

# Literature

POEMS EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW.

## CHRISTMAS NIGHT—TIRED OUT.

The yule-logs burn to an ashen char;  
The joys of the day assemble  
Like beams that cling to a dying star,  
While a wooden soldier dreams of war  
On a Christmas bough strewn.

Still is the voice of the little child,  
And sleep is come to capture  
The painted beasts of the jungle wild,  
And the eyes that danced with glee, and smiled  
When the dawn awoke to rapture.

The last little bear in the picture-book  
Has taken the wood to speak  
And tired eyes close on a fond last look  
At the sweets and toys in niche and nook,  
Scattered and bent and broken.

Christmas fades from the weary eyes,  
As day to day dark and dreary—  
But over the coals in love's dish  
Two hearts, like stars in the shadowy skies,  
Are burning yet and beaming.

sleep may come to the drowsy glee,  
And night to the love's dream,  
And youth in the dreams of joy to be  
Are immortal and eternal!

—Aloysius Coll in Commercial Advertiser.

## A CHRISTMAS MISTAKE.

Like some intruding meddler  
He came with stick and stone—  
I thought he was a peddler,  
And turned him from my door.

But when he left, with jingle  
Of bells, I knew my sin—  
That stranger was Kris Kringle—  
I wish I'd let him in!

—Aloysius Coll in Lippincott's Magazine.

## NOTES.

To write in the vein of former successes is usually the road to further triumphs in literature; but once in a while by turning into a new field an author makes even a greater stroke. This surely has been the case with Anthony Hope. Beginning with the romantic "Prisoner of Zenda," his popularity blazed with renewed force. His latest work, "The Sign of the Cross," is a masterpiece of the best-selling books of the year, and is now going into its fourth edition.

An unfortunate incident connected with the lecture tour of Charles Wagner in America has been the putting on the market a pirated edition of his famous book, "The Simple Life." McClure-Phillips, Mr. Wagner's American publishers, have paid him a royalty for his coming to America, and his work. Mr. Wagner's coming to America naturally increased the demand for his books, and a cheap edition of a garbled translation was put upon the market. This situation has been especially hard upon Mr. Wagner personally and also from the point of view of the success of his trip here in America. Mr. Wagner lives, as world naturally be expected, with extreme simplicity. All that he earns, beyond his nominal salary, he devotes to the furtherance of his work, the spread of the principles of the "simple life." One of the reasons for his coming to America was that he hoped by his lecture tour here to make enough to start the building of a church in Paris, where the "simple life" could be preached. His lecture tour has been a tremendous success, but the increased returns naturally to be expected from the sale of his books will not materialize if the piracy of "The Simple Life" is successful.

The following proverbs are from Folly for the Wise, by Carolyn Wells:  
Never put off till tomorrow what you can wear tonight.  
A rolling gait gathers remorse.  
One swallow does not make the world go round.  
Let us eat, drink and be married, for tomorrow we die.

Critics and literary people we believe are laboring under a misapprehension in considering Mrs. Hodgson Burnett's new book, "In the Closed Room," as what is technically known as a juvenile. It is, of course, no matter to consider anything that the author of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" and "Sarah Crewe" wrote as a story for children, but McClure-Phillips, the publishers, declare that they did not publish it as a juvenile and that Mrs. Burnett is anxious that it should not be considered as a child's book. It belongs rather to that new literary species, the book that is to children rather than for children.

It would not be surprising to find in some future birthday honor list of King Edward VII the name of Rider Haggard. "The Haggard" and "The Haggard" are, without doubt, some of the favorite writers among present-day authors with his majesty. King Edward esteems Mr. Haggard not only for his literary work but also for his unflinching energy in laboring for the best interests of the agricultural element of England. Mr. Haggard has just written an introduction to a book entitled "The King's Home Land." This book gives an account of the king's real home, the place where he plays the farmer and the successful farmer, too, and the historical East Anglian country which surrounds it. Today it is famous all over the world for its crops, its game and its stock. His majesty

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HELEN KELLER, THE BLIND GIRL.

Helen Keller has been called one of the two most interesting personalities in history. Probably no girl ever had so many warm friends; certainly no girl ever counted so many notables among her friends. Now Miss Keller has begun to write—in remarkably vigorous, charming English, too—of her life and her experiences in coming into touch with the world around her. The above picture of Miss Keller and Joseph Jefferson is one of the portraits used to illustrate her essay, "A Chat About the Hand," which is a feature of the January Century.

Arguments in every little point of the various makes of what they consider the acme of achievement in modern progress and invention, will find a word to two of interest in George Gordon Hastings. "The First American King." At the date of this story, 1975 the auto has long since given way to the far superior automobile, and the question of road rules and rights is answered in the manner which it would be well to adopt under present conditions.

The first volume of the new edition of Sir George Grove's "Dictionary of Music and Musicians," published by the Macmillan company, concludes with the letter E. It is expected that the work will be completed in five volumes. During the twenty-five years that have elapsed since the first volume appeared the original Dictionary, great developments have occurred in the musical world; and in order that this unique work should be brought thoroughly up-to-date, and so be representative of the knowledge of the present day, it has been found necessary to include in the new edition many hundreds of new names and subjects. All articles from the old edition which are retained in the new issue have been thoroughly revised.

"The Sin of David." Mr. Stephen Phillips' new poetical drama in three acts, is not Biblical, but it follows closely the action of its Old Testament prototype—the story of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah. The scenes are laid in the time of the English Civil war, among the surroundings of a section of

the Parliamentary army operating in the eastern part of the country. Colonel Mardye, a stern old Puritan, is married to a young wife, Miriam, a woman of ardent nature, to whom the greyness and repression of her home are intolerable. When Sir Hubert Lisle, commander of the Parliamentary forces in the Fenland, makes Mardye's house his military headquarters for a time, Miriam falls in love with each other. Just when their love is declared, need arises for a commander in a desperate night attack on the enemy, which can only result in the death of the leader. After slight hesitation, Lisle, his death, sends Mardye to the death. The incidents of the third act of the play take place five years later.

Mr. Stephen Phillips, whose poem, "The Sin of David," has just been published, was born at Somerton near Oxford, the son of Rev. Stephen Phillips, Precentor of Peterborough Cathedral. He studied for civil service, but dropped out of this and went on the stage, playing all kinds of parts. Later he became army tutor at one of the big English schools; afterwards he adopted literature as a profession. His play of "The Sin of David," two years ago, is one of the great dramatic poems of the last decade, and also a fine acting play, as was proved by its run on the American and the English stages. The plot of "The Sin of David" is the story of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah the Hittite, but its scenes and events take place in the army of Cromwell during the English Civil war.

## WHAT THE BEST MAGAZINES CONTAIN.

The Youth's Companion for this week has the opening chapter of a new serial story, "The Bold American," by C. A. Stephens, whose work has made him so popular with the Companion's readers. There are a number of short stories, and the special article is "The Crusade of Peace," a sketch of the progress of international arbitration. There are also several excellent poetical contributions, and interesting material of the departments.—Perry Mason Co., Boston.

Alms'ee's begins the new year with a table of contents for the January number infinitely superior to that of a year ago. The novelette is continued as the leading feature of the magazine. It is "A Belated Harvest," by Marie Van Vorst, whose book, "The Woman Who Told," written in collaboration with her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Van Vorst, drew out President Roosevelt's famous letter on race suicide. A strong, dramatic interest, and is wonderfully well told. B. M. Bower has a delightful little story of western ranch life, called "The Shepherdess." A strong character study, yet entirely free from the reproach of being too psychological, is "Renaissance," by Margaret Spalding Gorry; and it is intensely interesting.

## How the Author of "Pigs in Clover" Became an Author.

—OUR LONDON LITERARY LETTER.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Arthur Frankau's death, this week, recalls the fact that it was largely through an accident which befell him several years ago, that his wife, Mrs. Julia Frankau, came to embark in authorship. Mrs. Frankau, who signs herself "Frank Danby," is, of course, the author of "Pigs in Clover," the rather daring novel which made such a stir on both sides of the Atlantic, somewhat over a year ago, and the new romance "Baccarat," which has just been published here and in the United States.

In his early married life Frankau, who was a cigar manufacturer, did a good deal of horse-back riding, and one day he was thrown and injured one leg so badly that he was confined to his bed for many weeks. Mrs. Frankau was at his bedside almost constantly, and it was not long before the idea struck her of distracting his mind during these vigils by trying to write a book. She had had the strongest possible encouragement made such an experiment—no less a person than George Moore, whom her husband had introduced to her. It happened at one time that the author of "Dether Waters" needed, for a novel he was writing, a letter written by a woman under certain circumstances, and being struck by Mrs. Frankau's strong personality Moore asked her if she would write such a letter for him. She did so, and Moore was so impressed with the result that he strongly advised her to write a novel. Following the advice beside her husband's bedside Mrs. Frankau found that ideas came and put themselves into words in a truly marvellous fashion. One evening she read to her husband what she had composed thus far, and he was so surprised and interested that he read it to her every evening, and she had written during the day and when the book, which was called "Dr. Phillips," was finished, both author and critic believed there was rather more than "something" in it. The novel was published, and though it made no great stir, Mrs. Frankau was encouraged to try again. Later she wrote "A Babe in Bohemia," and "The Copper Cash," but it was not until after the publication of "Pigs in Clover" that she tasted the sweets of complete success. Mrs. Frankau is a sister of "Owen Hale," the librettist, and of Mrs. Aris, perhaps the ablest woman editor in this country. Mr. Frankau's death last Monday occurred

at Eastbourne and was the result of consumption.



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Gay irresponsibility is not a quality which is associated with its best translator, Edward Fitzgerald, but he must have had a large streak of it, judging from the stories which his old friend, Sir Cuthbert Quiller, told at a dinner the other evening. Sir Cuthbert declared that he had begun his yachting career with a 12-ton schooner, purchased of Fitzgerald. The poet named this craft "The Emetic," and provisioned her originally with apples, herrings, and a bottle of gin! Sir Cuthbert added that it was told of Fitzgerald that one day he was on board the Emetic, in his usual tall hat and frock coat, reading the Times, when the boat gave lurch and the translator of "Omar" went to the bottom. It was a most remarkable fact—and not a bit of eastern imagination—that when Mr. Fitzgerald came up again he had his pipe in his mouth, his hat upon his head, and the Times in his hand. It was further stated that when he got back on his little craft he calmly finished reading the article that was previously engaging his attention.

There are few more enthusiastic bookmen in Great Britain than Lord Rosebery, and the earl was at his happiest the other day when he opened the new Carnegie library at West Calder. Among other things he made a witty reference to "the index which existed in the Roman Catholic church—a list of books which in the opinion of that church, it was not well for people to read," and then said that he wanted several indexes. He did not want one for objectionable books, for so great was the force of human curiosity that he was afraid those were the first books that a great many ill-constituted minds would seek. He wanted, in the first place, an index free from all private influence of authors and publishers, to tell them what were the books they ought to read and the books they ought to buy, which were not by any means the same thing. The amateur adviser as to what and what not to read, he had found an intolerable person. Such advice had broken up many friendships. The man who was recommended to read a novel, and after getting a hundred pages into it found it impossible to go on, and yet, after having read so much, found it unprofitable to lay it down, swore an eternal enmity against the man who recommended to him that book. No limitation of means could in these days excuse anybody from not buying books, but he distinguished between books to be read and books to be bought. They read in order to see whether the book was worth buying. He found two further classes of books—the books that they borrowed from friends and returned, and the books they borrowed and did not return. The non-returning of books had ended more friendships and terminated more affections than any other cause of which he was cognizant. The man who borrowed one volume from a set and never returned it was a man who should be treated like vermin, trapped or shot at sight, or whoever else the punishments which might be extended to the least and vilest of mankind. 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