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MODERN LITERATURE.

Modern literature has had two critics of its intrinsic worth in the last few months who have a rather unique standpoint from which to judge it. These critics are Alden the editor of Harper's Monthly and Bliss Perry of the Atlantic Monthly. Usually critics are persons who have come but little into contact with the current output. For that reason the remarks of these gentlemen is particularly interesting. Alden holds that the literature while not remarkable, is in truth of a solid foundation and refutes the saying that this is "nothing doing" in literature. He replies to the critics who decry the tendency toward what is called lack of virility and says that these remarks are those of people who scorn the use of adjectives and would have the passive voice kicked forthwith out of the language. He in fact sees the main strength in the growing descriptive ability of writers.

Bliss Perry on the other hand, while accepting many of the tenets of belief of Alden in the general hopefulness of the literary situation says that the great trouble with this age is not deadliness, but a thing which is in a way far more dangerous, a deadly facility. He of course points to the abundance of pot-boilers which have sold to the thousands of thousands. More than that he says that mere popularity is becoming the basis for the general estimation of a book.

Mark Twain, is as usual, given the credit for being the one real moving force in American literature. Bliss Perry seems to look at the whole period of modern literary production as really particularly sterile. He points out that even in the short story, which is supposed to be the real stronghold of this age that little real work of lasting merit has probably been done although he gives credit to a few people, among them Rudyard Kipling, for a little, scattering, solidly good work.

Now so far neither of these gentlemen has said any thing which has not been said often enough. But when Mr. Perry speaks of the tendency of modern drama that is refreshing indeed. No one can have failed to realize the vogue of the musical show and this vogue is too strong to even be disgusted with the usually dull lines and varying pretty girls which accompany this product of the modern theater. Mr. Perry looks for a new type of drama. Is it not natural to think that when the theatrical managers are in a particularly receptive mood for new ideas in this line that there will be a change in the present type.

The grand opera got its great rebirth after the long slumber in the time honored ways which were characteristic of the pre-Wagnerian opera. Why is it not to be supposed that the comic opera will get a new impetus. A well known producer of musical plays in speaking of the outlook some months ago said that the time was undoubtedly coming when the music would no longer be dragged into the production and the musical show would cease to be entirely a vaudeville performance. These he said would have their place but the other was the coming thing. It is more than possible that such will be the case.

This situation coupled with the undoubted condition that more and more literary men are entering into dramatic work on account of the great rewards of the stage, point to the fact that we shall probably have a better drama than anything else in the immediate future. In fact this may almost be said to have commenced already for there is not much doubt that the modern successful plays have been far and away better than the successful novels.

At any rate let us not be down hearted despite Messrs. Perry and Alden. Indiana has just commenced.

RICHMOND'S EXILES.

Few people in this town realize the great number of men and women who have gone out from here and made good in high positions and distinguished walks of life. By this is not meant the ordinary exodus of young men who

have become successful, for that goes on all over the country, but the people who have done unusual things.

The coming dinner of the Indiana Association of Chicago, calls attention to the tendency of this state in this particular. The time is coming when Indians will boast more loudly than they do now of their native state or rather the time is at hand when no boasting is necessary.

Not long ago a former Richmond man, who has played no small part in diplomatic and other circles of international and cosmopolitan life, was asked by a woman who had come from the east, if he found the place of his nativity a drawback. With no little amazement this gentleman remarked that he had never found it so, and showed surprise that the question should be asked.

Another man who has lived in many states in this country, ventured to remark that there had been more people who had led a remarkable career, who had started from Richmond, Indiana, than any other place in the country. It is not too much to say, he said, that when any matter of great interest arises, that a Richmond man is in some way connected with it. It is not a hard matter to see why this should be so. Richmond was settled many years ago by people who had many advantages which the citizens of other western towns had not. The quiet life of the inland town proved irksome to the descendants of these people, and away they went "strange countries to see." The westerner has a heritage of independence and virility coupled with boundless inborn confidence which makes him take fences with astonishing ease.

It will not be surprising to people who know this, that in these days of Indiana literature, there are more people on the editorial staffs of great magazines from Richmond than from any other town in the state, while the state itself is well represented.

In the realm of finance this town, too, has held its own. The same qualities which have pushed men to the front in other lines, have had telling effect in the industrial development in this country.

And so it goes. The danger is not that we shall boast too much of these people, but that we shall become so used to them that we shall take them for granted. If any of our coming generation think that they must have romance, they do not need to read the Prisoner of Zenda, but they can do a little research work in hunting up the experiences of Richmond's exiles. They read far better and it will serve as a stimulus to any one who is starting out in this life "to carve out their fortune" as the high school orator says.

At the Thanksgiving time, when the thoughts are of home, it is a good thing also to think of Richmond's exiles. Here's to them!

Answers to the inquiry column of the Baltimore News is handled by a person who is ready for any emergency. A recent question was propounded, "What shall I do to stop growing?" The answer was "Die, but we don't advise it." No doubt this is the answer which Mr. Bryan would get if he asked that bureau of information how to stop running for the presidency.

Now that Taft has said he "would have trouble in finding as capable a man as Mr. Root for the head of the state department," other people are trying to save him the trouble.

There are some people who would take more stock in real tariff revision if there were not so many people trying to do it.

A great many people who were unable to attend the Thanksgiving services in the churches in the morning, were able to go to the theatre in the afternoon.

On account of the growing scarcity of wood the National Conservation Commission has undertaken to investigate the possibilities of sawdust. Inquiries bearing upon the subject have been sent to five hundred manufacturers of explosives, pulp, wood and like products. Closely related to this particular investigation are other inquiries dealing with the utilization of waste lumber from sawmills and waste materials from mills devoted to cooperage, furniture, box, veneer and other industries.



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Most Generous People Are Found in Ranks of Poor Says, Rockefeller

New York, Nov. 28.—Aside from pointing out the importance of getting at the causes of social, moral and financial ills before attempting to deal with the effect, John D. Rockefeller in his December article in the World's Work, comes out flatly in favor of the vivisection of animals. He defends the plan of experimenting on animals, particularly in the Rockefeller Institute, on the ground of the broader good that can be done for humanity.

Among the most striking of Mr. Rockefeller's observations in his article are these:
"The novelty of being able to purchase anything one wants soon passes because what people most seek cannot be bought with money. These rich men we read about in the newspapers cannot gratify the pleasures of the palate beyond very moderate bounds, since they cannot purchase a good digestion, and they cannot lavish very much money on fine raiment for themselves or their families without suffering from public ridicule.

"The best philanthropy—the help that does the most good and the least harm—is not what usually is called charity. It is the investment of effort or time or money carefully considered with relation to the power of employing people at a remunerative wage, to expand and develop resources at hand, and to give opportunity for progress and healthful labor where it did not exist before.
"Probably the most generous people in the world are the very poor, who assume each others' burdens in the crisis which come so often to the hard pressed. The mother in the tenement falls ill and the neighbor in the next room assumes her burden. The father loses his work and neighbors sup-

ply food for his children from their own scanty store.

"If I were to give advice to a young man starting out in life I would say to him: 'If you aim for a large, broad-gauged success do not begin your business career, whether you sell your labor or are an independent producer, with the idea of getting from the world by hook or crook all you can.'

"The one thing which a business philosopher would be most careful to avoid in his investments of time and effort and money is the unnecessary duplication of existing industries. He would regard all money spent in increasing needless competition as wasted, or worse. The man who puts up a second factory when the factory in existence will supply the public demand adequately and cheaply is wasting the national wealth.

"The only thing which is of lasting benefit to a man is that which he does for himself. Money which comes to him without effort on his part is seldom of benefit and often a curse. That is the principal objection to speculation.
"We must always remember that there is not enough money for the work of human uplift and there never can be."

As to great fortunes, he says that while men have the legal title to great properties and can control them, the fortunes are not altogether theirs, in that they must be kept working and invested and the working man thus gets benefit out of them.

He deals in a cynical way with socialism, being distinctly in favor of individual ownership.

In concluding his article, Mr. Rockefeller says that he and his committee are working on new lines for the public good.

LADS HAD GUNS; LEADER OF GANG

Boys Given Lecture for Their Actions.

Supt. Bailey has been making an investigation of the modus operandi of two boys Ora and Indro Davis aged eleven and sixteen respectively. The youngsters recently secured revolvers and have been making things unpleasant at the city light plants. The boys have been throwing stones onto the roof and through the windows and into the coal shutters. Both of the Davis lads had revolvers and this seems to have secured their leadership for them. They have been going armed and other lads of the gang have feared to refuse when directed upon some petty depredation, so they claim.

Bailey learned that one of the boys named Bass, but the weapon found in the possession of Indro was his own. This the superintendent confiscated. The boys were lectured severely by the superintendent but will not be prosecuted unless some more serious attempt at destruction of property is made. It is probable the cases will be reported to the juvenile court.

A gang to which the Davis lads are said to belong, has been causing considerable trouble about the plant of Robinson & Company and the C. C. & L. railroad yards.

The principal of the fireless cooker, in which the cooking, has once been started over a flame is continued in an insulated cabinet or box, through the action of the heat already absorbed, is more or less familiar to all, but in the more improved forms cloth and felt insulation are displaced by vulcanized wood, asbestos and other materials of a durable, sanitary nature and the utensil adapted to baking and roasting. In the later case the heater is stored in stellite radiators or slabs, which quickly absorb the heat. The radiators are heated over flame or by electricity. That it is possible to use electricity in connection with the fireless cooker with proportionately greater economy in the use of fuel than in the use of gas, oil or coal, has, it is stated, been practically demonstrated.

CONFLICT OVER THE PACIFIC NOT NOW LIKELY SINCE JAP. U. S. CONFLICT IS DRAWN

Washington, Nov. 28.—Despite official reticence, information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement of far-reaching importance between the United States and Japan covering the policy of the two countries in the Pacific. The agreement has been drawn up in the form of a declaration and consists of five articles, of which the following is an accurate and faithful description:

The first article gives expression to the wish of the two governments to encourage the free and peaceful development of their commerce in the Pacific. The second is a mutual disclaimer of aggressive design and contains also a definition of the policy of each government, both as directed to the maintenance of the existing status quo in the Pacific and the defense of the principle of equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China.

The third article contains a statement of the consequent "firm" reciprocal resolution of each government to respect the territorial possessions in the Pacific of the other.

In the fourth article the United States and Japan express their determination "in the common interest of

all the Powers," in China, to support "by all peaceful means at their disposal," the independence and integrity of China and the principle of equal commercial and industrial opportunity for all nations in the empire.

The fifth article mutually pledges the two governments in the case of the occurrence of any event threatening the status quo, as above described, or the principle of equal opportunity, as above defined, "to communicate with each other for the purpose of arriving at a mutual understanding with regard to the measures they may consider it useful to take."

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NEW PARTY IN FIELD

Call Issued for National Convention for Organization.

SAYS DEMOCRACY IS DEAD.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—In addition to suffering recent defeat, the democratic party is now to endure the additional humiliation of having a new national party constructed upon its recumbent and battered form by a number of radicals who argue that the democratic party is dead beyond resurrection.

The official call has been issued for a national convention to be held in St. Louis Dec. 3, 4 and 5, at the St. Charles Hotel, where the birth of the new party is to be accomplished. The call is signed by Jay W. Forest, chairman National Provisional party, Albany, N. Y.; George W. Donnan of Schenectady, secretary of the new party; William Looser, Greenville, Pa.; Charles A. Harriman, of Rockland, Me.; George E. Phelps of Findlay, O. H. H. Stallard of Shawnee, Okla., and A. J. Jones, of Parlier, Cal.

GREENFIELD IS WITHOUT TELEPHONES

Service Crippled by an Accident.

Greenfield has been without telephone service since Wednesday night. A cross beam at the exchange was burned and the phones will be out of service for about two weeks. The night operator proved quite a heroine. With the chemical fire extinguisher, she battled against the flames until the chemical was exhausted, then called the fire department. The interruption of the telephone business is the most serious handicap the town has suffered for some time.

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The Government is experimenting in San Francisco bay with a buoy bearing three huge wings of corrugated iron sheeting, which echo the whistles of steam vessels. It is believed it will prove as effective in a fog as though the buoy itself furnished the noise.

Church Calendar

Saturday.
Standard Bearer will meet at the Grace M. E. parsonage at 2:30 o'clock.
WINTERED:
Gold Medal Flour is best for pastry. BEATRICES

OPTION ELECTION

Decatur County May Move Against Saloons.

Greensburg, Ind., Nov. 28.—The subject of local option is being agitated in Decatur county and the newspapers of this city declare the Watson republicans are going to vote to make the county dry. It is declared the republicans who bolted the ranks for Marshall at the last election are not needing any help now. The Greensburg Morning Graphic says: "No fear is anticipated in securing the twenty-per cent needed to the petition. The vote for Mr. Watson, candidate for governor, indicates that his supporters will to a man rally to the local option cause. If the people would rule the county local option law gives them the opportunity."

MAYORS WOULD TAKE OFFICE AGAIN

Desire Repeal of Section of Cities and Towns Law.

A movement is on foot among the mayors of a number of cities of the state to have repealed that section of the cities and towns acts which prohibits the re-election of a mayor to succeed himself. A number of the chief magistrates are anxious to succeed themselves and want the law changed so as to permit this. A petition now is being circulated through the state.

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WINS PLACE ON PLATFORM.

Rushville, Ind., Nov. 28.—James E. Watson has been the recipient of hundreds of letters of congratulation from persons who heard him while on his recent lecture tour. All letters declare the recent republican gubernatorial candidate need not fear for the necessary where withal in the future, so long as his voice holds out. From the number of speeches made by "Jim" in the recent campaign it is reasonable to believe this will be for some time. With defending whitecappers as an attorney and delivering lectures at chauntaus it is probable the wolf will not tarry long about the Watson door, even if Judge Barnard will hold the congressional seat next year and Watson will not be on the throne at Indianapolis.

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