

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

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## Moralizing a la Mode?

### "THE WHITE MONKEY"

By John Galsworthy  
Charles Scribner's Sons

As one waits for the Spring's "big books," and looks back on those of the Fall, one wonders why they have achieved the numbers of one hundred or one hundred and fifty thousand as has for instance, "The White Monkey." Is it, in this case, because of Galsworthy's name on the cover or because it is a good book, or both? Perhaps because one is a guarantee of the other.

Mr. Galsworthy in "The White Monkey" is continuing the saga of the Forsyte family which was begun in "The Man of Property," continued in "In Chancery" and "To Let," and finally consolidated in "The Forsyte Saga" of recent renown. Mr. Galsworthy in his earlier works was suspected, by some accused, of being a satirist. Now in answer, he is proclaiming himself a moralist.

But today's generation evidently does not mind being preached to, even quite obviously as Galsworthy is wont to do it. Is this an indication that they, too, are tired of the insoluble unrest which has taken hold of them and are looking for an answer.

Mr. Galsworthy does three outstanding things. He sets up a symbol of the modern day, the picture in the Chinese mode of a "white monkey," who, holding in his paws a squeezed fruit, the rinds of which he has scattered on the floor, turns his head away, and with eyes which are the epitome, as Michael says, of the human tragedy, asks, what for?

Mr. Galsworthy then goes on to say very sanely that this modern world is only a small part of the whole—the foam on the crest of the wave.

Again as Michael says, "We emancipated people have got into the habit of thinking we're the world—well, we aren't; we're an excrescence, small and noisy. We talk as if all the old values and prejudices had gone, but they've no more gone, really, you know, than the rows of villas and little gray houses."

And then as the third outstanding thing Mr. Galsworthy goes on to show that underneath the modern intellectual questionings and unrest there are the same qualities, the same fundamentals which have saved humanity before and will save it again. As "old Mont" the Forsyte of the passing generation feels it, "Grit and body in those old English boys, in spite of their funny ways! And there stirred in Soames a sort of atavistic will-power."

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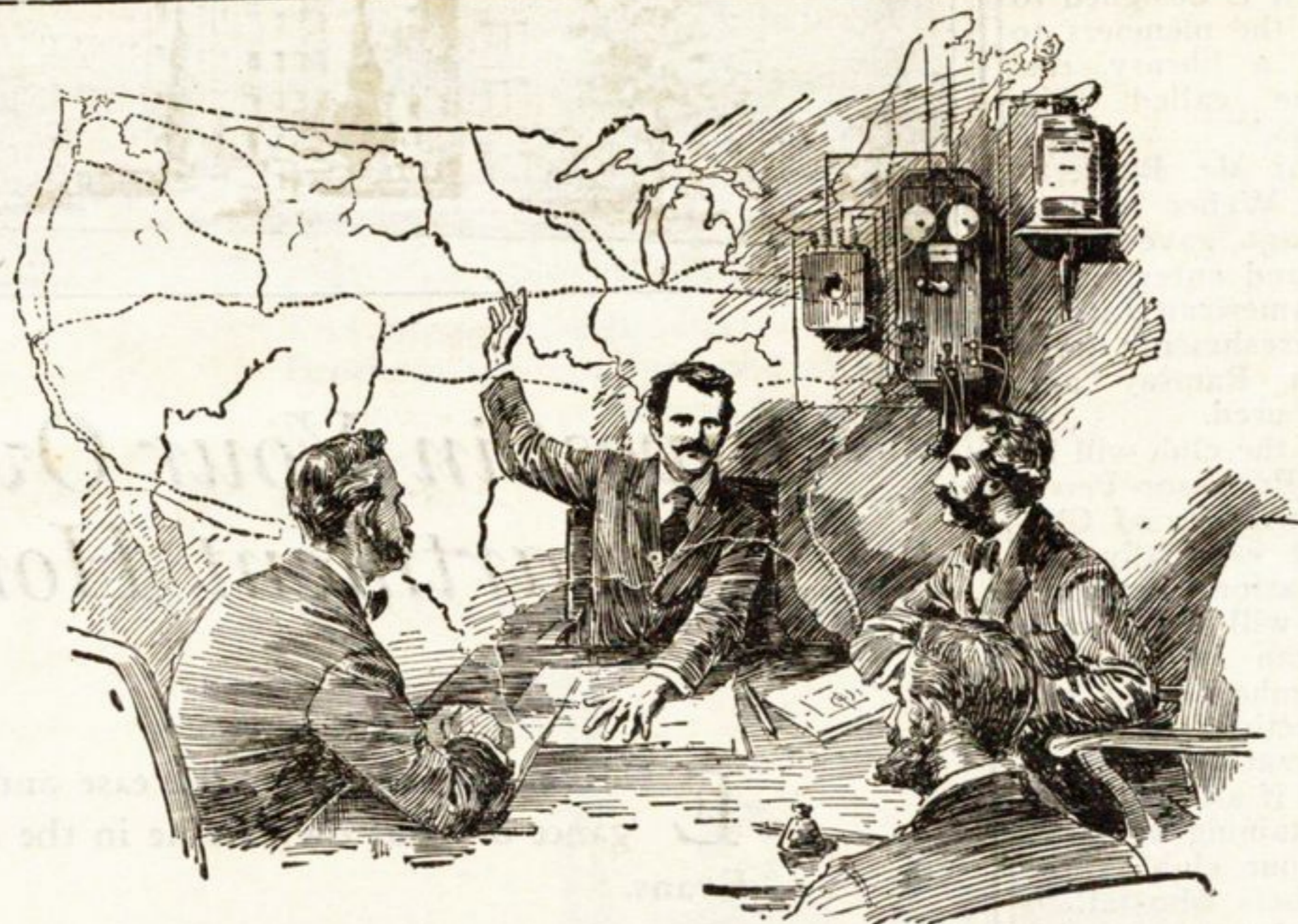
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