

BOOK REVIEWS

Life is an adventure, mingled with the wiles, caprices and whims of mankind. That idea is developed in such a skillful manner to comply with the old and new in mystery tales, that one is both surprised and highly entertained by "Adventure in the Night," by Warrington Dawson, published by Doubleday, Page and company, with a foreword by Joseph Conrad.

An American seeking the rights to the title that belonged to his ancestors in France. It was once Count de Lourenco, but Americanized, it became Lawrence. And Gilbert Lawrence is the man of the story. In other words the hero.

There is heroism that is in keeping with the days of the cavaliers, and yet it is of the sort not too extreme as pictured in the King Arthur tales. It is the sort of heroism that comes in moments of distress and adventure, if not reduced to yielding to the unconscious.

There is mystery. And development is of such a nature as to create a suspense, with the knowledge of what is going on. There are times when the reader feels the objects put before Gilbert Lawrence and the girl in white. The reader experiences the testing and torturing schemes and means used by the Marquis de La Villeratelle, that man driven by lunacy and the urging of the Spanish Marchioness to play a little comedy, as she called it.

It is by a careful and intelligent manipulation of the scenes and happenings in the Manor of Cour-de-France, that the story is brought to life. Plus the artistic simplicity in the use of the English language, Warrington Dawson has produced one of the best mystery stories in book form. His descriptions are not flowered with a synonymic collection of adjectives, yet there is sufficient life to them. His little suggestions and simple ways bring a fuller meaning to his entertaining book than would a great deal of descriptions and explanations, as are usually found in mystery stories.

The characters are all complex. They live the life of mystery and adventure, but are not dissertable for analysis. With lunacy leading some of the characters, the attempt at dignity and regality, the failing of the emotions and the continuous scheming to avenge, makes it impossible to build any one of the characters' behavior in the future. The circumstances are too well closed in among the little circle to attract outside attention. It is practically a small group acting out a bit of mystery in the night, surrounded by dark halls, creeping and waving drapes, and an infinitesimal planning and acting by a half lunatic.

All in all it is an entertaining adventure, "the sunset of one day ringing up the curtain, and the sunrise of the next bringing it down again."

—Jac Tulman

WORD TO OPERA PATRONS

For the accommodation of local residents who are generally too busy to visit the Auditorium theater during the day, the Chicago Civic Opera company announces that the subscription department hereafter will be kept open Saturday afternoons until 5 o'clock and it will be kept open Sundays also from 12 noon until 5 o'clock. Weekdays the subscription office, which is located in the main lobby of the theater, is open at 9 o'clock in the morning.

HEINSEN AND KROLL, NEW REALTY CONCERN

Reorganization of the Paul Heinsen and company real estate concern provided the most important real estate news on the north shore this week, when it was announced that the new firm would be known as Heinsen and Kroll, Inc., with George C. Kroll as president, John J. Rink, vice president and Paul Heinsen, secretary and treasurer.

Offices of the concern will be retained as they were under the previous organization, it was explained.

Mr. Kroll, who has been with Paul Heinsen and company for 18 months, has resided in Wilmette for 15 years. His home is located at 1023 Greenwood avenue. He enjoys a broad experience in the real estate and building field. During the late war he was associated with General Kniskern in the construction of vast government building projects including a \$2,000,000 chemical plant and other extensive projects. Shortly after the war he was interested, with General Kniskern, in the construction of several homes in Wilmette.

Mr. Rink and Mr. Heinsen are well known and highly reputable real estate men of the north shore.

Heinsen and Kroll, Inc., will serve the public of the north shore from five offices: 7 W. Madison street, Chicago; 1611 Sherman avenue, Evanston; 421 Fourth street, Wilmette; 556 Center street, Winnetka, and 520 Central avenue, Highland Park.

Parisian Rug Cleaners Observe Tenth Birthday

In celebration of the tenth anniversary in business on the north shore, the Parisian Cleaners and Dyers have expanded the boor space of their Winnetka plant at 578 Lincoln avenue. This extension gives the concern the largest and best outfitted plant on the north shore, it is stated.

The plant which is owned by John B. Nazarian has developed gradually from a small room which was used ten years ago, until now it is the largest on the north shore with branches in Evanston, Wilmette and Highland Park. In observance of the tenth anniversary, Mr. Nazarian has announced a temporary 20 per cent reduction on the cleaning of rugs, carpets and draperies.

HOLD FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fall Festival of the St. Joseph's parish was held September 8, 9, 10 and 11 at the St. Joseph's school. Members of the parish and others attended the festival and purchased things on display. This festival is held every year for the benefit of the school.

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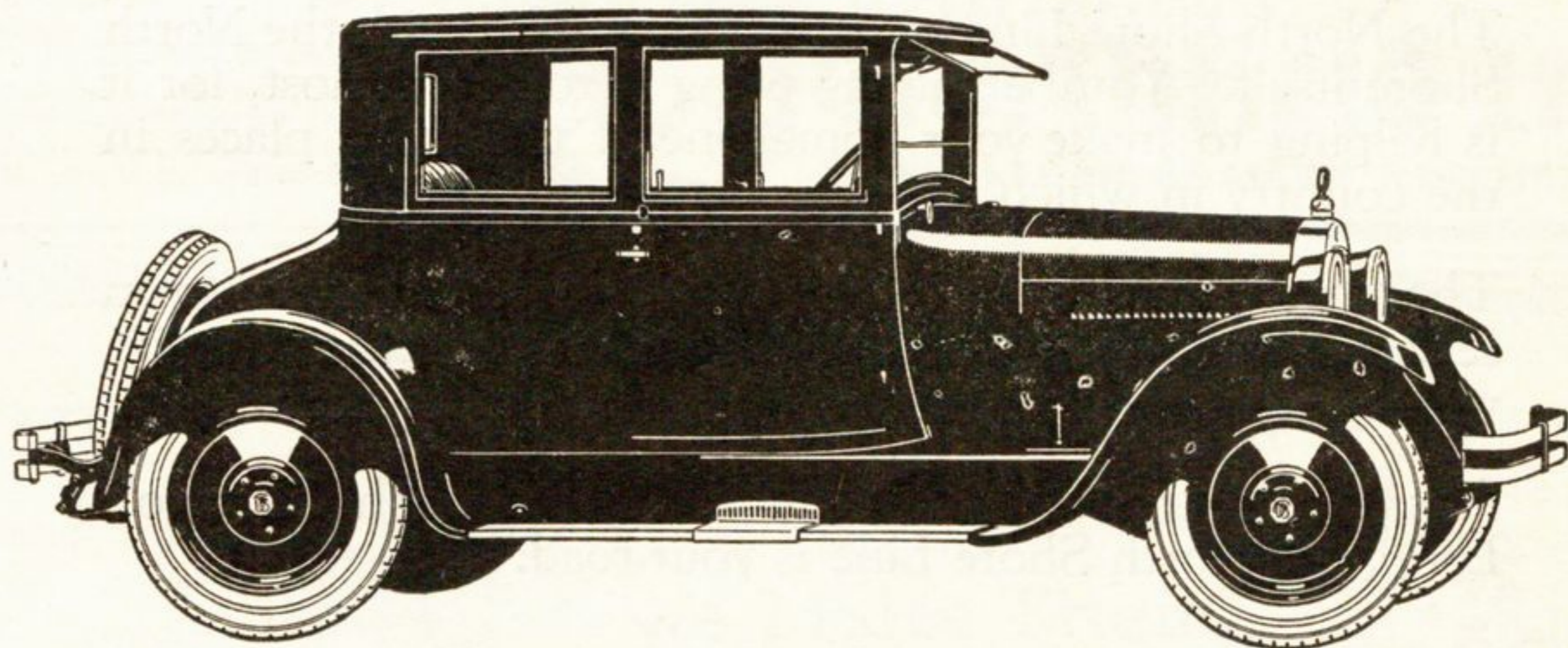
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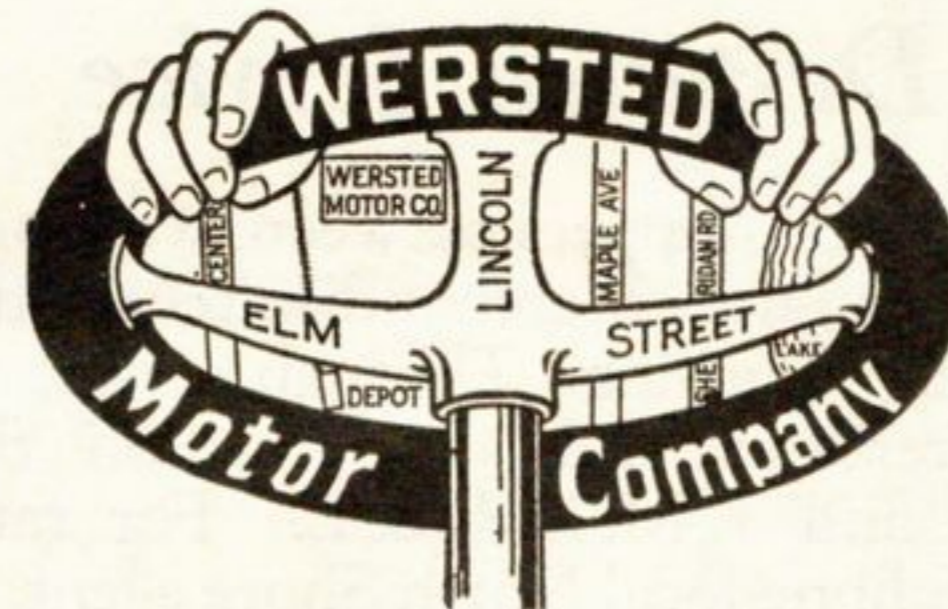
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