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JUST PARAGRAPHS

Lewis Carroll's manuscript of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" which is in the possession of the original Alice, is soon to be sold at auction in England. It is not only a manuscript but a work of art, since it is beautifully written and illustrated with pen and ink drawings by the author. The price will go into the thousands of pounds.

An old Englishman, grandfather of Douglas Jerrold, a present author, found a way of becoming popular with his literary friends. When, having adversely criticized the book of one of them he was accosted by that friend he replied, "I didn't say your book was the worst book you had ever written, I said it was the worst book anyone had ever written."

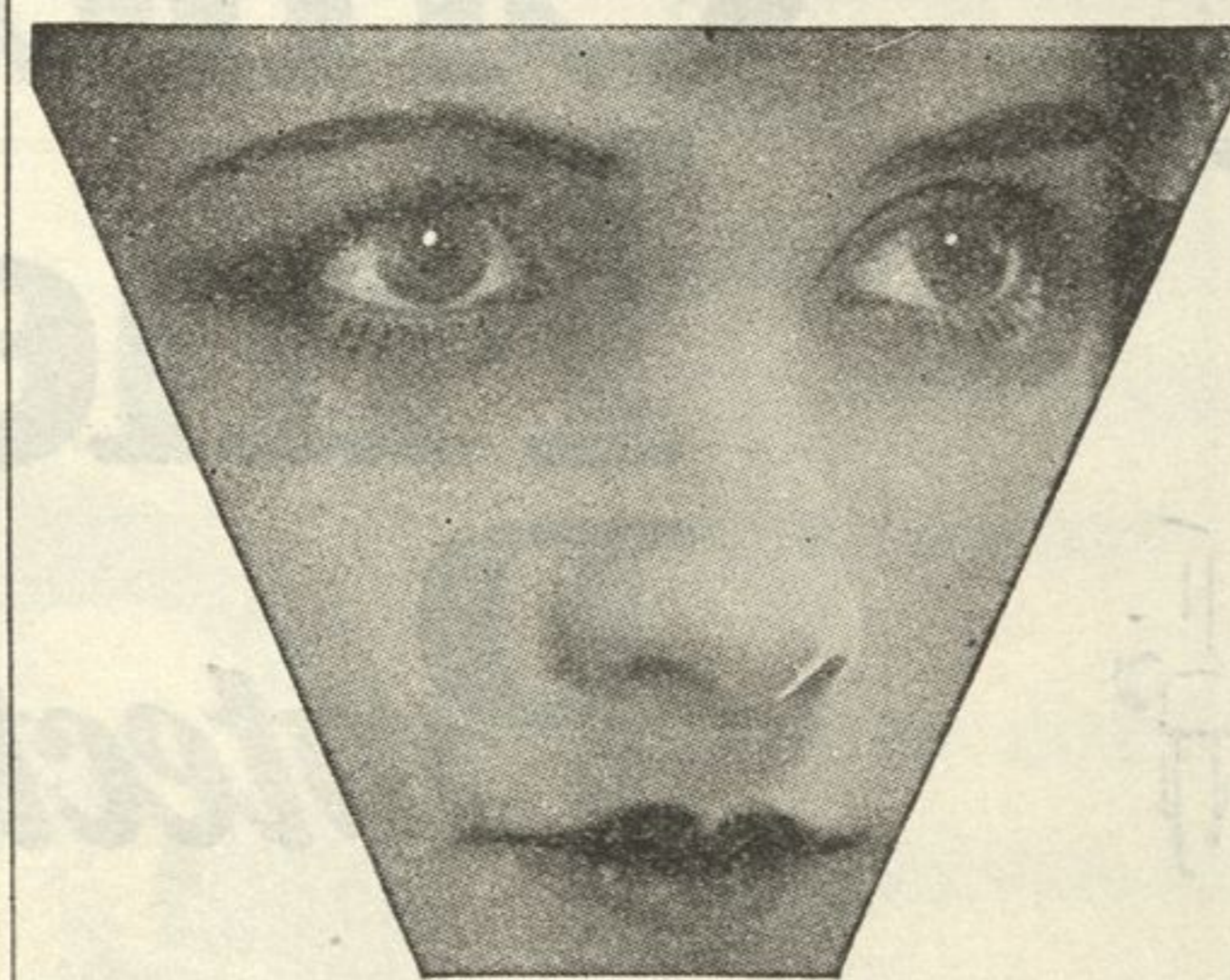
DISCOVERED BY A FRIEND

"CONQUISTADOR"

By Philip Guedalla
Harper and Brothers

Mr. Guedalla is one of the kindest and most tactful of our commenators. Contrary to the custom of visiting critics he goes so far as to suggest that an almost non-stop trip across the continent has not enabled him to solve our race, crime and prohibition problems. In short Mr. Guedalla proves himself as tactful, as discerning and as considerate as we had expected him to be.

"Conquistador" is a purely delightful book. It is in the lighter vein as might be gathered from its subtitle "American Fantasia" and its dedica-



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In the second place "Conquistador" is delightful because of the revelation it makes of Mr. Guedalla himself. He talks of newspapers and visiting royalty, of Iowa and Henry James, as whimsically and informally as if we had dropped down beside him during one of the long stretches across the Western plains.

In the third and still important place, "Conquistador" is interesting for its point of view on America. We who have a passion for seeing ourselves as others see us so that we buy in quantities the most insulting books that are written about us, have here an opportunity of seeing ourselves through the new, observing, interested eyes of a friend.

"MIGRATION"

By David Grew
Charles Scribner's Sons

"Migration," a first novel by David Grew, has that quality we call charm. The charm is not in the style, which is simple sometimes almost to the point of childishness—a telling of one incident after another with even emphasis and little feeling for climax—but it is in the spirit and the point of view. Is it possible that we have turned the corner with our first novelists from cynicism to idealism? There have been in the past two seasons a good many indications that this is true.

"Migration" is a story of the prairies. Not a disillusioned story but one in which there is, rather, a slight stacking of the cards in our favor, some-

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thing which is unfortunately nearly always perceptible where there is charm. Truth is so much less charming, compare Dreiser's stories with those of, say, Susan Ertz.

But this stacking of the cards does not detract from the value of "Migration." In fact it is a pleasure in itself, a relief to feel them stacked and to know that even though Marcia does run off with the circus, yet she will return, and not return to die in Stacey's arms of the injuries she has received in a fall off her horse, but return to go with him back to the prairies, to keep his house and rear his children and be his "vision" of adventure and life.

Elect North Shore Girls To Office in N. U. Groups

A number of north shore girls were elected last week to offices for the coming year in the two women's organizations at Northwestern, W. S. G. A. and W. A. A. Mary Luise Harlan of Kenilworth was chosen as president of W. S. G. A. and Helene Siebold of Wilmette, vice president; Ruth Hinchcliff, also of Wilmette, was elected secretary of W. A. A. Among those listed as heads of sports were Elizabeth Sweet of Kenilworth, soccer; Naomi McDowell of Wilmette, volley-ball. Virginia Bixby of Wilmette, 1927-28 president of W. S. G. A., was elected by W. A. A. to the final emblem committee, which chooses the girls to whom final honor emblems are awarded at May day. Installation of W. S. G. A. officers will not be held until May 7. W. A. A. officers will be installed at a spread on April 3.

JAMES STEPHENS' NEW BOOK

In "Etched in Moonlight" James Stephens as in the past, but never more skillfully than here, blends irony and satire, naturalism and extravagance, poetry and sardonic prose in a matchless medley. "Etched in Moonlight" is a gem not to be missed this season by anyone capable of distinguishing art from its drearily plenteous imitations.—Philadelphia Record.

A SOUTHERN BOOK CLUB

The book chosen for March by the Religious Book Club of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, is "New Studies in Mystical Religion," by Rufus Jones—a recent Macmillan book (\$1.75). This club selects four outstanding religious books each year to recommend to its members, and of those chosen during the past year three were Macmillan books.

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