

Books And Their Authors

NIBBLES FROM VIOLET TWEEDALE

From "The Beautiful Mrs. Davenant," by Violet Tweedale.

There are lots of men who will simply do anything for a woman, except marry her.

One is apt to think bachelors would make the best husbands, just as one often thinks what good bachelors married men would make.

"I couldn't bear to be hen-pecked," he said. "Don't you think it entirely depends upon the hen?" suggested Hilda.

Saidie Hall opened huge black eyes upon her companion. She had been born good-looking, but she had achieved good looks.

The ideal husband dwells only in the imagination of the woman who never had one.

The interesting point about masculine women is that it is impossible to imagine they ever were young. Effeminate men never seem to age.

"I think there's much less falling in love now than there was in my young days. Men have grown so selfish," said Mrs. Carlton.

Mrs. Davenant shook her head. "I simply adore men," she said.

In order to seize the opportunity of a lifetime, it must be seized during the lifetime of the opportunity.

"I dare say I'm silly," said Mrs. Davenant, "but I'd rather be a foolish widow than a wise virgin, any day. I'd like the evening post to bring me a letter beginning, 'Dearst woman in the world.'"

"I never cared much for big women," he said; "they look too much as if they could take care of themselves."

"Honesty's a wretched virtue. . . One never calls a woman honest who has any manners. We reserve the epithet for those of whom we have nothing good to say."

We all know that a woman can change her character with her head; after all, what are most heads?—merely hat-pegs.

What's so clever about Saidie is she quite understands that to look pretty very nearly means that I am pretty.

Famous Table Talk.

"O! to have been with Selden over his glass of wine, making every accident an outlet and a vehicle of wisdom," exclaimed Coleridge on reading Selden's "Table Talk." John Selden was born in 1584, and on leaving Oxford adopted the legal profession. He wrote several law works and suffered imprisonment through opposing the will of James I. in regard to the freedom of the House of Commons. As an orator he made his mark in Parliament, and throughout his life he endeavored to effect a reconciliation between King and Parliament. His life was strenuous, and when he died in 1654 his literary and political abilities were widely acknowledged. His "Table Talk" contains the essence of his philosophy of life. Here are a few of his maxims:

"It is good to have translations, because they serve as a comment, so far as the judgment of the man goes.

In answering a book, 'tis best to be short; otherwise he that I write against will suspect I intend to weary him, not to satisfy him. Besides, in being long I shall give my adversary a huge advantage; somewhere or other he will pick a hole.

'Tis the trial of a man to see if he will change his side; and if he be so weak as to change once, he will change again.

He that hath a scrupulous conscience is like a horse that is not well weighed; he starts at every bird that flies out of the hedge.

'Tis much of the doctrine of the times, that men should not please themselves, but deny themselves every thing they take delight in; not look upon beauty, wear no good clothes, eat no good meat, etc., which seems the greatest accusation that can be upon the Maker of all good things. If they be not to be used, why did God make them.

No man is wise by his learning; it may administer matter to work in or objects to work upon; but wit and wisdom are born with a man.

Of all actions of a man's life, his marriage does least concern other people, yet of all actions of our life 'tis most meddled with by other people.

Money makes a man laugh.

Opinion and affection extremely differ. I may affect a woman best, but it does not follow I must think her the handsomest woman in the world. I love apples best of any fruit, but it does not follow I must think apples to be the best fruit. Opinion is something wherein I go about to give reason why all the world should think as I think. Affection is a thing wherein I look after the pleasing of myself.

Thought we had peace, yet 'twill be a great while e'er things be settled. Though 'twind lie, yet after a storm the sea will work a great while.

Pleasure is nothing else but the intermission of pain, the enjoying of something I am in great trouble for till I have it.

The Second Latchkey
By C. N. and A. M. Williamson.
Published by S. B. Gurdy, Toronto.
357 pages.
An excellent book; good both in

design and execution, with a well-concealed plot, which holds the reader's interest till the last page. A story full of surprises and thrilling situations, with a wholesome human interest throughout. It is exceedingly well written; the style is fresh and there is evidence of careful writing on every page.

A STRAIGHT DEAL OR THE ANCIENT GRUDGE.
By Owen Wister. Published by The MacMillan. Price, \$2.25.
It may be that certain readers with a mental or moral twist will see in this refreshing book only a timely appeal for the Candidature of Leonard Wood, for president of the United States; it may be that others of equally unbalanced judgment, afflicted with an Anti-English complex, will find in it occasion for a new distributive against Great Britain. But we think the impartial reader will see in this book a clear, frank, fair statement of similarities and differences between the two great branches of the English speaking world. It is humorous, dispassionate, eminently fair, and enormously enlightening to both members of the family. The writer shows unusual grasp of the destiny—determining epochs of the two nations, and appeals with irresistible force for a new emphasis on the great agreements instead of magnifying the petty differences which exist between Great Britain and the United States. It is of more than passing interest to note that much of the hatred of England is due to an apparently intentional distortion of the plain facts of history as set forth in the text books of the schools of the United States. The closing sentence of the book sums up its general attitude:

"And beneath (England's) wisdom at the bottom of all is her sense of our kinship through liberty defined and assured by law, if we (the United States) were on the side she is, she also should know that her good will is equally important to us; not alone for material reasons, or for the sake of our safety, but also for those few, deep, ultimate ideals, of law, liberty, life, manhood and womanhood, which we share with her, which we get from her, because she is our nearest relation in this many peopled world."

The book is written in a clear style of excellent literary flavor, by one who knows the facts and believes what he writes. It is a distinct contribution to international good will.

WINE OF THE WINDS.

By Keene Abbott. Published by S. B. Gurdy, Toronto. 336 Pages. Price \$1.45 Net.

This book is a fine piece of good English literature. The plot, while not obtrusive, has sufficient movement to keep the reader fully alert; the delineations of character wrought out with great care in the two very opposite feminine natures, around which much of the story revolves, is really exquisitely done. There is an exciting bit about Indian raids, some wounds, woman's tenderness in sickness and a couple of convenient deaths, which, however, do not spoil the story. The affection and heroism of the first love are finally rewarded as a triumph over the dependency of the man whose second chance in some measure redeems the criminal blunder of his early practice. The book is a first rate novel.

The Woman Hater.
By Ruby M. Ayers. Hodder and Stoughton, London. 264 pages. Price 7s. 6d.

This book is written by a well-known author who has a full score of novels to her credit. It is the story of a woman with whom one man was in love long ago and with whom another man is in love in the early chapters. The principle around which the plot revolves, is that no matter who she may be and what tricks she or fortune may pay him, no man wholly breaks with his first love, the fire never goes out; only favorable opportunity is required to fan it into flame. There are a couple of stanzas in the book and the plot, while well-executed, is neither too intricate nor too concealed.

runs no risk of upsetting the balance of the machine. It is essentially a fighting machine, and has two Vickers guns operating with the Constantinesco gear in front and a Lewis gun on a Scarff mounting behind. There is no fin, the deep fuselage taking its place, which gives a splendid field of fire. The constructional principle of the machine is also of interest, and will be described in reviewing the machine. The Napier engine with which the machine is fitted has an electrical starter, and the huge propeller, which runs at half the engine speed, revolves rapidly when it is switched on.

There was quite a varied selection of engines to be seen at the show. There were actually no less than fifteen distinct types of engine shown on the aeroplanes, quite apart from several others that were shown by the engine firms themselves. They varied in horse power from the Napier "Lion," which is becoming increasingly appreciated as a high-power unit, down to the A.B.C. "Gnat."

The Aircraft Disposal Company had the annex of the building and there could be seen the various types of machine that were in use during the war, all of which the company has now for disposal. Apart from its appealing to prospective purchasers, this section had a great interest in its showing the type of machines that brought victory to us in the war. The accessories shown contained many features of interest, among them being the Palmer Tyres, which had some large tyres to show, the S. Smith & Sons' instruments, the wireless telegraph and telephone shown by Marconi's, and the "One Lever" Automatic Telephone, which always had a lot of interested spectators.

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KANGAROOS FOR OSTRICHES

Vancouver Trades Australian Jumpers to Augment the Zoo.
Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 7.—Another little advertised, but highly successful Vancouver industry, is located in Stanley park in the shape of the kangaroo colony there. So successful have the parks authorities been in raising these animals that they are now being used for an exchange medium to augment the park zoo. Some time ago two kangaroos were sent to Spokane, and that city reciprocated by sending a female ostrich, which is now sitting on ten eggs.

Forest Farmers Haying.
Forest, Aug. 5.—The farmers are nearly through haying, and they report a light crop. The shareholders of the cream butter and cheese association, held their annual business meeting on the 30th. They paid off a dividend of ten per cent. Thomas Fitzgerald and son, shipped a carload of fat cattle, to Montreal last week. They shipped them from Murvale station. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ellerbeck spent a day recently, at Harrowsmith, with Mrs. Ellerbeck's mother. The Misses Fitzgerald spent an evening at Wm. Vancouver's, Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrigan are at Cummings. The Ladies' Aid, held a garden party at the home of Mrs. Geo. Irwin, Thursday evening.

The man who spends more than he earns is bound to rob somebody.
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The central concern of every human being is to know God, and knowing Him, to do His will and live in His plan.—D. S. Cairns.
Father perfect my trust; Let my spirit feel in death That her feet are firmly set On the rock of living faith! —Phoebe Cary.
The grandest march of victory is the march of bruised reeds repaired, and the sweetest light in the world at this moment is the light of restored lamps.—H. Elvet Lewis.
Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently.—I. Pet. 1:22.

There is no speech nor language to express the secret message of God, that make Perpetual music in the hearing heart.
—Henry Van Dyke.

Theoretically we know that He doeth "all things well," and that "all things work together for good to them that love God"; but it is a triumph of faith which brings great glory to God when, in the time of nature's sorrow, the whole soul of the believer rejoicingly accepts the Lord's dealings.—J. Hudson Taylor.

The over officious boss never gains the respect and esteem of his workmen.
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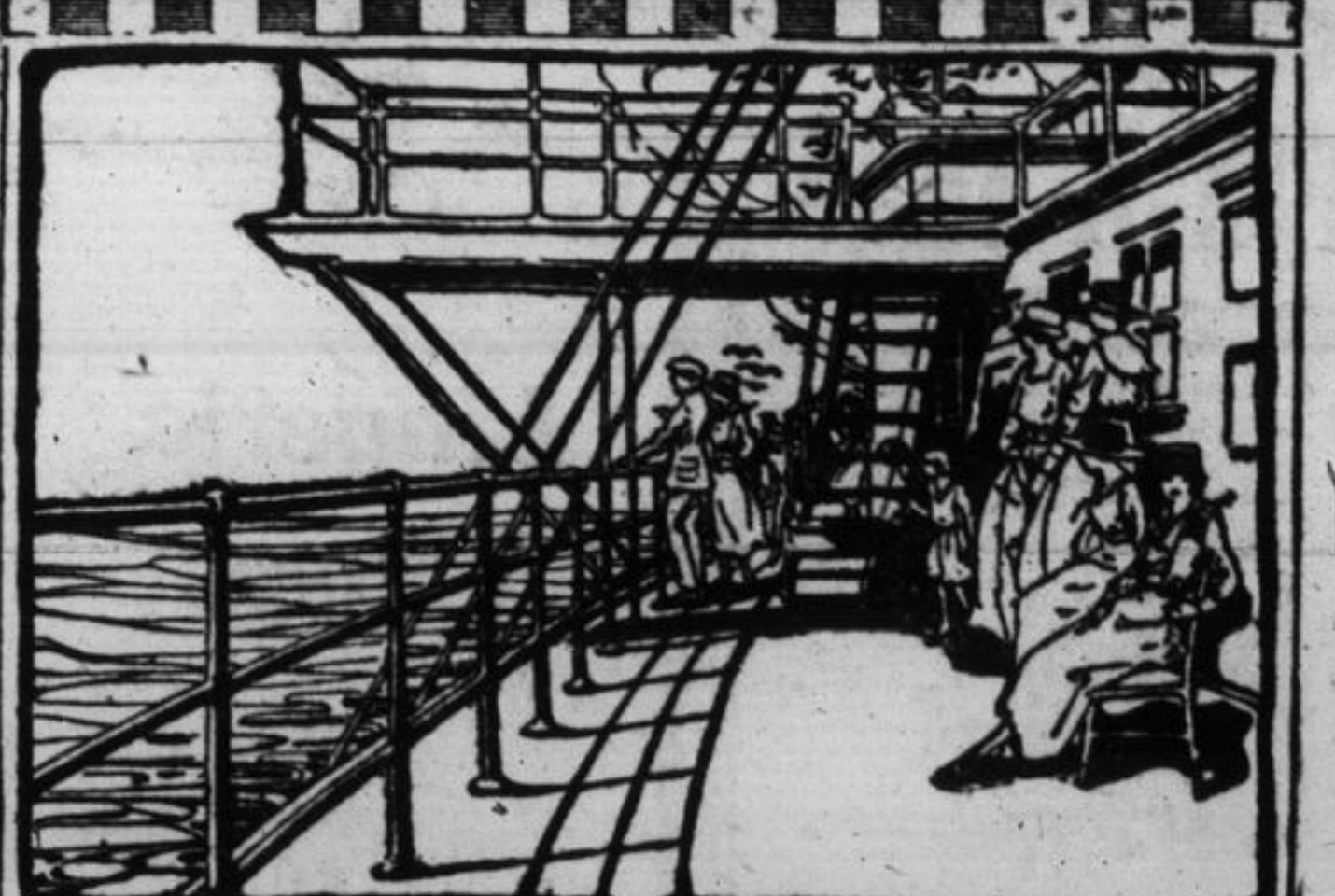
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British Aero Exhibition at Olympia Brought Forth Many Novelties

London, Aug. 7.—The sixth International Aero Exhibition at Olympia, which has just closed after a fortnight of successful sessions, was chiefly remarkable for the manner in which it established the supremacy of British aircraft manufacture.
The Marquis of Londonderry, in his opening address, said the development and progress which had taken place in every branch of aviation since 1914 was stupendous. In this country civil flying had really been in progress a little over a year. Discussing international progress, he said he referred to the progress of commercial aviation in Germany, and said that was no doubt that the Germans were fully alive to the national importance of aviation. Nothing was to be gained, however, by unnecessarily alarmist statements of his case.
A Review of the Exhibits.
One of the most impressive machines in the whole show gripped one on entering, viz: the Bristol triplane. It was the only machine at the show with more than two engines, and has proved its ability to fly with one or even two of the engines cut out. This type, known as the "Pullman," has a span of 81 feet, 8 inches, carries four Liberty engines and has a weight empty of 11,000 pounds. Comfort-

able accommodation is provided for fourteen passengers. The pilot's cockpit with its row of levers like a railway signal-box, shares interest with the interior of the fuselage. The Handley Page and Vickers big biplanes have also interiors that are lavishly and completely fitted up, no detail being neglected that could add to the passenger's comfort. It seems remarkable that a great machine like the Bristol can be driven through the air at 125 miles per hour (a recent test is said to have shown a speed of 134 miles per hour) speeds that one associates with the scout type.
At the other extreme in size was the B. A. T. Crow, a tiny monoplane in which the pilot sits underneath the plane, the motor-cycle of the air. This somewhat quaint-looking machine has shown remarkable flying qualities, when piloted by Major Draper, and is by no means only the toy that it might appear to be, at first sight. The "Bantam" on the same stand was a notable example of the fighting machine. Fitted with the A. B. C. Wasp II, it has recently achieved some remarkable tests for the air ministry.
From the instructional point of view the greatest novelty was shown the Short "Silver Streak," which has no wood or canvas in its construction. The wing spars are of steel, and so are a few minor parts, otherwise aluminium is used entirely, though the actual machine at the show had the planes covered with aluminium. The engine, a "Siddley Puma," is mounted on steel tubes held in position by built-up duralumin bearers; the construction lends itself to the fitting of other types of engine if desired. On the Short stand there was shown the patent landing stage which the firm uses. This consists of floats which rise and fall with the tide.
At the Martinsyde stand, great interest was taken in the tiny scarlet machine, the Semi-Quaver, on which Mr. Raynam put up the record of 161.434 miles per hour, and which he is flying in the Aerial Derby round London. The Supermarine stand was of special interest as they were the only flying boats exhibited, and the "Channel" type is one of several brought by the Norwegian Government. The arrangements for handling the anchor and the patent boat-hook are features of this very seaworthy (and air-worthy) looking craft.
The Blackburn machine with its divided axle for carrying a torpedo plane was a centre of interest though the deep fuselage gives it an inelegant appearance. The Fairey also has a very deep fuselage. This machine is for the Air Service, and details of its dimensions and performance are not available for publication. It is a striking machine with many admirable features, including the Fairey variable camber, which has been greatly improved by an arrangement which looks the tail-adjustment with the variable camber adjustment, so that the angle of both is increased or decreased together, and the pilot