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Current Literature

The May Harper's contains some unpublished letters of Edmund Clarence Steadman, and Robert W. Bue, general agent of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, writes of that society. Mary Heaton Vorse furnishes an article on Tangle, and there is a description of the isolated "Aran Islands" by Mary Radford Warren. The fiction is by Kenneth Abbott, Florida Pier, Norman Duncan, Jeanette Lee, Calvin Johnson and Sarah Barnwell Elliott, and there is another installment of the serial, "The Vine Olive."

The Century for May has an article on "Columbus and the Bible," and T. R. McMeekin and Carl Dienstbach, who are special students of aeronautics, contribute an illustrated article entitled, "Over Sea by Airship." Robert Hichens describes his journey "From Nazareth to Jerusalem," and some early portraits of Theodore Roosevelt are offered in black and white. The fiction is by Arthur H. Warner, Alice Hegan Rice and Albert Hickman, and another installment of the serial by May Sinclair.

The Scribner's for May Mr. Roosevelt's narrative describes his journey to Lake Umbagog, and Prof. Laughlin has an article on "The Increased Cost of Living."

Frederic C. Howe contributes an article on "City Building in Germany," and R. T. H. Halsey writes of "Malibone and His Minstrel." The short stories are contributed by Richard Harding Davis, Donald Hamilton Haines and Alice Durr Miller.

To the May Atlantic John Burroughs contributes a paper "Through the Eyes of the Geologists"; while other contributions of importance are Sidney Brooks' "England and Germany"; William Peter Hamilton's "The Case for the Newspapers"; "Does it pay to Serve the United States?" by an ex-official; "On the Road to Oregon," by Charles M. Harvey; and Walter Prichard Eaton's estimate of the value of "A Year at the New Theater." In the diary of Gideon Welles the story pursues the account of the struggle between President Johnson and congress.

In McClure's for May, George Kibbe Turner contributes a paper on "The New American City Government," and Burton J. Hendrick has an article on "The Skutumpah Immigrants." M. Paoli gives some interesting reminiscences of the czar of Russia, and among the contributors of fiction are Oscar Graeve, Nellie Boyce and Edgar Wallace.

Everybody's for May opens with an article on "The Barred Gateway," by John L. Mathews, while Judge Lindsey concludes his narrative of "The Beast and the Jungle." E. Alexander Powell writes "On the Trail of Haroun-al-Raschid," and

among the writers of short stories are, Robert Dunn, Elmore Elliott, Fessie, Elmer Biley Harris and Bessie R. Hoover.

In the May Hampton's Commander Peary continues his story of "The Discovery of the North Pole," and Charles Edward Russell writes on "Winning an Empire and the Cost of Living." Among the contributors of fiction are James B. Connolly, Fannie Heaslip Lee, Owen Oliver and Rheta Childs Dorr.

The Strand for May contains short stories by A. E. W. Mason, W. W. Jacobs and H. G. Wells. Dr. Edridge-Green contributes an article on "Color Blindness and Its Dangers," while James Scott writes on "The Detection of Blood Guilt," and there is another installment of Cyril Maude's "Reminiscences."

The May Lippincott's contains a novelette by Will Livingston, Comfort, while among the short stories are "The Bed of Justice," by Mary Taylor; "Gran'ma," by Luellen Teters Bussentut; "Policeman Flynn and the Tame Bear," by Elliott Flower; "The Heiress and the Orphan," by Augusta Korntrent, and "The Balloon Terra-Contr'a."

In the American Magazine for May base ball is the subject of the leading article and James Oppenheim contributes an article on "The Hired City." There is another installment of Miss Ida Tarbell's "The American Woman" and Stewart Edward White's "The Cabin," and the fiction is contributed

by William J. Locke, James Oppenheim, Inez Haynes Gillmore, Emory Pottle, Ian Hay and John Fleming Wilson.

The Smart Set for May opens with a story by Frederic S. Isham, "The Buccaneer," and among the short stories are "What Faith is Fed On," by Olivia Howard Dunbar; "The Torch," by Fannie Heaslip Lee; "The Proper Thing," by Clayton Hamilton, and "The Minister and the Man," by Billie Glynn.

The May Columbian opens with a review of present conditions at Panama, by Gerald Mygatt, and Senator McFurner contributes an article on "What Everybody Ought to Know About Musk." The fiction is by Annie Hamilton Donnell, Kate Jordan, Mary Stewart Cutting and Theodora Garrison, and Clara E. Simcox, Edouard La Fontaine and Helen Berkeley-Loyd outline the very latest in the world ruled by Dame Fashion.

In the May Wide World Magazine, Gunner Adams of the United States ship Michigan recounts an appalling experience which he had in 1866 while the North Atlantic fleet was engaged in mine laying. The two serials, "Travel and Adventure on African Borderland" and "After Polar Bears in the Arctic," are continued. H. H. Dunn describes his visit to the island of Tiburon, and V. Pitt-Kethley gives an account of "The Wooing of Miss Chrysanthemum."

In the May number of the Forum appears "The Birth and Progress of Socialism in Hungary," from the pen of Count Joseph

Mallath; the second and final installment of Bjornstjerne Bjornson's article on "Modern Norwegian Literature," a discussion of affairs in Turkey, under the title "Abdul Hamid and the New Despotism," a financial article by Alexander D. Noyes, entitled "The Tangle of Politics and Finance in England," an expression of the anti-suffrage standpoint by Mrs. Gilbert E. Jones, president of the League for the Civic Education of Women.

In the Delineator for May Prof. Charles Zeublin contributes an article on "The Day of the Woman," and Rupert Hughes has an article on "What Everybody Ought to Know About Musk." The fiction is by Annie Hamilton Donnell, Kate Jordan, Mary Stewart Cutting and Theodora Garrison, and Clara E. Simcox, Edouard La Fontaine and Helen Berkeley-Loyd outline the very latest in the world ruled by Dame Fashion.

In Country Life in America for May getting out of doors again forms the keynote. Fishing, riding, gardening, golf and other outdoor activities are represented. Pictorially the most striking feature of the number is a series of instantaneous photographs of hunters and steepchase riders caught in the act of falling from their mounts.

Tramp Took "the Same." Representative Rucker of Colorado was in a strange town during the late campaign and wanted a drink. He has a constitutional objection to drinking alone, and

called a hobo who was standing in front of the saloon to join him. They walked into the bar and Mr. Rucker ordered two highballs. Then he thought he might have offended his companion and said: "I beg your pardon, I neglected to ask you what you would like to have."

"What did you order?" asked the tramp. "Two rye highballs," answered Mr. Rucker. "That's all right, I'll take the same," Washington Post.

He Really Had an Excuse. An exasperating time was experienced by officials of superior court No. 3, at Indianapolis, in procuring a jury. Farmers do not enjoy serving on juries this time of the year and many are the excuses they offer to escape service. Talesman after talesman pleaded to be excused and after about twelve of them had been allowed to go Judge Vinson Carter had nearly reached the end of his patience.

So when the next man asked to be excused on the ground that he had business at home, it was the last straw, and Judge Carter said severely: "I won't excuse you. You'll have to stay. No, no, I won't listen to any excuses."

"But, your honor, I can't stay here under any circumstances," said the talesman. "Somebody has to serve on this jury, and I won't excuse you," the judge replied. "Your honor, I am urgently needed at home," the man replied, much agitated. "My wife wants me there."

Then Judge Carter saw the light. "Would the census man be interested in what is going to happen at your home?" Judge Carter asked in a more kindly tone. "Yes, he would," the talesman said. "Then get away from here and go home as quick as you can," Judge Carter commanded, and the talesman lost no time in obeying.—Indianapolis News.

Chased Himself. Among the customers of a tea store opened in the northwest part of the city the other night was a man who, after buying a pound of coffee, handed a counterfeit half dollar to the shopkeeper. "This money is counterfeit, I'm sorry, sir," said the shopkeeper.

"Yes, I know it," replied the customer, grinning. "Got it here one day last week and I've been saving it for you." Then, noting the smile upon the shopkeeper's face, the customer said, evidently offended, "Perhaps you doubt my word." "Oh, not at all sir, not at all, I couldn't doubt the word of so truthful a man. I was simply smiling because I wondered how it was possible for you to have got the money here. This place was only opened night before last."

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