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A FEMINE JEAN-CHRISTOPHE "ANNETTE AND SYLVIE"

By Romain Rolland.
Henry Holt & Co.

Romain Rolland has turned the clear searchlight of his intelligence upon a woman's life, as in his great work, "Jean-Christophe" he turned it upon that of a man. "Annette and Sylvie" is the first volume of "The Soul Enchanted," a work of several volumes, the second of which will be published in the fall.

Annette is not an artist as was Jean-Christophe, the surging music of her soul is mute, while Christophe's though just as tortured, can always resolve itself at last into expressed harmonies.

M. Rolland's object and method in these two works is much the same, with the thin scalpel of his analytic mind he lays open the inner life of his character as if it were some strange tropical fruit which he would examine.

Annette is a girl of great possibilities, both intellectual and emotional, who

has lived a life of such serenity that she has been little developed. Her inner life, though it has been knocking at the door, she has kept resolutely bottled up in a dark prison. But on the death of her brilliant father whom she has adored, she finds that there is another daughter orphaned by his death, Sylvie, a child of a liaison with a little florist. Annette, at first wildly resentful and jealous of this suddenly discovered sister, becomes as wildly in love with her. And the two girls offer an excellent mutual foil—Sylvie, light, mischievous, clever and really devoted to her sister, Annette deeply serious, slower, more intellectual, capable of much greater devotion.

At the end of the first part of the book there is an exit Sylvie and an enter Roger, who will further tear aside the veil from the inner life which Annette can no longer deny.

More and more toward the end of the book the author is propounding questions of the individual's liberty and its ultimate goal which are propounded and can only be answered by his own mysticism.

Romain Rolland's work is a definite contribution to our literature and we can only wait with great interest for myriad inhabitants with the same interest.

HERE'S FIRST OPERA STORY

It Tells of Brilliant Season to Come

The tentative repertoire announced this week by the management of the Chicago Civic Opera for the coming season contains several noteworthy features which will be highlights in an otherwise unusually brilliant season. While the entire repertoire in complete form cannot, of course, be announced at this early date, these items are definitely assured as a few of the many important announcements that are yet to come, it is said.

Among the more important Chicago Civic Opera productions will be the presentation of the "Rosencavalier," by the celebrated German composer, Richard Strauss. It is a beautiful comic opera and its presentation will be the first time it has ever been given in Chicago. That it will achieve a success is felt assured by the all-star cast which will be headed by Rosa Raisa, Edith Mason, Olga Forrai and Alexander Kipnis. The production has been especially built by the Civic Opera company. It will be conducted by Polacco.

Another opera that will be quite new to opera patrons will be "The Daughter of the Regiment," by Donizetti. The part of the daughter will be taken by Toti dal Monte who was with the company last year for a few performances as guest artist. She was so well received that she was given a full length contract.

Other revivals of opera that have not been presented in Chicago for several years will be "Manom Lescout," "The Masked Ball," "Le Chemineaux," "Mignon" and "Falstaff."

More than 35 operas are included in the entire repertoire which is as follows:

Italian: Boris Godunoff, Martha, Cavalleria Rusticana, Pagliacci, Tosca, Butterfly, Aida, Otello, Rigoletto, Traviata, Trovatore, Masked Ball, L'Elisir D'Amore, Fra Diavolo, L'Amore de tre Re, Andrea Chenier, Manon Lescout, Falstaff, Lucia, Barber of Seville, Daughter of the Regiment. FRENCH: Carmen, Werther, Louise, Pelleas and Melisande, Samson and Daliah, Faust, Romeo and Juliet, Le Chemineaux, Mignon. GERMAN: Lohengrin, Tannhauser, Die Walkure, Rosencavalier. ENGLISH: Witch of Salem, by Cadman; Light of St. Agnes, by Harling; Hansel and Gretel.

O. E. Fuchs and his son, Howard, have left for an extensive trip through the East, during the course of which they plan to visit Lake Placid, Montreal, Niagara Falls, New York, Philadelphia, and other main points of interest on their route. During her husband's and son's absence, Mrs. Fuchs has as her guest her mother, Mrs. John Bredin of Highland Park.

TALKS ABOUT GARDENS

Provided by
The Wilmette Garden Club

On the occasion of the annual mid-summer tour of their gardens Friday, July 17, the members of the Wilmette Garden club indulged in a most delightful game of "Ring around a rosy, to see the garden full of posies." The "ring" in this case was rather large, starting, as it did, in Evanston, and including in its circle, Wilmette and Winnetka.

Needless to say, in the week preceding the tour, there had been hurrying to and fro gardenward, and it was a brave week that dared lift its head that Friday morning. The beauty of the well-kept and blooming gardens, however, repaid in full all the hard labor bestowed upon them, and proved a source of joy and inspiration to every member.

When the tired and thirsty tourists reached Mrs. Wheelock's garden on Central avenue in Wilmette, they were surprised to find Mrs. Wheelock and her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Burge, serving a refreshing drink at tables under the wonderful old apple trees in the garden. At the gardens of Mrs. Hurlbut and Mrs. Ewer they were also cheered along the way by light refreshments.

The tour was under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Mitchell, the program chairman, and was conducted with so much skill and dispatch that 23 gardens were visited in one afternoon, the remaining 10 being left for a future treat.

ONLY 5-YEAR OLD CAPTAIN

The youngest army captain in the World is a little girl. It's Baby Peggy, Principal Pictures star.

During a recent vacation in the East Peggy visited Pittsburgh, the headquarters of the 107th Field Artillery Regiment. Peggy was received with all the honors of a commanding general. She visited with the officers and men and climbed up on the barrel of a seventy-five. Before she left she was made an honorary captain. It wasn't just a say-so honor. Framed on the wall of her Hollywood home is a regular commission as captain in the Pennsylvania National Guard.

SOUNDINGS

BY A. HAMILTON GIBBS

John Farrar, editor of The Bookman, says: "Soundings" is a love story so deeply conceived, so ably executed that it leaves the reader breathless. It is as striking from an emotional standpoint as anything I have read in years."

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FIND TYPHOID ON INCREASE

Incidence for Season Held Unusually High

Declaring that typhoid fever is frequently a matter of "excess baggage," brought home from a business trip or outing, Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director, points out that the incidence of this disease in Illinois is now twice what it was a year ago. During June, 124 cases were reported against 71 in May and 63 for June of 1924, while the first three weeks of July yielded 142 cases compared with 65 for the corresponding period last year. Typhoid fever prevalence is now greater than on the corresponding date at any time since 1921 and so is the number of travelers and tourists, the latter probably influencing the former, Dr. Rawlings said.

"With the time when typhoid fever usually reaches its highest seasonal prevalence still two months away," said the director, "The prevalence of this disease is double what it was 12 months ago. The marked advance in incidence is fully 30 days ahead of the average for recent years. This condition, which is not at all reassuring, has very probably resulted from the unusually early

advent of hot weather which, in turn, has stimulated an unusual volume of travel, especially by automobile. More and more typhoid fever is coming to be a kind of tax levy on indiscreet travelers who fail to appreciate thoroughly the fact that sanitary conditions are not always good away from home. Consequently a bit of excess luggage in the form of typhoid infection is not as rare as it might be."

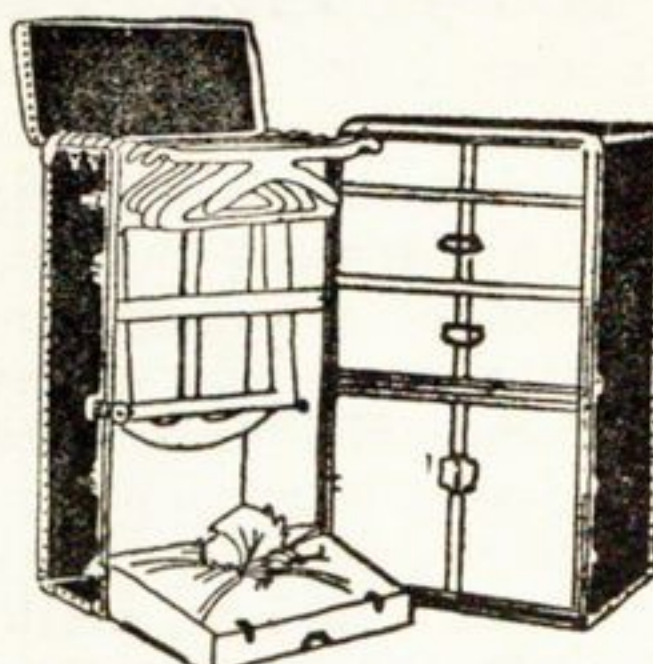
Vets Hold Forget-me-not Campaign on September 26

At a regular meeting of the Great Lakes Chapter No. 7, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, held at their club rooms in North Chicago this week, it was decided to hold their annual Forget-me-not campaign September 26. This is much earlier than last year's drive, and will enable the veterans to escape the discomforts of the cold weather which they experienced last season.

They expressed their thanks to the Wilmette Woman's club, and Mrs. C. D. Ewer, of that organization, to Mrs. E. Z. McArdel of the Wilmette Catholic Woman's club, the American Legion auxiliary and other organizations which helped them in their campaign,

and shattered all past campaign records. They also expressed thanks to Mrs. Harry M. Lay of the Winnetka Woman's club, who was in charge of the drive in the neighboring village.

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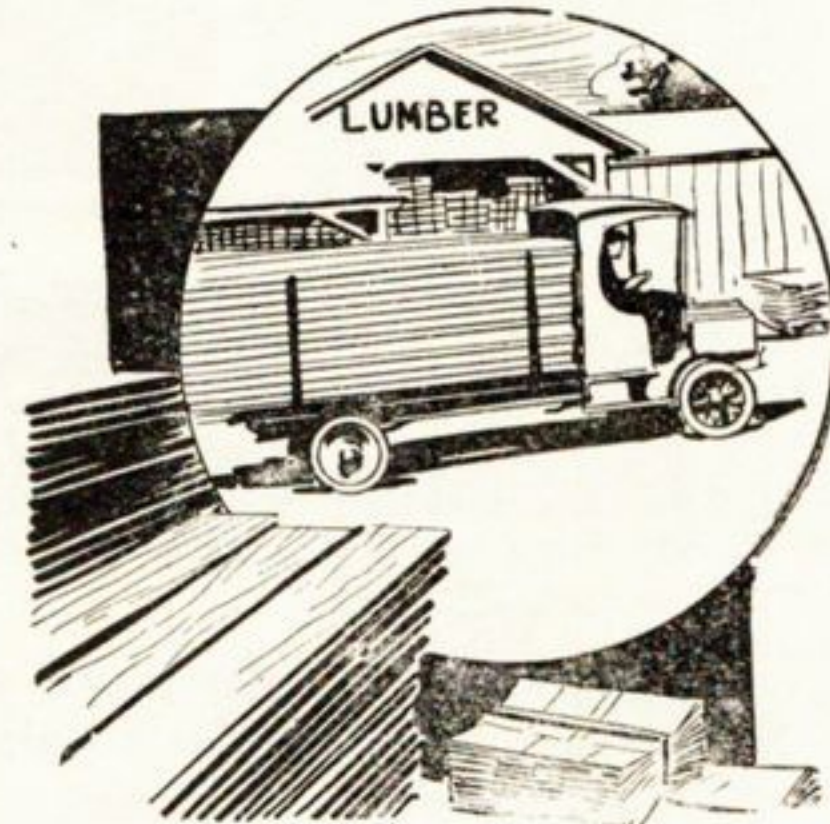
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