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De Maupassant and Kipling Owe Something to American Writer, Says Englishman.

The detective story and the murder mystery are not forms of any great literary value, but I must confess to predilection for stories about crime, and there is some authority for the view that "murder is the most gentlemanly crime that anybody can commit."

Those who share my taste for homicide in fiction—and I find it fairly widespread—have reason to be grateful to Poe. His Lupin is a prince of detectives and the father of an illustrious progeny; while such contemners of the law of the land as Raffles and Arsene Lupin are Poe's illegitimate children. Indeed, Poe's influence in France has been greater than among the English-speaking people.

It would be interesting to study the way in which his technique of the short story was adopted and modified by Guy de Maupassant, and how, after having filtered through Maupassant's mind, it has returned to English literature through the medium of Mr. Kipling—"Penguin," in the London Nation.

NOT SO BAD OFF, AFTER ALL

Folks Should Be Mighty Thankful They Are Not Grasshoppers or Potato Beetles.

In these days when the cost of living seems to be attached to the tail of a rocket going skyward there is still something, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, for which we may be thankful. Suppose, for instance, that instead of the amount that we now eat, we required from 500 to 1,000 pounds of food every 24 hours, as we would if we had appetites like the potato beetle in his heyday.

Or suppose we required from a half a ton to a ton of provisions every day, as we would if we ate as much in proportion to our size as does the grasshopper. Even if we had light appetites like the caterpillar, it would take from 200 to 400 pounds of food each day to satisfy us. Yet, we can be thankful that we are not caterpillars, potato bugs or grasshoppers, in appetite.

Great Problem Solved.

A street carnival now touring the South is seemingly the repository of a most perplexing military secret. On a recent visit by this particular carnival to a Tennessee city a part of the attending throng heard a barker extol the clairvoyant powers of Madam—

This goddess of wisdom, while thoroughly blindfolded, gave instant answers to any questions. The seeker after truth merely wrote on a slip of paper the question nearest his heart, which, being read out by the barker in the hearing of all the crowd, was as publicly answered.

Whether Minnie still loved Tom and where the old hermit buried the gold were questions legitimate enough, but that somebody had taken advantage of a lady's trustful disposition her answer revealed when Madam— was confronted with the query: "Where is Villa?"

Her reply was: "Her real name is not Villa. It is Margaret, and she is now in Atlanta, Ga."—Saturday Evening Post.

Two World Wonders.

A spirited voting contest has been concluded in Germany to decide which are the seven wonders of the twentieth century. After the enormous volume of votes cast was counted, it was found that the majority had placed the wireless telegraph at the head of the list and the Panama canal second. The third of the seven wonders, it was decided, is the dirigible airship; next in order, the flying machine, radium, the cinematograph and the steamship Imperator.

Will Help in Training the Child.

The spirit of enterprise and independence should be fostered in early youth. Parents should allow their children to take advantage of the business opportunities offered to bright boys and girls in the advertising columns. Nothing will do more to stimulate business faculties in youth than a little business enterprise that is the child's very own.

Testing Steel Cars.

The testing department of one eastern railroad ignited 200 pounds of oil-soaked rags, shavings and wood, to see the effect of the flames upon the metal framework of a car. While the furnishings of the car were slightly damaged, the testing department found that the frame of the car resisted the heat.

Millions of Bushels in Peanut Crop.

The peanut acreage in Texas this year is 276,000, which is expected to yield 8,210,000 bushels. At this rate circus and baseball fans need not worry about their ever present luxury.

HUGHES SAYS:

WORDS vs. DEEDS

WILSON DOES:

A CHRONOLOGICAL CONTRAST Compiled From Newspaper Reports

AUGUST 8th. Chicago:—"If anything in this campaign is real it is the question whether we want words or action. As I was 100 per cent. judge I became 100 per cent. candidate." Washington:—President Wilson wins his fight for a bigger navy at a White House conference with heads of Senate and House committees. Senate passes Child Labor bill.

AUGUST 9th. St. Paul:—"Reasonable adequate preparedness is a primary national duty and if I am elected I propose to see that that duty is discharged to the credit of the American people." Washington:—The Democratic House of Representatives adopts the conference report on the Army Appropriation Bill, the first of the President's defense measures.

AUGUST 10th. Fargo, N. D.:—"If elected I should devote my ability to serving the United States." Washington:—The White House announces that the President will not take any of the government's time to answer Mr. Hughes' attacks.

AUGUST 11th. Bismarck, N. D.:—"I am keenly aware of the importance of our agriculture prosperity, and I desire to do all that can be done to promote that prosperity." Washington:—President Wilson signs the bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture and containing three measures designed to improve market practices and the storage and financing of crops.

AUGUST 12th. Helena, Mont.:—"The present administration is to a very great extent a sectional administration." Washington:—Secretary of Commerce Redfield makes public figures showing that half his staff is composed of Taft appointees.

AUGUST 13th. Spokane:—"Mr. Hughes rests from his arduous work of criticizing the deeds of President Wilson's administration." Washington:—President Wilson, to avoid a nation-wide railroad strike, calls representatives of the unions and employers to the White House.

AUGUST 14th. Spokane:—"I am desirous that this matter of the tariff should be attended to without abuse." Washington:—The Senate approves the administration's revenue bill providing for the creation of a non-partisan tariff commission.

AUGUST 15th. Seattle:—"If we ever fall so low that we will not protect our citizens we might as well haul down the flag. I am not too proud to fight." Washington:—The House of Representatives adopts the Senate amendments to the Navy Bill calling for the building of sixteen capital ships within three years.

AUGUST 16th. Portland, Ore.:—"It would be a breach of trust for the United States to abandon the Philippines at this time." Washington:—The U. S. Senate passes the Philippine Bill enfranchising 600,000 men and retaining guardianship over the Islands until they can establish a stable government.

AUGUST 17th. Roseburg, Ore.:—"We must be sure that we do not leave unused the national powers which will give us national prosperity." Washington:—President Wilson, finding the railroad managers have not full authority, summons the railroad presidents.

AUGUST 18th. San Francisco:—"The people are entitled to the very best." Washington:—The Child Labor Bill is adopted by the House and goes to the President, who had urged its passage. Senate passes Shipping Bill.

AUGUST 19th. Oakland:—"Wherever we have the government represented in regulation and supervision it must be a regulation and supervision that is really expert and square with the facts of business life." Washington:—The House passes the Administration Shipping Bill designed to create a naval auxiliary and naval reserve and build up an American merchant marine to meet the requirements of the nation's commerce.

AUGUST 21st. San Diego:—"I believe in preventing children from being drawn too early into the hardships of industrial life." Washington:—President Wilson receives hundreds of letters commending him for his successful fight against child labor.

AUGUST 22nd. Somewhere in California:—"Mexico—policy—recognition—intervention—shame—weak—conduct—American citizens—bullets—border—wrong—trouble—Administration—Huerta." Washington:—President Wilson names Secretary of the Interior Llan, Ex-Judge George Gray and Dr. John R. Metz, as members of the Joint American-Mexican commission to settle peacefully the differences between the countries.

AUGUST 23rd. Reno, Nev.:—"We can have peace without trouble in this country." Washington:—The United States Senate repasses the Army Appropriation Bill.

AUGUST 24th. Ogden, Utah:—"Let us brace ourselves for the new era. Let us maintain the honor of the American name. Let us get the driving force of patriotic sentiment." Washington:—At President Wilson's urging the Democrats in the House resolve to push the fight for a non-partisan tariff board to meet new trade conditions after the war.

AUGUST 25th. Cheyenne, Wyo.:—"I believe we ought to have compensation acts wisely and fairly provided—in order that those who work may be assured of proper protection." Washington:—The House concurs in the Senate amendments to the bill providing for compensation of workmen injured while in government service.

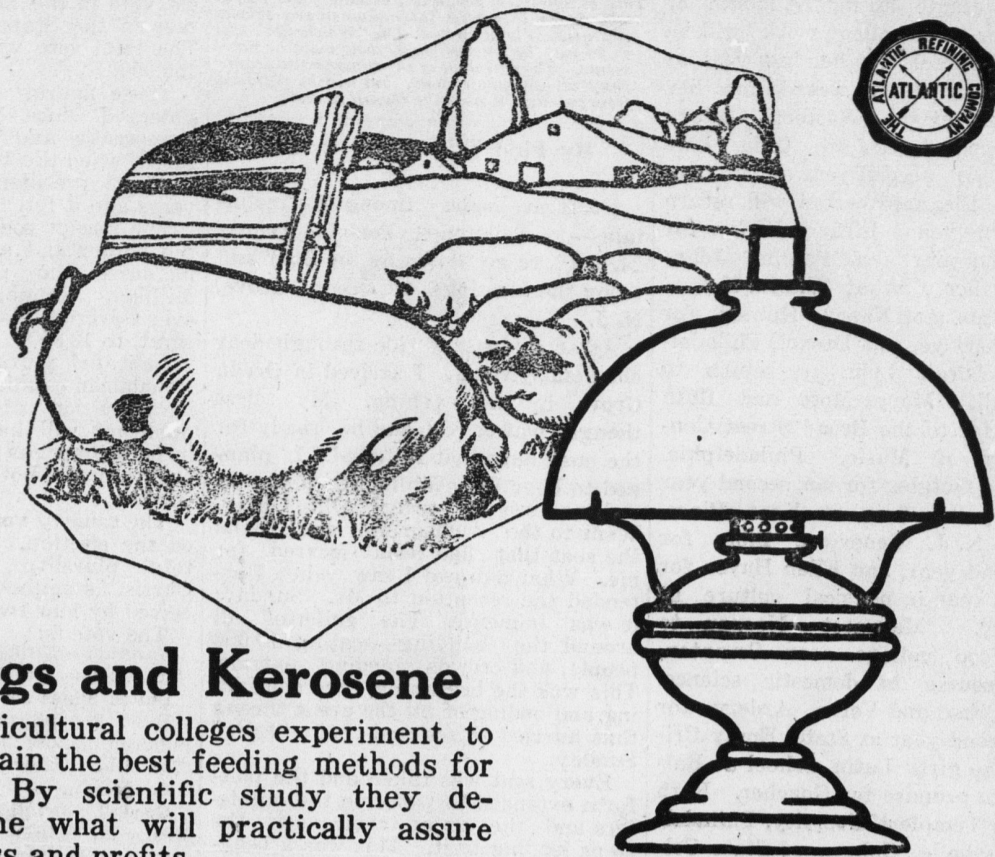
AUGUST 26th. Denver:—"I do not think there has been in many years a campaign in which business men, solicitous for the future of the country, should feel or have so deep an interest." Washington:—The Federal Reserve Board's weekly statement shows an increase of more than \$2,400,000 in the total earning assets of the member banks.

AUGUST 27th. Estes Park, Colo.:—"Mr. Hughes goes into seclusion to rest from the arduous labors of his campaign criticism." Washington:—President Wilson confers with Democratic leaders about plans to save country from a railroad strike.

AUGUST 28th. Estes Park, Colo.:—"Still resting—a game of golf—posing for moving picture men—a musicale in the evening—resting." Washington:—President Wilson still laboring to avert a railroad strike, decides to go before Congress and ask for arbitration and eight-hour laws.

AUGUST 29th. Estes Park, Colo.:—"Mr. Hughes from a mountain top 10,000 feet above the sea obtains a bird's eye view of the 'inactivities' of President Wilson's Administration." Washington:—President Wilson asks Congress to enact legislation to avert a railroad strike. The President completes his preparedness program by signing the Army and Navy Appropriation Bills. He also signs the Philippine Bill and the new Bill of Lading Measure.

AUGUST 30th. Estes Park, Colo.:—"Mr. Hughes refreshed by his four days' rest, prepares to resume his task of being 100 per cent. candidate." Washington:—Woodrow Wilson still "on the job" in Washington—a 100 per cent. President.



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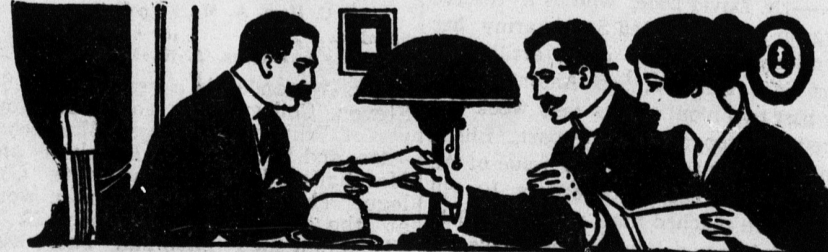
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