

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

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## A Work of Art "THE CONSTANT NYMPH" By Margaret Kennedy Doubleday Page & Co.

Margaret Kennedy has accomplished a masterly work in putting before us a group of characters such as those in "The Constant Nymph." "Sanger's Circus" as the Sanger family is called, is made up of children more naive and barbaric than any that we can picture in the world today, yet Miss Kennedy portrays them without a single unconvincing or discordant note. She maintains a deliciously refreshing and original tone through the entire book and does so without a single lapse of good taste.

Sanger, a musical genius, with all the eccentricities of the role, has begotten a family "too clever to live" as one of his friends expresses it, and yet they have lived and thrived with as much hardness and as little restraint as young plants. There in the Austrian Tyrol we find them living, happy and lawless, entertaining or being entertained by a queer motley of guests. Among these Lewis Dodd, young composer and devoted follower of Sanger, is not only the most interesting but the most spiritually akin to the Sangers of them all. Ever since Teresa could remember anything, she knew that she had loved Lewis. She was capable of the loyal passionate devotion which genius needs and calls forth.

But hard times fall on the Sangers. Sanger himself dies, and some civilized relatives from England claim the children. Alas, their manners are too coarse and their spirits are too fine for the ways of civilization. They are like some strange wild birds of lovely barbaric plumage which someone has tried to imprison in a cage. Teresa, especially, must droop in a cage and she is more sad for her unerring instinct tells her that "There is no going back." The story is worked up to an absolutely convincing and artistic climax.

Miss Kennedy has made moments in the book of unbelievable beauty. Words which are like the music which she must understand so well. At a concert at which Lewis is conducting: "He tapped on the rail and the hum of the hall behind him sank to a rustle. The rustle was silence. Music stole out like a mist into the great spaces of the building." There is some delicacy in the book which steals out like a mist into the minds of its readers.

## A Player Tells Some Tales "A PLAYER UNDER THREE REIGNS"

By Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson,  
Little Brown & Co.

Just after the final proofs of his autobiography had been dispatched to his publishers Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson passed away. He had completed a timely monument to his full life and his genial appreciative spirit.

As we read the biographies of those men who in the last few decades have made history in art, literature or the drama we cannot help feeling that "there were giants in those days." Perhaps it was due to a greater simplicity of living some 40 or 50 years ago, but the people who were working in kindred arts seem to have been much closer together. Informal Sunday breakfasts at a home in Gower Street only broke up when it was time to saunter across to an afternoon "Opera House" in Bedford Square, and there was so much more time for joking. Forbes-Robertson tells of a thousand little episodes which must have called forth a chuckle every time the witnesses thought of them for many years.

## Stolen Idols

The strange adventures of Geoffrey Ballaston, following his theft of a famous Chinese idol with whose jewels he hoped to restore the fallen fortunes of his house.

By  
E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM  
\$2.00 at all Booksellers  
Little, Brown & Co., Boston  
Publishers

There are a number of those anecdotes of the stage so dear to the heart of everyone. There was the time that the heroine who was holding a double part, had to disappear after one of her characters had died in order to appear again as the other.

By some mistake the couch on which she sweetly passed away in the midst of her weeping friends had not been connected with the wings and to the delight of the audience the dead lady was seen scrambling out on her hands and knees.

Or the time when the hero of the piece began his soliloquy in great style by stating "Here I Am." Then discovering that he couldn't remember any more he repeated with increased fervor "Here I Am." This was too much for a wag in the gallery who called out "All right Tom, we see that, get on."

Sir Johnston's friends were delightful and talented people. He has filled his book with tales of them, chatty human tales which by their rambling nature give a sense of reality. We feel when we lay the book aside that we have been sitting for a summer's afternoon beside a delightful, modest, gifted raconteur.

## CARDIAC ILLS TAKE BIG JUMP

Mortality Leaps 145 Per Cent  
in Two Decades

Blaming preventable infections and high speed modern life, which features gasoline engines and balloon tires at the expense of feet and legs which are threatened with becoming useless appendages instead of a natural means of locomotion, Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director, points out in a bulletin issued this week that heart disorders have come to be decidedly the most important disease that affects human beings. Burdened with the blame for unhappy conjugal experiences since time out of memory the troubled heart is now charged with nearly 12,000 fatalities annually in Illinois, a number almost twice as great as the mortality caused by any other disease in ordinary years.

"Mortality from heart diseases has increased 145 per cent in Illinois during the last two decades" said Dr. Rawlings. "The number of fatalities jumped from 4491 in 1902 to 11989 in 1923. The rate per 100,000 population climbed from 90 to 176 during the same period. From third place on the list of causes that yielded the greatest mortality at the opening of the century, heart disease has moved up to first place and by virtue of the fact that it takes nearly 2 lives to each 1 by its nearest competitors in the "grim reapers" business it appears to be secure at the top for some time to come.

"Not only is heart disease the most fatal of all human ailments at the present time but it frequently incapacitates its patients over considerable periods. It is estimated that for each death from heart disease there are 17 recognizable cases that are in active need of medical attention. That means that there are about 200,000 cardiac patients in Illinois.

"Heart diseases are caused largely by infestations and bad living habits. Rheumatic fever, infected tonsils and teeth, scarlet fever, diphtheria and other communicable diseases are all important causes of heart diseases, especially among those under 45. After that age, when indolence and opulence conspire with gas engines and balloon tires to make loafers, bad habits of life cause a lot of cardiac mischief. The muscles of the heart of a loafer, lose their reserve power while legs become convenient appendages until an emergency calls for unusual physical strain

that frequently leaves the heart in poor repair and a source of trouble thenceforth until an all too frequent fatal outcome.

"Heart diseases often are preventable in that the primary causes are preventable. Celebrating one's birthday by a trip to the doctor is the best way to keep check on the heart's condition. Even after rather severe injury to the heart structure one may enjoy a lot of freedom by adjusting life habits to the cardiac conditions."

### 13,000,000 HOMES WIRED

More than half of the 26,000,000 homes in America are now wired for electricity, according to the latest estimates. Exclusive of lighting apparatus, there are estimated to be 20,000,000 electrical appliances in use in these wired homes.

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## New Extension of North Shore Line

From Chicago Tribune, June 14th Issue.

SKOKIE "L" LINE  
TO HAVE 9 NORTH  
SHORE STATIONS

Officials Tell Where They  
Will Be.

"Where'll the stations be along the new north shore line of the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee?"—a question the suburban towns affected have been asking for several weeks, was answered last night by officials of the interurban line.

There'll only be nine stations. Niles Center gets the first. Glen View gets one. Winnetka gets one; Glencoe one; Highland Park three and Lake Forest two.

### Should Stop Guesswork.

This official announcement should promptly stop the guesswork of certain subdivision men who have claimed that the wonderful lots they are selling are directly opposite a proposed station, when perhaps they're several miles from the nearest.

North from the present terminal of the "L" lines at Dempster street in Niles Center the first station will be at Simpson street. Next will come a station at Glen View road, which leads to Wilmette. Then comes Willow road station. Winnetka.

### Three in Highland Park.

The next station north will be at Dundee road, Glencoe. Then comes three stations in Highland park: one at Clavey road, another at Deerfield road and a third at Half Day road.

In Lake Forest the stations will be at Old Elm road and Deerpath avenue.

The new north shore extension runs close to more golf links than any similar length of railroad in the world, according to North Shore officials. No fewer than twenty-four country clubs can be conveniently reached from the new line and it runs close to about 7,000 acres of forest preserve.

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Before this week is ended, the best pieces in the Nixon areas will be snapped up. People who know the North Shore—who made money themselves or saw friends make money in the earlier developments of Wilmette, Winnetka, Glencoe, Highland Park and Lake Forest—certainly are not going to wait until everything is all over before they get in on what is offered here.

Read that news item at the left again and then note where the Nixon properties now available are.

North Shore Line officials state that there will be a station at Glenview Road—and the first of the Nixon developments is at Glenview Road and the new Extension—the Golf View and the Forest Preserve Additions to Glenview.

North Shore Line officials state that there will be a station in Highland Park at Clavey Road—and the second of the Nixon developments is at Clavey Road and the New Extension—the Forest Ridge Section of Highland Park.

North Shore Line officials state that there will be a station at Deerfield Road in Highland Park—and the third of the Nixon developments is at Deerfield Road and the New Extension—the Highland Park Gardens Section of Highland Park. You couldn't arrange anything better. And these at the station properties are offered not only at very moderate total prices but on a basis where a small down payment and a little a month puts any of the many magnificent wide deep home-sites available in your possession. But you must act at once. You can't wait. While you are hesitating somebody else will grab the opportunity that is now yours.

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