

likes his Young Lochinvar style and promises herself to wait. The revised Van Bibber, who is magnificently drawn by Gibson, goes down to South America quells a mutiny in iron mines he is sent to manage and has an opening struggle with a corrupt government in which his armour of virtue is made to refulgently reflect the rays of Mr. Richard Harding Davis own sweet personality. Nevertheless the story has a better start now than Du Maurier's Martian which has been running for three months and has not got beyond the cafe dinners which we knew and enjoyed in Trilby but which cannot be warmed over with equal success. Richard Harding Davis clings with a touching devotion to the romantic hero of the past, the spotless, chivalric rescuer of ladies and the weak. Sometimes he (Davis) lets him swear a little and smoke a cigarette or drink something in an aristocratic exclusive union-club-way but he makes him revolt from all miscellaneous drinking or any of the coarse pleasures which limited means impose on people not in society.

It is a far cry from Le Figaro to the Woman's Weekly, but the latter is nearer and on that account more interesting the paper is the official organ of the Woman's Clubs of Nebraska, which accounts for the surprise that people outside of the state felt when they were confronted by representatives of the Woman's Clubs of Nebraska.

They had expected to see crude aggressive females and instead the Nebraska women were just like other women, quietly bent on helping themselves and each other to higher living, knowing and thinking. If there were no other claimants to the position which Miss Fairbrother occupies I should still think it a great misfortune to the women of the state to be thus misrepresented.

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Rudyard Kipling, Conan Doyle, Stanley Weyman, Anthony Hope, Max Pemberton, Mary E. Wilkins, Sarah Orne Jewett, S. R. Crockett, Ian McLaren, Frank R. Stocton, Margaret Deland, Stephen Crane, Amelias E. Barr, Joel Chandler Harris, John Barrie and Gilbert Parker have all contributed to Mr. Bacheller's syndicate and with them he is personally acquainted.

Charles Kelsey Gaines, formerly a professor of Greek in one of the eastern universities has done some excellent work. His "Jack Where Be You" is a remarkable story and better work still is expected of him.

DORA BACHELLER.

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