



will-ability; second, do-ability; and third, with stick-ability. Consider his words, my sisters.

Death of an Old Servant.

The rage for reading books written by women must be profitable to the book concerns, at least, when a London publisher can offer an already popular writer £200 additional if he will let his next book be issued under a feminine non de plume.

How do you like to see hypocrit, cigaret, doctrin, promis, fether, repulsiv, fantom and telegraf? asks the Literary World of Boston. And how would you like to write such words without the unnecessary letters? A number of editors and college officers and others have agreed to adopt this new orthography and thus form a great spelling trust, as it were. It will not call for a new alphabet, it will not make any new phraseology requisite, but it is merely a move toward fonetic spelling, and therefore a step toward simpler spelling. The suggestion is more for mercantile uses than for literature. Are you going to join this trust?

We are always wondering how much the novelist is revealed in his characters, and in the case of Thomas Hardy we have an interesting item. The New York Tribune is authority for the statement by a friend of Hardy's that in Jude Fawley we see a kind of portrait of the novelist himself. In some of the characteristics the resemblance lies, and especially in the same dislike, but not, of course, in the story of his career.

Beautiful Trilby! Did you decide for yourself whether her influence was for the bad or not? And did you sniff at the hypnotism, and declare that in real life she never could have been a prima donna on the stage, and be not even able to sing Ben Bolt in private life? Well, here comes a Paris correspondent with a French physician's opinion of the tale. He is M. Brissand, one of the most famous physicians of the Salpetriere, a hospital where all kinds of curious cases are treated, and where they deal with questions of hypnotism, suggestion, etc. M. Brissand thinks a Trilby could be trained to sing hypnotically, but he does not see how she could lose a voice, Svengali ceasing to will, even one made in that manner. He questions if a voice could exist without "ear," but granting that it could, the question is perfectly probable.

Perhaps some women may not be interested in hypnotism. Then they may omit this paragraph which will be of interest to many who have valuables to lose, at least. A Baltimore physician claims to have hypnotized his own servant, presumably an honest man, and to have made him go to the office of a neighboring physician, and steal all he could lay hands on. He further asserts that he hypnotized a bank cashier of Baltimore to steal \$5000 from a bank. We have read of a case that was tried in court, where a man who had hypnotized another man and made him commit a murder was held responsible, while the actual doer was allowed to go free, or at any rate his punishment was very slight. From such startling proof of hypnotic power, we must expect that cases in hypnotism will be a recognized department in law study before long.

To turn to something a little less gruesome, do you realize the great temptation that women have to waste their energies? They are interested in everything, but experts in almost no one subject, too often. Many a refined, educated woman has in her mind a model of the true home-life she would choose for her family, but she lacks energy, or better, concentration of energy, to realize her ideal. She and all her sisters may well ponder over the words of the Tennessee preacher who divided his discourse into three parts, dealing, first, with

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