

Literary News and Criticism

The Enchantments of Digging in the Soil of Antiquity.

As he has indicated, he writes throughout this volume out of sheer joy in a vocation having its dramatic side, and it is not by any means the antiquarian alone who will value his delightful narratives. It is the layman, and the layman of imagination, to whom he also addresses himself.

WIVES AND HUSBANDS

Two Novelists on the Modern Marriage Problem.

TONY'S WIFE. By George Gibbs. Illustrated by the author. 12mo. pp. 311. D. Appleton & Co.

STUDIES IN WIVES. By Belle Lowndes. 12mo. pp. 318. Mitchell Kennerly.

In these advanced days of the marriage problem novel Mr. Gibbs' "Tony's Wife" may well be called conservative. None of the characters takes himself or herself too seriously—which is the first symptom of the "Higher Law"—and they sound principles are not attributed to them by the author for the sake of being bowled over by narrow prejudices.

ARNOLD BENNETT

Defends the Bourgeois Against the Arrogant Artist.

From the London Daily Chronicle. I have recently been listening to impassioned painters on the subject [of the Rokeby Venus]. I was talking to a typical impressionist painter in London the day in the city's greatest art gallery of the world, Florence.

THE SPORTSMAN LOVER

Some Adventures in the Air and Other Perilous Places.

DANBURY RODD, AVIATOR. By Frederick Palmer. Illustrated. 12mo. pp. 210. Charles Scribner's Sons.

MR. CARTERET AND OTHERS. By David Gray. 12mo. pp. 210. Charles Scribner's Sons.

He does not labor these matters, and, indeed, they crop out only in the most casual fashion, but they do a good deal to heighten the general interest of his book. He tells us also something about Turkish life, and in his Lycian chapter paints a touching picture of the little village of Demre, once known as Myra.

There are other incidents of a kindred sort which it would be interesting to quote, but the author's archaeological transactions must not be forgotten, though they are in a measure subordinated to the miscellaneous notes of travel embodied in this book.

THE FLYING APPARATUS OF MR. WEBSTER'S "SKYMAN" is only a cleverly employed minor lever in the complicated plot of a story whose scene is the Arctic and whose leading characters are a young

man and a young woman learning to depend upon each other and to love each other amid deprivation and danger in the twilight of the north. An incident of army service in the Philippines, the wrecking of an Arctic expedition and an Arctic whaler, a ledge of gold, wholesale murder, and a yacht seeking the vanished explorer—these are the crowded preliminaries of the main part of the tale, which is only concerned with the two in a hut, amid snow and ice and darkness and unseen dangers from a prowler, the murderer of many, who, in the moment of his success, in fact, the yacht is driven out to sea by a storm, and cannot return through the gathering ice.

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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Current Talk of Things Present and to Come.

Byron loved a bit of mischievous mystification, and an amusing illustration of this fact is to be found in the new instalment of Lord Broughton's memoirs. The poet's friend Kinnaird recalled, when all was over at Misso-longhi, a letter from Mr. Barry, an excellent but not particularly brilliant banker at Genoa. "You will excuse me," wrote this good man, "for mentioning to you rather a singular request that Lord Byron made me when he was on the point of sailing. The eccentricities of a man of genius may, I hope, be mentioned to a friend, valued by him as you were, without giving offence or appearing childish or impertinent. He had kept for a long time three common gese, for which he told me he had a sort of affection, and particularly desired that I would take care of them, as it was his wish to have them at some future time, it being his intention to keep them as long as he or they lived. I will send them to England, if you please. The after life of the gese is not revealed to us. "Now here," says Lord Broughton, in recording the story, "is a plain case of mystification which succeeded with the worthy Barry."

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universal application in art. As a fact, if the artist does not appeal to common men, to whom does he appeal? Are artists to live, artistically, by taking in each other's washing? If the aim of the artist is not to reveal beauty to somebody who is incapable of seeing beauty for himself, what is his aim? These questions arise themselves, and their answers rightly demonstrate that the artist's disdain of the public is ridiculous in its arrogance. If, indeed, there is an absolute wall between the artist and the public, then the artist is engaged in a most futile and unproductive work.

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