary Johnston. Publisher: Little Brown and Company. \$2.50.  
This is the story of Christopher Columbus the man, the explorer and the Viceroy of the Indies.

The tale is told by Jayne de Marchena who because of his Jewish birth and advanced opinions was forced to flee from the Church and State of Spain. As Juan Lepe he sailed with the great adventurer in the Santa Maria and became his physician and friend. What they found everyone knows. But the author with marvelous skill has turned Christopher Columbus from the shadowy figure of history into a living, breathing character. He had the great vision of a westward voyage to the Indies and when at last the farsighted Isabella gave him the means, he had the skill and the courage to carry it through.

His tragedy was that he never knew he had failed to reach the Indies and he never knew that he had discovered a new world. It is the fascinating story of a great figure of history.

Ralph C. Taylor  
Alice Brown's new story, "Old Crow," has been chosen by Hugh Walpole, the English novelist and critic, as one of the six best American novels of 1922. He says its beauty is unforgettable. Two of least of the characters should have permanent places in the gallery of American fiction.

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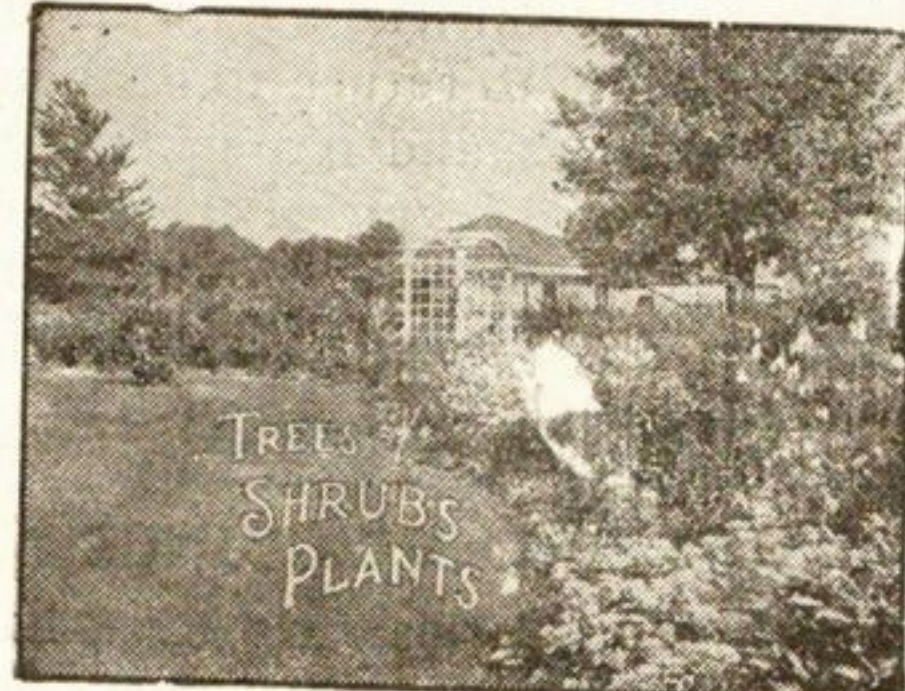
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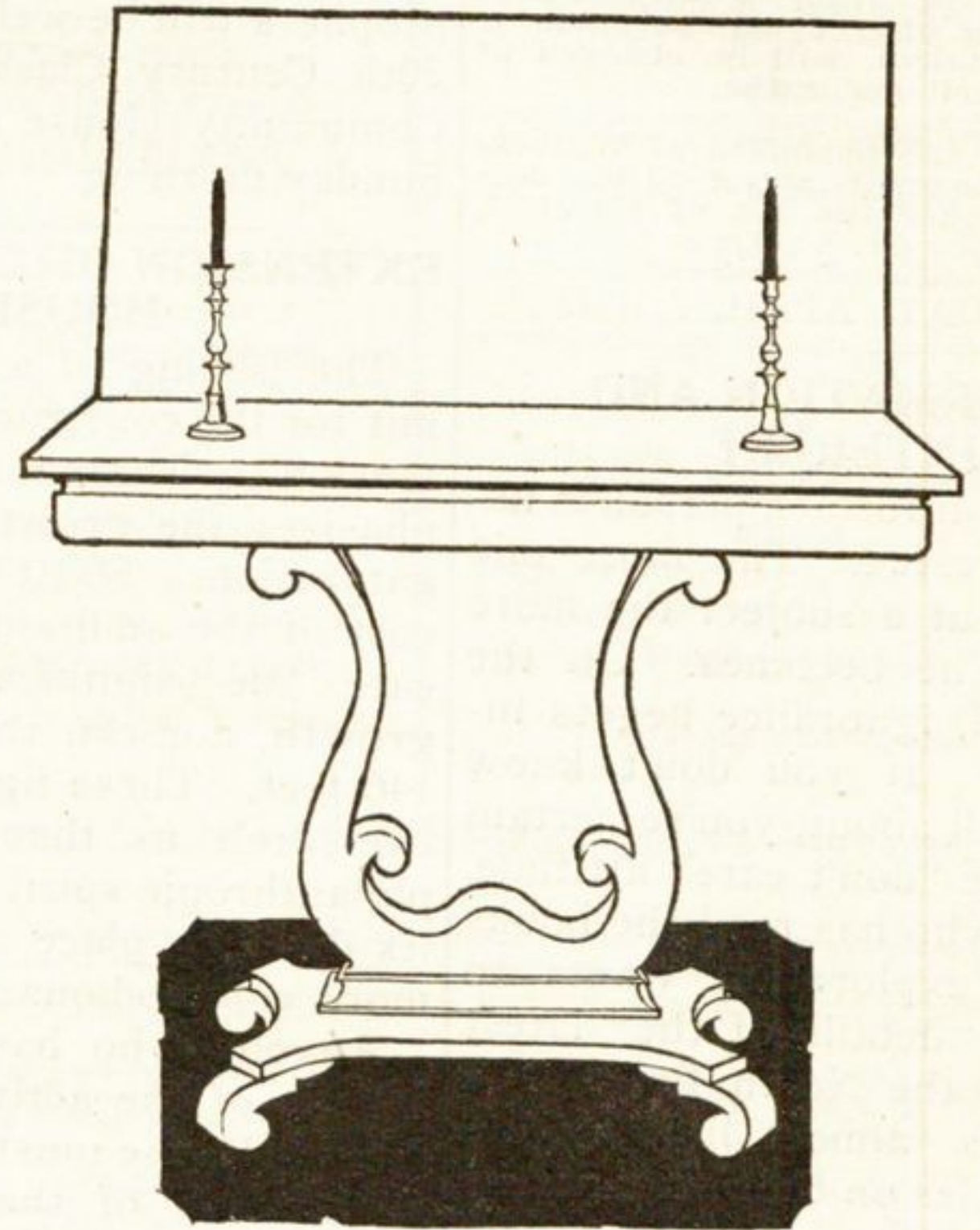
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