

THE BLUE BUCKLE

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THE STRAWBERRY VENDER.

"Straw-her-ree!"

The voice rose shrill and penetrating in the aristocratic air of Riverside Drive.

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The voice became almost a wail, as the man turned a corner, and tried his wares on the adjoining block.

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"How by fraud? The papers and evidence were in our possession—the estate is rightfully mine!" she stormed, but a frightened look had come into her eyes.

"It is too late to try to make me believe that, Miss Arany! Let us try to devise other ways and means."

"To save yourself, I have no influence with the authorities."

"Mr. Craig Rutherford, I want you to understand, once for all, that I am not the kind of woman who will prove what they can—or cannot—I should not be cheap enough to turn State's evidence against the man."

"Her voice sailed off into silence, as she sat nervously clasping and unclasping her hands."

"I admire you for that!" Craig said, with an unfeeling note of sincerity in his voice.

"Now, I think your bitterness is as misplaced as your loyalty, awhile ago," Craig said, dryly.

"Oh, of course you think so! Miss Ballantyne has to do with these little babies, but I am here to do the big thing."

"That may be," retorted Craig; "but to speak frankly, I am not the only one."

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430 NEW CASES OF MEASLES IN WEEK

Three Children Die From Malady Which Is Spreading in Alarming Manner.

Four hundred and thirty new cases of measles developed in all parts of the city the last seven days, and three children died from the juvenile malady that has been spreading to epidemic proportions the last five weeks.

There were 372 deaths from all causes this week, an increase of 16 over the number last week and 78 less than the number reported during the corresponding period of the week were:

Table with 2 columns: Disease, Deaths. Includes Typhoid fever, Measles, Diphtheria, Whooping cough, etc.

CHORUS TO GIVE CONCERT

Strawbridge and Clothier Organization Will Sing April 26.

The annual concert of the Strawbridge and Clothier chorus will be given in the Metropolitan Opera House April 26.

The chorus will sing "The Rose Maiden," an exceptionally tuneful and sparkling cantata, several years ago.

The soloists, all of whom enjoy distinction in their line, will be Mrs. May Ebbey, Mrs. Clara Young Jones, Nicholas Foltz, Mrs. Clara Young Jones, Nicholas Foltz, and Lewis James Howell.

The Philadelphia Orchestra will furnish the instrumental music. Mr. Herbert J. Tilly, the general manager of the store, will direct the choir.

The firm will pay all the expenses of the concert, which in previous years has been held in the Academy of Music, and the entire gross receipts will be turned over to the Strawbridge & Clothier pension fund.

Children's Corner

Easter Belongs to—Who?

ONE fine spring day, in fact, on one very afternoon before Easter, a happy rabbit went scurrying across the yard.

"For three years he has been—everything," she answered defiantly.

"Still, you cannot be married to him. Your husband abroad, and he is a very good fellow, but he is not the one you seek."

"He was poor—commonplace! What could he offer me in comparison with Heiderman's?"

"I suppose now that Heiderman—"

"He will not dare—after all I have done for him—after all I know!"

"I never said that he is making love to Miss Ballantyne."

"Rutherford said this with a show of bitterness on his own part, which led Miss Arany to believe he was intensely jealous."

"Making love—bah! He makes fun of her to me! I know that he called to see her once, which was for purposes of his own, and he is not necessary."

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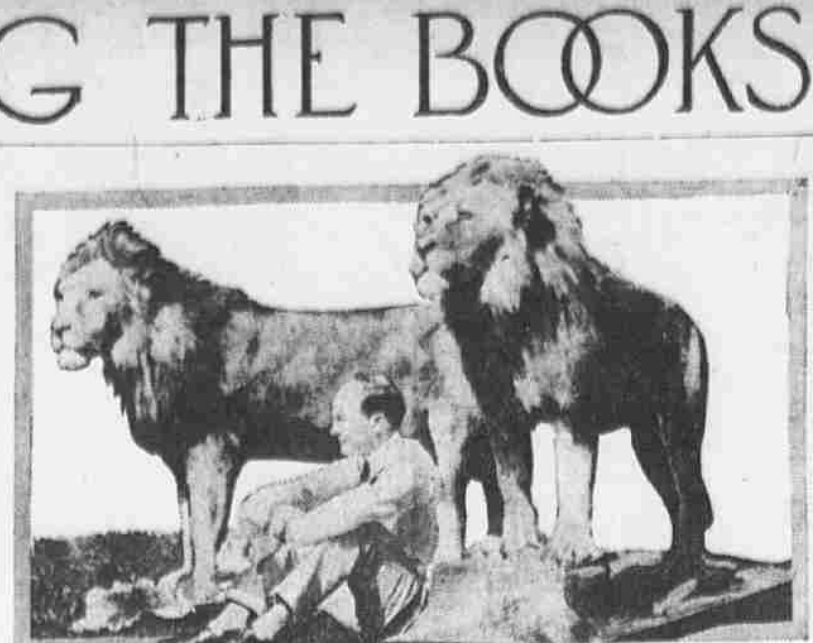
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Walter Pritchard Eaton has written a delightful book in "The Idyl of Twin Fires" (Doubleday, Page & Co., New York).

Would that more books had his fine quality of humor. Man does not live by humor alone, true enough, but a certain kind of it helps him live well—the humor of Lamb and Charles Dudley Warner.

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War Through Canine Eyes

Outda's "A Dog of Flanders," by its imaginative charm and genuine human feeling, has outlived her numerous and hectic fictions and for precisely the same reason Walter A. Dyer's very similar novel, "The Dog of Flanders" (Doubleday, Page & Co., New York), will be fresh and fragrant reading when the "second hand book" stalls have become the final refuge of the multitudinous "seasonal" books, descriptive and military, evoked by the great conflict.

Satire and Thomas Hardy

A collection of varied poems by Thomas Hardy is of particular interest because poetry is the one medium through which this great writer now chooses to express himself.

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War's Sham and Horror in Guise of Romance

It was to be expected that Will Livingston Comfort, novelist, war correspondent and soldier, would seize the opportunity presented by Europe's titanic conflict to add to his already reasonably large output of romances.

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Lodge on the Constitution

To the senior Senator from Massachusetts the initiative and referendum and the recall of judges are reactionary.

"We are today asked," he says, "to lay aside the great advance in government made, an history shows, by the representative system and return to earlier conditions."

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