

CHICAGO IN LETTERS.

Some Notable Writers of the Middle West Metropolis—Miss Florence Wilkinson and Mrs. Reginald De Koven in the List of Literary Women—Chatfield Taylor at Work on a New Volume.

Special Correspondence.

Chicago, June 18.—The breezy, progressive and intensely commercial city of Chicago would hardly be looked upon as a literary center, but considering the comparative briefness of the time of its existence, this great mart of trade and transportation has produced quite its proportion of men and women who have done things creditable in the realm of letters. They are, of course, not so numerous as are the writers of classic New England and her older communities which have in more time devoted to the pursuit of culture, produced a "gaily comic" literature, but fiction seems almost to have been the forte of the Chicago writer.

Among the Chicago novelists who have lately come into prominence and whose work gives promise of a successful career is Miss Florence Wilkinson, whose second novel, "The Strength of the Hills," has been accepted by Harper & Bros. as the September story in the Contemporary American Novel series, which this house is publishing. The story is set in the hills, as its title suggests, in a story of the hill country in the Adirondacks, and is said to be thoroughly characteristic of American life of the first novel was published two years ago by Herbert S. Stone & Co. under the title "The Lady of the Flag" which attracted especially favorable comment.

result of the most careful study and research. Mr. Taylor is fortunately not afraid of work and he is going into this serious effort with an enthusiasm which should carry him far. Yet he is possessed of a yet delightful sense of humor, which keeps him from taking himself or his work too seriously.

George Ade has transferred his desk for the time to Asheville, N. C., and from there he sends out his witty little "Fables in Slang" to an eager press. On the surface no successful book would seem to be more obviously barred out of the theater than Mr. Ade's "Fables in Slang," yet several dramatists are seeking the privilege of putting it upon the stage. And if the work were done in the right way it might not make such a bad play after all. There is life enough in its characters to animate any number of theatrical lay figures.

Eugene Field a few months before his death said that his most cherished ambition was to collect the myths and traditions of America—the folklore of the Indians and the white pioneers—and tell the tales again for the glory of the land and its romance. Unfortunately, he did not live to carry out this poetic idea, and no one has yet arisen to claim the laurels he coveted. Yet in "A Child of the Sun" Charles Eugene Banks has rescued at least one of these exquisite romances from oblivion. It is so captivating a story that it makes one wonder if there are other Indian myths of its kind.

George Barr McCutcheon, the author of "Graustark," lately published by Herbert S. Stone & Co. of this city, was born in Indiana and is another of the young flower who are making their state famous in letters. He is a journalist. He began as a reporter in 1889, and four years later he became city editor of the Lafayette Morning Journal, a position which he still holds. For three months in his early youth he tried to be an actor, but during his walk home after this experience he was cured of that ambition.

Seven Years in Bed.

"Will wonders ever cease?" inquired the friends of Mrs. S. Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Only 60c at Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

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THE ISLE OF PINES

One of Uncle Sam's Possessions in the Antilles—Its Strategic Value to the United States—Climate and Medicinal Waters Will Make It a Great Health and Pleasure Resort.

Special Correspondence.

Havana, June 12.—In view of the determination of the United States to hold as its own the Isle of Pines, special attention is drawn to that beautiful island off the southwest coast of Cuba. The Cubans are loath to give it up, but there is a quite general recognition of the right and no question as to the power of the United States to hold it. When the treaty of peace with Spain was ratified, there were ceded to the United States the island of Porto Rico and "other islands" of the West Indies, while Spain simply "relinquished sovereignty" over Cuba. The Isle of Pines is held as one of the "other islands" and not a part of Cuba. According to the Platt amendment it is "not included within the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba" and the title thereof left to future adjustment by treaty. All of which, in plain terms, means that it will be a part of the United States.

Aside from its wonderful resources and marvelous advantages as a health resort, the Isle of Pines is of great strategic value to the United States, inasmuch as it can be made to command the Yucatan channel, leading to the Gulf of Mexico. It will also be invaluable in connection with the Nicaragua canal if built and controlled by the United States.

Spain seems never to have appreciated this little jewel of the tropical seas, though it had been sanctified by the footprints of Columbus, who discovered it in the summer of 1494, and who described its forest clad hills and mountains as presenting a spectacle of beauty and grandeur. Columbus christened it Evangelista, which is still a favorite name for the island. For many years after this the Spaniards abandoned it to the pirates and bold buccaners who held forth in West Indian waters to the terror of early colonists. Here was their principal headquarters, whence they departed upon their bloody cruises. One of these, the Hajo de Cerro, is still standing. It was the hiding place of their treasure, like the mysterious island of Stephenson. After the banishment of the pirates a few peaceful whites and blacks crossed over from Cuba and settled in little farms, but up to recent times Cuba's Spanish authorities utilized the garden spot as a place of banishment for drunkards, idlers and political prisoners. These were not placed under guard, but turned loose upon the poor farmers.

Today the Isle of Pines can boast of only about 2500 population, though it has an area of 400 square miles, or about half as large as the state of Rhode Island. There are only two small towns on the island—Nueva Gerona, its capital, and Santa Fe, fifteen miles farther inland. To reach them one must sail around to the northern coast, winding in and out the channels between a hundred cays and islets, all green with mangrove thickets. Nueva

Gerona lies three miles from the sea, up the river Cunas, and to its wharf comes once a week a small steamer from Havana, the south-west port of its own province. Santa Fe has a port on the Santa Fe river, several miles above the Caribbean. Vessels drawing upward of thirty feet of water cannot low water over the bar.

The natural resources of the island are important and varied though they are yet almost wholly undeveloped. The soil is extremely fertile, but only a small part of the island is under cultivation. A few of the green valleys are used as cattle ranges. Tobacco and sugar are grown to a limited extent, and pineapples are perhaps the staple product. There has been some trade in woods—Mahogany, pine, and cedar—of which are very strongly represented. Spirits of turpentine, pitch, tar, sulphur, tortoise shell and crystals also are among the possible exports. Silver, quicksilver and iron exist in the island, and the marble quarries practically are inexhaustible.

The Isle of Pines is perhaps most important as a prospective health resort and is destined to become a paradise for invalids, especially sufferers from lung, bronchial and throat affections. Medicinal springs abound, the waters of which are very strongly impregnated with oxygen, carbonic acid gases, chlorides of sodium, sulphate of lime, nitrate of lime, iron, magnesia, silica, chloride of calcium and nobody knows what other constituents, making a combination not altogether pleasant to taste, but abounding in health restoring qualities. The climate is as perfect as one can hope to find this side the Elysian fields, with dry, pure air, cooled by fresh breezes from the nearby ocean, and redolent with the invigorating odors of the pine forests with which the uplands of the island are clad.

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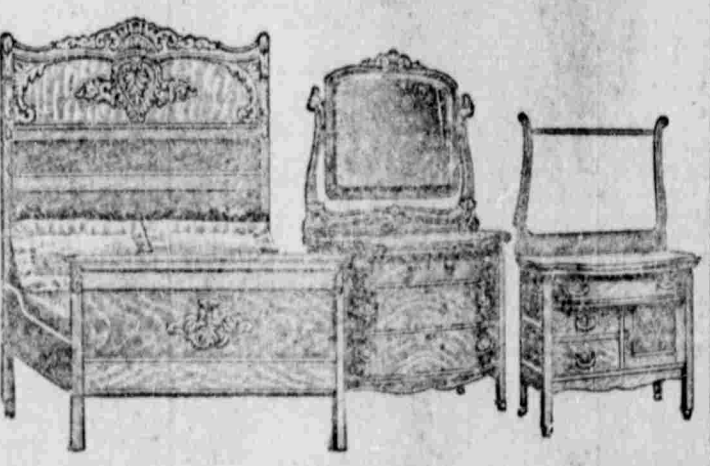
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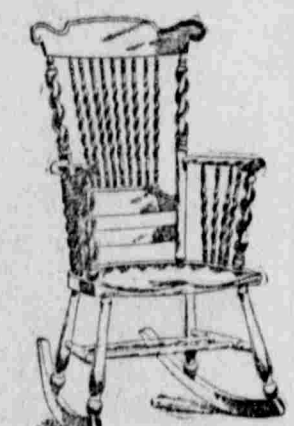
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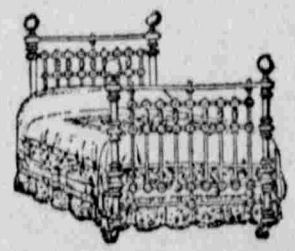
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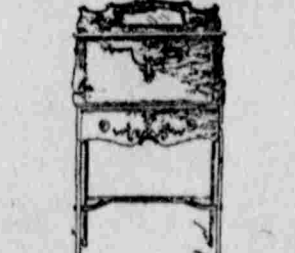
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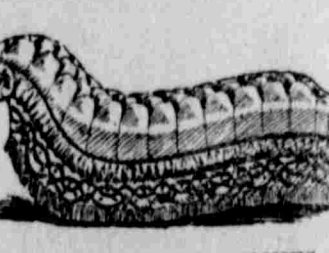


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