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Facts and Fancies from Book Land

By W. P. KIRKWOOD

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THOSE CONFUSING WINSTON CHURCHILLS

THOSE CONFUSING WINSTON CHURCHILLS.—Winston Churchill, the American name, was born at St. Louis, Nov. 10, 1874, and graduated in 1894 from the United States Naval academy. For a year he was editor of the Army and Navy Journal, and later managing editor of the Cosmopolitan.



WINSTON CHURCHILL, The American Author.

THE MAGAZINES.

The College of Today—if it is not correct our faults these days it is not because we are not told of them. The faults of today is having some of its columns printed out by W. G. Parsons in the April Atlantic. One thing he says is this: The typical college of today consists of a shrewd financier, libraries and their librarians, and laboratories and their laboratorians.

STICKNEY WRITES ABOUT RAILROAD LEGISLATION

Stickney Writes About Railroad Legislation.—The Massachusetts number of the Political Science Quarterly, A. E. Stickney gives the views of a railroad president on "The Legislative Regulation of Railway Rates," indicating the necessity of legislation, but pointing out that further investigation is required to determine what are just rates.

THE CHALLENGE

The Challenge.—By George W. Brown. The author is a young man, making progress in the world's wealth of money and mind, and taking joy in his progress.

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