

## BOOK REVIEW

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"The New Pacific" by Hubert Bancroft. Pub. by Bancroft Co.

This is the book calculated to spread a great deal of information concerning all the countries of the world whose shores are washed by the Pacific ocean. Bancroft tells us that more than one-half of the people who inhabit the globe, live in the countries bordering on this great ocean.

He takes a very optimistic view of the revolution in thought, manner, customs and government of the people of China, Japan, Korea, Manchuria and the islands of the Pacific. As a seer, he predicts that this ocean within a few years will be covered by the mercantile fleets of the world in carrying on the commerce that is to grow and become a power in all these countries.

The book contains a wonderful insight into the individual governments of the Asiatic countries. He shows that China, with its thousands of years of history has lived in exclusion, bound down by customs and traditions which have prevented its people from assuming the position in the affairs of the world which their great fertile kingdom would justify; he shows how Japan for centuries past was bound by the same time-honored superstitions, customs and traditions which kept it out of Progression's path until 1825 when Perry secured for America the first rights ever granted to any nation by Japan and since then a spirit of progress has been running along the years with accelerating pace until today Japan is looked upon as one of the great nations of the earth.

Bancroft holds that it would be a lamentable mistake for the United States to give the Philippines their independence. He says that the United States secured a prize in the acquisition of the Philippine archipelago and reasons that when the countries of the Pacific come into their own that these islands will be the key to commerce, and no country can become great among the nations of the earth unless it is a maritime power and takes part in the general affairs of the world.

He takes up the philosophy of civilization and shows how in its westward course it has gained force and influence at each successive step; that the portion of North America bordering upon the Pacific is calculated and adapted to sustain a dense population. The whole book is so full of hope for the future of the Pacific coast and Alaska and British Columbia, and the ideas are so practical and clear that one is quite convinced by Mr. Bancroft that this portion of the country is destined to become the home of the highest culture that the world has ever known.

"The New Pacific" is filled with useful information and while the writer's style is graphic he tells the story in a manner that makes the book very attractive reading.

"The Woman Movement" by Ellen Key. Pub. by Putnam.

Ellen Key takes her courage as well as her pen in hand when she writes a book, but her very evident sincerity embarrasses the criticism of the conventional person who finds his pet ideas relegated to the rubbish heap by this Swedish writer. Ellen Key is a tireless student, a fearless thinker and a courageous writer. Her books have been translated into many languages and have been the means of stimulating a tide of new ideas throughout the reading world. In all her books, "Love and Marriage," "The Century of the Child" and "The Woman Movement,"—her plea is for the development of the individual. She feels that many customs and conventions at the present time are hindering the growth of the race and especially the growth of women.

"The Woman Movement" is an intensely interesting study of the influence of woman's emancipation on the world. She says that the first woman movement was Eve's gesture when she reached for the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge—a movement symbolic of the subsequent woman's movement of the world. Women, since time began, have been suppressed and unable to grow spiritually, mentally or even physically; one by one they have had to fight for the things that were considered as not adapted to "woman's nature"—education, business vocation, suffrage, etc.—but that after they had gained these things they proved that woman's nature was not only adapted to these things but required them. Ellen Key does not ask all the things for women that men already have; she abhors the masculine woman; she is not a militant suffragette; she grants that women were intended by nature to be different from men but she asks that women be given freedom to grow and develop their latent possibilities. She tells in this book of the influence of the rapidly increasing woman movement upon women, both single and married, upon men, marriage and motherhood.

Some of the results are not good, she admits, but the majority of them are and the final result is bound to be. The emancipation of woman is necessary, she holds that woman may become a fit mother. For high above all things else the privilege of being a mother is to be reckoned; and that the animal instinct of maternal love, which was considered once to be the one pure womanly trait, must have added to it a mentality as clear as a man's and a physique as perfect as physical culture and outdoor life can make it. All the qualities that were once considered unwomanly should be developed, but not at the expense of the feminine qualities, these should be strengthened in woman's new sphere; with both men and women striving for the best of spiritual, mental and physical perfection, always with the welfare of the unborn child as the paramount idea, the world would before many generations hail the "Super-man."

"The Financier" by Theodore Dreiser. Pub. by Harpers.

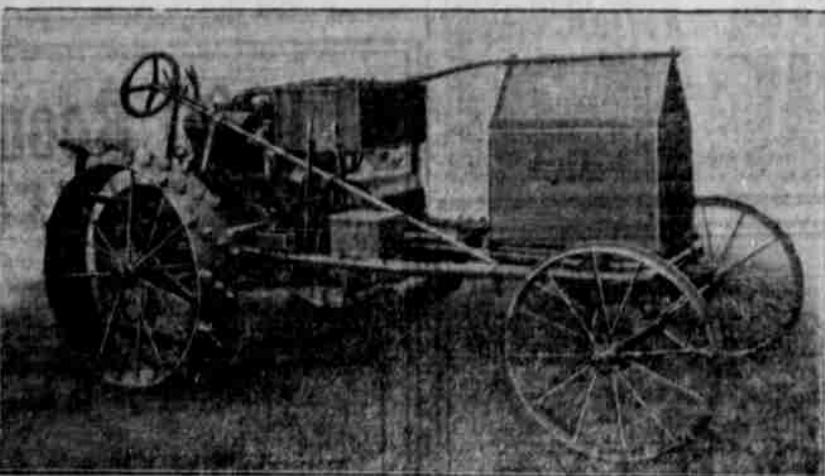
Dreiser has already given to the world two unusual books—"Jennie Gerhart" and "Sister Carrie" and while these books were not told in a very fascinating manner, yet the ideas set forth in each excited much comment and interest. This new book, "The Financier," deals almost entirely with the life history of a man and it is so intensely interesting, complete and satisfactory, that in comparing it with the other books by Dreiser one feels that the author has a much better understanding of man than of women and that since his last two books he has greatly improved his style of presenting a story.

Frank Cowperwood was a natural born financier. His success in the money-making world began at an early age and before he was 25 he had amassed a fortune; but an unlucky venture, both in politics and in love was the cause of his downfall. Frank became an agent for a political gang who manipulated the city funds for private speculations. The famous Chicago fire brought about an unexpected financial depression and an investigation followed. One man, Mella Butler, could have saved Frank from disgrace and failure at this time, but Frank who had married at 21, a woman older than himself, had tired of his wife and turned to an illicit love affair with Butler's daughter, Alleon. When the old Irishman discovered Frank's attentions to his beloved daughter, he went deliberately to work and hastened the disgrace of the financier. Frank was sent to prison, was pardoned within a year and with his old skill soon reconstructed his fortune. His wife divorced him and turning his face from the temptation of the stock exchange he went west taking Alleon with him.

The romance of finance is stronger and more interesting in this book than the love episodes. Frank Cowperwood, the man with the charming personality, the tireless energy, the quick mind, had as a chief characteristic an absorbing passion for making money; his love of home, his love for his wife and children, his affection for his father and even his passion for the captivating mistress were all shadowed by this supreme desire.

Feminine readers of this book will especially be grateful to the author for making so clear and interesting the inside workings and system of the stock exchange. Most novelists will tell how their hero makes a miraculous fortune in Wall Street, employing the terms that only an habitué of the place could comprehend, but in "The Financier" the story of city graft and of how a fortune is made and lost by speculation is told with every detail in a most interesting and instructive way.

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With the passage of the McLean act in the last session of congress another blow was struck the feather industry, and now Mr. Pearson is watching the effect. He has done the work which resulted in this act and in the passage by many state legislatures of laws to prevent the slaughter of birds for ornamentation of millinery. Milliners by the hundreds have attacked him and manufacturers by the score. Some of the latter have made the statement that the rigid enforcement of laws advocated by Mr. Pearson would throw 20,000 persons out of employment. All this work has been done, Mr. Pearson said, with the expenditure of not more than \$200,000.

### CLAIM ROCK ISLAND OWES \$15,000,000 TAXES

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 3.—That \$15,000,000 in back taxes is owing Polk county from the Rock Island company is stated here today by the county supervisors, who are contemplating a suit to bring these taxes into the treasury. The supervisors assert that the company has concealed \$160,000,000 in moneys, credits and corporation shares in the last five years. Company officials here deny this.

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### LEASING CLAUSE PROVES JOKER IN ALIEN LAND BILL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 3.—Many members of the California legislature freely admitted today that the three-year leasing clause in the Webb anti-alien land bill is a "joker" and that it kills much of the effect of the measure.

Senator Boynton, who introduced the amendment, said that there is a question as to whether renewals would be lawful, but admitted he has no assurance that such renewals could not be made.

Senator Anderson of Santa Ana admitted that he voted for the bill as amended because he is opposed to anti-alien land legislation.

"I voted for the bill because it gives the Japanese opportunity to use the lands," Anderson declared.

Senator Larkins, progressive, said he accepted the amendment "because Governor Johnson and other progressives assure me that it was the best bill that could be secured at this time," he said he objected to the amendment, however.

Senator Curtin, democrat, asserted that the amendment practically killed the effect of the bill.

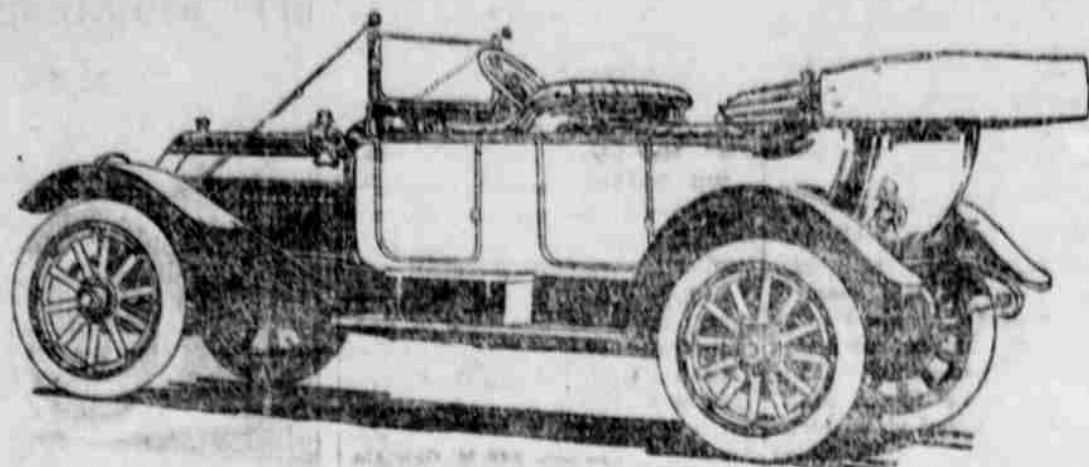
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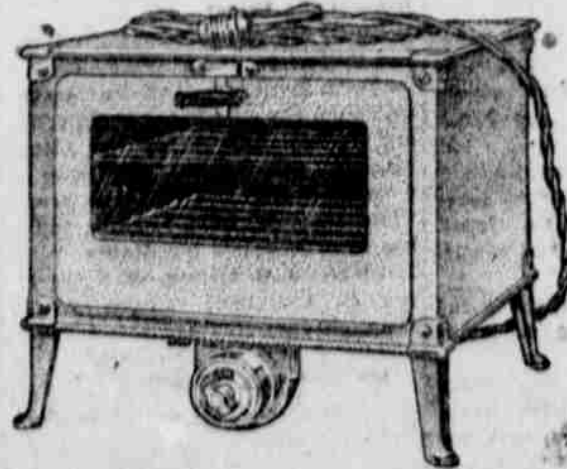
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