

LEAVES FROM OLD ALBUMS.



H. L. A. CULMER.

The above picture will recall to his old time friends the features of Mr. H. L. A. Culmer of this city as he appeared nearly 30 years ago.

The gifted young writer produced. In it he has a lot of fun with vachelors, and in a good-natured way banters all that crew of young men who self-sufficiently have decided that bachelorhood is good enough for them.

Harvard college as many honors as the young author. Mr. Trust of Today" of McClure-Phillips wondered if his friend Montague.

While the abridged version of Henry M. Hyde's novel, "The Buccaneers," just published by the Funk & Wagnalls company, was running in the Saturday Evening Post, the author received nearly a score of letters, practically every one of which contained a paragraph reading as follows:

Those who had the privilege of knowing Guy Wetmore Carryl, author of "Far from the Maddening Girls," deprecate that book, clever and amusing as it is, was only a promise of greater achievement.

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This year, the centenary of Disraeli's birth, is fittingly commemorated by the publication of Walter Sichel's interesting volume, "Disraeli: A Study in Personality and Ideas."

A syndicate of prominent Sunday newspapers is running a series of "Recollections" by Edward Everett Hale, the veteran author of "Christmas in Narragansett," "The Fortunes of Rachel," etc.

The clerk in the shipping department of McClure-Phillips wondered if his firm had been taken for wholesale grocers when he read the other day a telegram saying: "Ship today Wabash-Lackawanna 100 cabbages all kinds."

Few men have carried away from a New Year's greeting, but can one be happy without health? No! Then our greeting is twice welcome because we also offer you a medicine that will positively restore you to health and happiness.

Advertisement for Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, featuring a bottle illustration and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

A gain to readers at large when a popular writer will use her influence in this direction. It may be questioned, indeed, if there is not an underlying serious purpose in the gentle story of "The Little Vanities of Mrs. Whitaker."

Pastor Charles Wagner, D.D., author of "The Simple Life" paid a remarkable tribute to the Jewish Encyclopedia in a speech at Temple Emanuel, Nov. 25.

Negotiations are already under way for the dramatization of Henry M. Hyde's new novel, "The Buccaneers," just published by the Funk & Wagnalls company, New York.

Walter Pulitzer, author of "That Duel at the Chateau Marsenne" (Funk & Wagnalls' new novel, "The Buccaneers"), is a Philadelphia, Pa. man.

BOOKS.

During the past season, two books, dealing with the masquerading of the hero, have created something of a furore in the reading world.

One notable contribution remains to be mentioned. "The Awakening" by Edward Everett Hale, Dr. Burbank's authority on the miracle being wrought by Luther Burbank in fruit and flower breeding.

"Balance; The Fundamental Verity," by Orlando J. Smith, is a new volume and an eminently interesting one among the many written in attempt to reconcile or rather to prove the doctrine of immortality true by known facts of science and experience.

A volume that will interest historical students is "The Quest of John Chapman," by Newell Dwight Hillis, a romance based on the history of a pioneer of the eighteenth century, who was the forerunner of the people who crossed the Alleghenies to colonize the western tracts, and who went along the untrodden paths of the wilderness, sowing seeds of orchards which after-

ward gladdened the eyes of weary plodders in the wilds to whom their sight was a veritable Paradise.

Mr. Conrad caught the prevailing craze about six months ago, when he invested in a Panhard, and since then he and his wife have spent most of their time in motoring in the neighborhood of Hythe, in Kent, where the author of "Typhoon" does his work now. It was while making the run up to London from Hythe, the other day, that the novelist had his first accident with his motor car.

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THE BEST MAGAZINES CONTAIN.

"Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old; Ring in the thousand years of peace."

The January magazine, following the spread of good things in the Christmas numbers, are usually like the cold dinner that comes after the banquet.

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How many an author has gashed his teeth on beholding his published story, and finding that his heroine wears evening dress in the ferryboat scene—that his lilla intellectual hero looks like a football center posing for a clothing-store advertisement.

A flood of correspondence is still reaching McClure's Magazine concerning the "Lawlessness in the United States" in the December number, by the editor, Mr. S. S. McClure.

Joseph Conrad as an Ardent Motorist.

Special Correspondence. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Until Joseph Conrad's motor car knocked down and ran over a man near Rochester, the other day, it was not generally known by the sailor-novelist's admirers that he "went in" for motoring.

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A movement is now on foot in London to place a memorial to the late W. H. Denby.

Literature

POEMS EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW.

Remember, three things come not back; The arrow sent upon its track— It will not swerve, it will not stay; Its speed, it flies to wound or slay; The spoken word, so soon forgotten By thee, but it has perished not; In other hearts 'tis living still. And doing work for good or ill; And the lost opportunity That cometh back no more to thee— In vain thou weep'st in vain dost yearn Those three will never more return. —From the Arabic.

PRACTISE WHAT YOU PREACH.

Have you any plan or notion As to how this world should run? Have you made a great commotion Showing how it may be done? Do you live as you've directed In the good things that you teach? And (to questions you're subjected) Do you practise what you preach.

NOTES.

Many readers of the current press accounts of the siege of Port Arthur are struck with the similarity of this struggle and that described by Tolstoy in his "Sevastopol." In that book the great Russian author tells most thrillingly the story of the awful game played with "the iron death dice of war."

Two or three new magazines devoted to gardening are announced to appear early in the new year. The publishers report a revival in the demand for books like Prof. Barnard's "Talks About Our Useful Plants," etc.

A mystery tale, which the Athenaeum of London describes as "daringly original, interesting, and sympathetic, a powerful conception," will be published in January under the title, "The Summit House Mystery." The author is Douglas, whose books "Beggars All," "The Madonna of a Day," "The Zeitgeist," etc., have already established his reputation as a novelist.

Cal Blount, the real hero of Emerson Hough's new novel, "The Law of the Land," is a southern planter with a quaint way of looking at things. Here are his views on the negro problem: "If you'll let me say so, there ain't no law higher than the law of pork."

Advertisement for St. Louis Fair Grand Prize, awarded to Walter Baker & Co.'s Chocolate & Cocoa, featuring an illustration of a woman and a child.

ton; and the facts would seem to bear out this praise. The author of the romance bearing his name, bases the wanderings of the hero, or rather their first motive on his quest for a maiden whom he loved and whom a parental quarrel separated from him, following her into the wilderness, where her father has taken her to dwell. About this thread of romance is woven the story, which actually deals chiefly with the hero's self-appointed task of redeeming the untrodden wastes from barrenness. The tale is well told, and is a valuable contribution to the historical romances of the country.

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