

THE ETERNAL CONFLICT BETWEEN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE POWER OF EVIL

IS THERE ANY FUTURE FOR A WOMAN WITH A PAST?

Basil King Answers the Question in the Affirmative in His New Novel, a Book With a Living Soul

EVERY clergyman in the country, and there are more than a hundred thousand of them, ought to read Basil King's new novel, "The Lifted Veil."

"Not all wrong," "If it was wrong in any way," "I cared for each other. That in itself was a reason."

Mr. King has done that rare thing—written a novel with a soul in it. And he has done a rarer thing, for he has shown in a convincing manner how the soul in a modern pagan woman of society was awakened, if not created out of nothing, by being brought into contact with the spiritual idealism of a man who tries to put into practice the theories of Christianity.

But this sort of thing does not fill the book. It, however, is its heart, which gives it vitality. There is plenty of bone and muscle, flesh and blood in it to make it intensely human. Indeed, the fact that such a book can be written at all should enable one to take heart of hope for the future of American life as well as of American literature.

The heroine is a young widow who had married an old man at her mother's solicitation. Her father and her grandfather had been modern pagans. Her mother was of the same kind, willing to sacrifice a young daughter that she might have some one to take care of her.

First Steps in Soldiering Unless all signs fail, the Plattsburgs, that is, the Federal military training camps, will be crowded this summer with citizens who wish to prepare themselves in some measure for the service of their country.



The hero and heroine of Basil King's new novel.

Her father and her grandfather had been modern pagans. Her mother was of the same kind, willing to sacrifice a young daughter that she might have some one to take care of her. The hero is a young clergyman with spiritual insight, who has been engaged to assist the rector of a New York church. The old rector is a business man who has organized material success into his church, but feels that there ought to be some religion in it also.

Small Talk About Books and Writers of Them The social comedies that can evolve from differences in pronunciation are more than suggested by Rupert Hughes in one of the stories in his new volume, "In a Little Town."

Harper & Bros. announce that they were obliged to reprint "The Lifted Veil" by Basil King, before publication. They are reprinting also "The Day of the Saxon" by General Homer Lea; "Under Western Eyes" and "Nostromo" by Joseph Conrad; "The American Nation" by Thomas Hardy; "The Puritan in Holland, England and America," by Douglas Campbell.

A new, thoroughly revised and materially enlarged edition of "The War and Humanity," by James M. Beck, author of "The Evidence in the Case," has just made its appearance under the Putnam imprint.

This is the love story of a Cape Cod woman, with brains, money and a sense of humor, set down in the super-sophisticated Anglo-American colony of Florence. A novel about people worth knowing, in an environment worth being taken to.



MRS. ERNESTA DRINKER BULLITT Whose fascinating honeymoon diary about Europe in wartime is one of the most interesting spring books.

DIVERSIONS OF A BRIDE IN THE WARRING LANDS

Mrs. W. C. Bullitt's Honeymoon Diary Is Full of Interesting Gossip About Statesmen, Princes and Duchesses

TASTE in honeymoons differs about as widely as taste in brides. This is a beneficent dispensation of Providence, for through it there is just enough competition for each type of girl to make the wooing interesting, and it leaves wide freedom of choice in the way of spending the first weeks or months of married life.

record of the impressions of an educated woman. As such it has all the indefinable charm which attaches to the writing of such a woman, that which there is nothing more delightful in the whole realm of literature.

But this airy American bride was talking to the Hungarian Prime Minister, who had called at the hotel to see her husband. We know this happened because Mrs. Bullitt wrote it down in her diary, extracts from which have been printed in a book that all may read.



The Road To Understanding By Eleanor H. Porter All the qualities you like in JUST DAVID, POLLYANNA and Mrs. Porter's other books, and an appealing love story besides.

knew a great deal more about it than I do, so I came away with a hat and a black-and-white dress chic enough to ruin my reputation in Berlin.

The first thing that the Herr Major did was to hand me a shell made by the Bethlehem Steel Company. It made a dreadful face, which might have meant either: "Why didn't the wretched thing explode?" or "What a wicked shame for Americans to have made it."

Another entry on the same day deals with Prince Bluecher, who had dropped dead that day. His son was to have been a guest at a luncheon in honor of Prince Christian of Hesse and his wife, which she attended.

Most of his life is spent trying to evade his German taxes. He had an island off the coast of England on which he kept a great many kangaroos. Perhaps he thought they added a touch of British atmosphere to his estate.

But Mrs. Bullitt does not confine her entries to this whimsical sort of revelation of the German point of view. She made a careful study of what the women are doing to take the place of the men at the front and to succor the widows and orphans of the war.

Just Published By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow THE HORNET'S NEST AN UNUSUAL MYSTERY STORY A love story full of thrills in which the powers of law and order battle with underworld forces for a man's honor and a girl's fortune.

THE SON OF TARZAN By Edgar Rice Burroughs Like father like son. You know Tarzan, "King of the apes"—the wonderful man of the jungle. Here is his son—inheriting the lute of the wild.

here. And when a duchess tells her of where "delicious lingerie" can be bought she shocks the noblewoman by remarking that her handkerchiefs usually cost twenty and a half cents apiece and have her name written in the corner with ink.

Difficulty in Being "It" THE MAN WHO TRIED TO BE IT. By Cameron Mackenzie. New York: George H. Doran Company.

John Spedden did not fit his new and bigger job. He was a round man in a square job, or, lest there be no imputation on his integrity, a square man in a round job.

A Boy Who Made Good The latest in the series of children's classics, which the J. B. Lippincott Company is issuing is "I. Cole," by Emma Geilbrand, which tells the story of a boy who secured work as a page in a private house and served faithfully almost unto death.

Mixed Merits in Davis Stories Charles Belmont Davis does his best and his own reputation a wrong by lack of uniformity of the stories in "Own Sort and Others." The title tale is up to the best standard of the "novelized theatre," in which he justly won a fame which equaled in a few stories that of his more celebrated brother.

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