

# A Little Bit About Everything

### Ancient Novels—

The most curious difference between the ancient heroines and their modern successors is that Callirhoe and Anthis, at least, are married when the story begins. Therefore, instead of the old business of the lover seeking his beloved, we have husband and wife, separated, and faithful, and longing for each other unspeakably, and reunited at last. And that seems to have a different and peculiar charm and tender piquancy which makes one wonder that modern novelists have not been tempted by the theme more often. Callirhoe, sold into slavery and about to become a mother, hesitates between death and second marriage, but finally decides on the latter alternative, as the only means of saving her child. Her prayer to Aphrodite seems to me singularly touching in its absolute simplicity: "I beseech thee, sweet lady, be kinder to me in the future. I have suffered enough. I have died and come to life again. I have been afflicted by plagues and more afflicted in escaping from them. And now I have been sold into slavery, and am to enter upon a second marriage which is to me the worst evil of all. Yet, in return for this, I ask only one favor of thee and through thee, of all the other gods, spare my child." She would have said more, but her tears would not permit.

Other characters besides the heroes and heroines there are in the Greek novels practically none; shadows, puppets, figures of circumstance, playing their part in the action, nothing more.—Gumshel Bradford, Jr., in Atlantic Magazine.

It is written that among the various schools of Grecian philosophy, says a contributor to the Atlantic, existed one known as "the Academy of Science," composed of one hundred men, each member pledged to the purpose of the school. To them came one seeking admission. Their list of membership was closed and their head, calling the would-be neophyte before the assembled audience, showed him without a word an urn so filled with water that not a single drop could be added. The neophyte, reading the message, bowed silently, started to withdraw, but hesitated and returned. Picking a petal from a flower, he dropped it on the brimming bowl so dexterously that it floated without dislodging the slightest particle of the liquid. The membership of the Academy of Science became one hundred and one.

An interesting order regarding the marriage of officers has been made by the Russian military authorities. Formerly no officer could marry until he had reached the age of 23. In addition to being of good social position, his bride had to possess means, or the marriage was not sanctioned. In future the income qualification will be dispensed with, and the colonel of the regiment will decide regarding the social suitability of the bride when the bridegroom is of the rank of captain or higher. In the case of subalterns a court of honor, formed of officers of the regiment, will sit in judgment.

## Microbes In the Scalp

THE LATEST EXPLANATION IS THAT MICROBES CAUSE BALDNESS.

Professor Unna of Hamburg, Germany, and Dr. Sabourand, of Paris, France, share the honor of having discovered the hair microbe.

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### A little bit of everything China's Medium of Exchange—

Business transactions between Chinese merchants and foreign firms are usually in taels. The tael is not a coin, but a Chinese ounce of silver. It varies in different places both as to weight and "touch" (or fineness), and the exchange between the tael and the dollar, or between the former and the copper coinage, is constantly fluctuating.

The only coin in use until recently was the copper cash (of which there are about 1,300 to the Mexican dollar, or 2,550 to the American dollar), but these are fast disappearing except in the more or less remote interior. A new coin or ten cash piece has been made at the provincial mints, and it is rapidly displacing the old copper cash. The relative value between these and silver dollars or taels is constantly fluctuating. At first they were supposed to represent one one-hundredth of a Mexican dollar, or about one two-hundred-and-fortieth of a dollar, but the exchange is now (Oct. 1) from 130 to 135 for the Mexican dollar, or from 307 to 313 for the gold dollar.

For many years the Mexican dollar was current at and in the vicinity of the coast and river ports, but now Chinese dollars are coined at the provincial mints at Tientsin, Nanking, Wuchang, Hankow, Canton and elsewhere, but the mintage of one province is only accepted at a discount in another province.

Subsidiary coins, 10 cent and 20 cent pieces, are also made at the provincial mints, but these are never worth their face value. They are discounted about 15 per cent, when exchanged for dollars.—Consular Reports.

### Co-operation in England—

The co-operative movement continues to grow in England. There were in 1882 15 co-operative societies, doing a business of \$782,295 at a profit of \$43,943; in 1908 there were 112 such societies, doing a business of \$29,510,909 at a profit of \$88,839. Although in the last five years there has been a decline in the number of societies from 125 to 112, there has been an increase in the volume of business transacted and in resulting profits. The decrease in the number of the organizations is attributable in part to the purchase of some of the concerns by the English wholesale society. Copartnership in housing is also growing very popular in England. In 1906 there were three tenant societies, with a capital of \$499,123, which in that year expended \$249,933 on building, while in 1908 the number of these concerns had trebled, and the sum of \$729,599 was expended on building. Through these societies mechanics, artisans, and clerks are enabled to secure homes, and at the same time the habit of thrift is strongly inculcated.—Washington Herald.

A wonderful prehistoric memorial has been discovered in the Big Horn mountains of Wyoming. It is known as the "medicine wheel," and on the top of Medicine mountain. It is built of granite boulders in a circle around a great rocky hub in the center. The existence of an altar of some kind had long been known to white men, but the Indians always refused to talk about it, and prospectors found it by chance. The tradition of the Indians concerning the wheel is that it was built by the gods themselves and is to remain as a sacred object to the end of the world. Medicine mountain, so named by the Indians for the reason that it was its rocky slopes that the Indians went for the "medicine" or charm which was to protect them through life, has long been known among the Indians as the home of the Great Spirit, and for generations these Indians have camped around the great wheel while engaged in the mystic rites and ceremonies of making Indian "medicine." No Indian would pilot a white man to the mystery, and only chance brought the two prospectors to the place of the "medicine wheel."—Washington Herald.

The tragedy in Nicaragua recalls the adventurous career, a little more than half a century ago, of William Walker. He was well educated, a graduate of a southern university, a lawyer, a physician, and a journalist. But not one of these callings could satisfy his adventurous spirit. He sought glory in filibustering. He was captured in Sonora, Mexico, and sent back to the United States for trial, where he was acquitted of violation of the neutrality laws. Then he plunged into a civil war in Nicaragua. He captured Granada, and the president, Gen. Corral, made him secretary of war. He caused Corral to be shot, and had himself proclaimed president. But his arbitrary rule caused another insurrection, and he was expelled to the United States. Afterward he was shot while leading an expedition in Honduras. One of his lieutenants, named Potter, escaped the fate of his chief and afterward became a colonel in the United States army.—Washington Herald.

### UNCLE EZRA SAYS:

"It's the little things that make a man great."—Boston Herald.

According to government statistics the industrial awakening recently noted in this country is now world wide. Wheat exports of this country are declining because the home consumption is increasing.

The 12 principal crops of the United States alone show a value of over \$5,000,000,000 at last reports.

The value of brick and tile products for 1908 in this country, according to the United States geological survey, was \$108,062,207, a decrease of 16 per cent from the value for 1907.

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