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## LITERARY NOTES.

### A New Romantic Novelist.

The Century company announces the discovery of a new romantic novelist in a young New Yorker, Miss Bertha Runkle, whose maiden effort is to be The Century's leading piece of fiction for the next eight months, beginning in the August number. It is described as a dramatic romance of love and adventure, and is entitled "The Helmet of Navarre." The scene is Paris during the siege by Henry of Navarre, and the action occupies but four days of the week preceding the Sunday when Henry entered the city to give his adhesion to the Catholic church and accept its ecclesiastical rites—the occasion of his saying that Paris was worth a mass. The story is full of vigorous action, and the plot is said to be one of fascinating interest. Among the characters of the story is the king himself, the Duke of Mayenne, who commanded the city during the investment, and a hero and heroine of much attractiveness.

### The English Nobility Haven't Done Much Worth Doing.

The death of the Duke of Argyll has brought out the falsity of the assumption that men of hereditary wealth can be trusted to do the intellectual work that does not directly pay. And this is simply because the duke really did something in that way. According to Carlyle, the British peerage was in its origin a kind of glorified civil service, in which the titles were certificates of success in the most arduous competitive examinations. Still, according to him, "the merit system" broke down in its application to the British peerage in the reign of Charles I. Since then a lord has had nothing to do "as such" except "to exist beautifully." As the lords have all the chances of education that England affords, and nothing to do but what they may choose to do, what treasures of learned leisure and research we ought to owe to them! The career of the Duke of Argyll ought not to have been an exception in his order at all, but simply an illustration of the rule. And yet he was the only duke in Great Britain who within living memory has amounted to anything. It is true that the Marquis of Salisbury might have been a duke if he had not regarded his marquissate as a prouder title than a new dukedom could furnish. And doubtless the Marquis of Salisbury amounts to something. When he was Lord Robert Cecil, Bagehot said to him that he was the only member of the British aristocracy who had shown the capacity of earning his own living. This he had had to do for a season, and had done it in the character of a political writer; and there is no doubt that he would have made a political success if he had been a commoner. His existence is fully justified. So is that of Lord Rosebery, as a public speaker and as a writer, if not yet fully as a politi-

cian. Here are three out of five hundred members of the house of lords. Perhaps an ordinarily well informed observer might be able to pick out half a dozen more lords who might fairly be called distinguished for something else than being lords, barring the new men, who owe their titles to their achievements. But that is a sorry showing for so many holders of what may be called perpetually endowed fellowships.—From "The Point of View," in the July Scribner's.

### How to Make a Worthless Cur Useful.

(From the Saturday Evening Post.)

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says that in Nebraska nowadays the skins of superfluous dogs are tanned and made into gloves—a plan which affords a valuable suggestion, inasmuch as every large community fills off great numbers of curs annually, the hides of which might just as well be utilized as wasted. Dogskin, of course, is one of the best materials for gloves, and for this purpose we import hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of canine pelts annually. In Manchuria and on the border of Mongolia, where the severe cold develops a beautiful growth of hair, are found thousands of flocks of young dogs. There is a great demand for both dog skins and dog hair in northern Asia. A bride in Mongolia or Manchuria commonly receives a number of live dogs as wedding presents.

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In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska: In Re Estate of Edward Paul Cagney, deceased.

The state of Nebraska to all persons interested in said estate and to all creditors, heirs or next of kin of the said Edward Paul Cagney, deceased.

Take notice that Mary Fitzgerald has filed a final report of her acts and doings as administratrix with the will annexed of said estate and a petition for adjustment of her accounts and it has been ordered that said matter be set for hearing on the 4th day of August, 1900, before said county court, in the court house at Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., at which time any person interested may appear and contest the same; and notice of this proceeding is ordered published for three weeks consecutively in The Courier, of Lincoln, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Witness my hand, and the seal of said county court, at Lincoln, this 9th day of July, 1900.  
[SEAL] FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge.

By WALTER A. LEASE, Clerk County Court.

### First Pub. July 14, 1900—4 Notice to Creditors.

In the county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska. In the Matter of the Estate of Richard P. R. Millar, deceased.

You are hereby notified that the county judge will sit at the county court room in Lincoln, in said county, on the 15th day of November, 1900, and again on the 15th day of February, 1901, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of August, 1900, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from the 15th day of August, 1900.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four weeks successively in The Courier, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

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[SEAL] FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge.

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