

LIBRARIANS AS BOOK CENSORS

Custodians of 70,000,000 Volumes Discuss Exclusion of Undesirable Novels.

RISQUE STORIES ARE BARRED

Immense and Increasing Demand for Fiction in Europe Give Rise to Comment on Quality.

Special Correspondence.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Among the most successful books recently published in England are those which deal with "problems" of various kind. Society problems, marriage problems, food, health, race, color, war, peace, every conceivable sort of problem, has found its way into print. So much has the problem book become in vogue that at the recent conference of the Library association which sat at Brighton, the "problem book" came up for special discussion, and there was even some talk of excluding it from public libraries. Last year in England, libraries supplied upwards of 70,000,000 books to the public, and the exclusion of this class of work would be a heavy blow to authors engaged on various problem novels.

DEMAND IS INSATIABLE.

One very interesting fact was brought to light at this same conference of librarians—namely, that the demand for fiction seems to be almost insatiable. The great question which the directors of public libraries in all countries will have to decide in the very near future is: Whether fiction should be bought and dealt out to meet the public demand; or whether instead, the librarians should exercise a sort of censorship, and only "stock" such books as have an educational and uplifting character. Many librarians held the view that, as the public paid for the support of the libraries, they should be the ones ultimately to decide as to the class of books to be kept on hand. People who wished to read Marie Cornelli, for instance, would not easily be persuaded to take as a substitute a work on differential calculus. The right of the "mere librarian" to exercise censorship, and to attempt to reform the tastes of the public, is regarded by some as an act of assumption. And yet, even today, librarians throughout the world have adopted the policy of limiting their stock of fiction, and the general tendency is towards informative and standard literature. The spread of this policy will doubtless benefit the retail book trade; for the very fact that a public library does not keep a certain work on hand, will give it an added value in the reader's eyes.

EXERCISE DISCRETION.

"Even as it is today," said one of the members of the Library conference, in discussing this topic, "we do not allow certain of our readers to take out books which we consider injurious to public morals. While it is true that all public libraries keep a collection of sexual novels under the shelf, certain books are not available to the libraries, they should be the ones ultimately to decide as to the class of books to be kept on hand. People who wished to read Marie Cornelli, for instance, would not easily be persuaded to take as a substitute a work on differential calculus. The right of the "mere librarian" to exercise censorship, and to attempt to reform the tastes of the public, is regarded by some as an act of assumption. And yet, even today, librarians throughout the world have adopted the policy of limiting their stock of fiction, and the general tendency is towards informative and standard literature. The spread of this policy will doubtless benefit the retail book trade; for the very fact that a public library does not keep a certain work on hand, will give it an added value in the reader's eyes."

WOMEN RESPONSIBLE.

"With problem novels, as well as with works of pure fiction, the greatest demand comes from women. Though the husbands as a rule, hold the library tickets as householders, the wives and daughters, or the books. Where a man would often take out some books of an instructive, and even technical character, his wife or daughter will insist on having some much-talked-of book of popular fiction. This demand on the part of women is what keeps the fiction writers busy. If we supplied four times the number of works of fiction, we would have no readers who would always keep pace with the output."

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thor has recently "broken out" as a social reformer. This time it is "Q", less popularly known as "Quiller-Couch," "Q" lives in Cornwall, and following the example of H. G. Wells, and others, has taken to serious work, leaving novel-writing alone for the present. He has attached himself to the Cornwall county council, and inaugurated his work by a species of literary revolution. His keen interest in educational affairs has brought him to the discovery that there are no books which introduce children to the study of English literature in such a way as to stimulate their interest and furnish amusement while at the same time mild doses of instruction are administered. In order to supply this "long felt" want, Quiller-Couch set to work and produced a "Short History of English Literature," which he thinks will surely appeal to little folk. He acknowledges, like Kipling, that it is a supreme achievement of art really to hold the interest of children, and has been so encouraged by the success of his "English Literature" that he is now engaged on a series of select English classics which are as much for "grown-up children" as others. The volumes are brought out at only 8 cents, and leave no excuse for ignorance on English classics henceforth.

JUST WALKED RIGHT IN.

The other day six very bright pretty American girls rang the bell at Miss Helen Zimmer's apartment in Palazzo Buondelmonte, Florence, and announced that they had come to ask permission to use Miss Zimmer's roof garden, or terrace, for a party. The girls, who were from Philadelphia, were proclaimed on all sides the most beautiful woman at Dinard this year, though Mrs. George Law also an American was a close rival. Most of the guests of the former woman at the magnificent entertainments she gave were Americans, though Prince Henry of Orleans, the Marquis of Anglesy and his mother, Lady Alexandra Paget have also been included in her gatherings.

ITALIAN AUTHORESS.

American readers may not know much of Garzia Deledda, the Italian author, whose books have appeared only this year in American translations. She is a Sardinian by birth and at first wrote only tales of her island. Later, she ventured into new fields, and wrote of dark hair, which, contrary to Italian custom, she wears in a loose coil. She has two little children, Franz and Sardinia, one a manly little fellow of 5 or 6, the other a curly-haired 2-year-old in dresses. She is very fond of the sea and draws much inspiration from being near it. Her autumns, however, are passed in a wooded part of her own Sardinia. Her best known books are "The Tree of Life," "Flowers of Sardinia" and "Sardinian Tales."

CHARLES OGDEN.

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Offers Evidence That It Has Not Received Preferential Rates From Railroads.

HEARING WILL BE VERY LONG

Seeks to Prove That It Has Not Been Favored, That It Has Paid Same as Others.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Standard Oil company attorneys presented evidence before Judge Franklin Ferris in support of the contention that the oil company has not been the recipient of preferential rates from railroads in different sections of the country.

The hearing was held in the federal building in a room adjoining the courtroom in which Judge Landis pronounced his judgment that the Standard Oil company of Indiana should pay a fine of \$29,240,000, and is a phase of the contempt of the government in a suit in chancery to have the Standard Oil company dissolved and cease to exist as a corporate entity.

Special Government Attys. Frank B. Kellogg and Charles B. Morris, former United States district attorney in Chicago, represented the government, and Attys. John S. Miller and Moritz Rosenthal, both of Chicago, represented the oil company. In the spectacular fine case, represented the company before Judge Ferris.

Henry E. Felton, general traffic manager of the Standard Oil company, was the first witness called to the stand and will be the principal witness to be examined in Chicago.

The main contention of the government is that the Standard Oil company was given rebates by railroad companies, that secret concessions were made to it, that preferential rates were established for its advantage, and that in addition in many cases the railroads so manipulated the open rates that the big oil company had a decided advantage over its competitors.

On the last point the government contention is that high rates were made by railroads from points where independent companies had oil refineries in proximity to the Standard refineries, and that low rates were made from points where the big oil companies had no competition.

The defendant company seeks to prove by Mr. Felton and other witnesses that the allegations of preferential rates and favors are not true and that the oil company has uniformly paid the same rates as asked of other companies.

Frequent cross-examination of the witnesses at the conclusion of different parts of their testimony is expected to enliven the hearing before Judge Ferris, who was appointed as a special commissioner by the federal judges of the St. Louis district to take evidence in the suit. Evidence on other points has already been taken in a number of cities, and the government presented the "preferential rate" and railroad phases of the case in Washington. The suit was begun last fall but all the testimony will be presented by Jan. 1, 1909.

The present hearing is expected to continue several weeks.

AMERICAN WOMEN THE HIT OF DINARD

Mrs. Hughes Hallett and Mrs. George Law Rivals for Attention of Elect.

LADY MARY'S LONDON LETTER

Society Gossip of Old London Town Dealing With Marriages Among Members of the Smart Set.

Special Correspondence.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Mrs. Hughes Hallett, who before her marriage was Miss Emily von Schoenberg of Philadelphia, was proclaimed on all sides the most beautiful woman at Dinard this year, though Mrs. George Law also an American was a close rival. Most of the guests of the former woman at the magnificent entertainments she gave were Americans, though Prince Henry of Orleans, the Marquis of Anglesy and his mother, Lady Alexandra Paget have also been included in her gatherings.

It was Mrs. Hallett who introduced the richest marquis in England, Lord Anglesy, to that charming little French lady whom it is said is helping him to forget his former misdeeds. She was the belle of the ball when Mrs. Hallett gave her brilliant dance and if it report speaks truly, one of these days we will find their engagement announced. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Potter who, like the hostess, are from Philadelphia were staying with her for many of her festivities. The latter's gowns, which were the last worn from Paris, were the envy of all her own sex. A ball frock of white Venetian satin, shimmering with diamond embroidery, and the entire empire bodice was of precious stones.

Mrs. George Law, who is one of the most prominent and beautiful Americans in London society has also been wearing wonderful frocks at Dinard, where she was one of the principal

hostesses. She made a huge sensation one night in a golden satin frock on which was embroidered in cut jet a design which suggested snakes. Like another competitor of hers, Gladys Deacon, she never wears any jewels, not even a brooch nor a ring, having at strange superstition about gems to which she attributes powers of good or evil.

MRS. MARSHALL FIELD WEDS.

I saw a letter, the other day, in which Mrs. Malvina Drummond, still better known as Mrs. Marshall Field, said that five days before her marriage she had no more intention of marrying Malvina Drummond than of becoming queen of England. There was not a month in the life of Mrs. Marshall Field since she became a widow that she did not receive a proposal. She beat Mrs. Potter Palmer's record in that respect many times over. It was about a year ago that she met Malvina Drummond had proposed to her when he found himself accepted, and through sheer fear that she might change her mind he dashed off a letter and procured a special license and made all the arrangements before she could think of drawing back. Until he put the ring on her finger he was not sure that something might not transpire to spoil his luck.

Over and over again during her widowhood Mrs. Marshall Field, as she then was, had declared that she never meant to marry again. When at first her prospective husband suggested the secret marriage she said she had not a frock suitable for the ceremony. But he soon overruled this objection, explaining that she could treat herself to the most exquisite tulle over purchased by mortal woman after the ceremony and that he would pay for it. This struck the bride-elect as being a most novel notion in more ways than one.

DAUGHTER IS JEALOUS.

Mr. and Mrs. Malvina Drummond are now looking out for a London house, two or three London agents having been asked to supply them with lists of mansions in desirable quarters. They were anxious to acquire the house which the Drexels are vacating in Carlton House Terrace, but it appears Mrs. Potter Palmer has now secured it. The story goes that Mrs. Drummond's little daughter is extremely jealous of her mother's husband, and is very perturbed at her new marriage. She is only a tiny girl of 7 or 8, but, nevertheless, she resents a stepfather. The two boys, however, take the matter quite philosophically and accept the situation with grace.

BADLY SPOILED GIRL.

It was announced early in the season that Gladys Deacon was coming to London as the guest of the Duchess of Marlborough. For some reason the visit fell through. The fair Gladys, who is fruitfully spoiled, can never be relied upon in regard to her promises, though in the present case it was the duchess who was responsible for her

non-appearance, as ostensibly owing to mourning and the illness of Lord Ivor Churchill she did not entertain at all at Sunderland House this year. Many hearts here beat quickly at the name of the beautiful Gladys who, in spite of all the American debutantes who have come and gone since last we met her, still holds a place that will never be filled in the souls of some of her would-be suitors. A smart man about town said to me the other day when he heard of her advent, "There is something about that girl that is mystical. She has a witchery and a magnetism which are irresistible. One can imagine her charms only in a Cleopatra or that wonderful Christina, the spinstress queen of Sweden. Personally," he added, "I don't believe she will marry unless she gets a crown prince or some one of that ilk."

Lady (Michael) Herbert is far more popular in London than her sister, Mrs. Ogdon Goebel, as she has none of the reserve of that lady. No one is more unapproachable than Mrs. Goebel, while Lady Herbert is as simple and friendly as possible. In speaking of her her friends say, "she is before all things an American," having the free and easy unconventional manners which the old country people always expect from those who hail from the United States.

POPULAR IN SOCIETY.

Her boys are again settled at Eton and later they are to go to Cambridge. If report speaks truly she means to do a good deal of entertaining in town in the near future. An announcement which is welcomed on all sides more especially among her own compatriots. She wore her mourning longer than any smart widow I know and it was of the most severe and heavy style. For some time past she has quite discarded it, though she still favors neutral tints and sombre lines. She is still an extremely attractive woman. While in Europe she always has the best of good times. In London, especially, she goes into society a great deal, for the American widow with a fortune is regarded as the most desirable of acquaintances. Far more is she sought after than the American heiress, the latter having all the limitations which surround the girl, the chief disadvantage being the fact that she must bring a fortune. This is a trial for would-be hostesses, meaning as it does an extra woman when the sex is already so numerous.

Lady Herbert is booked for a visit to Floors Castle, where she always spends a few weeks each autumn with her niece, the Duchess of Roxburghe.

LADY MARY.

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\$13.50

New, stylish models for the coming season. Made of fine broadcloths and kerseys. Beautiful line of colors, including blue, dark red, brown, green and black. Handsome inlaid velvet collar and braid trimmings. They're the best values we ever offered at \$13.50. Should be up to \$20.00.

Women's tailored suits at \$15.00 to \$25.00

Special values for Saturday—Broadcloths in plain and fancy effects, also beautiful chevron stripes—A line we're proud to exhibit—Though the values are a great deal more, we offer them at \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00 each.

First Floor—Annex.

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17c Infants' cashmere stockings—Silk heel and toe—black white, sky and pink—Worth 25c the pair—Special 17c the pair or three pairs for 50c.
18c Women's ribbed leg cotton hose—Full line of sizes—splendid 35c quality—Saturday 18c the pair.
9c Women's cotton hose—All sizes between 8 1-2 and 10 inclusive—Excellent 15c grade—Special 9c the pair.
95c Women's natural cotton union suits—Out sizes 7, 8 and 9—Splendid \$1.25 values—Saturday, the suit 95c.

Broken lines of Portage underwear going at half prices.

Union suits, vests and tights—This famous line needs no comment—Choose from \$3.50 black or ecru balbriggan suits at \$1.75. Regular \$1.75 vests and tights at 88c.

"Pony" stockings for children—All weights—all sizes—Splendid values at 25c the pair. Center aisle—Main store.

\$8.00 St. Mary's wool Blankets—special \$5.00

Fifty pairs of these beautiful, soft wool blankets—Colors are white, grey and fawn—Full 70 by 80 inches in size—A very remarkable offer Saturday at \$5.00 the pair.

Fine cotton filled mattress protectors, Size 70 by 72 inches. Covered with cream bunting. \$1.00 Saturday only they go at each.

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Little girls' dresses—very special Saturday at \$5.00

Made up in jumper effects—fine all wool chevrons and serges—full skirted skirts—bodice trimmed with soutache braid—Sizes 6 to 14—A very splendid offer Saturday at your pick \$5.00.

Juvenile section—First Floor—Annex.

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\$5.00

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25c and 35c dress shields, special 10c
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10c spool silk, special 3c
25c to 60c buttons, the dozen 10c
10c featherstitch braid, special 5c
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25c shell and amber hair pins, special 10c
Center aisle—back

Boys' suits—splendid for school wear—Saturday special

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This is the best boys' suit offer we have made. The suits are of excellent all wool fabrics in medium and dark patterns—very neat and serviceable. All seams are heavily reinforced—the workmanship is the best throughout. Two pair of knickerbocker pants with each suit. All sizes between 8 and 10 years. Choose Saturday at only \$5.00.

A snappy line of boys suits at \$3.50 to \$5.00

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Men's fancy half hose—30 dozen pairs in the lot—worth 35c the pair—Saturday special—the pair **23c**
Black cashmere half hose—A 50-dozen pair lot—Worth 35c the pair—Splendid value—Special, **23c**
Men's pure linen handkerchiefs—A tremendous purchase involving 50 dozen of them enable us to make the price, each **9c**
Every four-in-hand tie in stock selling regular at 75c each—Choose Saturday at only **48c**

\$1.50 white stiff bosom shirts—special 75c
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They're the newest models—medium busts and long hip—Covered with fine white Contil—heavily boned—two pairs of supporters attached—Splendid \$3.50 and \$4.00 values—Saturday, the great offer—your pick, \$1.95.

Beautiful silk petticoats in all colors and black. Trimmed with double ruffle and tucks. Guaranteed silk. **\$5.00** very special Saturday at your choice

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