What the Bookman Is Doing at His Trade

Life's Common Way—By Annie E. Trumbull. A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, publishers.

This story is deceptive. There is something in the very appearance of a book which tells the voracious reader whether or not it is worth while, and the look of "Life's Common Way" is against it. It appears dull, prosy and too long. The reading of it convinces one that Annie Trumbull can write well and hold the interest of her public to the end. It portrays cleverly the ordinary ways of society folk of a supposedly inland city, in which the characters live and love and marry, alas—unhappily, as seems to be life's common way in these degenerate days. Ursula, the heroine, is a most gble, fascinating young woman, who loves one man but marries another, for what reason one is not told, and when she wakes up after a year of disillusioning life with the wrong man, instead of taking the now time-honored way of divorce, stays with the man she has married and tries to make the best of a bad bargain. Her great friend, Teddy Blankenship, strikes a fresh, original note, and the wreck of her life, when sold to an ambitious young man, seems more pitiful than that of the heroine. The greed for money, labor troubles and problems of the day are all woven into the story and, though too long drawn out, it all combines to make a most interesting study of the common way. The women of the book are notably good and the hits at the new woman's desire to reform the universe—as evidenced in the Committee of Ten—are excellent. The writer could have told her story in one-third as many words and in these days of haste the nearly five hundred pages of fine print will appal many who would otherwise find "Life's Common Way" a most readable book.

A Puritan Witch—By Marvin Dana. The Smart Set Publishing Co., publishers.

Mr. Dana writes well, therefore one regrets that he had not a better and more cheerful story to tell than this first book publication of the Smart Set company. It is the tale of a jealous, passionate girl, who would go all lengths to get what she wants and in so doing ruins every one who stands in her way. The scene is set in old Puritan days in New England, and concerns Anna Parton, who is tired of the ascetic atmosphere of her home and her life, and longs for love and dancing and the gayeties of the world, which are terible sins in the eyes of her family. She meets John Wicker, falls in love with him, and he loves her in return, and promises to take her away from her austere surroundings. Soon after this John finds that Mary Leonard is more attractive to him than Anna, and the trouble begins. There is talk of a witch in the village, and Anna, through jealousy, has suspicion fastened upon Mary, who is finally condemned to death and cast into prison. John is determined to save her and is in the act of freeing her when Anna happens upon them and gives the alarm. John and Mary plunge into the river and Anna after them. The two lovers are mysteriously rescued from a cave under the water, but Anna is drowned, which she should have been long before. "A Puritan Witch" would make an excellent melodrama on the "save-me-or-I-perish" order, but is not remarkable as a story.

Our Lady of the Beeches—By Baroness Von Hutton. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers.

This story is a bit of life, but unsatisfactory in that it ends as it begins, and no conclusion is reached. In spite of our modernity we are still a good deal like children when we read, and want to know how the story ends and whether "he" married "her." The writer of story we are considering leaves us without a hint as to the sequel, therefore, her book is not satisfying. The first half of the story is a correspondence between a married woman and the masculine writer of a book which she, the woman, has taken a fancy to. She writes first, he answers, and the letters are kept up, each being to the other unknown except by initials. Then they meet, and discover they are very much in love, and she allows the man to kiss her and condole with her about her uncongenial husband, all of which we do not approve, but find highly entertaining. The Baroness Von Hutton writes delicately, with good style, and more's the pity she does not write something one can take hold of. The woman goes back to her unpleasant husband and the writer man to his writing, and their meeting and loving is an episode which serves to while away an hour, for the reader who can enjoy without approving.

A Daughter of the Sioux—By Gen. Chas. King. The Hobart company, New York, publishers.

Gen. King is a veteran in story writing as well as in war, and is always assured of a wide hearing for his harmless and pretty tales. The present book concerns the West and the stirring events with which life on the plains is connected in the minds of the public. Here we have two heroines, one a white girl, the other an Indian maiden, and it is difficult to say which is the more attractive. There is much action, some love and a truly happy ending which makes up a story which will undoubtedly add fresh laurels to this popular author's military brow.

The Blue Goose—By Frank L. Nason, McClure, Phillips & Co., publishers.

There is something unfinished about "The Blue Goose" which takes away from it its attraction, and gives us the impression that the writer, Mr. Nason, could have done better if he had not been handicapped by the desire to be faddish. For it is a fad with a certain class of writers to leave their characters up in the air, as it were, thereby giving the impression that the story is a bit of life, and life is never finished. The story is of mining camps, and is full of incident by no means original or out of the common. Madam is the one character that stands out, and gives one a hint of what Mr. Nason can—and may later—do.

Conjuror's House—By Stewart Edward White. McClure, Phillips & Co., publishers.

Mr. White only adds to his already excellent reputation by this latest story, which deals with the great Northwest and the picturesque characters there to be found. The tale concerns Ned Trent, a lone trapper, who incurs the enmity of his neighbors, who make a prisoner of him and condemn him to "La Longue Traverse," the long journey. Anyone starting on this perilous journey without arms and but a small supply of provisions will hardly finish the trip in safety, but the hero of the story is made of sterner stuff than others, and the way he accomplishes this rare feat makes a thrilling story, in which love plays an important part. This last book of Mr. White's is not the least—and some regard it as the best—of his literary labors.

Story of My Life—By Helen Keller. Doubleday, Page & Co., publishers.

In consideration of what Helen Keller suffers under and what she has accomplished in spite of her disabilities, she should be ranked as the eighth wonder of the world. Those young persons who hate to go to school, who sniff at learning and who regard history as dry-as-dust, should read this remarkable book and try to realize what it is to be cut off from the most ordinary things of life and then to hunger and thirst for what books contain. Of course, a large share of the credit for what Helen Keller is should go to Miss Sullivan, her patient teacher, who has developed this wonderful girl so painstakingly, though back of it all was her indominatable will and native intelligence. To read this book is to learn a lesson of infinite pains, patience and faith.

Cliveden—By Kenyon West. Lothrop Publishing Co., Boston, publishers.

Cliveden is an historical romance by Kenyon West, favorably known as the author of several books of fiction and criticism. The story, which is quick in action, picturesque in scene, and dramatic in situation, centers in the famous Chew House, in Germantown, during the Revolutionary war, at the times when the battles of Brandywine and Germantown were being fought and the British Gen. Howe was threatening the native forces. Both sides of the struggle are represented, the American patriots and the British redcoats; and a charming love story is developed, in which the principals are a well-born American beauty and a British officer with a noble character. The Chew residence is in a stage of siege, and the attempts of a British spy to wreck the fortunes of Gen. Washington, who is only a few miles off, make exciting reading. The volume is given an appropriate patriotic dress.

A Social Cockatrice—By Frederick W. Eldridge. Lothrop Publishing Co., Boston, publishers.

"A Social Cockatrice" is a very strong, realistic story of plutocratic American life in New York and the fashionable watering places. The central character, Beatrice, is a wonderful drawing of a woman whose only ambition is to gain social place and who wrecks lives, whether of men or women, to gain that purpose. In pleasing contrast is her sister Edith, sweet, charming, and full of good works. The death of the Cockatrice at her hands furnishes the dramatic crisis of the tale, which will be recognized as a novel of great brilliancy and unusual strength of plot.

Exits and Entrances—By Charles Warren Stoddard. Lothrop Publishing Company, Boston, publishers.

"Exits and Entrances" is a volume of essays of exceptional interest by Charles Warren Stoddard, whose "South Sea Idyls" is one of the little classics of American literature. Mr. Stoddard in this book gives personal reminiscences of interesting literary figures, like Kingsley, George Eliot, Stevenson, Bret Harte, and Mark Twain; writes prose poems of travels as fascinating as Heine's "Reisebilder;" or treats his experiences in the form of half-fiction and half-essay, an altogether delightful kind of literature in his hands.

The book makes a series of essays and sketches full of charm, and is enriched by a frontispiece picture of Mr. Stoddard, reproduced from a painting and here for the first time printed.

Mary North—By Lucy Rider Meyer. Fleming H. Revell Company, publishers.

Lucy Rider Meyer in "Mary North" has pictured and interpreted the common life of the shop-girl, the deaconess, the proleteriat, till we ourselves seem to be living their lives.

Mary North herself, the central figure of the book, was born and raised among the hills of pure, sweet, country New England, and to the last there is something about her that reminds one of the wild rose. She becomes engulfed in the city through no fault of her own and in her story we catch glimpses of the "Department Store," the gaily desolate midnight streets, the not always unhappy tenement life, the underworld of crime and shame, dire poverty grinding its victims to pulp, blank despair drawn out into long agony, the frequent nobleness of the rich. The picture is not all sad; here and there bubbles up through the irrepressible laughter of life, the never wholly destroyed hopefulness of youth.

The author of this book does not preach at us; she interjects almost no comments of her own—she lets the story speak. The book is not one of social science, though many of its situations are of acute interest to the student of sociology. It is a story—a life.

Personal Reminiscences of Prince Bismarck—By Sidney Whitman. D. Appleton and Company, publishers.

Mr. Whitman had exceptional opportunities of studying the great German statesman at first hand and the readers of this charming book will receive a softer, more humane idea of Bismarck than is usually the case. Mr. Whitman's study is by far the best on this subject as yet published and furnishes too, a most important chapter of contemporary history.

Story of a Bird Lover—Wm. Earl Dodge Scott. Outlook Publishing company, publishers.

Mr. Scott has had the privilege of being the pupil of Louis Aggasiz and has besides won fame as one of the foremost ornithologists in the country. His present volume on birds combines interest with instruction. The reading of it puts one in closer touch with nature and with a comprehending love of all God's creatures.

The Other Room—By Lyman Abbott. Outlook Publishing Company, publishers.

Mr. Abbott gives us a small volume of collected essays, mainly upon immortality, and written in the style of the latest "new thought" semi-religious, and semi-humanitarium. He does not believe in dogma and while his thoughts sound well, they are vague and indefinite when analyzed.

ROME WANTS FRIARS TO REMAIN IN THE PHILIPPINES

Mgr. Guigeri Reports to Vatican Suggesting Settlement Should Be Made for Their Gradual Withdrawal and for Arbitration to Fix Value of Lands.

ROME, May 17.—There has been a change in the Philippine islands matter in regard to the friar question, as there is now a movement in the islands in favor of a settlement. The pride of the friars brought them to oppose voluntarily leaving the islands; they felt that, as the archipelago had been administered by the United States, they were in a position of inferiority. The vatican had received several petitions from the Philippines asking it to prevent the departure of the friars. The apostolic delegate, Mgr. Guigeri, clearly demonstrated in his report how matters stood there. He said on one side was the schism produced by the Bishop Aglipi, which is supported by only fourteen priests without reputation, but which is spreading, especially in the country districts. This movement is helped by the dominant party trying to persuade the population to rebellion against Rome, and saying that the expulsion of the friars is indispensable to independence.

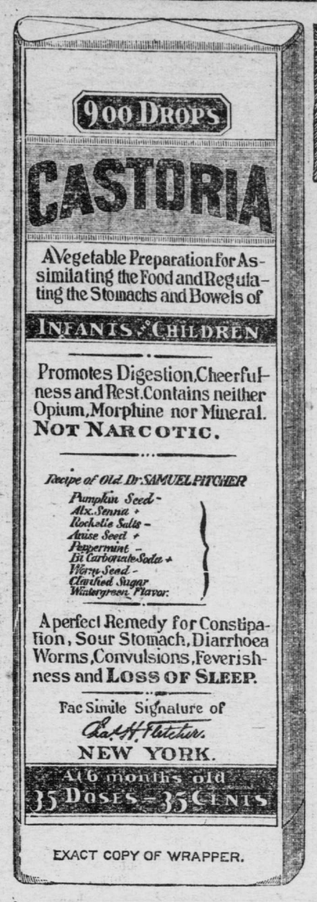
Would Withdraw Gradually.

On the other side the departure of the friars, who now number about 400 men, would mean leaving 6,000,000 Catholic Filipinos without religious ministration, there being no other clergy acquainted with the language or habits of the natives. The Filipino priests, who number 650, are inadequate to serve the parishes and missions, which reach a total of 967. Mgr. Guigeri therefore concludes his report in favor of the friars remaining until others have been substituted for them. This substitution, however, must be slow, as the Vatican wishes the new priests and friars to be Americans and the supply of these men is limited. Father Justian, superior of the Augustans, who went to the Philippines to persuade the Augustan friars to leave the Philippines, was able only to send out about twenty men, as the total number of Augustan friars on the islands number only eighty.

The negotiations between the Vatican and Gov. Taft for the purchase of the friars' lands were begun, but they were suspended because of the differences of the estimates of the value of the lands given by either side and it was found impossible to agree, and a method of arbitration has to be decided upon to fix the true value.

We are selling a large lot of monuments and vases at special prices this week for delivery before Memorial Day. P. N. Peterson Granite Co., 104 East Fifth street.

The City Council will receive bids for repaving its portion of the Burr street bridge, the "Omaha" road paving their portion at the same time.



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WORSHIPERS VICTIMS OF BOLT OF LIGHTNING

Three Are Struck, Their Clothes Being Literally Torn Off.

BELOIT, Wis., May 17.—Lightning struck the Methodist church at Rockton, Ill., while services were in progress today and three persons were seriously burned, though all will recover. Their clothes were literally torn off. The bolt followed a chandelier. The church was not much damaged.

CHURCH LIQUIDATES A BIG MORTGAGE

Is at Last Clear of Debt After a Narrow Escape From Foreclosure.

OMAHA, Neb., May 17.—The First Methodist church of Omaha today celebrated the twelfth anniversary of its dedication by the liquidation of a $40,000 mortgage, the balance of $112,000 which was the original cost of the edifice. The occasion was graced by the presence of Bishops McCoy and Edsall, of the Methodist Episcopal church. The church, which is one of the finest in the West, has had a varied career, and has very narrowly escaped foreclosure proceedings.

JEWS ARE FORBIDDEN TO DEFEND THEMSELVES

Official Order in Russia Will Stimulate Emigration.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—A ministerial circular forbidding the Jews to defend themselves has been issued. It is expected this will stimulate Jewish emigration to America.

Lieut. Gen. Von Reaben, governor of Bessarabia (the capital of which is Kishenev), has been summoned to St. Petersburg.

OUTLAW GETS DROP ON TWO DEPUTIES

One Dead and the Others Wounded—Outlaw Escapes.

DOUGLAS, Wyo., May 17.—Deputy Constable Foland was instantly killed and Constable Graham seriously injured last night by an outlaw named Smith, who is being pursued by a posse. The officers attempted Smith's arrest on the ground of being a suspicious character. As they were about to search him he drew a pistol from his hip pocket and began firing. Before the officers could pull their pistols both were senseless on the sidewalk. There were no witnesses present and Smith made his escape in the darkness. Smith, it is believed, is wanted for several murders and other serious crimes.

London Financial.

LONDON, May 17.—The Bank of England promptly loaned to other banks the money for the Transvaal loan with the result that there has been no disturbance of the money market, discount rates remaining easy.

The stock exchange had an inactive week with irregular and unimportant movements. The prices of Americans were generally above the Wall street level, but arbitrage business between the two markets is now very difficult and dealings are limited. Mexicans are in favor under the idea that the visit of the Mexican minister of finance will result in the adoption by Mexico of the gold standard.

"Organic Matter."

Sanitarians recognize that carbonic acid gas per se is not so dangerous to health as when it keeps what we may call bad company. That company is represented by a certain kind of matter escaping from our lungs and skin, and consisting of the worn-out particles of our bodies. Hence it is known as "organic matter," and as it is putrescent and liable to undergo changes akin to those of decay, we see in this item a highly undesirable addition to the list of air impurities, but from which it is impossible to escape, unless through the aid of efficient ventilation. The close, stuffy odor of ill-ventilated rooms is due to the presence of this organic matter in the air, and it may be held as a general truth that as the carbonic acid gas increases in amount, so will the organic debris also mount up.

MAGNIFICENT WAR RECORD OF MINNESOTA ACKNOWLEDGED

New York Paper Pays Tribute to Ramsey and Other War Governors.

At the dinner the other night of the New York commandery of the Order of the Loyal Legion attention was called to the fact that not one of the state officials known as "war governors" is now in the ranks of the living. Alexander Ramsey, who died in St. Paul during the day preceding the Loyal Legion dinner, was the last of them. He was a former secretary of war, a former United States senator and first territorial governor of Minnesota.

Upon these governors depended the measure and character of the response to the president's call for troops, and those governors in office in Northern states when the hard fighting of the Civil war was under way gained afterward, most of them, distinction in other fields.

The war governor of New York was Edwin D. Morgan, afterward United States senator; of Massachusetts, John A. Andrew; of Ohio, William Dennison, afterward postmaster general in President Lincoln's cabinet; of Indiana, Oliver P. Morton, a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for president in 1876; of Illinois, Richard Yates, whose son is now governor of that state; of Pennsylvania, Andrew G. Curtin; of Michigan, Austin Blair; of Connecticut, William A. Buckingham; of Rhode Island, William Sprague; of California, Leland Stanford; of Iowa, Samuel J. Kirkwood, minister of the interior in the Garfield cabinet; and of Minnesota, Alexander Ramsey.

Minnesota, at the beginning of the Civil war, was a state of small population, and its importance came chiefly from the fact that it was at the beginning of 1861 the most westerly of the states of the country, with the exception of those on the Pacific, Kansas and Nebraska had not been admitted.

Minnesota furnished to the Union army 25,000 soldiers, though its population at the beginning of the Civil war was only 175,000, and on that record the fame of Gov. Ramsey depends chiefly. Vermont furnished 35,000 men, New Hampshire 34,000, Rhode Island 23,000, Kansas 20,000, Delaware 13,000, and California 15,000.—New York Commercial.

Manchester Cotton.

MANCHESTER, May 17.—The feature of the past week was the excitement in cotton, the wild fluctuations greatly disturbing the cloth market. Business was impossible except in urgent cases or where makers were favorably situated regarding supplies. Offers generally were quiet inadequate, although the goods offered for the Far East were in price much below the equivalent of the increased cost. The turnover consequently was very limited.

Yarns advanced in consequence of the cotton excitement; thereby business almost came to a standstill and resulting in the determination to stop the looms extensively. It is said that more looms are already idle than the masters are willing to admit.

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DIED.

SCHMIDT—In St. Paul Minn., May 17, 1903, at family residence No. 519 Grand avenue, Dr. Edgar T. Schmidt, aged 48 years. Notice of funeral hereafter. Quincy, Ill., paperse please copy.

BRIMHALL—In St. Paul, on May 16, at 10 a. m., Nellie Mabon Brimhall, beloved wife of Dr. John B. Brimhall, aged thirty-six years. Funeral Monday at 2 o'clock p. m., from Plymouth Congregational church.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS—Special notice: Died, May 16, 1903, Brother Thomas Francis Cleary. Funeral from family residence, No. 292 Arundel street, Monday, May 18, at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Services at St. Joseph's church, Carroll, corner Virginia avenue, 9 o'clock a. m. J. M. Dresser, secretary.

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