

# BOOK TASTES IN SYMPOSIUM

United Press Survey Lists  
Number of Prominent  
Authors

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New York —(UP)— Literary tastes differ among leading authors and editors of the United States, according to a symposium collected by the United Press.

A number of prominent writers were asked to name three recently published books particularly to their liking. Their selections follow:

H. L. Mencken, editor The American Mercury — The Messiah Jesus and John the Baptist, by Robert Eisler; The Mysterious Madame, by C. E. Bechofer Roberts; The work, Wealth, and Happiness of Mankind, by H. G. Wells.  
Carl Van Doren, editor The Literary Guild — Exposition in America, by Ludvig Guedalla; The Social Life of Apes and Monkeys, by S. Zuckerman.

Fannie Hurst  
Fannie Hurst, novelist — The Good Earth, by Pearl S. Buck; Russia, by Hans von Eckhardt.  
Christopher Morley, novelist and critic — The Tragedy of Henry Ford, by Jonathan Leonard; Kamongo, by Homer W. Smith; And Life Goes On, by Vicki Baum.

Alexander Woolcott, critic — Stepping Westward, by Laura E. Richards; The Unseen Assassins, by Norman Angell; Loads of Love, by Anne Parrish.

Benjamin DeCasseras, critic — Mental Healers, by Stefan Zweig; The Decline of the West, by Oswald Spengler; Brave New World, by Aldous Huxley.

Anthony Abbott  
Anthony Abbott, detective novel writer — Death Answers the Bell, by Valentine Williams; The Kennel Murder Case, by S. S. Van Dine; The Documents in the Case, by Dorothy Sayres.

William McFee, novelist — Way of the Lancer, by Richard Bole-Slavsky; Rackety Rax, by Joel Sayre; Seventy Years in Archaeology, by Sir Flinders Petrie.

George Jean Nathan, critic — Essays in Persuasion, by J. M. Keynes; The Story of My Life, by Clarence Darrow; The Puritan, by Liam O'Flaherty.

Ben Hecht, novelist — "It's nobody's business what I read."  
Gene Fowler, novelist — Dr. Hoffstetter's Spavin & Cold Cure Almanac; Pueblo, Colo., telephone directory, issue of 1932; Black Beauty.

Harry Elmer Barnes, author and critic — Only Yesterday, by Frederick Lewis Allen; The Story of My Life, by Clarence Darrow; Is Capitalism Doomed? by Dennis.

## Peru's Cotton Export Shows Decrease

Washington —(UP)— Peru's total exports of cotton during the last six months of 1931 amounted to 79,000 bales and showed a decrease of 59,000 bales from the shipments for the corresponding period of the previous year, the Commerce department has been informed in dispatches from Lima.

Exports of raw cotton from Peru, in January, decreased to 2,500 bales, from 5,500 bales in December and 3,900 bales in January, 1931.

## Missing Persons Bureau Reunites Brother, Sister

Pittsburg —(UP)— Letters from a brother and sister who had not met for 32 years were received at the Missing Persons bureau here at almost the same time.

William J. Carson, Hialeah, Fla., wrote inquiring for his sister, Josephine. As attaches were filling his letter one came from Mrs. Josephine Lowrie, of West View, Pa., asking for information about her brother, William J. Carson.

Each wrote they had been separated since the brother left home here in 1900 to join the navy. The bureau informed each where the other could be reached.

## BEATING RUSSIA TO IT

New Russia is junked. Religion she has junked. And gems of the dramatic art Has thoroughly de-bunked.

From Uncle Tom's famed cabin, she Has carried a goodly slice; Sweet Eva does not skyward soar Nor Liza cross the ice.

And Hamlet, too, she's rearranged; The Melancholy Dane Is changed to an ambitious lad, And eminently sane.

Our movie writers, long ago, This self same action took; Scenarios, whatever they be, Must not "be like the book."  
—Sam Page

## The Silent Sort From Tit-Bits

Small Boy: I would like a box of powder for my sister.  
Drug Store Clerk: Certainly. Some that goes off with a bang?  
Boy: No, the kind that goes off with a puff.

## Empire State Man Claims World's Largest Horse

Waterloo, N. Y., —(UP)— C. H. Van Wickie claims ownership of the world's largest horse, Sillon B. Sillon B is 12 years old and stands 21 hands high. His ears are nine feet from the ground. The horse is pure white and perfectly formed. He measures eight feet and ten inches around his girth and weighs 2,960 pounds. He was foaled in Lamay, France, and according to his owner, is "just getting his growth."

## Out Our Way



## New Plane to Fly Without Wings



If you should see a weird contraption floating around over your head in the near future it's liable to be this curious wingless plane. Invented by I. C. Popper, the craft, shown at Roosevelt Field, L. I., features four spindles on the rotor principle instead of the orthodox wings. The inventor claims it has double the lifting power of the ordinary winged plane and can be landed at half the speed.

## Baked Potato Aids In Hunt for Gold

Boise, Idaho —(UP)— Not all gold comes from streams and the washing pans of prospectors—some of it comes from potatoes.

G. A. Barnes, an old prospector, giving advice to novice bold hunters, recommended the following procedure: After amalgamating the gold bearing sand with quick silver to remove the precious metal, place the amalgam in a mortar.

Grind it until all iron in the amalgam is removed. If the quantity to be treated is small, place it in the heart of a large potato, bake the potato until the quick-silver evaporates, then pan the ashes for the gold. If a large quantity is to be handled, the evaporation may be gained through use of a retort kettle, Barge said.

## PIONEERING OLD AND NEW

From New York Sun  
Americans did so much of it on such a vast scale for many years that they are quite likely to think of themselves as almost unique among modern peoples in their pioneering. The influence of the frontier on our national life, political and cultural, which has been so emphasized by historians and critics in fairly recent years, has come to be regarded as something peculiarly American, although the thrust of large populations into thinly settled or virgin territory was being made vigorously enough elsewhere in the world before, during and after our own great pioneering days.

The peaceful invasion of new lands, furthermore, continues on a wide front today as Isaiah Bowman president of American Geographical society, reminds us in a recent publication of the society. Millions now live on such frontiers as our fathers and forefathers pioneered through nearly three centuries. Remote Scotch, Welsh and English shepherders and equally isolated farmers are living in the belt of grass lands along the eastern foot of the Patagonian Andes. Tens of thousands of settlers of many sects and nationalities are spreading out a pioneer fringe in northwestern Canada; Boers and Englishmen and Portuguese continue to push out upon the dry veldt and cooler tropical highlands of South Africa; Aus-

## Shots Break Window, But Miss Cheese Thief

Lancaster, Ohio —(UP)— Folks who gathered in the general store at Ruchville to discuss topics of the day agreed that the loss of a piece of cheese would have been more economical than the breaking of the store's front window.  
Frank Morrow, owner of the store, was standing across the street when he saw a pilferer behind his counter cutting himself an ample slice of cheese. Morrow fired at the intruder with a shot-

## Just a Question of Licking



A cool and delicious delicacy for the polar bears at the Bronx Zoo, New York, are these cakes of ice, with fish frozen inside them. The trick, that provides odies of entertainment for the bears, is to get the fish out of the ice. The bears tackle the job with enthusiasm during the lunch hour.

trians and others of English speech extend conquest on their sun baked continents; Russian carts trail into the plains of western Siberia and the steppe regions long after our covered wagon has become a romantic souvenir. Most conspicuous of all, perhaps, are the modern Chinese pioneering efforts in Mongolia and Manchuria, where millions have settled within a generation.

But pioneering, like everything else, has changed sharply since our own efforts was virtually completed in the '90s. In its new style in most cases it takes on some of the general characters of industrial civilization. More often than not it is planned, organized and directed in the spirit of modern industry. The machine is indispensable to it. Group settlement is a conspicuous feature of it, according to Professor Gwynne. So, after all, the homesteaders make daily trips through the cellar to look for leaks in the barrels.

## 'CHUTE HOLDS FLARE

New York — A new flare for a plane pilots in distress has been perfected by Capt. C. F. M. Chambers, World War ace and former member of the Royal Flying Corps. It is fired from a pistol, and is gently lowered toward the ground by a parachute. Tests have been successfully conducted in the middle of the Atlantic ocean by Captain Chambers.

## By Williams

## CONSIDER THE FLEA!

IT'S REALLY EASY TO GET RID OF MOST COMMON OF HOUSEHOLD PESTS

BY DR MORRIS FISHBEIN  
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine  
One of the most annoying of all common insects is the lowly flea. He moves about on the skin, biting as he goes.

Few serious cases are reported from flea bites, and most of them are infections, which had their beginning with an insignificant looking irritation, but fleas can be and are a nuisance, but fleas can be and cur in quantities.

And that nuisance is one that no home-owner need endure. Fleas can be completely eliminated if the proper steps are taken. In fighting fleas, it must be remembered that their principal breeding places are on soil or in dust containing vegetable or animal matter. Moisture must be present and the breeding place is nearly always one protected from the sun and rain.

Usually breeding places are damp spots under porches, in barns, and hen houses.

These breeding places can be made non-producers so far as fleas are concerned by spraying them frequently with creosote oil. Ground in which baby fleas usually develop should be thoroughly sprinkled with salt and then given a generous wetting down.

If these steps are carefully followed, the breeding of fleas will virtually stop.

As for the fleas you already

have, you face still another problem. They are usually brought into the house by pet animals and so you must remove the fleas from these animals. Washing in a creosote solution will usually accomplish this purpose, and by following this step with a thorough bath with soap and water, the desired result is nearly always obtained.

For houses already infested with fleas, the problem is not so simple. Application of gasoline to the floors after the rugs have been removed, followed by a scrubbing of all floors, will usually kill them. Sometimes this process must be used a second time in order to get all the fleas.

Fortunately, plague, the principal disease carried by fleas, has been eliminated in the United States.

Flea bites, if painful, should be treated with a weak solution of menthol camphor.

And you should remember in bathing the household pets that a cat's skin is very tender and that the creosote solution for him must be very weak.

Much has been said and written about the remarkable jumping power of the ordinary flea. Authoritative tests show that his maximum is 13 inches horizontally and about half that distance vertically. That means that a flea can't come jumping in the window after you have eliminated his brothers and sisters in the manner recommended in this article.

## Things We Cannot Avoid

By W. G. Sibley in Chicago Journal of Commerce.

Men who think are the only salvation of society, the only strength of government, the only bulwark of liberty, the only promoters of happiness and content. But—if they are not sound thinkers, they are the mischief-makers of the world. All history proclaims these facts. As a wise man in the old village once said in the drug store, "hindsight is better than foresight." Admirable and valuable as foresight is, hindsight is more dependable than foresight, because foresight may be full of error, while hindsight is something that has been demonstrated. That is why Lord Bacon was able to say that reading history makes men wise. It teaches men to expect things that have been done, which teaches men to expect certain things to follow certain deeds.

Take a man's habits, for instance, how unerringly they predict his future to those who can think through a problem of cause and effect. Youth is likely to be impatient when lectured on habits. And yet the habits of a man proclaim what he is, what he has been, and what he will be. They are the keys to his character, which explain him and his condition. When we know a man's habits he is revealed to us, exposed, classified and ticketed. He is firmly and securely bound by them as a finished machine is held together by its bolts and mechanism.

This is why thinking, sound thinking, is so tremendously important to man. Without it he has nothing to guide him. He is a "maybe man," without certainty.

Nobody knows exactly what to expect from him, and to possess a reputation that makes men certain what one's behavior will be, is beyond price. It is the cornerstone of confidence, which is the one thing that gets men into positions of responsibility from which come success, fortune and enduring esteem. Society is highly organized. It has to be held together, and for its own protection and stability. So it happens that in every village, town and city, we find men "standing together" because they think alike, support the same principles, have similar habits, and believe in one of two things on which all mankind is divided. Those two things are good and evil. The line between them is drawn everywhere. One cannot be first on one side and then the other after he reaches maturity. With that comes the mighty influence of habits, and all the time they lean in one or another direction.

When manhood arrives they are usually fixed for life. It is because of this fact that intelligent society begins education in childhood. We all have to be taught, because we are all learning something every day. Hence the vital importance of teaching industry, honesty, good habits, sound thinking, fundamental principles, truthfulness, trustworthiness and all those qualities that lead to honor, good behavior, and love of right. The fight against vice, crime, evil thinking and bad conduct is a continuous performance everywhere. There is no escape from it. We fight what is evil or what is good, and must all be started right early in life.

## Depression Didn't Hit Colorado Tax List

Colorado Springs, Colo., —(UP)— There may be a depression on, but it does not show in the county treasurer's office here.

Prepared for the collectors, officials compared tax worksheets for the first two months of 1932 with those of the same months last year.

With fear and trembling they brought the books side by side.

They discovered that \$100,000 more in tax money had been paid into the county coffers this year than last year.

## British Expert Finds New Neutrone Ray

London —(UP)— Further progress in an understanding of the structure of the atom has been made through the discovery of a new ray, which gives off particles called neutrons.

Discovery of the new ray was recently made by Dr. J. Chadwick,

of the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, while Dr. Chadwick was studying the effect of bombarding a metal called beryllium with alpha particles.

The existence of the neutrone has been suspected for 12 years," Dr. Chadwick said. "The neutrone contradicts all the accepted laws. It is without an electric charge and therefore cannot be deflected by magnetism from its mass."

The discovery of the neutrone follows earlier discoveries of the electron and the proton and their relationship to the structure of the atom.

## BOTH EXTREMES

India has princes who are rich enough to own private railroads to carry them around their vast estates, and other classes so poor that they can afford no other form of transportation except foot.

Put a few drops of denatured alcohol on top of enamel after using, and it will prevent formation of enamel "skin."

Potatoes kept in a closed bin with some ripe apples will not sprout.

suit — the type that fails to meet in the middle.

Suspended by the corner from a light cord around the neck, the ample bandana of gay color is worn in brassiere fashion and knotted in the back. Abbreviated trunk complete the suit.

Speak for Yourself.  
From the Humorist.  
Hubert (to fiancée): I admit your bathing costume looks smart, Edna, but I must say it would have shocked our grandmothers.  
Edna (defiantly): Oh, yeah? You speak for your own grandmothers!