

THE LITERARY OUTLOOK.

The foolishlest book is a kind of leaky boat on a sea of wisdom; some of the wisdom will get in anyhow. —Holmes.

THE BOOK OF THE HOUR.

"THE IDLE BORN." In the "Homily," the author explains something about his book, and goes on to contrast the "smart set" of Isaac Watts' day and this, somewhat as follows, and not to the advantage of the latter, as you see.

"The fad of the idle born of today is to lead in extravagance, wit characterized the society of other days; wrong is now the open sesame and wit has been driven to the wall. Society fulfills a useful purpose only when it becomes the play-ground of the statesman, the writer, and the painter—when amid the lights and prattle there is an occasional breathing spell for the idle to stop and listen to the words of intellect and profit thereby." Of his book he says: "The story of the Idle Born is a satire of this little world of fashion. The canvas is small because the people are small. If the talk is fatuous, and the action at times contemptible, it is because to be straight-forward and outspoken is to be curious, and that is fatal in society." The book is subtitled "A Comedy of Manners," but to the readers "A Tragedy of Manners" would seem more appropriate, for not only are the characters sadly lacking in the old-time charm and grace of the "art of all arts," but they succeed in effectually killing any ideals you might have as to the ranks of upper swifdom, that is if you take the book seriously, which one doubts if the author ever intended. It is a story of those fortunate—so regarded—beings who are born with a silver spoon in their mouths, who have not to toil or spin, yet if there are any who are dissatisfied with their sphere of toiler in this work-a-day world they should read this as an antidote of their discontent for all supremely unattractive worldlings the lot you encounter here are the most so. It is decidedly an up-to-date story, a story of today, laid in the upper ranks of the social whirl, and if they are all well born, they have very evidently "dis-associated birth from breeding as the author cleverly says of one of the "leading gentlemen. The author, Hobart Chatfield-Taylor is a Chicago man, but he has taken lessons from Robert Herricks late experience in the "Web of Life," and did not make Chicago the scene of his story, but has laid it as far away as possible, in New York City in fact, and so has won laurels for himself and his book from his own people, for Chicago does not care what you do to New York. They speak a remarkable language in the story, if it is the dialect of swifdom, Volapuk is more comprehensible, it might be labeled, however, "New York slang with a Chicago accent." As a take-off is satire on society the book is distinctly clever, but the story is too trite to be interesting. It partakes largely of the melodrama, and there are no characters of especial force or interest. Some of them promise well in the beginning, but they "lose out" even the best of them, and then you spend your time in wondering how they got there at all. It is not the purpose of this review, though, to touch upon the story even in outline, than there is little to it. It is a clever take-off that the book will be read and enjoyed.

Mr. Hobart Chatfield-Taylor is now engaged on his new book, a romance of the Franco-German war, said to be the most serious and ambitious work of fiction he has yet attempted. It will not appear before the autumn, however.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie has written a character-novel, entitled "John Foster." It will appear in the next issue of The Bookman and will run through three numbers, and will appear in book form in the autumn.

Whatever Mr. Mabie writes is good, and his novel ought to be.

Sir Walter Besant's new novel will be called "The Lady of Lynn." It is the story of a young heiress of the Eighteenth century, living in the time of Lynn and like all Besant's other stories will be a very true treatment of the customs, manners, and life of the time.

A London letter announces that Julian Ralph since his recent return from America has been very ill at his home in Kensington, but is now better. Julian Ralph has utilized his experiences as a late war correspondent into his book "War's Brighter Side."

Miss Margaret Potter is now in Egypt at work on a novel, the scene of which is in the land of the Pharaohs, and which will run as a serial in Harper's magazine. This young author seems not to wait long between books, the "House of de Mally" has recently closed in Harper's Bazaar, where it was read with no little interest.

The serial, "Josslyn Cheshire," which is running in "Everybody's Magazine," now is by Sara Beaumont Kennedy. It is a revolutionary story of the Carolinas, and its author although a Memphis woman, spent much of her childhood amid the scenes of which she writes.

Another historical novel by a new writer is "The Mills of God" by Eleanor Macartney Lane. In this George IV of England, Napoleon, Goethe, Tom Moore and Sheridan all figure. It is somewhat of an array of notables, and rather makes one weary, but it is pronounced by the literati to be an important book. The story is laid in Virginia and at the English court, and there is plenty of incident.

Admirers of Edith Wharton's analytical short stories and longer ones, will welcome the news that her first long novel will be published in the early autumn. It will be called "The Valley of Decision," and the scene of action is Italy towards the end of the 18th century. This is ground with which she is very familiar.

A book that has been somewhat doubtfully styled "extraordinary" is "A Journey to Nantre" by J. M. Mowbray. It is one of the month's new books, and is the story of a man who cuts himself off from town life to live near to nature. Unlike Florence, though, he is said to know the throbbing life of the city, and to make comparisons that are full of force and significance.

The at-one-time much discussed authorship of "The Breadwinners" is being revived again in the recent death of Miss Ida Harris at Champaign, Ill., who claimed to be the mysterious author. This the publishers of the book deny and say it was written by a man. It has long been thought that the present secretary of state, John Hay, is the real author of the book, and this holds to the theory.

A book quite interesting at this season, and especially so a little later is "Mosquitoes" by Dr. L. O. Howard. It describes how mosquitoes live, how they carry diseases, how they are classified, and how they may be destroyed. It is particularly an account of the mosquitoes of North America and of the remedies to be used against them.

"Tarry Thou Till I Come" is the title of a new historical novel, with the scene laid in the Palestine of early Christianity, extending from the time of the crucifixion to the destruction of Jerusalem. George Croly is the author, and it is elaborately illustrated by T. De Thulstrup. The introduction to it is by the notable author of "Ben Hur," which in itself is a recommendation.

"Autobiography of a Journalist" by William J. Stillman is said to have decided interest because of its reminiscences. Mr. Stillman is one of the picturesque characters of our time, and

CHORUS GIRLS MAKE FORTUNES ON 'CHANGE.

Recent Wave of Mad Speculation Enables Three Footlight Beauties to Retire.



Here are three of New York's chorus girls who have made fortunes by recent stock speculation and have, as a consequence, retired from the stage. Miss Walker has realized \$100,000 from recent investments. Miss Tensmith followed suit with a modest \$50,000, while Miss Drake is satisfied with \$10,000. All three girls are well known in New York theatrical circles.

as United States consul at Rome and Crete and correspondent of the London Times, met many people of prominence; of these experiences she writes with "perfect frankness and much literary charm."

It is a delightful little glimpse into those charming "Reminiscences of Mr. Howells" that George S. Hellman gives us in the March Bookman, and but increases the desire to read Mr. Howells' "Literary Friends and Acquaintances" of a time when "there were giants in those days" in New England.

The author of that notable book, "The Martyrdom of an Empress" is to have out a new book very soon, "The Tribulations of a Princess," which is said to be her own autobiography. The identity of the writer is still not revealed, and behind the shelter of anonymity he writes with a free hand of European life in royal circles, and it is prophesied that the book will excite widespread interest and much comment around the tea table.

And yet, when all is thought and said, The heart still overrules the head. Still what we hope, we must believe, And what is given we receive.

Must still believe, for still we hope, That in the world of larger scope, What here is faithfully begun Will be completed, not undone.

Colonel Has Dangerous Post. The colonel of a regiment occupies the post of danger. According to the record more colonels have been killed in action, in proportion to their number, than officers of any other grade.

A general can keep under cover, more or less, but the colonel's position is with his regiment, and when it advances he is expected to lead.

Grounds for Divorce Actions. Most anything seems to be good enough reason for bringing divorce proceedings. A Washington woman has sued for freedom on the ground that her husband is not as strong politically as he thought and said he was, and a Leavenworth sister has just burst her matrimonial bonds because her husband would not take her to church.

At High Altitudes. The highest village in Europe is Avers Platz, in Switzerland (7,500); the highest inhabited point in Europe is the Hospice of St. Bernard, in Switzerland (8,200 feet). In Colorado the mining town of Leadville, with 15,000 inhabitants, is over 14,200 feet above sea level; other mining camps are still higher, and some gold and silver mines are worked at an altitude of over 12,000 feet.

To Supercede Coolies. The electric fan bids fair to supercede the punkah coolies of India. The regular price for four coolies to divide up the twenty-four hours is 6 cents each. With electrical fans the work can be done for one-third of the cost, and considerable inconvenience may be avoided.

CARNIVAL ROMANCE

STORY OF THE YOUNG MAN WHO WROTE HIS NAME ON A BUCKET

The Young Lady Unexpectedly Found Him Where She Boarded During Carnival.

There couldn't very well be a carnival without a romance or two. One that is worth telling may yet culminate in a happy marriage. Several months ago a young man employed in one of the largest mercantile establishments in the city wrote his name and address on a tin bucket that was ready for shipment. In the course of time it was sold in Cairo, Ill., and the young lady naturally saw the name, and being of a romantic turn of mind, wrote to the young man.

He replied and they exchanged several letters. She sent her photograph, but the young man soon afterwards lost her address, and had about forgotten the incident.

The other morning during the rush for carnival accommodations, two young ladies applied for board at the same place the young man makes his home. The young man thought there was something familiar about the face of one of them and finally remembered that she was the image of the photograph of the young woman who had written him. He searched until he found the photograph and taking it down stairs, presented it to her.

She admitted it was her own picture and asked where he got it, and when he explained, she was very much surprised to learn that he was the same young man she had written to. The acquaintance was renewed, and during the carnival week perhaps developed a feeling more tender than friendship.

The young lady has now returned home, but it is hinted that she may shortly return to Paducah to live.

Advice Newspaper Study. President Tucker of Dartmouth college has been advising students to study the newspaper—not what is called "journalism" by those who don't know any thing about it, but the actual newspaper itself. Mr. Tucker says that, as the newspaper has become an immense power for good or bad, every college man should study it carefully.

Child Wants Marriage License. In Easthampton, Mass., a child four or five years of age applied to the town clerk for a marriage license. It was discovered the child had a sweetheart about his own age. The clerk but advised the young man to consult his father before taking so important a step.—Springfield Republican.



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J. L. WOLFF, JEWELER.

Rate Lay Cables. A Waterloo (Pa.) man of resource has utilized rats to lay telephone cables through the conduits. Several rats were turned loose in the conduit with a ferret after them, to which was attached a cord. Through 700 feet of the conduit the merry chase was carried, and the rats emerged into daylight at the other end just a few feet ahead of the ferret, which was probably impeded somewhat by the cord.

Melody in Andrusburg. There is more melody in Andrusburg, Prussia, in the Hartz mountains, than in any other town in the world. There 250,000 canaries are annually reared and four-fifths of them are sent to the United States. "Professor birds," perfect singers, are placed among the young birds, so that the latter may imitate the trills of the experienced warblers.

Race horses are like men. When they have become disabled or incapacitated they often fall from their high estate. Mansour, the horse that ran third in the Paris Grand Prix of 1894, and came in only a length behind Matchbox, which was sold for \$45,000, is now pulling excursionists about the exposition city in a public cab.

Women are reveling in a Japanese craze. Milady must have her Japanese morning room. It is hung with light figured matting, the floor is covered with matting, and there is a wide divan upholstered with the same material. A few cushions are permitted on the divan, but not many, and there are no chairs.

and Court streets, whose main home is in Evansville and is well known in Paducah. He spends a great deal of his time here and while his employees had heard nothing of the trouble, they are certain that he is the same man mentioned in the dispatches, as he had a bookkeeper by the name of Keane, whose husband was killed.

DEATH OF AN INFANT. Esther, the 1-year-old daughter of Mr. B. C. Fields, died this afternoon at the family residence, 284 North Eighth street. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL. The Marble Hill baseball club defeated the L. A. L. club, in a match game at Rowlandtown yesterday afternoon, by a score of 14 to 9. The game was full of good playing all the way through, and both sides did good work.

REVIVAL SERVICES. Rev. E. E. Ramsey, of Paris, Tenn., will preach the opening sermon tonight at the Broadway Methodist church at 7:45. The public are cordially invited to be present.

LEFT THE SHOW. Mr. J. H. Jones, formerly a nurse at the city hospital, who left with Buckskin Hill, returned home yesterday. He left the show at Vincennes, Ind.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY. Henry Burnett Duncan, of Marshall county, filed a petition in bankruptcy this morning, giving liabilities to the amount of \$1,000.00.

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costs for being drunk and disorderly. WAIVED EXAMINATION. The case against "General" Brooks, colored, who shot "Hun" Cannon on Washington street three weeks ago, was called in the police court this morning and the defendant waived examination, being held to answer. Cannon, who has been in the hospital, waiting for a serious wound, and one that would have killed most people, to heal, was able to attend court. In default of a three hundred dollar bond he went back to jail. AUGUSTA LIGON TRIED. Augusta Ligon, colored, was tried this morning for obtaining money by false pretenses by selling a clock that had been stolen from Druggist Sam Winstead. The case was left open until tomorrow morning. Girl wanted to live as one of family, only two in family. Address B. Sp. Sp. of Clay Beale, 721 Harrison.

un He who gets new business Advertises persistently. 10 CENTS PER WEEK. A BIG STRIKE Many Machinists Throughout the Country Walked Out Today. HEAVIEST IN NEW ENGLAND The Shotwell Trials Concluded at Williamsburg This Morning—One Convicted and One Cleared. MOB FEARED AT NEWPORT LAST NIGHT New York, May 20.—The threatened machinists' strike all over the country was inaugurated this morning and while many employers have signed the nine hour agreement, the strike is one of the largest on record. The strike is heaviest in the city, in Cincinnati and the New England States. Louisville, May 20.—Two hundred and fifty machinists went on a strike here this morning. SOLDIER'S DEED. London, May 20.—Sergeant-Major Butler, just back from South Africa, shot five of his children, killing four. His wife narrowly escaped. MURDERERS TRIED. Williamsburg, Ky., May 20.—The trials of the Shotwells were ended this morning. They were tried for the murder of Sutton Warris in a feudal fight at Corbin last winter, and John Shotwell was convicted and given a life sentence, while Robert Shotwell was cleared. The jury failed to agree as to the guilt or innocence of Charles Shotwell. TO AVOID A MOB. Newport, May 20.—Charles Gaskins, the negro who murdered Policeman Ryan at Flemingsburg, was last night removed from the Maysville jail here on account of rumors of a mob coming to lynch him. CLERGYMAN SUICIDES. Rome, May 20.—It is now said that Rev. Davenport Babcock the eminent New York clergyman, suicided in a hospital in Naples while ill of gastric fever by taking poison. WANT HILL AND JOHNSON. New York, May 20.—Ex-Congressman Lewis, of Washington, state, says that Bryan told him that he would not again be a candidate for the presidency. He says the Democrats of the Northwest want David B. Hill and Tom Johnson on the next ticket. MRS. M'KINLEY STILL IMPROVING. San Francisco, May 20.—Mrs. McKinley continues to improve. The president today reviewed the school children. GOOD ROADS TRAIN. Hopkinsville, May 20.—The good roads special train will stop here July 10 and 11th to practically demonstrate the construction of good roads. BIG LEGAL BATTLE. Madisonville, May 20.—The trial of the five deputy sheriffs charged with killing two marching union miners a few months ago is legal today, and will be the most stubborn legal battle in the county's history. Seven distinguished lawyers represent each side.

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