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Book Notes

FLYERS FINISH BOOK

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Inscribing a copy of "Dead Lovers Are Faithful Lovers" for James Branch Cabell, Frances Newman wrote, "This is something else about Eve that you don't know."

Pasadena Community Playhouse in California has been so successful that after its run at the Playhouse it will be transferred to the Hollywood Music Box Theater.

Eugene O'Neill, whose "Strange Interlude" has just been awarded the Pulitzer Prize, writes from abroad that he is at work on a new play to be called "Dynamo." Mr. O'Neill has recently been in Italy and Prague, and may soon go to Russia, where "Lazarus Laughed" will be produced by the Moscow Art Theater. "Strange Interlude" is the third drama by Mr. O'Neill to be chosen as the Pulitzer Prize Play, the others being "Beyond the Horizon' and "Anna Christie."

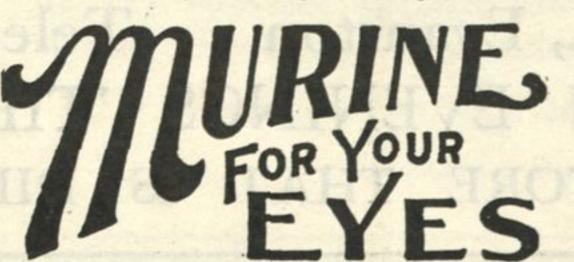


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Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

On May 23 the Bremen flyers con- "Dawn" the story of Edith Cavell pleasure. For instance Chapter Four cluded their good-will tour of the much discussed in England of late is opens "Well I always think that when United States and for five days will about to be published in this country. go into retirement and finish their It as well as the movie made from it book "The Three Musketeers of the has been highly praised by many. Air." The first part of the book will Bernard Shaw ends his praise with be the autobiography of these three the answer to the criticism that it men, the second part will be devoted keeps alive war hatreds with the to the story of their flight together words, "The law that Edith Cavell set from Baldonnel Airdrome to Greenly above a military code and died for is Island and their good-will tour of an infinitely higher law than the law America. "The Three Musketeers of of war and the conceit of patriotism. the Air" will be published by G. P. It rebukes us all impartially, and will edify us impartially."

Actually Boston is waking out of its antediluvian trance and is formulating or at least talking of formulating a new censorship law for books. Out of the sixty that have been banned in the The production of Eugene O'Neill's if Boston stops censoring books, how drama, "Lazarus Laughed," by the are the publishers going to get their favorites started?

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By Norman Douglas The John Day Co.

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