

THE TRUTH ABOUT RUSSIA; THE EVOLUTION OF DEMOCRACY

The Giant Empire Is Waking From Its Sleep and Stretching Itself—The Process Described by a Petrograd Professor

THERE is probably no country in the world about which Americans think they know so much or, of which they are really so ignorant as they are about Russia.

Most of our impressions have been obtained from political exiles, from agitators who have escaped from Siberia and from sensational writers willing to turn an honest penny by writing of the horrors in a country where we have been taught to look for them.



CATHERINE THE GREAT

There is a small handful of Russians who hold with the prevailing American opinion. They are unaware of the processes through which nations develop.

Such students will welcome the publication in English of a history of modern Russia by a Russian who understands that Rome was not built between twilight and dark.

In order to orient ourselves in the process of a nation's evolving life, particularly in that stage of the process in which we are to act, we must clearly conceive this process by studying all the circumstances amid which it is taking place.

Further light is thrown on Professor Kornilov's intellectual temper by his statement that "at present it is beyond dispute that the State power exists for the people and not the people for the State power."

one State the vast territory over which he ruled, and the new institutions which he created were primarily for the purpose of training men to serve the State.

The author's discussion throughout is conducted in an admirable temper. It is in strong contrast to that shown by the translator, who contributes four concluding chapters, bringing the history from the accession of the present Czar to 1916.

THE HISTORY OF RUSSIA, being an authoritative and detailed history of Russia from the age of Catherine the Great to the present. By Alexander Kornilov, Professor at the Polytechnicum of Peter the Great in Petrograd. Translated by Alexander S. Kaun. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

People Who Are Folks The old Texan whose son was going to New York had the right idea when he said: "Boy, don't you be afraid of anybody. You will find that people in the big city are just folks the same as they are here."

Another "Rebecca" A story devoid of "problems," and happily so, unless it be the way in which the faithful dog, planted, may be solved, and the "middle pasture," a lovely tract lying between their adjoining properties and the cause of their estrangement because each believed himself entitled to its possession.

Thrills for the Asking Here, truly enough, we find mystery of the sort calculated to make the student of the ancient cult of Isis sit up and take notice, even as it will send a delightful shiver through the sensitive nerves of the devotee of the modern ghost story.

"Sapper's" Second Book A young English officer left the blood-stained fields of war-stricken Europe and returned to his native England, there to write a book of stories of the titanic struggle across the Atlantic.



AMERICA'S GRAND OLD WOMAN OF LETTERS Mrs. Amella E. Barr, who was born in 1831, is writing at the mellow age of eighty-six with all the force of her early youth.

its hideous presence and invincible power for evil. The least that can be said for Mr. Marsh's fantastic yarn is that the skill with which unexpected horrors are placed before the mental vision of his reader is worthy of their uncanny nature.

THE BEETLE, by Richard Marsh. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Mrs. Barr's New Novel It has been a good many years ago since Mrs. Barr made her big success with "A Bow of Orange Ribbon," but her septuagenarian pen is still sprightly and skillful.

A Novel Out of the War Fact and fiction deftly combined give this novel an interest that is hardly imaginable. The author, himself a participant in stirring scenes of the battle front, has sought to breathe into his book the spirit of fighting France.

Not Such a Gay Life "The Gay Life" is not as gay as its title would make it. It is rather sad here and there, and the author, who has a reputation as a dramatist, theatrical manager, critic, actor and producer, and as editor of "The Sun," has written his book in more or less of a rush.

Romance for Youngsters This story for both boys and girls will take them away from the conventional school or sports fiction, and while enlightening them as to an early period of American history, will provide an abundance of healthy entertainment.

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men, women and children are making daily, and love that many will find difficult to understand. MEN, WOMEN AND GUNS, by "Sapper." New York: George H. Doran.

The German Dream All serious students of the war will feel grateful to Alfred A. Knopf, a New York publisher, for bringing out a translation of Friedrich Naumann's "Mittel Europa."

Talk About Books and Those Who Write Them "Oh, Bachelors, Be Careful!" may or may not be the title of the next novel by the author of "Oh, Mary, Be Careful!"

When the Prussians Came to Poland By Mme. Laura de Turczynowicz Marquise de Godzawa 12". 10 Illustrations. \$1.25. The story of an American woman, the wife of a Polish noble, caught in her home by the flood-tide of the German invasion of the ancient Kingdom of Poland.

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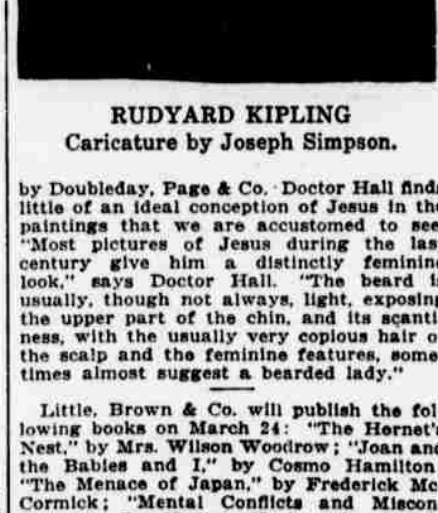
PROFESSOR OF SURGERY IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

George W. Crile's "Man—An Adaptive Mechanism" Uses an Unworkable Hypothesis for His Theories

THE scientific mind, like the skeleton of the domestic mule, is fearfully and wonderfully made. Given a hypothesis, the probable truth of which is not demonstrable, which receives the approbation of "authority," the scientific mind never questions, but accepts it blindly.

It is somewhat typical of a certain class of American scholarship that, at a time when Darwinism has been thrown into the scrap heap of absurdities by the advanced scientists of Europe, George W. Crile, A. C. S., professor of surgery in the School of Medicine, Western Reserve University, in his latest volume, "Man—An Adaptive Mechanism" (Macmillan Company, New York), should use that unworkable hypothesis on which to build his thesis.

"Do we, shall we ever, do we really want and ought we to know how Jesus looked?" Thus asks Dr. C. Stanley Hall in his book on "Jesus, the Christ in the Light of Psychology," that has just been published.



RUDYARD KIPLING Caricature by Joseph Simpson.

Little, Brown & Co. will publish the following books on March 24: "The Hornet's Nest," by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow; "Joan and the Babes in the Wood," by Conroy Hamilton; "The Menace of Japan," by Frederick McCormick; "Mental Conflicts and Misconduct," by Dr. William Healy; "Psychology of Special Abilities and Disabilities," by Dr. Augustus Bronner; two new volumes in the Bedtime Story Book Series, "Paddy the Beaver" and "Poor Mrs. Quack," by Thornton W. Burgess, and "The Boy Scouts on Crusade," by Leslie W. Quirk.

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nate the net result of many trials of interacting, perfecting mechanisms evoked by nature's emergencies, and accepted, suffered or cast off as they have proved useful, harmful or ineffective in the combat, but all working in common, in sickness or in health, toward a more complete adaptation to environment.

As late as ten years ago German scientists performed the "sacred rites over the theory of the famous English scientist. While a large number of scientists still cling to the theory of evolution, which was first enunciated by the Greeks and later by St. Augustine, there is virtually no unanimity with regard to the system of evolution which they profess to believe.

Science has suffered too much from the "popularizers." It is easy to wave aside discussion by an airy appeal to one or the other features of the lamented Darwinism, but is this scientific? The great mass of readers have passed beyond the stage of the ability to satisfy itself of the truth or falsity of doctrines built upon grounds which to them are dim and mysterious.

Salads, Sandwiches and Chaffing Dish Recipes, by Marlon Harris Neil, is as its name implies, a collection of tried and not-found-wanting recipes filling a decided need. This little volume of practical instructions, with its clear photographic illustrations, will appeal to the ever-increasing number of women who live almost entirely on the "picnic" plan in small apartments, often provided only with a chaffing dish and an electric toaster, as well as to the housekeeper who delights in preparing and serving novel delicacies.

"Homely Humor" Fiction This is a delightful bit of light fiction, something between the "glad" books and the "quaint character" books which have been popular during recent years. There is an irresistible optimism in it and a plenitude of homely humor. A couple who have no children, but long for a few, have their yearnings superabundantly supplied by the sunbeams that stream through the next door.

OUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS, by Belle K. Maniates. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

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Modern German Literature

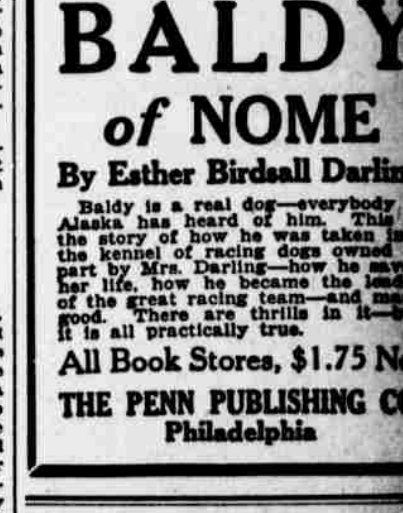
Professor Lewishin, of Ohio State University, has written a very interesting monograph for the general reader, doubtless one that will be of some value, at least to the scholar and the student who has appended a commendation and evaluating his sources, namely the progress of his narrative, freed from the interruptions of the method of procedure, but it is not so much for readability, many of the names to the American reader, but the owners have played a more or less important role in the development of Continental drama and novel that are worthy of study. Of course, Schopenhauer, Hofmannsthal and others mentioned and considered are known by achievements. The author, whose book the modern drama has been widely read by the authorities, has written a dazzlingly enlightening essay in philosophical aesthetic criticism in his consideration of German literature of our own era.



OH, MARY, BE CAREFUL! By GEORGE WESTON

Would you have been careful? Would your Sister, Cousin or Sweetheart have been careful? Mary was. You see, there was a fortune between her and a husband—but the rich man was fond of the girl and gave her three tests to judge those who tempted her. Could you pass those tests? Could your Brother, Friend or Husband? Find out in this delightful, witty, sweet story. Women and Men will recommend this book to each other with a chorus. Seven illustrations. \$1.00 Net.

Helps for Housekeepers Jane Prince in her "Letters to a Young Housekeeper" has accomplished the impossible in making a book on household efficiency not only enlightening, but interesting and very readable.



BALDY of NOME By Esther Birdsell Darling Baldy is a real dog—everybody in Alaska has heard of him. This is the story of how he was taken into the kennel of racing dogs owned and trained by Mrs. Darling—how he saved her life, how he became the leader of the great racing team—and more. There are thrills in it—more than in practically any other novel.

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MALICE A KULTURA By HORACE WHITE Illustrated after Tennyson. The clearest prose in the English language, "Malice a Kultur" is a brilliant and brilliant work of art. It is a masterpiece of style and structure, and a masterpiece of imagination.