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"The Canadian Woman's Appual and Social Service Directory", is a By Clara Louise Burnham, McClellnew book dealing comprehensively with numerous matters of general interest, and especially with social, educational, political and sociological movements and institutions with which women are concerned. This women who take an active part in off the main line onto despairful sid- that matter. And-shall we consocial and educational movements, ings. where we lie (meaning in the fess. it? -our preference is all on the any reference library.

A great deal of research work are glad to learn there is still a must have been necessary to the pre- "right track." paration of this volume. There is James Barnes, a successful grain not, we believe, an organization in dealer, was a widower with two chil- By J. D. Beresford, S. R. Gundy, Tor Canada of interest to women which dren, one a fretful, fault-finding lithas been omitted. The history or the boy, the other a girl of eighteen, these many institutions, a synopsis arrogant and imperious. He meets of their constitutions, a list of their Mabel Ford, who belonged to a fathofficers, etc., is given. Subjects criess family living in cheap apartsuch as postal information, immigra- ments on a side street, and a family tion, political status of women, child whose "bottom dollar" was always welfare, education, employment, on top. Barnes at once concludes journalism, agriculture, health, tem- that "Mabel's a stunning girl; she'd perance, purity; religion, social agen- know how to spend my money and cies, the war, etc., are concisely spend it right." So he proposes, dealth with from a woman's point of and she gladly accepts him, solely view, and with the idea of present- because of the opportunities that mo-

dium of all matters relating to wo- does not believe his sister a suitable men. It is well written, and the wife for Barnes, and tells her so. She facts have been carefully and syste- refuses to listen, and in time becomes matically arranged, so as to make mistress in the big house. Possessing them very get-at-able-if we may an inordinate love of knowledge, she coin a word. To the many thous- spends her time poring over books ands of women engaged in social, and in reading learned essays, before philanthropic and kindred work in exclusive clubs. Meanwhile Barnes the Dominion, this book should be little boy grows daily worse, but hi gladly received. It will prove most | failing health does not interest Mabel useful and handy to secretaries, to She detests the child, and the hate contributors and to writers generally. mutual. Husband and young wife We feel that the public generally, grow apart. His love is not reciand women in particular, owe a debt procated. Comes a day when there of gratitude to the painstaking edi- returns to town a former playmate c. tor, Emily P. Weaver, of Toronto, Barnes, Camilla Lovett, a woman and her collaborators.

THE GREEN CURVE.

Ry Ole Luk-Oie (Lieut.-Col. E. D. Swinton, D.S.O., R. E). Double-

Col. Swinton, who is now acting woman's influence. as Chief of the British Intelligence | The book is a very entertaining Staff at the front, and writer of the one. The sacred little family scenes "Eyewitness" dispatches from the al- the love of little children and al lies' headquarters, wrote the sket- their simple, trustful ways, the work ches that constitute this book origi- ing of a great reformation in a bitter nally for the entertainment of sol- hardened heart, -these are all pic diers. As a larger section of the tured in a tender, touching narrative general public now appears to be in- It is a book to do one good. Hov terested in warfare than was former. | natural Jim Barnes' longing for his ly the case, he decided to republish old boyhood's home in the country them in collected form. Some of where he coasted down hill with hi the stories, notably "The Kite," "The playmates in winter; how eagerly he ant reading, "Plantation Stories of Joint in the Harness" and "An Eddy grasped the chance to buy it when Old Louisiana." It is a book made of War," deal with matters which wealth had come to him in late: up of short, but loosely connected have a close counterpart in the pre- years; how happy in possession and stories of animal life, written for the

ness of detail whatever they may lack ful, Jim Barnes. in literary grace. Here we have the trained soldier's version of sieges, reconnaissances and battles. Green Curve," the story which gives By Charles E. Pearce, McClelland, the title to the book, gets its name from a food-chart that hung upon the wall in the office of the governor of a besieged fort. Various colored curves on this chart indicated the

In the last story, "The Limit,", the course she is beautiful, bless author pictures the sad plight of yes! Otherwise she wouldn't fit into weary and wounded men, and their the heroine's part. And good and sion, let us recommend "Plantation feelings during an engagement. It noble and self-sacrificing? Sure. Stories of Old Louisiana." It will is a sad picture, and brings home to There was never yet a lovely lady not only fill their leisure hours with the reader the awful horrors of war. with such qualities so fully develop- gladness, but it will awaken Through the supposed conversation ed. And her eyes—they were so al- strengthen within them that of two British soldiers, Col. Swinton inting, and, well, all the other things able understanding of and sympathy gives us his views on voluntary en- that mad poets ever wrote about with all forms of animal life. The listment. He is clearly in favor of eyes—that the author must needs pic- volume, like all books from the house conscription. Other stories tell of ture them on the front cover and in- of Page & Co., is most hands the part played in modern warfare corporate them in the name of the printed and bound, and is also re by engineers, airships, explosives, book. The hero, Eric Graydon, plete with drawings and illustrations

which serve to throw into relief the lightheartedness which is often shown by the rank and file even in the face

THE RIGHT TRACK

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and will be a valuable addition to sense of reposing, not of prevaricat- side of the dime novel. So there, Alling) unnoticed and deserted, that we cla!

ing such facts as will be beneficial ney will bring her. Her brother, and informing to Canadian women. Victor, a struggling young lawyer, is The volume is a splendid compen- an ardent admirer of Barnes. He whom nature had somewhat disfigur ed with round shoulders but beauti ful with a loving and loyal heart. The sult, for Greg, is pitiable, but for the sick boy takes to her kindly, and she

accepts the position of nurse or gov With her love the child heart is touched, and she works w day, Page & Co., Garden City, N. seeming miracle in his disposition Y., and McClelland, Goodchild & Her influence over the daughter and Stewart, Toronto, Publishers, the young wife bears golden fruit Price, \$1.25. R. Uglow & Co., love takes up its abode in the hous: PLANTATION STORIES OF OLI Mutual understandings follow, and once more. So much for a good

sent war, though they were all first in restoring the old place; how its amusement and instruction of childpublished in either 1906 or 1907. tender memories filled his heart and ren. To them it will be a treasure-These stories are to-day intensely helped to mould his character. Ever trove of twilight stories, and an endinteresting lasmuch as they reveal boy who has come up from the farn less source of pleasure. These hapthe methods of actual modern war- and found his life-work in the city py excursions into Birdland, where fare. Written by a recognized mili- can understand and appreciate simtary leader, they make up in precise- ple, big-hearted, but withal success-

THE EYES OF ALICIA

Goodchild & Stewart, Toronto, low & Co., City,

tion of the non-combatant popula- kind fate follow hard on the foot- page has been read steps of the beautiful Alicia.

there are some amusing inci- wouldn't have been the right kind of of animals and animal life.

a hero had he not fallen beneath the home and all (including a possible What Our Army Learned in South seat in the house of commons) to follow "the light that lies in woman's Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in The suppose fell for these eyes. He was the various kaiser manœuvres. a villian anyway, so when he conven- "Two things we learned in Africa

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A mysterious house, the strange and masterful personality of "Robin in conflicting relationship eacl ness, the ultimate downfall of a master mind itself mastered by the demon, drink, all go to make up a story of haunting and powerful human interest. Vividly the author depicts the impression of the mysterion house, with its overpowering influ ence upon the minds of at any rate two of its occupants, and so holds the imagination of the reader that every incident is followed with the inten sity of emotion experienced by the characters of whom he reads.

This book, we learn, has met with South Africa that we owe it." wonderful reception in England There is a strange, haunting fascing tion about it that will appeal to many It traces step by step the influence drink upon a man of genius; it shows the lies and subterfuges to which h resorted to hide his frequent surrenders to the appetite that would not be denied; it reveals beautiful self-sac rifice on the part of a woman rela tive and a loyal secretary. The reother two, love showed the way to future happiness. The book afford a clever study of human fraililes and human emotions, and points out moral as old as the hills yet still alas, needfully as fresh and recur rent as the morning dew.

LOUISIANA.

By Andrews Wilkinson. L. C. Page & Co., Boston. Price, \$2. Illustrat-

ed. R. Uglow & Co., City. Not since the days of the justlyfamed Uncle Remus has there been created a character so entertaining in its appeal, especially to children and to all lovers of wild life, as that of Uncle Jason, whom Wilkinson introduces to us in this book of pleas-Uncle Jason, the black mammy, the young doctor, the governmess and other people of the plantation, furnish each their quota of amusing yarns, will be relished by adults as well as by all children. Uncle Jason's legends, related in the quaint negro dialect of the south of years ago, are remarkable examples of a vanishing Publishers. Price, \$1.25. R. Ug. folk lore and are certain to entertain even the most blase reader. Nor The beautiful ward of a rich, old has the author been satisfied with time the food would last under cer- man travels with him on the boat- having created only that delightful tain conditions. Only by following train from London. They quarrel character. He has included in his the green curve, and turning out the when he asks for the twentieth time volume stories of birds and animals useless members of the population to to marry her, and so she seeks anoth- which will rank with Kipling's Junfreeze and starve, could the beleater er compartment. A little later the gle Books; he has given us stories guered town have a fair chance of guard discovers the old man foully in the hitherto little-known Creole puts us in close touch with the situa- Alicia, his ward, and suspicion fas- which grasps the reader at the very tion of a besieged city and the condi- tens upon her. Thus does an un- outset and holds him until the last

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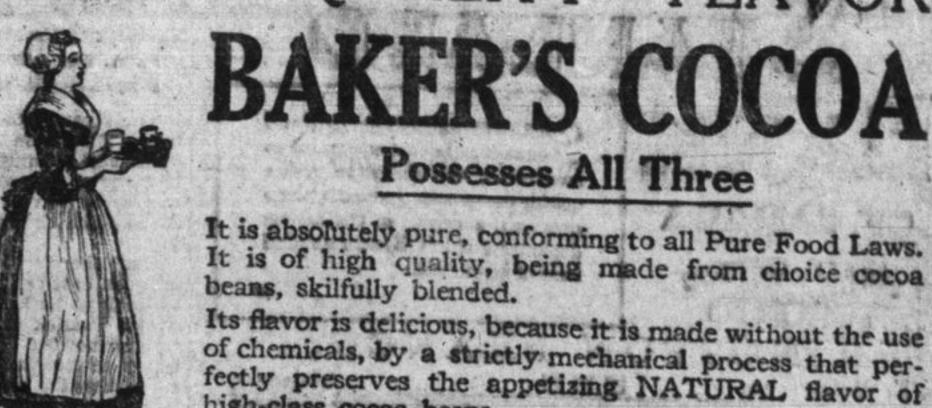
BOER WAR LESSONS.

eyes"-we mean the eyes of this par- War illustrated, writes on "How the ticular woman. When vile villians Boer War Prepared Us for the Great plan plots for her dead guardian's War." "The continental military money, compromising her, and when critics," he says, "never understood the stern finger of the law points its the importance of the Boer war beaccusing finger in her direction (des- cause, as in the case of the North and pite her eyes), then doth the gallant | South struggle in America, they look-Eric stand forth in her defence. What ed upon it as a scrambling, amateurthough all the world accuse her! He ish business which, bore no relation will still believe her innocent. Does, to the clash of disciplined legions. she reward him? Oh, no, hot just yet, Hence those solid infantry formafor you see she already had a hus- tions and gigantic cavalry charges band-one in name only. He, too, we which amazed our representatives at

iently goes and gets himself killed on -the importance of good shooting page-look it up yourself , gentle and the necessity for using cover. reader, and save us the trouble-the Our excellence at both was a revelalovely heroine again casts her eyes tion to the Germans at Mons, as has upon the hero, and he is lost for good been admitted by many of their offiand all. He doesn't know it, though, cers. They were the two factors Poor fellow, he thinks he has discov- which saved us during that perilous ered his soul-mate, his adorable alter business, for; outnumbered as we were, and faced by a far stronger ar-"The Right Track." That sounds The story develops a mysterious tillery, we could not possibly have encouraging. So many of us get on plot and furnishes some exciting in saved the army had we not some book will be a great help to many the "wrong track," and are shunted cidents. So does a dime novel, for make-weights upon our side. Those were the all-important make-weights -that we could inflict the maximum and receive the minimum of punishment with the rifle. They saved us -and we owe them both directly t THE HOUSE IN DEMETRIUS ROAL he South African war. Before that lesson we were no better than the Christian Herald.

ing trenches. Such men cannot be the western and northwestern coasts, improved upon, and if they, in their along the Bering Sea, the Bering nimble suppleness, present a con- Straits and the Arctic Ocean, Sometrast to armour-plated, top-hooted thing more than 3,000 are Aleuts and continental types, it is once again to mixed races through the Aleutian is-

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The Natives Of Alaska.

According to the government sta-"It is in the cavalry that the Boer tistics, the natives of Alaska are war left its mark most deeply, though about 26,000 in number, and they are t will always be a fair ground for spread over more than 350,000 of the argument whether it left it deeply 590,000 square miles of the territory. enough. Certainly our cavalry have Their small settlements extend along Greg," its owner, the curious experimental constraints of the curious experimental control of the curi ences of two men and a woman liv themselves to everything, and been sides of the Yukon River and its trithe general utility men of the army. butaries; for a distance of more than with each, the cunning, the sordid- I have notes of one regiment which 2,500 miles. One of the supervisexecuted a famous 'arme blanche' ion districts contains a full 100,000 charge in the morning, fought as dis- square miles; the others average mounted riflemen in the afternoon, more than 65,000 square miles each, and formed themselves into a gun- Of the natives of Alaska, approximaeam to pull off deserted guns in the tely 11,000 belong to six tribes of Indians, in Southeastern and Southern. "Since then they have spent a good Alaska, and in the valley of the Yudeal of their time making and hold- kon. About 11,000 are Eskimos on

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need is urgent and the issue approving and issues for for-eign undertakings will not be permit-ted at all except in rare case, such wrote a couple of her favorite texts. as the renewal of short-term loans. The verses are 1 Cor. 12;1 and 5. The British money market will be Lestie's.

temporarily closed to the foreigner, who thus receives a plain warning to restrict expenditure while the war