

Esther Gould's Book Corner

FREUD REWAKENED "THE CRYSTAL CUP"

By Gertrude Atherton
Bonni & Liveright

It is too bad that Gertrude Atherton could not hit upon another theme as near to the hearts of the Great American Public as that of how to grow young. If she had, "The Crystal Cup" might have attained the selling number of "Black Oven," failing that, there seems little hope for such a success.

Mrs. Atherton still retains her passion for pseudo science, this time she has run the reel backward, instead of taking a woman too old for love and bringing her back, she takes a girl too young for love and brings her up.

Gita Carteret has had anything but a normal life and the age of twenty-two finds her, as she states to her grandmother, without an illusion. She has arrived at the bedside of her rich and dying grandmother, and the two are talking over the past.

Gita's father, a gambler and drinker, having made existence as miserable as he could for his wife and daughter, departed this life leaving them penniless. They lived on fairly happily, though precariously, until the mother's death a few years later. Gita was then called to her grandmother whose death leaves her, independently well off, mistress of Carteret Manor, with life to plan as she chooses.

She makes three friends, two girls and one man. The man is the most congenial of them all, so in order to be able to have him always as a companion, Gita asks him to marry her. He does so, for he loves her, and thinks that he will win her love after their marriage. Of course, he didn't, though he is the better character of the two. If he had it would have been an insipid "happily ever after" story. No, he cannot master the glands or whatever it is that Mrs. Atherton tells us prevents her from loving, but another man can and does. He is the sweetheart of one of her two women friends, the brother of the other.

And then we have a charming bit of melodrama in which the disappointed friend tries amiably to run Gita down under the wheels of her automobile, and we have the spectacle of Gita leaping nimbly from one tree's shelter to another. A situation the psychology of which might be resented by the female of the species. As also the conclusion, "But there is always something artificial in the friendship of women."

And in the end Gita has merely discovered, after a great deal of trouble to herself and others that she can love—the other man.

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HOW TO GROW RICH "MR. PETRE"

By Hilaire Belloc, Illustrated by G. K. Chesterton. Robert M. McBride.

Mr. Belloc and Mr. Chesterton have been having an extremely entertaining time at the expense of the world and its ways. Mr. Belloc wields the pen for writing purposes, when Mr. Chesterton can contain his mirth no longer he seizes it to make an illustration. For you can think of nothing when you read "Mr. Petre" but that the authors had an extraordinarily good time doing it.

We are introduced to the main character of the book at the moment when he has just forgotten who and what he is. He knows he is a man of medium stature, but exactly how medium he has no idea. He knows he is on a train coming from somewhere, but where is absolutely a mystery.

Landing in London, he hovers about trying to discover from where he has come, but failing that steps into a taxi and goes whither the taxi driver takes him. It is to a hotel, and when he is faced with the necessity of telling the clerk his name he whispers,

"Peter." He has a feeling his name was Peter. "John K. Petre?" asks the clerk breathlessly. "Yes" he replies.

Then follows a ridiculous chain of events showing among other things how big business is carried on, without a penny ever changing hands.

Mr. Petre, afraid to give away his awful secret, plays the part which he has been assigned. It seems to be that of a fabulously rich American and for all he knows. Mr. Petre stills his conscience, he may be it.

Swept into the centre of high finance Mr. Petre upsets the stock market by backing one kind of stock and thus persuading everyone else to buy. It soars in price and he makes a fortune. He buys a piece of land for three times as much money as he has and makes a million pounds without ever passing over a cent.

Before we finish we have an amusing scene in a specialists office, a view of the English law courts, and several others. And in the end Mr. Petre isn't John K. at all, it was his first name which was "Peter."

The dedication "To All Poor Gentlemen," leads one to believe that the authors put it forth as a suggestion.

REPAIR CHURCH MANSE

Extensive improvements are in progress on the Manse of the First Congregational church at Eleventh street and Lake avenue. The work is being done under direction of the Woman's Guild of the parish.

Need 30,000 Sweaters for Disabled Veterans

Thirty thousand sweaters are needed before cold weather, to meet the requirements of disabled ex-service men in hospitals. Mrs. Angus S. Hibbard, who, since the beginning of the war, has knitted continuously for the soldiers, has accepted the chairmanship of this work for the Red Cross, Chicago chapter, of which the north shore is a part.

There are now 26,000 ex-service men in the hospitals and an equal number of out patients. Many of the men arrive at the hospital with only the few clothes which they are wearing. Sweaters have been furnished to these men from Red Cross supplies, but the supplies are nearly exhausted. The call for knitters is as urgent as an old war-time request, it is said. Apply to the American Red Cross, 616 S. Michigan avenue, Harrison 6164, for instructions.

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