

### "THE CLINTON TWINS"

By Archibald Marshall  
 Publisher: Dodd, Mead & Co. \$2.00  
 Reviewed by John Clair Minot

Five earlier novels in which the Clinton family figured have given Mr. Marshall his chief claim to his high literary standing. This book is not a new novel of the Clintons, such as his multitude of readers would welcome, but a collection of short stories. The first four of these constitute a group which gives the book its name, and are built around Joan and Nancy, the twin daughters of Squire Clinton—their mild pranks and their entertaining philosophy of life.

Many of the familiar characters of the Clinton novels appear in these stories and even though they are there incidentally, it is a delight to meet them again. They were such delightful people, you remember, and Mr. Marshall's genius made them so very much alive. The twins, now about a dozen years old, would have had quite a different treatment at the hands of Booth Tarkington, for example. Mr. Marshall, in the serene and placid fashion that has made him so widely beloved, pictures for us their childish plots and schemings. You can't help loving them, but you gain a lot of sympathy for Miss Bird, their governess. These delightful stories, which are loosely held together, constitute only about a third of Mr. Marshall's latest book. The remainder is given to eight other stories in which the Clinton's do not figure, but all of which deal with English country life in the author's characteristic vein.

"PAY GRAVEL" By Hugh Pendexter  
 Publisher: The Bobbs-Merrill Co. \$2.00  
 In the stirring, adventurous days of the summer of 1876, the discovery of gold or the rumor of a discovery was enough to make a whole town move from one location to another.

Deadwood City was so founded, coming into existence almost overnight. Its 7000 population was characteristic of the frontier life of the day; wild, reckless, hard-drinking and hard-fighting men and still more reckless and adventurous women.

Into this mushroom city came Pete Dinsdale, riding from the south with one of the town's leading gamblers, met on the trail. Their arrival was an occasion of public celebration, as they had fought their way through a band of hostile Indians and brought with them a young girl, the only survivor of a massacred wagon train.

Pete Dinsdale made many friends and many enemies. Further than that he laid himself open to general suspicion because of his refusal to work and his plentiful supply of greenbacks which marked him as a possible highwayman. This led him into many dangerous adventures. What his real mission was in Deadwood is not disclosed until well toward the end of this exciting narrative.

Mr. Pendexter writes of these rough frontier times with feeling and understanding and with considerable historical knowledge on which to base his story. It is the best novel of the early days of the west we have read since the appearance of Emerson's Hough's "The Covered Wagon."

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### "WOLVES OF THE SEA"

By Gaston Leroux  
 Publisher: The Macaulay Company, \$1.75  
 Those who like to shudder over their fiction will find thorough enjoyment in this tale of the convict's hell.

There are plenty of thrills in this story of the last trip of the French convict ship Bayard from Harve to the penal colony at Cayenne. Only the ship never arrived at its destination for the terrible Cheri-Bibi was one of the convict passengers and he did not wish to spend his declining years in a prison camp.

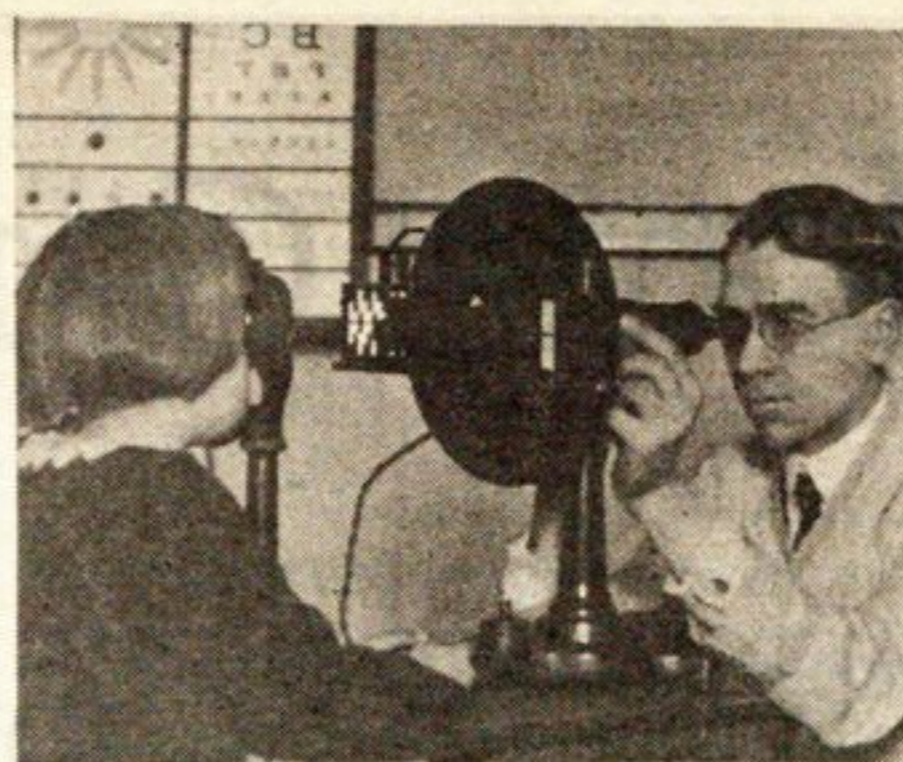
The gastly conditions under which the prisoners are kept, the reign of terror caused by the revolt of these brutish convicts and their capture of the ship under the leadership of Cheri-Bibi and the mysterious torture worse than cannibalism inflicted by the heartless Kanaka and his cruel wife, the "Countess" all combine to keep the reader's nerves at high tension.

Gaston Leroux has long been the master of the thrilling, the gruesome and the horrible but in this latest work he has outdone himself. Not all the mystery is cleared up at the end of the book but another tale is promised to solve the riddle.

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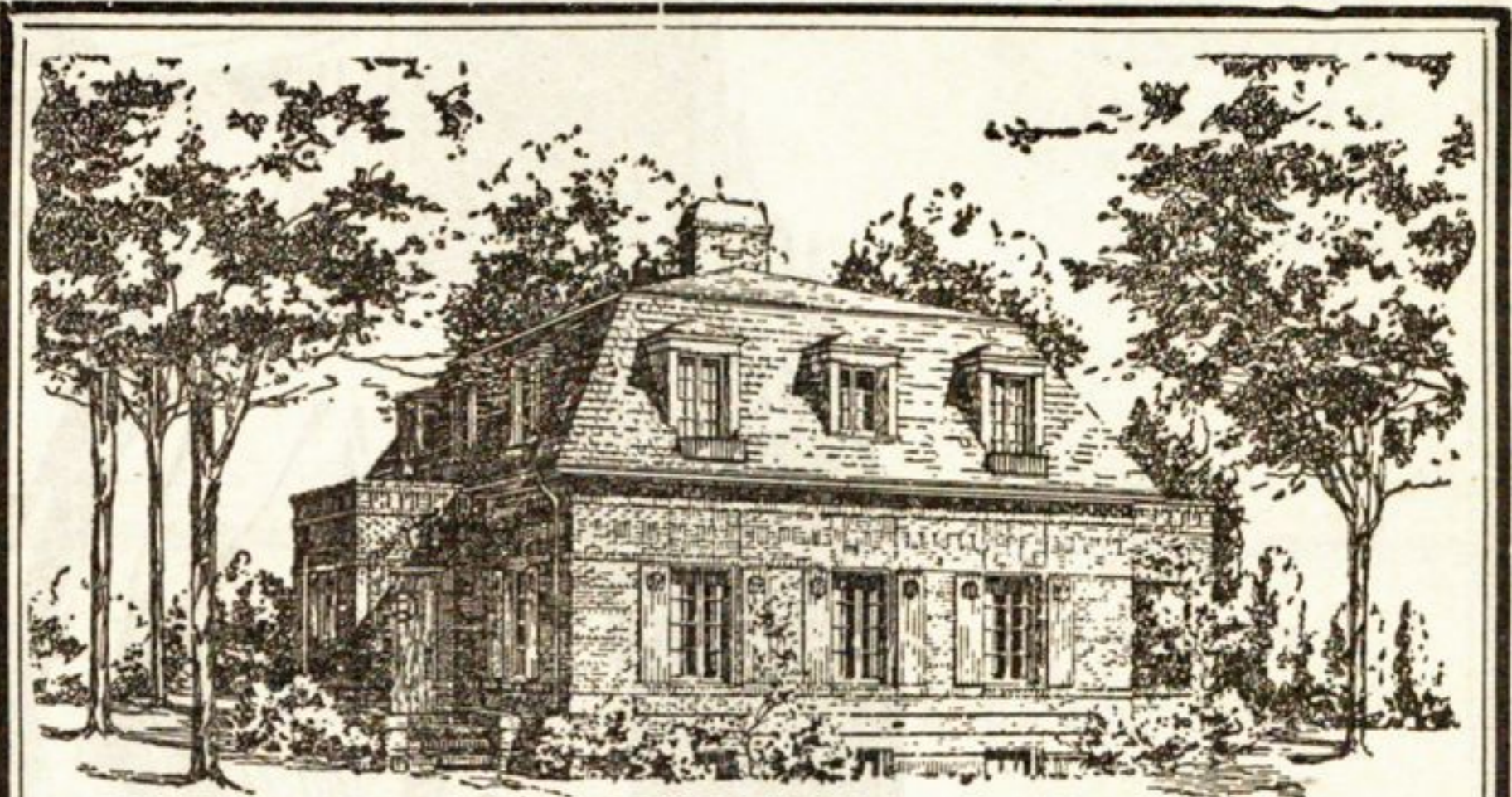
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