

### Ghester Bailey Fernald.

A new writer has found his field or, perhaps it would be better to say a promising field has inspired a writer. It has come to require no little courage nowadays for one to attempt to keep track of the story writers for the current magazines, so utterly worthless are most of the tales that appear. Authors nor public have yet come to realize that the ideal short story is capable of the highest literary art and that to write it successfully requires a much greater genius than that of the ordinary fiction writer. So long as this is not required our magazines will doubtless continue to print columns of worse than mediocre fiction and the short story genius will be denied us. Now and then, however, we stumble across something that surprises us. If not the genius we await, at least prophecy of it meets us unawares. If I mistake not a recent contributor to the Century Magazine should rank at least as a prophet of genius.

Something more than a year and a half ago there appeared in the department end of that magazine a little sketch written in dialect, a dialect by the way, one might have hoped to be as impossible as it was undreamt of. The title of the sketch was "Chan Pow, the High-rob." It was the story of a Chinese highwayman as told by a Chinaman in English, and such English as would put to silence for very envy the conventional "pigeon" tongue. The name at the end of the sketch, Chester Bailey Fernald, was not one to be readily remembered even if one were sufficiently amused by the narrative to watch for the author's reappearance. But when some months later "The Cat and the Cherub" appeared it was not a name to be readily forgotten. In this story, advanced to the body of the magazine, the author wisely abandoned the dialect, which must have indeed appalled the ordinary reader. But the Chinese spirit was breathed into it none the less thoroughly and effectively. "The years of the infant Hoo Chee were five," it begins, "and five were the inches of his cue. Then he had an adventure," which was certainly a very fascinating one despite the extreme youth of the infant.

The popularity of this story is attested by the apparent eagerness with which the Century has printed the author's later stories. Among these, "The Man in the Barrel," "The Post of Frightful Doom," "The Cruel Thousand Years," are all stories, as the first, from San Francisco's Chinatown. In these stories the author has expressed the character of the Chinese-American not merely objectively, but humanely. The Chinese and Orientals in general, are quite as inscrutable as the ways of Providence, to the average Anglo-Saxon. But Fernald not only introduces us; he compels an acquaintance. Even if we have never known a Chinaman we cannot doubt the typical truth any more than we can help feeling the individuality and humanness of our illustrious Dr. Wing Shee or the equally remarkable infant Hoo Chee with his cat One Two—doubtless of the tailless variety.

But Fernald has shown that his talent is not limited to any one field no matter how promising or fruitful that may be. Besides the Chinese stories I have noticed three others by the author, also in the Century, and of an equally high grade. The first of these to appear was entitled "Enter the Earl of Tane." The plot is not unusual, nor are the characters abnormal or exceptional. It is strong handling which gives the story unusual effect. "The Perilous Wholeness of Ephraim" appeared last November. The versatility of the author is here in evidence, for he treats of country life in New

England and uses the Virginia Yankee dialect. The soliloquizing of Ephraim upon the step of his neighbor's house, filled with wedding guests but tight-closed to indicate "not at home" to the unwelcome visitor, is about as comical a situation as could well be conceived and certainly it could not well be better executed.

The last and storngest story of Fernald's to appear is in the January Century. It is called "The Lights of Sitka." Like the foregoing it is in dialect, toward which the author seems to have an especial bent, and this time Irish. "The Lights of Sitka" is a story not to be easily analyzed. One cannot describe it by any adjective short of tremendous—a word that ought to be charily used. But if anyone can read this story through and feel the touch of an experience needing a lesser term, literary power is for him a misnomer. The effect in this story comes unexpectedly but it comes inevitably and greatly and it is in effect worth experiencing.

I shall look with more than everyday interest for further work from the pen of Chester Bailey Fernald.

Sutton & Hollowbush have invented a cough drop. They call it the S. & H., Sutton & Hollowbush, and it is a good one. Stop and get one on your way to the theatre. It will save you a spasm of coughing.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

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is carefully and ably written.

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To A. W. Mentzer, first real name unknown, James Porter, Lebanon Savings Bank, a corporation, Samuel Maxwell, Charles E. Maxwell and Edward Maxwell, partners doing business as S. A. Maxwell & Company, John M. Sharon, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, a corporation, Mary S. Jacobs, Nancy L. Sargent, and J. M. Watson, first real name unknown, and Jane D. Dowdall, non resident defendants:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on March 3rd, 1897, Ruth S. Yates, as plaintiff, began an action against you and other defendants in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, the object of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage on the following land in said county, to wit: Lot 1 in block 23 in Kinney's O street addition to the city of Lincoln, made by Carlos C. Burr and Mary E. Burr, dated September 27th, 1889, to secure the payment of a promissory note of said Carlos C. Burr to said Ruth S. Yates for \$1,000 on which there is now due \$1141.46 with interest from January 1st, 1895, at ten per cent per annum pursuant to coupons; also a mortgage on lot 2 in block 23 in Kinney's O street addition to the city of Lincoln, made by Carlos C. Burr and Mary E. Burr, dated September 27th, 1889, to secure the payment of a promissory note of said Carlos C. Burr to said Ruth S. Yates, for \$1,000, on which there is now due \$1137.52 with interest from January 1st, 1895, at ten per cent per annum, pursuant to coupons.

Plaintiff prays for decree of foreclosure and sale of said land to satisfy said liens as aforesaid, for deficiency judgment and general relief.

You are required to answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 19th day of April, 1897.

RUTH S. YATES, plaintiff,  
By S. L. GEISTHARDT, Attorney.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county in an action wherein Julian C. Gregory is plaintiff, and Rachel Hyde, Thomas Hyde, her husband, Ida C. Hyde and Edward Hyde, her husband, defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 30th day of March A. D. 1897, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following de-

scribed real estate to-wit:

Lot four (4), in block one (1), in Lavender's addition to the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 25th day of February, A. D. 1897.

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John J. Trompen,  
Sheriff.

### SHERIFF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Sarah Waters is plaintiff and Fabien S. Potvin et al. defendants: I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1897, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

The east half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-eight (28), in town ten (10), north of range six (6), east of the 6th p. m., in Lancaster County, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 25th day of February, A. D. 1897.

John J. Trompen,  
Sheriff.

### SHERIFF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Eugene H. Pearson is plaintiff, and Badger Lumber Company, et al., defendants. I will at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1897, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots eleven (11), twelve (12), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), nineteen (19), twenty (20), twenty one (21), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24), in block forty-five (45), of the original plat of the city of Lincoln, in said Lancaster county, Nebraska. Said lots twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24), being otherwise described as lots "A," "B," "C," and "D," of Strickland's sub-division of lots twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24), in said block forty-five (45). Also beginning at a point four hundred thirty-eight (438) feet east of the northeast corner of block twenty-two (22) in Lavender's addition to the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, thence east twenty-two (22) feet, thence south one hundred forty-two (142) feet, thence west twenty-two (22) feet, thence north one hundred forty-two (142) feet to place of beginning; also the north half of lot three (3) in block twenty-two (22), in the city of Lincoln, all in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 25th day of February, A. D. 1896.

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John J. Trompen,  
Sheriff.

### NOTICE.

In the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Wilmer B. Comstock, administrator of the estate of Nancy Jennie May deceased, plaintiff,

vs.

Henry C. Show, Rosa M. Brockway, Mary C. Phelps, Harriett L. Wilson, Menirva Bartlett, Andrew J. Thayer, Martha A. Lewis and Harriett L. Bullard, defendants.

The above named defendants and all others having an interest in the matters involved in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 16th day of February, 1897, the plaintiff filed a petition and began an action in the above named court the object of said action being to secure an order and decree from this court directing the plaintiff to make deeds conveying to Henry C. Show lot twenty-two (22) in block one (1), and to Rosa M. Brockway lot nineteen (19) in block two (2) all in Central Park subdivision in the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska, to comply with the terms and conditions of two written contracts made by Nancy Jennie May in her lifetime agreeing to convey said above lots to the said above named persons the consideration named in said contracts having been fully paid. The hearing of the above entitled action is hereby set for the 29th day of March, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. at which time any and all persons objecting to the order and decree asked in this action shall appear and show the cause and reason for their objection.

Signed this 16th day of February, 1897.

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ALBERT J. CORNISH,  
Judge.