



ABOUT BOOKS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE THEM

A Typical Night Best Seller

"THE HOUSE OF YOUTH"

By Maude R. Warren.

The modern girl has received a large share of attention in the literature of the day—we sometimes feel a little more than her due. Her exploits have filled book after book, some of them rather startling not to say incredible. In "The House of Youth" there is little that could befall the modern girl that does not happen to Corinna Endicott, the heroine. Many of the incidents have a more than faint resemblance to striking moments in best sellers of the past year or two. With the addition of many experiences which the fair Corinna alone has suffered it makes a thrilling enough though somewhat improbable story.

Corinna for love of a man gives up her fast-companions of whom she is the acknowledged leader; and he plays her false. When after much heartache her former lover returns, having married in the meantime, she cannot resist the temptation of a clandestine love affair with him, and at last to save her from herself she flees to Paris. There she becomes the wife "in name only" of a former member of the "brisk bunch" of which she was the leader. How they find love and happiness together completes the book.

Mary Pound Taylor.

A Novel of the Fascinating East

"THE BLACK PARROT"

By Harry Hervey.

In "The Black Parrot," Harry Hervey has not only included the thrills one expects to find in a detective story but also the glamour and enchantment of the East of which he seems to have an intimate knowledge. The kaleidoscopic, colorful life of the seaports of Sumatra, Java, the Malay peninsula are vividly described by many picturesque word paintings so that the dramatic developments of the tale are enhanced by the splashes of local color.

How Major Lestron, the famous detective, follows the trail of the Black Parrot, a notorious robber, who helps prisoners to escape into Guiana and with his band of bandits commits a series of remarkable crimes. The story of how Lestron runs the Black Parrot to earth, his many disguises and intrigues and the tender thread of love between Lhassa Camber and the Major crowd the story and make this book one of the most fascinating romances written for a long period. The Black Parrot is a bird worth catching if you like to read detective stories with an entangled plot, romantic love and an Eastern setting.

Jane Cornell.

Adventures in the Gobi Desert

"HARILEK"

By Ganpat.

The adventures of "Harilek" as forwarded to "Ganpat" form one of the best of the numerous stories which have been appearing lately with the scenes laid in the Gobi Desert. In fact the plot of the story is based on apparently the same supposed existence of a mountainous country in the center of the desert which was used in "Desert Love" and the descriptions of the place by the two writers are very much alike, although the stories differ entirely. While the yarn as a whole is improbable, each part of it bears on the truth closely enough so that the whole forms a true-seeming story.

Harry Lake goes to Central Asia taking with him certain records left by his great grandfather who was a noted adventurer and explorer. These records hint at a lost civilization on a mountainous plateau in the center of the desert. Finding himself free, Lake induces two adventurous spirits, Wrexham and Forsyth, to help him fit out an expedition to determine whether the remarkable facts recorded in his ancestor's diary are true.

After a fifteen-day march over the desert the party finally sights the mountains mentioned and a little later locates the cleft in the hills which leads to the terrible Gate of Death. Lake rescues a white girl, Aryenis, from a horrible fate outside the gate and she leads them to a place where entrance to the country over the cliffs may be obtained.

The adventurers are greeted with joy by Aryenis's people who are at war with the tribe which holds the gate. These people by the way, speak pure ancient Greek although they are tall and fair and are thought to be the remnants of a Norse tribe lost in

Central Asia many hundreds of years before. The adventurers join the war and by the aid of their firearms, hitherto unheard of in this country, help the friends of Aryenis to win.

There are many excellent characters, well drawn and of course major and minor love stories. We do not know who "Ganpat" is but may his imagination continue unimpaired if he can give us more such clean, wholesome stories.

R. T. Huntington.

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New Auburn Brougham

Features of '24 Crop

Much attention has been focused on the Auburn closed cars for 1924 by the recent announcement of the new Auburn Six-63 four-door brougham. This new Auburn has been a pace-maker for a fine line of cars, say distributors. "It has set a high mark for sales all over the country, leading all other models for many weeks. It has a charm of line that seems to capture the fancy of discriminating buyers of motor cars. People nowadays are turning to the intimate, close-coupled car for personal transportation."

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Official Information, Bureau of Internal Revenue

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All items of gross income must be reported. In the case of a storekeeper gross income usually consists of the gross profits on sales, together with income from other sources. The return must show the gross sales, purchases, and cost of goods sold.

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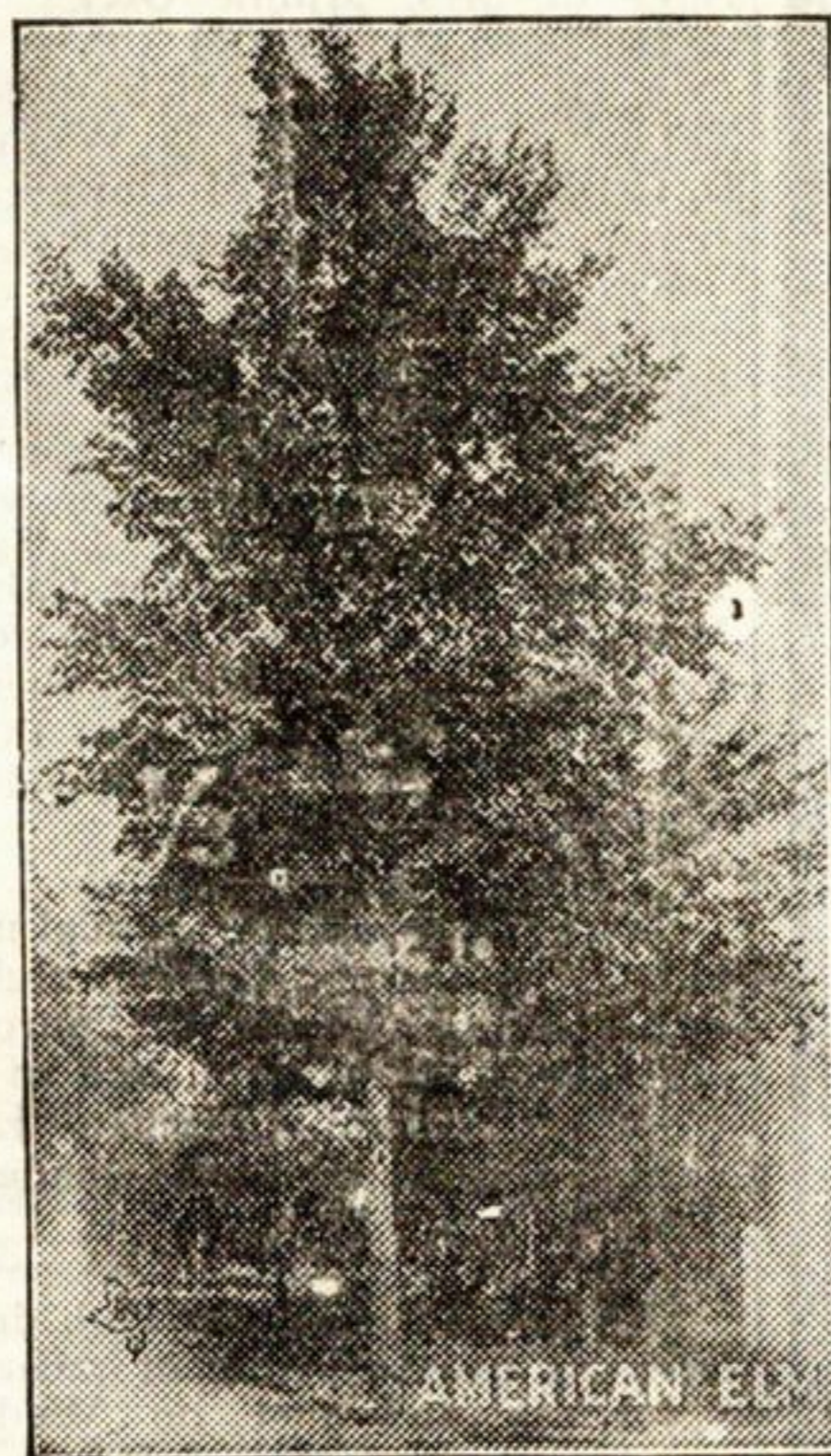
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