EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1917 LINCOLN WOULD HAVE FOUGHT FIFTH WARD ELECTION FRAUDS

LINCOLN'S ENDURING FAME RESTS ON HIS FUNDAMENTAL HONESTY

He Fought for Clean Elections in 1840 and Then Became Leader of the Illinois Bar Because Men Learned to Trust Him

DICK OWEN threw down in disgust self-respecting young men of the city. When you fellows have been stirred picked up when he first came into my deeply enough you will stop cursing the library.

is an interesting circumstance that "Things are in a pretty mess in this much of its scene-the whole of city," he exclaimed. "Political crooks and the opening chapters, indeed-is business crooks seem to be having every-"The Sense of the Past" has a curious psychological plot, with suggestions of the supernatural or thing their own way. The protest which we are now hearing is too feeble to accomplish anything. I hope I am wrong, at least the extra-normal. It is a but there seems to be less alertness and London story and, like the other, less interest among the voters of Philadelphia than in any other American city. We submit tamely to the most scandalous conditions."

Doctor McFabre struck a match, leaned forward in his chair and remarked

"Conditions are bad, but they might be worse. The fact that you are disgusted with them is a hopeful sign. You don't suppose, do you, that you are the only man who is disgusted? It may not flatter your vanity, but you are not unique. I prefer to regard you as a type of the honest



hope of success." that involved in organizing a new nation," A STUDENT I suggested. "Do you know how old Alexander Hamilton was when he at-IN ARMS tracted attention as a pamphleteer in the agitation preceding the Revolution? No? By DONALD HANKEY He was only twenty, and when he became (Killed in action Oct. 26, 1916) Secretary of the Treasury in Washington's first Cabinet he was only thirty-five. Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence when he was thirty-three and he was two years younger when he laid

down the rule that 'the whole art of gcv-NOW READY, the second series of "A Student in Arms" including the famous essay "Don't Worry." Price each volume net, \$1.50. ernment consists in the art of being honest." Those men did not recoil from the task because they were young."

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versity of Pennsylvania and Temple Uni- | STRANGE THINGS versity, for the greater part of the volume THAT ALLAH WILLS is devoted to Lincoln's professional ethics."

"Who is Rothschild?" asked Owen. "He was a German Jew, who was born in the night of the delivery of Lincoln's famous Cooper Union speech. When he

grew up Lincoln became his hero. After making a competence out of the Jeweler's Weekly in New York, he sold that periodical and moved to a farm in a little Massachusetts village and devoted himself to a study of Lincoln and the men associated with him. The first product

of that study was "Lincoln, Master of Men,' an admirable exposition of the ability of the great President to control and direct the forces of his fellow Americans to the accomplishment of the results which he sought. The new book is a study in integrity based on Lincoln's early life. It ends with his election to Congress. Another chapter on his career as President would have been added if Rothschild had not died. The book as it stands is complete as far as it goes. said law students ought to read it. No American, whatever his business or profession, can read it without profit. The author does not regard Lincoln as perfect. Indeed, he points out with great impartiality the mistakes that he made, and he regrets his surrender to the forces that surrounded him, a regret that might have been tempered somewhat if Rothschild had succeeded in putting himself back into the period in which Lincoln lived and could have judged him by the prevailing standards. For example, while he mentions Lincoln's interest in honest elections, he does not give so much attention as it deserves to Lincoln's efforts to prevent fraud. It is a matter of record that in 1840, during his last term in the Illinois Legislature, Lincoln offered a resolution directing the Committee on Elections to prepare 'such an act as may, in their judgment, afford the greatest possible protection of the elective franchise against all frauds of all sorts whatsoever." Rothschild quotes the resolution in a note, out is content with a few sentences about

it in the body of the book. The Democrats, who were in control, refused to adopt the resolution, but Lincoln let it be known where he stood. No ballot reformer of the present generation has ever asked for anything more drastic than was called for more than seventy-five years ago in Lincoln's resolution."

"I gather from what you say that he would not have stood for the Fifth Ward scandals," Doctor McFabre remarked.

"He would have been the first to protest against them." said I, "even if his own party associates had been guilty, for he knew that no edifice built on fraud can stand. The greatness of Lincoln rests on his fundamental integrity. When he was only twenty-three years old and had lived in New Salem only nine months he became a candidate for the Legislature. He was defeated, but his home town, which was Democratic and gave Jackson a majority of 115 in the same year, polled 277 out of a total of 290 votes for him. This was a tribute to his char acter, and when he was elected to Congress the tribute to his personal popularof government and honesty?" Doctor Mc. ity was almost as significant. When he was elected to the presidency he was one take heart, for Philadelphia is full of of the leading lawyers of Illinois. He had achieved that distinction by rigid adherence to the highest standard of profes-

whole political philosophy," said I, "He sional honor. He told one man who whole pointical philosophy, said 1. "He put it in another way in 1786 when he said. Let common series and common equity or justice, and declined to appear.

Irwin L. Gordon Tells Some of Them in a Novel of Love and Adventure

Irwin Lesite Gordon, of this city, has written an uncommon kind of a novel of ove and adventure. "What Allah Wills" deals with the life of three Philadelphians in Morocco, complicated by German plot-ting for the control of the country and y the conflict between Christianity and ohammedanism. There is a side excursion into Spain with a visit to the Alhambra



IRWIN LESLIE GORDON

The author takes the reader into Tanglet ind the outlying desert and into a village day's ride from Tangier. He exhibits he muscle dancers in action and describes Moslem philandering with his favorite wife. He deals with the plans of the natives to drive out the Christians-one of the principal characters is a mahdi-and he has the Americans attacked in their house by the fanatics and making their scape through underground passages to the sea by the aid of native lepers. His hereine is converted to Mohammedanism by the mahdi and back to Christianity gain; and the hero, or one of them, who as had no religion at the opening of the ook, devotes himself to teaching the natives Christianity and sanitation at the end; and the mahdi, the other hero, becomes a Christian and flees to the back country to teach his fellow countrymen the religion of Jesus. The novelty of Mr. Gordon's story fles in his choice of a sensational form of ficn as a medium for preaching a missionry sermon. His missionary is an irreligious young

Philadelphia doctor, rich enough to choose what he will do. He has asked a girl o marry him and she has postponed the answer for a year. He hears a lecture on Morocco delivered in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel before the Contemporary Club and lecides to go to that country to he can do to improve its people during the ear of his probation. It chances that the of his choice is also in Morocco wi ier father and that they have for a guide s mahdl. The mahdi falls in love with s girl and she loves him. But before this he mahd). affair reaches a climax the girl and her Philadelphia lover become engaged. When the girl confesses that she has adopted the faith of the country the engagement is broken and complications ensue which are unraveled by an unexpected and surprising denouement, the nature of which it would he unfair to the reader to disclose. Mr. Gordon uses his intimate knowledge

of Morocco, gained by his long solourn in that country, to good advantage. The scenes which he describes are those which he has visited and the life is that which he has lived. It will not be surprising if the book finds a place in Sunday school libraries and enjoys some degree of that

written by Wallace Thompson. Rear Ad-miral Peary has an entertaining article en aledge traveling in the Arctic, written out of his own varied experience. A ammere of the exquisite art of George Inness will be delighted with Elliott Dangerfield's discus-sion of it and those who like short stories will find several in the number.

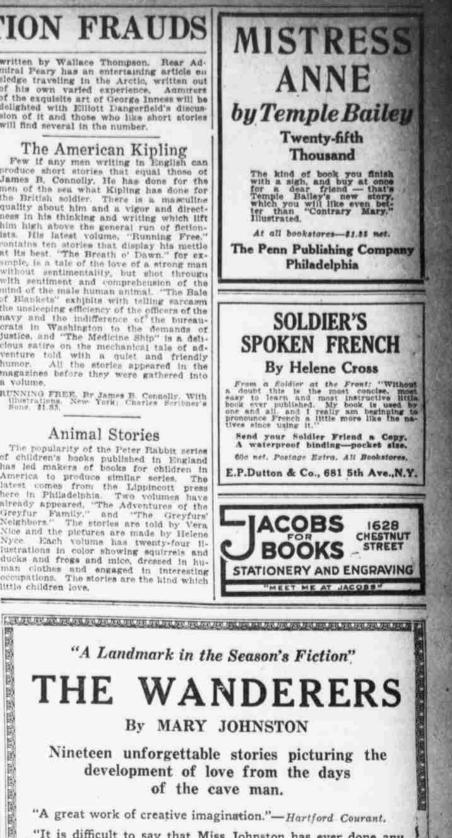
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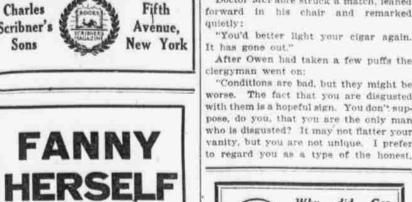
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Doctor van Dyke continues his arraign-ment of the Poisdam gang in Scribner's Magazine for November. He tells how the Germans attempted to use him to transmit their messages to Belgium and how he re-fused, and he describes their attempts to plant spies in his household at The Hague. His article is valuable as cumulative evidence of German duplicity and barbarity. Raymond Recouly contributes an intimate article on the Russian army in the revolusociates asked him to trade votes for measures which he regarded as dishonest he backed up against the wall and re-fused absolutely. When he was President he bought support by distributing the offices where they would do the most assembling of the data about his ethical at andards, made by a man whose admirashort stories and half a dozen poems.

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