

ROMANTIC SIDE OF WAR

Story of Love and Intrigue During the American Revolution.

JEFFERSON AND THE DECLARATION

Book on House in Which Document Was Written—Two New Language Books—Anecdote of Frank Stockton—English Comedies.

These stirring war stories have a habit of making their appearance at opportune times and it is not therefore surprising that R. N. Stephens, whose drama and novel "An Enemy of the King" have been so thoroughly enjoyed by Americans should have just brought out a bright new novel well calculated to stir the hearts of all readers. "The Continental Dragon" is a "love story of Philippe Manor house in 1778," partly historical but thoroughly romantic. It was a critical period in American history when the French Revolution had just broken out and had reached the respectable age of three and a half years. Lexington, Bunker Hill, Brooklyn, Harlem Heights, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, Bennington, Monmouth—not to mention events in the south and in Canada and the West—had taken place. The story of the King of England had succeeded in occupying Boston, New York and Philadelphia; had been driven out of Boston by the siege and had left Philadelphia to return to the town more pivotal and nearer the scene. New York, British commander-in-chief, had been driven out of New York and the British ministry to explain why he had not crushed the rebellion and one British major general had surrendered an army and was now back in England defending his course and pleading in Parliament the cause of the Americans to whom he was sent a prisoner on parole. The Continental army had experienced both defeats and victories in encounters with the king's troops and allies, German, Hessian and American. It had endured the winter at Valley Forge while the British had fed, drunk, gambled, danced, flirted in Philadelphia. The French alliance had been sanctioned. Stueben, Lafayette, DeKalb, Pulaski, Kościuszko, Armand, and other Europeans had taken service with the Americans. The Continental army had sought to hem the British troops in at New York and on Long Island and at Red Bank. There were many Tories in New York and yet they had friends living in adjacent counties. The scene of this splendid little story is a little ways outside of the city, in Westchester county, at a noble old manor house still in possession of a family with sympathies strongly British. The haughty young mistress of the manor was in love with a British officer who escorted her to her home and soon thereafter an American appeared in haste. The men had met before and recognized each other. The American took from the stables a favorite horse to aid him on his way. In a battle afterwards the horse brought him back wounded. Here he fell under the protection of the still loyal girl. The situation becomes intensely interesting and the complications that follow on account of the passing of troops on the lookout for persons belonging to the opposite armies give opportunity for decidedly dramatic scenes which the author uses to the best possible advantage. It is a story to be read while the reader is filled with the thought of the daring deeds of American soldiers of the present day. The book is illustrated. L. C. Page & Co., Boston. \$1.50.

Another recent book that will serve to carry the reader back to colonial times is one describing "The House in Which Thomas Jefferson Wrote the Declaration of Independence." This purpose is to give an account of the demolition of that historic house in Philadelphia, the "Indian Queen Inn," but in fact it contains a history of the house and much information regarding related subjects, also biographical information about the persons and incidents and anecdotes. Much of the text is of a personal character, Thomas Donaldson, the author, having been present during the work of tearing down the house, identified it and purchased some of the material. He has been a student of Jefferson, his life and character. The book is thoughtfully bound and illustrated and is privately printed in a limited edition. Avil Publishing Co., Philadelphia. \$1.25.

One of the strangest of the many strange books recently appearing is "Vibration the Law of Life" by W. H. Williams. The title conveys the information that the book contains a system of vital gymnastics with practical exercises in harmonic breathing and movement, but there is much more to the book than this, for the author starts out with a few well recognized scientific experiments relating to study of motion in life and undertakes to show that by pursuing the study of vibration and motion he can arrive at "a solution of that enigma of the ages, mastery of the motor power by which the human machine may be kept running and in perfect repair as long as we please to use it." All persons who expect to live forever should get this book. It is right in line with their expectations. Temple Publishing Co., Denver. \$1.25.

Two new language books will please students of French and German. "Douze Contes Nouveaux" is a small book in which Prof. Fontaine has placed twelve selected stories from a wide range of contemporary literature, in order to illustrate its strength and beauty, and to furnish choice material for reading that will be attractive and useful. The German comedy "Münch von Barhelm," by Lessing, has been edited for school use by M. B. Lambert, in which form this great production ought to become still more popular to all students of the German. American Book Co., New York, 45 and 50 cents.

"Christ in the Daily Meal," by Norman Fox, D.D., contains a discussion of the true meaning and proper observance of the institution of the Lord's supper. Recent statements by students of theology indicate that this subject is one that may be reopened at any time, and this little volume is therefore timely in addition to being filled with much historical information as to the treatment of the subject. The argument is rigidly confined to study of the passages in the Bible relating directly to the institution, but one cannot read it without gaining a much clearer insight into this most significant sign of submission to Christ's rule in the world. Forde, Howard & Hulbert, New York, 50 cents.

EXPOSITION MINING DISPLAY

Dr. Day Will Make it a Complete Educational Exhibit.

REPRESENTATIVE OF A GREAT INDUSTRY

Intended to Show the Natural Resources of the Country with the Process of Reducing the Ore.

A member of the staff of the New York Times recently visited Frank R. Stockton at his home at Convent Garden, N. J., and gave the following interesting picture of his methods of work: "In all probability this remarkable magnetic man stands alone in the methods of his work. Without making a note, without a scrap of gaudy synopsis or scenario, (as they say in stage matters), he carries his new novels in his head, letting oftentimes the story build itself up there over a period of years. When he is ready to write it he calmly speaks it off to the young typewriter who, always in readiness, comes down each morning from the tower room. And this first draft, made by the head alone, he seldom changes even to the extent of a word. As it first falls from his lips it reaches his readers."

Messrs. Cassell & Company, Limited, have again added the word New York to their imprint, which will stand in future as London, Paris, New York and Melbourne. It will be remembered that some years ago the company disposed of their business in America to a separate concern known as the Cassell Publishing Company. The agreement under which this arrangement was made has now lapsed. The new office in New York is at 7 and 9 West Eighteenth street, whence will also be issued the four magazines published by this house: The Magazine of Art, Cassell's Magazine, The Quiver and Little Folks.

The forthcoming publication in England and the United States by the Macmillans of a five volume work on "Representative English Comedies" will be awaited with interest. The first volume will appear in the fall and will contain a selection of comedies of English comedy. (1) By a selection of comedies, chronologically arranged; each play being chosen for its literary excellence, its importance in the development of the dramatic art, its historical value or its dramatic characteristics. (2) By an essay introductory to each volume. (3) By brief critical and historical studies (a) prefixed to the comedies selected, (b) introduced in connection with the comedies. The second volume will mark the higher limit of the selection, Sheridan's "School for Scandal" the lowest; for they end the native artistic English comedy.

What to Eat, the novel magazine on cookery and kindred subjects published in Minneapolis, will catch the soldier boys with its new number. It represents the character of the magazine to be encountered with the black-eyed senioritas of Cuba and the other provinces. In the picture two of the latter have captured "a Yankee" and are giving him a high time which he seems to be enjoying. The magazine is published by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.

Laura E. Richards tells a charming tale of life on one of the pleasant islands along the Maine coast in her "Love and Rocks." It is a love story in the conventional style, but the setting is of itself a delight to the reader. There are no more charming islands in the world than the islands of the Maine coast. Estes & Laurier, Boston. \$1.

"In My Life in Two Hemispheres" Sir Charles Greville, Duffy tells a delightfully humorous story against himself. During his life he saw many perils, including that of being hanged, drawn and quartered; but perhaps his very worst quarter of an hour was when, at dinner one night, the hostess produced an album containing a copy of the portrait of his Majesty King George V and asked his opinion of them. Sir Charles laughed and called them "dreadful drivel." His hostess flushed. "I don't mind you laughing at me said, 'but pray don't laugh at verses which came from the very heart of my Majesty when he was crowned each other, and which I will treasure to my dying day.'" This was a "social agony" with a vengeance.

The annual Recreation Number of the Outlook has for many years been one of the finest illustrated issues of magazine literature. This year it will have as a prominent feature three articles by the winners of prizes in a competition instituted by the Outlook for the three best articles dealing with vacation life. The three articles, photographs taken by the authors. Twenty-five pages are devoted to these articles, and the many pictures are really extraordinary specimens of amateur photography. A novel and beautiful cover design, an illustration of the "Photographic Beauties of Objects in Motion," with many fine examples; Dr. Hale's "Lowell and His Friends," an illustrated poem by Henry van Dyke; an out-of-doors story, and many other interesting and seasonable articles, will be included.

The Peterson Magazine, which was established in 1842, will be merged into the Argosy, beginning with the May number. Captain Mahan's paper on the causes of the defeat of the Spanish armada, to appear in the June number, is awaited with breathless interest.

R. H. Russell, New York, has issued a new edition of "Cuba in War Time," with a colored war map and flags for marking the course of the Spanish army. The book is published by D. Appleton & Co. report increased demand for their "Guides to Spanish" and similar books by which something may be gained by the study of the Spanish language. The New York Ledger, without changing its character as a story paper and family weekly, has added large full-page illustrations of contemporary events and characters. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. of Boston announce a new edition of "Caleb West, Master Diver," by F. Hopkinson Smith, the first edition, 10,000 copies, having been exhausted. Miss Molly Elliott Shawell's new novel, "The Loves of the Lady Arabella," will not be published by the Macmillan Company until the autumn. In the meantime it is to be published serially.

ADMITTS RATES ARE UNJUST

Peculiar Action of South Dakota Railroad Commissioners.

ROADS GET INJUNCTION BY STIPULATION

Only Two Lines Directly Affected, but Opinion of Board Has Limited Consequences of Other Roads.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., May 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Great surprise was occasioned here this morning when the South Dakota railroad commissioners filed an amended answer in the injunction proceedings brought by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha and Great Northern companies to restrain the commission from putting into effect its schedule of rates. In its substituted answer the commission admits that so far as these roads are concerned the new rate tariff is unreasonably low, that under the rate in question could not earn a fair return on their capital, and stipulating that so far as the other railroad companies are concerned the rate should be made permanent. The answer is in such form that it can be used with telling effect by the other five companies to knock out the rates, as it also applies to the other five companies. The commissioners cannot understand why the commission should have taken this course. They say the cases against these roads could have been dismissed without prejudice or the roads could have taken judgment by default. Just why the commission should have put ammunition into the hands of the railroad companies is apparently understood by none. The practical effect will be to render of no account the eighteen months work of the commission and to make an absolute waste of the thousands of dollars spent by the commission in the preparation of the cases.

Western Passenger Association Takes Up the Matter at Chicago. CHICAGO, May 17.—The Western Passenger association has the Colorado excess fare under consideration. It is said to be probable that the fast train service to Denver and Colorado points will be put back on the old time schedules by the roads involved and excess fare abolished.

General Passenger Agents Francis of the P. M. and L. of the Union Pacific are in Chicago attending the meeting called for the consideration of the excess fare question. The dispatch about the probable result of the meeting was shown to their assistants during the afternoon. It is the opinion of the best posted passenger agent in Omaha that the present fast train service on the Rock Island, the Burlington and the Union Pacific-Northwestern will not be interrupted by any action the present conference may take. On the other hand, it is believed that the excess fare proposition will be abolished and that if the Santa Fe wants to start a rate war on that account the other three lines are more than strong enough to fight it or any other lines that cannot make fast time between Chicago and Denver, but want to keep the others from doing so.

EXPOSITION MAIL CARRIERS

Postmaster Martin Names Five for Service at the Transmississippi Grounds This Summer.

The five letter carriers for the exposition grounds are appointed from the list of substitutes by the postmaster. The names are: W. L. Hanson, John T. Lally, John A. Metcalf and Lavrits Jorgensen. The men will assume their duties June 1. The salary will probably be \$900, and the duties, in view of actually bringing supplies of places, will demand not only considerable work but judgment and care.

CONFERENCE ON CHILD STUDY

Program Prepared for Another Session of the Educational Convention.

The program has been completed for the conference on child study in connection with the Transmississippi Educational convention. It has been arranged by Dr. G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Grace B. Sudlow, of the University of Chicago. The two days' session will be occupied by the following: "The Ear Versus the Eye in Elementary Training," Prof. George T. W. Patrick, University of Chicago; "The Child and the Relation of Child Study to the Art of Teaching," Prof. Louis H. Galbraith, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y.; "Laughing and Crying," Prof. W. A. Dill, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; "The Child and Extra Organic Evolutions," Prof. Arthur Allen, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.; "The Child and the Home," Prof. W. C. Calkins, University of Chicago; "The Child and Parent from the Standpoint of Child Study," Prof. Oscar Chrisman, State Normal school, Emporia, Kan.; "The Child and the Adolescent Interests," Prof. E. G. Lancaster, Colorado college, Colorado Springs.

Sea Water for the Aquarium

The sea water for the tanks in the aquarium of the Fish commission exhibit in the Government building where the ocean fish are to be displayed has arrived. The water is being pumped into the tanks for transporting oil, the tank containing 15,000 gallons. This water was pumped into the reservoir beneath the floor of the Government building and the tanks for the ocean fish will be filled with it. The ocean fish are expected to arrive the latter part of the month.

Ethnological Exhibit

Arrangements have been completed for an exhibit in the Liberal Arts building which will probably form a very strong attraction for numerous students of ethnology. This collection is known as the Pasadena loan collection and consists of curios collected among the tribes of Indians in the southwestern corner of the United States and in Mexico. The collection is an enormous one and is valued at an enormous sum. It will occupy a space of 150 feet, with the walls on which the articles will be suspended.

Notes of the Exposition

Superintendent Jay Burns of the Concessions department is rejoicing over the advent of Jay Burns, Jr. The Transportation department has received the big new high school building. The new building is intended for the Auditorium. The book and ladder truck and the hose wagon are being fitted for the exposition grounds. The new building will arrive in a few days by fast freight. The mineral, agricultural and forestry portions of the Oregon exhibit have been shipped. The mineral exhibit is a stick of timber sixty feet long, containing \$1,000 worth of lumber. Maps of Cuba at The Bee office—Omaha, Council Bluffs or South Omaha. Cut a coupon from page 2. Address Cuban map dept.

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City Improvement Committee of the Woman's Club Arranges for a Mass Meeting.

Under the auspices of the city improvement committee of the Woman's club a mass meeting has been called for Wednesday evening at Creighton hall. Invitations have been sent to the city council and the Board of Education, asking them to attend. Invitations have also been extended to the Woman's club, the Young Woman's Christian association and the Commercial club. Some of the best known business and professional men and women have been asked to make addresses on the subject of city improvement. Mr. Rosewater, Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Clement Chase, Senator Manderson on the effect of a clean and beautiful city on the state at large. Health Commissioner Spalding will take a sanitary view of the subject, Judge Keyser will show the effect of environment on crime and criminals, the commercial side of the question will be presented by Mr. Baum, president of the Commercial club, while the educational view will be given by Mr. Pears, superintendent of the city schools. Mrs. C. C. Belden, as the representative of the Young Woman's club, and first chairman of the city improvement committee, will tell what the committee has already accomplished and what it would like to do. No admission fee will be asked.

Dorsey's Cattle Deal

W. C. Dorsey bought \$50 worth of cattle from a farmer at Blair, Neb., a few days ago, paid the man with a check on the bank in which he had no money and left for parts unknown after realizing on the cattle. Dorsey was found in Omaha today by detectives and is in jail waiting till Sheriff Mincke arrives to take him back to Washington county.

Minneapolis Heads Southward

BOSTON, May 17.—A special cable from Turks island says: The American cruiser Minneapolis passed through the channel this morning, steering in a southerly course. Turks island is north of San Domingo.

PUTTING UP PAY OF TEACHERS

Action of the Board of Education in Ordering a Restoration of Maximum Salaries.

CONCESSIONAIRES GO TO WAR

Another Pair Ask the Court to Bottle Their Differences.

The action of the Board of Education in increasing the maximum salaries of teachers in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades is a step toward returning the salaries to the same level that prevailed before the cut was made two years ago in the interests of economy. The number of teachers in these grades is very nearly 100, but not more than half the number receive the maximum and will be affected by the change.

Two more Exposition