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That Arthur B. Chrisman, author of "Shen of the Sea," the winner of the Newberry prize, gleaned his stories from a Chinese grocer who was his next door neighbor in Los Angeles?

That Carl Van Doren, whose novel has been published recently is at work on a book on American fanaticism?

That "Collected poems" by James Stephens which has been delayed on account of the illness of the author has been released by the publishers?

There will be one hundred and eight biographies and autobiographies published during this fall season. But never mind, it isn't as bad as it might be, for in 1925 five hundred and sixtyone were published. Of these, twentyfour appeared on the lists of best sellers, seeming to show that biographies have an increasingly large place in the heart of the public.

NEXT WEEK Children's Books

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Just Paragraphs

For some reason unknown to us biographies of outlaws of society have been rather numerous of late. The "Rise and Fall of Jessie James," 'the life of the bandit who terrorized people of Minnesota more than a generation ago was published last spring, followed by "The Saga of Billy the of years of age.

which reads like fiction in which he of whom he writes in "Angel." writes intimately of his thirty years as a crook, fifteen of which were spent in prison. Then two authors have written the lives of famous criminals-William Bolitho in "Murder for Profit" shows the causes and motives of prominent murderers of all nations and "The Book of Rogues" by Joseph L. French takes up the lives of notorious scoundrels in history.

"HEAVEN TREES"-Stark Young.

I was enticed into reading Stark Young's "Heaven Trees" by the title and I was compelled to finish it by my curiosity about the McGhee family, its connections and its friends. Not that I had its ramifications perfectly in elemental struggle for life of human my mind-that was a minor matter compared to the things they thought and did.

The book itself is made up of episodes concerning the family all slenderly put together on the cousin Glasgow. Ellen thread. We have aunt Martha who has married uncle George; the son-in-law of grandfather McGhee "noblest man in northern Mississippi"), Georgia, "one of those women who was educated when she was born"; cousin Ellen of Pittsford, Vermont; Miss Mary Cherry who had visited one long-suffering family after another for forty years; and the family, servants and pensioners.

It is all very picturesque and pleasant, a book to enjoy. -ANNE WHITMACK

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Reviews of New Books

"ANGEL!"—Du Bose Heyward.

Last year DuBose Heyward wrote Kid." This youth had killed Mexicans "Porgy," a fine and sympathetic and and twenty-one Americans up to the entirely new type of study of the time that he had reached that number southern negro. This year he has taken another well worn field and Recently Jack Black published his shown us new paths across it. It is autobiography, "You Can't Win," the mountain people of North Carolina

> Angel, when the story opens, is a child, delighting in the beautiful pageantry of the world she sees opening out around her, knowing nothing of that world in any aspect but the lonely mystic one which is her own, pitting, unconsciously, her pantheism against the narrow religious fanaticism of her father. Then there enters Buck, young, strong and vital, and sweeps her out of her solitary dream world into one in which she is even less able to cope with things as they are.

> It is a good book, so sympathetically written, that even the religious fanatic father remains a very human being, with that dignity which attaches to the souls in a hostile world.

"THE ROMANTIC COMEDIANS"-Ellen

Last year in reading Ellen Glasgow's "Barren Ground," so authentic and moving was that story of a woman's struggle with the exhausted soil of the south for a meagre living, that, I was convinced that the author had lived this very struggle, that this was the story nearest her heart. It was quite a shock, therefore, to learn that the nearest Miss Glasgow even comes to the country is to drive through it, that she is a woman noted for her achievements in society, rather than with the plow. Her next novel, then "The Romantic Comedians," is in that other It is reported that Lord Raingo, main manner, urbane, sophisticated, subtle, character of Arnold Bennet's latest yet strangely enough it lacks the very quality of entirely convincing authenticity, which was the most outstanding feature of the first.

> This probably shows that Ellen Glasgow is a very good novelist, a skilled artist. In any case we are not likely to make the mistake of believing that she is Annabel, the attractive, unstable, selfish child of twenty-three, who, restless and dissatisfied, decides to stake everything on money and marry old Judge Honeywell, only to find that she has made a bad bargain.

> "The Romantic Comedians" is a clever book, interesting from first to last, the psychological study of a man almost old, craving the romance he missed in his youth.

-ESTHER GOULD

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