

HOMER'S ODYSSEY—Condensed by Prof. W. F. Harris

It is the tenth year since Troy has fallen. Though the Iliad did not go beyond the death of Hector at Achilles' hands, other stories carried on the tale through the death of Achilles, the capture of Troy by the Greeks by means of the stratagem of the wooden horse, the sack and burning of the city, the death of Priam and the queen, the slavery of Andromache which Hector had foreseen, the slaughter of the little son he loved so dearly, the escape of Aeneas with his aged father.

After the booty had been divided, the Greek chiefs took leisurely courses to their homes. The great King Agamemnon sent his dramatic night letter, announcing to his queen at home by the light of flames leaping from hill-top to hill-top across the sea that Troy had fallen; for his pains he met the dramatic death at the hand of Queen Clytemnestra, which Aeschylus has made forever famous in his great play, "Agamemnon"; the latter has in it the beginning of the story of Orestes, the close Greek content of Hamlet. The king's brother Menelaus had better fortune; he had journeyed homeward with his erstwhile queen Helen, as if the great Trojan episode and never been, and was reigning again in peace and quiet with The World's Desire by his side at Sparta, with no dread of a marauding Paris sent on the quest of beauty by Aphrodite. And so, too, the other princes had returned with varying fortunes.

But not so the Great Adventurer. Troy had taken 10 years to capture, 10 years more still found the wily Odysseus detained in the Isle of Ogygia by the fair Calypso. Meanwhile the patient Penelope bides at home, beset by the riotous suitors who make Liberty hall of the absent king's palace and would force the queen to wed one of them. She, ever as alert and resourceful as her wandering lord, puts off her promise till she has woven a web of which she each night unravels what she has done during the day.

This first great story of wandering adventure has a much more perfect unity than the Iliad. It centers closely about the person of Odysseus, and divides itself into three parts, the adventures of Telemachus in quest of Odysseus, the wanderings of the hero, and his return home, where with the few still faithful to him he makes himself his own detective, lays the scene for the destruction of the suitors, and finally brings about the happy ending which has so constantly distressed critics of the novel and the theater since man began to write and ordinary folk to listen or to read.

In the first chapter, which comprises the first four "books" of the Odyssey, young Telemachus, amidst the mockery of the suitors, starts in quest of his father. And so, the rounds of the courts of our old friend Nestor, king of Pylos, and of Menelaus and Helen at Sparta, where he learns the whereabouts of his father, and at this moment it is at last made possible for Odysseus to start on his way home. But the sea, ever his enemy, again plays him false, and he is wrecked once more, though he is cast ashore on the land of the Phaeacians. There begins in the land of this fabulous folk one of the most marvellous adventures of the man of marvels. Probably the scene that remains in the minds of the great majority of readers of Greek literature as the fairest bit of idealized beauty in it all is the picture of the young Princess Nausicaea. She had gone down to the river mouth with her handmaidens to wash linen; their work done, they fell to playing ball upon the shore, where Odysseus, beneath the shade of the bushes, was sleeping off the weary travail of his long swim. "Then having bathed and anointed themselves sleekly with olive oil, they took their meal by the banks of the river and waited for the clothes to dry in the bright rays of the sun. And when they had cheered themselves with food, maids and mistress alike, they began to play at ball, casting aside their veils. And for them fair-armed Nausicaea began the song. As Artemis the arch-goddess goeth down from a mountain, either lofty Taygetus or Erymanthus, taking her sport with bears and swift deer, and with her the wood-nymphs sport, daughters of Zeus-bearing Zeus, and Leto rejoiceth in heart, and over all she holdeth head and brows, and easy to mark is she, though all be fair—so was the unsung maid conspicuous among her attendants."

The day's work and the sport were over; they were about to depart and leave the weary sleeper under the bushes—when one last throw sent the ball spinning into the water. Instant and unanimous scream from princess and from maids!

So Odysseus was introduced to Phaeacia, and the introduction proved well that the hero knew not only the ways of men, but of maids as well. Of the many pleasing things he said to the princess to win her favor, one stands out conspicuous—his comparison of her perfect youth to the young shoot of a palm-tree he had seen in Delos. Whoever has a gardener's eye knows instantly the perfect tribute.

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It is the charm of the stories of the Iliad and the Odyssey that has allured readers in all ages. As the Iliad is the first great romance of high adventure, of deeds of perfect chivalry and wild fighting, of brave men and noble women, so the Odyssey is the first great novel of adventure in strange parts, of miscreants thwarted and brought to justice by the hero who in the end comes to his own and rescues the true wife who hides at home and waits the triumphant return of him who shall free her from the trials that beset her.

The Greeks started the modern world going. As with Icarus they thought of the flying machine, with Agamemnon of wireless telegraphy in the message he sent leaping across the sea from Troy to Argos in the flames upon the hill-tops, and with

stranger on his way. A feast is held; the court bard sings of Troy—the stranger weeps, the king presses him to tell his story. It was a wondrous tale he had to tell, the like of which was never heard before or since. Beginning with the fall of Troy, he had made his

Odysseus of the motion-picture in the vision of all past men and women who fitted before his eyes on his trip to the lower world, so, too, they introduced us to practically every form of human expression. The prose-romance came late in their development. The novel and the short story as they knew them for centuries were embodied in the Iliad and Odyssey. Whether or not a poet wrote the Iliad and the Odyssey has been a question that has puzzled many thousands of minds. The perfect form in which they have come down to us proves clearly that many centuries contributed to the perfecting of the Iliad and the Odyssey.

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Homer: a Fanciful Sketch, Centuries Old.

CANAL BOAT HOMES IN PHILADELPHIA

Shortage of Houses Puts Tenant Population in Desperate Straights.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23.—A campaign for the building of homes in Philadelphia is answer to the question of how to keep rents down to a reasonable basis. The tenant population is in desperate straits for rents have been going higher and higher and no end seems to be in sight. The scramble for homes in the suburbs is so acute that when one woman moved some of the furniture out of her home, the other day, in order to clean the house, 25 persons tried to rent it from her within a few hours.

To stop the profiteering in rents and homes, several organizations are attempting to unite on a program of house building to continue for at least six months or until the shortage has been relieved. These organizations include associations of tenants, trade unions, representatives of the building trades and mortgage companies. They have been asked to undertake this work by the department of public welfare.

Meanwhile camping ground accessible by street cars is in great demand. Tent manufacturers say more orders have been placed for tents this month than ever before in Philadelphia's history.

There is an unprecedented amount of building of cheap cottages and bungalows within a radius of 30 miles of Philadelphia to accommodate the rush of tenants this is expected when mild weather comes. Those erected in one community cost about \$600 each and are eagerly rented at \$50 for the season.

Old canal boats lying along the Schuylkill river are being fitted out as dwellings and families are glad to rent them as temporary homes.

Each of the last five presidents of the United States has seen fit publicly to invite the attention of the nation to the Salvation army and its work for "the betterment of humanity and the making of bad citizens into good ones," as Pres't Wilson put it. Pres't Roosevelt praised the army for "working effectively in those dark regions where, save for its force, only evil is powerful." Pres't Taft asserted that its "practical methods of charity are of the highest usefulness."

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visitors into swine. Then came the descent to Hades, which set the fashion or Virgil and for Dante and all the others who have essayed that great adventure. The Sirens, Scylla and Charybdis and other adventures brought the tale up to Calypso once more.

Alecinous and the Phaeacians sent Odysseus on his way to his home at Ithaca. But his old enemy Poseidon turned the ship to stone, and the wanderer reached home alone, in the guise of an old beggar-man, where he arrived as his son Telemachus was returning from his travels.

Then began the thrilling tale of the wiles and guiles to win his own, the harbor of refuge with faithful old Eurymachus the swineherd, the recognition by Telemachus, the death of the true old dog Argos on sight of his long absent master, the interview with Penelope, the recognition by his old nurse who knows him by a scar upon his leg, the final great trial of strength between the old beggar-man and the suitors; they cannot even bend the famous bow of Eurytus, he, however, strings it with ease and sends an arrow singing through the holes of 12 battlements, set up one behind another.

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