

**Book News**

**NOVEL OF POETRY**

How verse is sometimes tragically linked up with life was brought to Arthur Stringer's attention a few years ago. In the Bookman appeared a poem by Mr. Stringer entitled "Habit." Shortly after the poem was published, the author received a poignant and striking letter from a woman whose son had been broken by the drink habit. The letter told in pitiful detail the sordid, tragic story.

The son had read the poem and found it, apparently, applicable to himself. He cut the lines from a magazine, wrote a farewell letter and attached the poem to it. He then locked himself in his room and committed suicide by blowing his brains out.

The poem was published in Arthur Stringer's new volume of poetry, "A Woman at Dusk," which was recently published by Bobbs-Merrill. The following are the lines which unwittingly caused a suicide:

**Habit**

"See, blind and weak, he whimpers at my breast,  
Teasing and petulant he whines,  
And will not rest!

Now snarling, careless-clawed, he drags at me  
In uncouth play so fierce I dare  
Not set him free!

Now gross and slather-fanged and grim of will  
He stalks me naked through the world,  
Whom he must kill."

Arthur Stringer is known primarily as a novelist but his first work was poetry and in the intervening years he has continued to write verse. A new novel by him will appear in the spring.

**NEW BOOKS**

"Penelope's Man:" The Homing Instinct, by John Erskine. Homer was a good press agent but he couldn't stick to the truth. Prof. Erskine gives the real low-down on Ulysses.

"The House of the Three Ganders," by Irving Bacheller A North Country novel, based on a famous court trial, with an unforgettable character named Old Bumpy Brown.

**ON RECITAL TOUR**

John Erskine, whose new novel, "Penelope's Man," has just been published, has returned from Paris for a few weeks, to keep several musical en-

gagements. Professor Erskine is an excellent pianist, in addition to being a most popular novelist. He is to be soloist with the Baltimore Symphony for a performance and later he will play in a recital in New York. He will return to Paris later in December to continue work on his American novel.

**LUCKNER AT GEORGIAN**

Count Felix von Luckner, author of "Sea Devil," and Countess von Luckner were entertained at the Georgian hotel last Sunday when the former made his appearance before Evanston and Wilmette audiences in two lectures.

They are planning to take up their residence at the Georgian on their next visit to Chicago in February.

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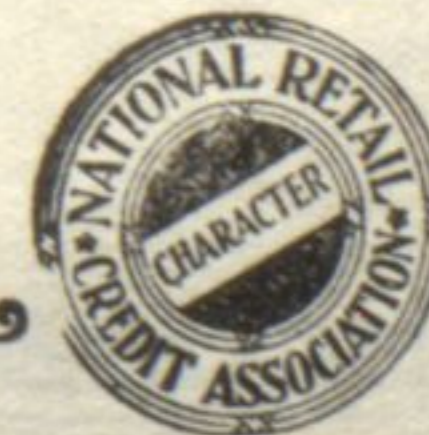
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