

ABOUT BOOKS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE THEM

Intimate Pictures of the Czar
"MEMORIES OF THE RUSSIAN COURT"

By Anna Viroubova
Anna Viroubova, lady in waiting to the late empress of Russia, and later a member of the Royal family, interestingly writes of her relations with the Emperor and Empress, and her knowledge of the Siberian peasant preacher, Rasputin, whom she personally knew.

There are a number of good illustrations in the book. Many of them are snap shots, taken by the author herself. They are intimate pictures of the Royal family taken on board their yacht, in the palace and during their exile in Siberia.

The book is thrilling, especially those parts about the methods of Kerensky and his successors; and the many exciting events in Madame's own life following her numerous arrests, and her final escape to Siberia.

The private life of the Emperor and his family, according to Mme. Viroubova, "was one of cloudless happiness." "Never," she writes, "in all the 12 years of my association with them did I hear an impatient word or surprise an angry look between the Emperor and Empress. To him she was always "Sunny" or "Sweetheart."

Mlle. Sophie Tutcheff, a protegee of the Grand Duchess Serge was the first person Mme. Viroubova says to create what afterwards became the international Rasputin scandal.

"Those who expect from me," Mme. Viroubova says, "secret and sensational disclosures will, I fear, be disappointed, for Rasputin's every move for years was known to the Russian police. He had been called a Priest, more often still, a monk, but the truth is, he was not in holy orders at all; he belonged to a curious species of roving religious peasant, which in Russia were called *Stranniki*, the nearest English translation of the word being "Pilgrim." Of the type of Russians to whom the *Stranniki* made

a genuine appeal, the Emperor and Empress belonged. The Emperor was a born mystic and the Empress, either from natural inclination, or from close association with him whom she so dearly loved, leaned also towards mysticism.
Josephine Oakes Wheeler.

A Splendid Detective Yarn

"RIPPLING RUBY" By J. S. Fletcher
The inventive talent of Mr. Fletcher is evidently inexhaustible for, in spite of the fact that he is writing his mystery stories at the rate of two or three a year, they maintain their high average of excellence. Moreover there is what we might call a Fletcher style and a Fletcher method of constructing a story that is so peculiarly his own that readers easily get the Fletcher habit, that is, they eagerly read every book he writes.

The present book is concerned with the adventures of James Cranage, a private secretary temporarily out of a job and financially broke. He carries a message for the sake of earning the fee which inadvertently involves him in a series of adventures highly exciting and by no means devoid of danger. The man to whom he carried the message and the one who sent it are, in succession murdered. The nemesis which pursued them to their death is a mysterious Chinaman whom they had evidently robbed of something of great value. Cranage gets a new job with an eccentric noblewoman and in the twinkling of an eye, she becomes involved in the same tangle. The valuable stolen object is sold to her by an agent of the two men afterward murdered and the lady sent Cranage with the article to be deposited with her lawyer in London. The agent who sold the valuable and the lawyer who received it for deposit constitute the victims of murders three and four. Cranage meanwhile is scared stiff with the fear that he may be listed as a victim. There is a fifth murder, perhaps the worst, certainly the most dramatic. Why the book was called Rippling Ruby is something of a mystery in itself. It is the name of a race horse, a favorite for the Derby, and appears now and then. However at the end of the book she is much in evidence—finishes with a rush. Like all of Mr. Fletcher's books this one is interesting from cover to cover.

James Walter Doughty.
"THE STORY OF MAN AND WOMAN"

By David P. Jackson, M. D.
A book on intimate but important

questions of our everyday life which will no doubt give the reader new ideas on the subject of sex, and the various phases of sex life. It is broad and understanding in its viewpoint and religious in its treatment of things heretofore considered too personal. There is a frankness without crudeness and broadness with delicacy.
Mary True.

WOULD PRESERVE LINCOLN RELICS

The largest privately owned collection of Lincoln relics in the country, for which Henry Ford offered the owner, Captain Osborn H. Oldroyd, a sum said to be in excess of \$50,000, will be purchased by the United States under the terms of a bill introduced in Congress recently by Congressman Henry R. Rathbone of Illinois.

Congressman Rathbone's bill provides that the Oldroyd collection, now housed in the ancient house opposite Ford's theatre where President Lincoln died, shall be bought by the government for \$50,000. The house which shelters the collection is now the property of the government, having been purchased some years ago for \$30,000.

In the Oldroyd collection, which numbers some 3,000 pieces, are a number which link the career of the great Illinoisian to the modest house and law office at Springfield which he occupied before he began his momentous trip to Washington.

Illinoisians here regard the introduction of the bill to purchase the Oldroyd collection by Congressman Rathbone as particularly appropriate, as his father and mother were en-

gaged to be married, and were in the box with President Lincoln at Ford's theatre in the night the great leader was shot by John Booth. The senior Rathbone, then a major in the army, was stabbed and severely wounded by Booth when he endeavored to seize the assassin. Congressman Rathbone's mother, then Miss Harris, the daughter of United States Senator Ira Harris of New York, was an intimate friend of Mrs. Lincoln. She spent the entire night in an adjoining room watching over Mrs. Lincoln until the death of the President the next morning.

LOST COUNT HERE

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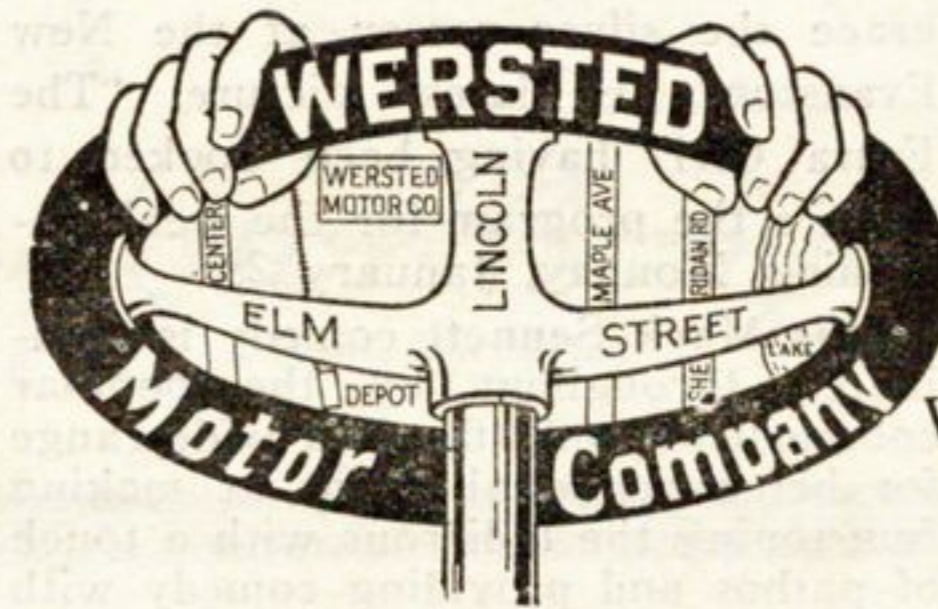
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THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

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- REINA BRAND PURE IMPORTED OLIVE OIL, reg. price \$1.75 this week \$1.30
- SYRUP, MONSOON BRAND, (maple and cane) reg. price \$1.00 per qt.; this week, per qt. 75c
- SPANISH SWEET PIMENTO, reg. price 25c; this week 19c
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