

Among the Books and Magazines

"Fair America." By Katharine R. Crowell. Hodder & Stoughton, New York, the George H. Doran Company. \$2.00 net.

"Fair America" is a romantic history of "opportunity," achievements and "liberty." The author of it has gathered in a connected story the love of adventure, the desire for the discovery of new lands and, above all, the ailment of looking for a pot of gold in the foot of the rainbow, that fired the hearts and hopes of pioneers who crossed the Atlantic in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and realized great possibilities in the founding of a new world.

To the telling of the story Miss Crowell has brought great wealth of imagination and a direct spontaneity of expression that must in these respects commend it very thoroughly to the patriotic young people for whom it has been written. To them the author speaks of Columbus's long years of devotion, of his hardships and his sufferings; of the English Captain Cabot, whose great object was to obtain gold; of Balboa, who won through to the beach where the waters of the "South Ocean" gazed at Ponce de Leon, who sought for the fountain of perpetual youth; of De Soto, who pressed after the will-o'-the-wisp of El Dorado and the seven fabulous cities; of Cortez, who penetrated to the canyons of Arizona, the Firebrand River, the Vermillion Sea and first set foot within the present limits of California; of Cartier, Champlain, Joliet, Marquette and La Salle, who pressed on up the St. Lawrence and the Ottawa, over the lakes and on toward the blue, misty walls of the West, striving to win for France the magnificent system of waterways of the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi, and, last but not least, of Christopher Columbus and the valiant John Smith, building the foundations of the American nation at Jamestown Island, Virginia.

There is incidentally, a statement about Virginia in the Virginia planter, which Miss Crowell makes that is contradicted by authentic history. She says that "the children of the planters were liberally educated in England, or by the tutors brought out from England, but in Virginia there was no education and no freedom for the children of the poor." Certainly Miss Crowell has not taken into consideration the educational work in behalf of the poor by the early parish schools of Virginia, nor the fact that the first public school within the present limits of the United States was founded at Hampton, Va., by a private citizen, and is still in operation as the Symmes-Eaton Academy, its original endowment having been reserved and continued during the many years that have passed since its establishment.

The voyage of Henry Hudson up the entrancingly beautiful river that bears his name, and the settlement of Lord Baltimore in the country north of the Potomac, carries the story an additional chapter forward in its charming and easy flow. Opportunity, helped along by William Penn, by James Oglethorpe, by George Washington, by Daniel Boone, by Thomas Jefferson and many others, develops into achievement, and the happy evolution of achievement is Liberty. "The prize was won," says Miss Crowell, "not by the Spanish banner, or that of the eagle, but by the stars and stripes, the symbol of the unflinching courage and invincible will and boundless energy of hand and brain of the American people."

The value and beauty of the book are supplemented by a series of maps showing each advancing stage of the frontier as it moved westward. The first pictures the heroic beginning of the work of civilization by the earliest pioneers, on foot, on horseback, by canoe, or on fatboats, toward the West; the third, the crossing of the Mississippi into the Northwest; the fourth, the extension of the frontier line to Texas, Arkansas and Nebraska; the fifth, the Oregon and Santa Fe trails, and the discovery of gold in California; the sixth, the achievement of railroads; the seventh and last, accomplishment along agricultural, industrial, educational and humanitarian lines, as the Saxon "Moot," 400 A. D., is displayed as the source of American liberty, and its successive progress is marked by the Magna Charta in 1215, the National Council in 1265, the Mayflower compact, the Virginia Resolutions, the Stamp Act Congress, the Declaration of Independence in 1776, and so on down to the present day.

The book is in most attractive form, and appeals to the idealism of young Americans, which needs to be cultivated. But the work is not perfect, for, while Miss Crowell declares that there can be no North as opposed to South, no line of demarcation between East and West, her book, with all of its merits, has a favor of sectionalism in that it seems unwarranted in what is otherwise so admirable.

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ment may be gathered around it should perpetuate truth and not error. Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va., was founded in the year 1783, so that in 1780 there was more than one college in "all the South." The first university in the American Colonies indeed was projected in Virginia in 1617. Its location at the city of Henricus, on James River, was decided upon. Liberal endowment was promised by the English crown, and plans for buildings were drawn by architects. Unfortunately the successful promise of this institution of learning was blighted by the Indian massacre of 1622, which retarded the development of the "Virginia Plantation," educationally and otherwise, for many years.

"The Girl Who Won." By Beth Ellis. Dodd, Mead & Co., of New York, \$1.50.

The year 1691, with its Jacobite conspiracies and its general atmosphere of unrest in England, is levered upon to furnish materials for a pretty romance. The story is a two-volume novel, and ventures attendant upon it. Beth Ellis has previously commended herself to the American public by her book, "Barbara Winslow, Rebel." Her present venture is a most enterprising one, and the action of the book begins in the opening chapter with the breakdown of a runaway couple whose involvements draw others into difficulties and furnish the groundwork on which the plot of the story is constructed.

A madcap escapade threatened the hero of the book, Captain Douglas Tremayne, a member of the King's Guard, with execution for highway robbery and induced him to Aspdon House, the home of Lady Elizabeth Laxley and her father, a prominent Jacobite, conspiring against William of Orange, and to bring James Stuart back to England.

Aspdon House, a two-mile ride from London, became a vital pivot on which political intrigues centered. William of Orange himself came in disguise to learn the truth for himself, and when he went back to London sent Captain Tremayne to prevent further progress of conspiracy. The arrest of Elizabeth's father when he came back from France to visit his family and his being thrown into the Tower, led to Elizabeth's being made a daughter of fortune, and the heroine, Glimpsey of court life in London, and of the men who were ostensibly loyal to King William, and who were in reality ready to betray him, render the concluding chapters of the book very interesting and well written. The love story unfolds on happily and reunited family life at Aspdon satisfies the demands of those who always like a novel to have a happy ending.

"Morning Star." By H. H. Haggard. Longmans, Green & Co., of New York, \$1.50.

The land of ancient Egypt and the religion, philosophy and superstition of a court which was then prominent among the nations of the earth, have supplied a setting and a motif for one of the most widely read authors and romancers in the make-up of his recently published novel, "Morning Star." Amen, the most powerful of the Egyptian gods, was the spiritual father and protector of Queen Neter-Tua, the daughter of Pharaoh, the heroine of the book. To this Neter-Tua was given by Amen a particularly powerful Double, or Ka, to protect her from the machinations of her enemies, and especially from a treacherous uncle, who used sorcery to bring about the death of Neter-Tua's royal father, and then tried to force her into marriage with himself. The Egyptian belief that there can be no North as opposed to South, no line of demarcation between East and West, her book, with all of its merits, has a favor of sectionalism in that it seems unwarranted in what is otherwise so admirable.

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the ultimate victory of love that is constant through separation and in the midst of great peril and imminent death. That the gods of Egypt unbent to concern themselves with the destinies and happiness of mortals is another proof that its supreme deity was believed to use the use of such means to bring about what was intended and decreed.

"Brits of Headquarters." By Marcin Barber. Moffat, Yard & Co., of New York, \$1.50.

The theft of a magnificent necklace of diamonds owned by a wealthy New York woman and the unjust imprisonment of this woman's companion, Miss Holcomb, on suspicion of her being the person most acutely concerned in the disappearance of the jewels make up a central idea for the unveiling of a cleverly constructed conspiracy, with a mutilated image of Buddha in the great temple of Delhi, India, and a series of intricate adventures awaiting a manifestation of Buddha's mercy, by the return of a jewel stolen from the forehead of the God, behind the motive for the final disappearance of the most valuable jewel stolen from the forehead of the Maharane diamond.

The name of the woman to whom the jewels belonged was Missioneer. She was the widow of a proverbial many times millionaire of New York. The breaking of a wire on which her necklace was strung in the Metropolitan Opera House, and the crushing under heel of the largest of the stones, the supposed Maharane, led to the discovery of the real necklace, and the real thief, and a wonderfully imaginative plot in its place. Mrs. Missioner kept her jewels in a specially built safe, the combination as she believed being known only to herself and her companion, the already mentioned Miss Holcomb. The safe, containing the jewel case in the safe on her return home from the opera proved that all the jewels had been removed along with the diamond necklace. The police were called in and Miss Holcomb's arrest against the protest of Mrs. Missioner, followed. Later Lieutenant Britz, of the Detective Bureau, was put on the case and conducted a vigilant investigation that finally led to the complete indication of Miss Holcomb by the explanation of the whereabouts of the gems, all of which, except the great stone that went back to the shrine from which it had been sacrilegiously carried away, was given back into their owner's hands.

The solving of the mystery is attended with many lively and exciting adventures. Otherwise the story has two charming love stories and excellent characterization to lend it interest.

"The Silent Call." By Edwin Milton Royle. Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York, through the Bell Book and Stationery Company, of Richmond, \$1.50.

Life on the Indian Reservation in the West and the hardships which beset an educated half-breed girl when she tries to introduce a reform for Indian women in dress, habits and manner, and to teach Indian children along lines which have proved helpful in her own training, are details which, interwoven with the adventures of a young Englishman and the experiences of a preacher named John McCloud, who has gone to the reservation of health, form a piece of fiction of unusual strength and interest.

The hero of the novel is supposed to be the son of the Squaw Man in Mr. Royle's play of that name. He has been educated at the best English universities, but the prejudice against his mixed birth has led to his dismissal from the English army, and an unhappy marriage has caused him to leave London. Queen Mary, of the Red Butte Ranch, owned by his father, the Earl of Kerhill, and located not far from the agency. His occupation of the ranch nearly cost him his life. He was strung up by a lynching party with interest. The intervention of the half-breed girl, Wah-na-ki, would have been hung. The rescue of the Englishman strengthens the already existing bond of sympathy between the man and the girl, who is persecuted by the members of an Indian chief, Appah, to drag her into an uncongenial marriage.

There are troubles and complications besetting the paths of both lovers and the disadvantages of a world in which they are brought fully placed to be faced before they can be free to possess happiness without regret. The tragedy of John McCloud's life is robbed of much of its sorrow by the triumphant manner of his exit, and the story is brought gradually and finally to a happy close. Western types described in this book are portrayed with unusual skill and vigor.

Edward Milton Royle, author of "The Silent Call," was born in England, on March 2, 1862; was graduated from Princeton in 1883, and then studied first in the University of Edinburgh and later in the Columbia Law School. He is generally known as "Red Royle" and most widely for his "Remarkably Successful" "Squaw Man" and "The Silent Call" is the romance of the "Squaw Man's" son, Hal. But before Mr. Royle became established through "The Squaw Man" as a notable American playwright he had written several successful plays, "Friends," "Captain Impudence" and "My Wife's Husband," and in these he sometimes took the star part himself and through actual experience learned the technique of the stage. This arose purely from accident. The intention of acting at all in his life was forced into it by the failure of the actor cast for the star part to appear the opening night of "Friends," his first play, in New York. Mr. Royle stepped in to save the situation, and he stayed in through the metropolitan season and the tour of the country.

"Philippa at Halcynon." By Katharine Holland Brown. From Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York, through the Bell Book and Stationery Company, of Richmond, \$1.50.

The scene of this story is a Western college, and the situations, incidents and types of character are extremely varied. The picture of college life which the story presents is vivid and entertaining in an exceptional degree. Philippa herself is an entirely charming little figure, and it is not surprising that she won all hearts and accomplished so much in so many admirable ways. But her companions are no less interesting individuals, and constitute a remarkably united community of remarkably dissimilar units.

"Otis's Overture of Maryland." By James Otis. American Book Company, New York, \$1.50.

This story of Lord Baltimore's colony is told in the words of a lad who sailed with the first colonists in the good ship Ark and shared their stormy voyage to the new home in Chesapeake Bay. He describes graphically the dramatic journey, their first meeting with the strange brown natives, their explorations and building of a town, and their troubles with Master William Claiborne, of Kent Island, over boundary claims. In these troubles he availed himself taken an active part and in getting himself a part of the guard. Nothing of importance in the affairs of the province escapes his notice, and he tells the story of the beginnings of Maryland in a most interesting manner. The book,

intended for supplementary reading in the third and fourth years, is attractively illustrated from pen and ink drawings.

"Labor in Europe and America." By Samuel Gompers. Harper & Bros., of New York, \$2.00 net.

A president of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers was the accredited representative of his organization in a tour through England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, a tour of examination into the economic conditions of these countries. The book contains the result of his observations on labor, wages, class feeling, social standing and free speech in these different countries, and is immensely valuable for this reason alone. Other chapters on general subjects are equally readable. Comparisons drawn between people and conditions here and abroad are most favorable to America and Americans.

"An Explorer's Adventures in Tibet." By A. Henry Savage Landor. Harper & Bros., of New York, \$1.50.

The story of the entrance of a traveler into a land forbidden to strangers before his appearance in it, is here retold for the benefit of young people, scientific references included in a larger work, "The Forbidden Land," being omitted here. Mr. Landor's journey, which consumed the greater part of the year 1897, covered a wide area. The explorer entered Tibet from India and continued until he neared the impenetrable city of Lhasa, when a traitor in his party turned him and his two faithful servants over to tortures almost unimaginable. After barely escaping death they were conducted back as prisoners to the frontier.

A feature of the narrative is the writing of the geographical names "as locally pronounced," with "no exception of the jewel case in the safe on her return home from the opera proved that all the jewels had been removed along with the diamond necklace.

"The Ship Dwellers." By Albee Brewster Paine. Harper & Bros., of New York, \$1.50 net.

A voyage touching many countries, full of descriptive color and unflinching humor. A book relying mostly for its excellence upon the many-sidedness of its author's rich and sensitive mind, and upon his unflinching humor. The volume is dedicated to Mark Twain. In its beginning Mr. Paine describes the influence exerted upon his mind by the reading of "Innocents Abroad." When he knew that such voyages were really possible, he made ready for his pilgrimage to Mediterranean lands.

"Whirlpools." By Henry Sienkiewicz. Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, \$1.50.

As in "Children of the Soil," the author of "Quo Vadis" in "Whirlpools" deals with conditions in modern life and has placed the soul of his hero under the microscope. Profound thought and subtle analysis of human motives permeate the book, in which the novelist reveals himself as a close observer of recent Polish agrarian troubles and socialistic intrigues. "Whirlpools" has been translated by Max A. Dreznal. A youthful violinist, and a young and beautiful Polish girl, is one of its attractive characters. Previous to the publication of this story Sienkiewicz's pen had remained idle in the field of romance since the appearance of "On the Field of Glory" in 1906. He was one of a little band of Polish patriots who, with Mme. Modjeska and her husband, bought a ranch in California and started a Polish cooperative society, which failed for lack of practical management. Sienkiewicz soon went back to Poland, where he published a few short stories with America for their background.

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serve his eighty-sixth birthday in December. Both enjoy excellent health, and it is nothing unusual for Mr. Baker to walk to the Shenandoah River, a distance of fifteen miles, spend a few days fishing, and walk back. They have been married over sixty years, and the family ties have never been broken.

It is reported here to-day that there is a probability of great interest building an electric railway line from Winchester eastward to Bluemont, Loudoun county, to connect with the line to be extended from Vienna to Bluemont by the Washington-Virginia Railway Company, for which a charter was issued by the State Corporation Commission on Friday. The Winchester and Washington City Railway Company, which was organized here several years ago by Virginia and Washington financiers, is now covered by its charter to construct such a line in fact, such was contemplated, and the directors have all along declared their intention of building the line after the company was in a financial position to undertake the work. The company owns a large waterpower plant along the Shenandoah River at Millville, Va., and is now about to complete an auxiliary steam plant, which will give a combined output of about 8,000 horsepower. At present it is furnishing power for commercial and illuminating purposes in Winchester, Berryville, Charlestown and Martinsburg and a number of large quarries.

A large black bear, which is supposed to have been driven from the mountain by freight during the terrific electrical storm this week, was seen on the farm of C. C. Brannon, at White River, Frederick county, near a cherry tree, and an investigation showed that the bear had climbed the tree and torn off several branches containing large red cherries. A number of men and boys, armed with guns and clubs, went after the bear, but the animal managed to escape into the mountain country.

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Shenandoah county, who was taken seriously ill suddenly a few days ago while standing in the lobby of a bank at Woodstock, is recovering. The eleventh annual Confederate reunion, on the New Market battlefield, is to be held August 18 and 19 this year, instead of in September, as has been customary. A large camp fire will be held on the evening of the 18th. Practically all the roads of this section of the State which were seriously damaged by the falling woods of last week have been repaired.

Meetings.

NOTICE. NATIONAL BANK OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, VA., May 26, 1910.

PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION adopted by the board of directors of the National Bank of Virginia, notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of said bank, No. 1016 Main Street, Richmond, Va., on TUESDAY, THE 27th DAY OF JUNE, at 10 o'clock A. M., to consider a proposition and plan for the consolidation of the Bank of Richmond with said National Bank of Virginia, as approved by the board of directors of said National Bank of Virginia, to consider certain proposed amendments of the articles of association of said bank, to-wit:

- (1) To increase the capital stock of the said bank to \$1,200,000. (2) To provide for two vice-presidents and an increase of the number of directors, if an increase shall then be deemed desirable. (3) To consider the declaration of a dividend to the stockholders out of the present surplus of the bank. (4) For the election of directors. Any other business germane to the foregoing matters, or which may be deemed desirable by the stockholders of the bank, which may be then brought to the consideration of said meeting.

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