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He Antedated by a Hundred Years Cecil Rhodes's Plan for an Imperial Parliament—Career of One of the Greatest Colonials

GIF I WERE going to study the history when the shares were on the market. The ambitions of Napoleon upset Europe for Merabre, as he paused a moment in his lenunciation of the brutality of the Gernan armies, "I should begin with the dudy of its great men."

"Why not study the great movements wst?" he asked.

"For the simple reason that the great movements cannot be understood until you understand the men behind them." I replied. "Nothing was ever done in the to discover what they have done than history of the world that did not have to learn about the activities of the men. its origin in the mind of some man, Now if I wished to increase my knowlare brought about by men who conceive should study the careers of the statesmen ceives the breadth of the statesmanship them and have the driving force to put of the time in both England and America, them into effect. When you think of the The trouble began in England, What I field Mr. Bruce links Franklin's investi Suez Canal you think of De Lesseps, and the name of Goethals will always be con- a new life of Benjamin Franklin that I nected with the Panama Canal. British have had the delight of reading." control of Egypt is due to the inspiration of a newspaper correspondent, who persuaded Disraeli to buy for England a controlling influence in the Suez Canal-

ambitions of Napoleon upset Europe for years. We know pretty well who are responsible for the policies of the Germans and for the attempt to force them upon the world at the point of the sword." "You seem to be claborating the French

saying, 'Seek the woman,'" said Owen. "Perhaps if we wish to get at the real first causes we must study the women.

"Is there anything new to say about him?" Doctor McFabre asked. "Three is and there is not." said I.

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his own story of it. But as the world dent of the United States. progresses and the store of knowledge inrement so that we can more correctly

on the removal of the grievances of the of his country. One must understand As one reads it one is forciviews and those of Ceeil Rhodes. The as Rhodes in later years urged, and such as the British statesmen are only just

beginning to think sectorsly of. William also," I admitted, "but it is more difficult. Cubell Bruce, who has written the book, does not connect Franklin's plan with the later movements in the British Emnire, but he sets it forth in such a way edge about the American Revolution 1 that the informed reader at once per which conceived it. In the scientific have been saying has been suggested by gations more closely with the work of the moderns, when he tells us that he came near to anticipating Hertz's discov ery of the action of strong light on the discharge of gases

"Of course you know that Franklin was the first Colonial American b whieve a European fame. When Wash ngton w only twenty years old Frank lin's discovery of the identity of lightnini experiments in electricity has flid the imagination of Europe, and year later the British Royal Society awarded to him the Capley medal in rec gnition of his discoveries. He was long the only Colonial known on the other side of the occan. He made his reputation as a man of science long before it was recog nized that he was a philosopher, a stateman and a man of letters.

"Franklin's life could be studied with profit by these persons who are worry ing about the ineffectiveness of modern systems of education. No school can make or break a man if he have notive. Franklin's formal education

massed when he was ten yours old. The lid not go to a school a single day there after, but he was one of the most broadl educated men of his time. The read Latin. French, Italian and Spanish and he spok ities by the force of an insatia-

le intelloctual euclosity, and in spite of is business and political notivities in vars conttinually enlarging his store of Did you know that he retired. from active business when he was only forts two years old?" "If I did know it I had forgotten it."

suld Owen "He had a partner in his printing busi ness, and at the age of forty-two he made an arrangement by which he should be clieved of all cares and should receive thousand pounds a year for eighteen cars, when his pirtner would own the chole business. Ite had investments at the time which gave him an annual income of about seven hundred poundsall made since he came to Philadelphia poor boy at the age of seventeen. You see, he applied to some purpose the max

tins of thrift which he put in the mouth of 'Poor Richard.' But he did not walk intil he had retired from business b begun his public-spirited work. He is responsible for the organization of more educational and philanthropic institutions

"Mr. Bruce has told the story of this reases we get new standards of meas- career with skill by letting Franklin himself do most of the telling, and he has appraise him. This new life, which is an made a book that deserves the attention attempt to reveal the man by a critical of every ambitious young American, a study of his writings, discloses his views well as of every student of the history

Franklin to understand Colonial America. bly reminded of the likeness between his The chapter on Franklin as a statesman is as long as many a book, it covers the American was big enough and foreseeing ground so thoroughly. The chapters on enough to formulate a plan which, if his American, British and French friends adopted, would have made the British show the number and variety of minds Empire virtually indestructible, by the with which his came in contact, and the creation of an Imperial Parliament such chapter on his French friends ought to put to rest some of the slanders about

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

his relignment beliefs. "He was an athenst, wasn't he?" asked

Doctor Melfahre "By no means," I replied, "He be lieved in God, the Ruley of the universe but he could not accept many of the Bruce says that he had no spiritual insight, and this view is doubtion corrier. in a way, but it would be a mistake to my that he was not a religious man. The book is particularly timely now because of its exhibition of Franklin's attitude toward the modier country prior to the Revolution. One cannot read what

it says without a feeling of greater friendinces to the real England and a better inderstanding of the blunders of the Britsh. It is desirable, now that we are usunderstandings should be removed. The book will nelts."

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FINE MEMORIAL TO DEAD BEAUTY

George Wharton Edwards Pays a Tribute to the Ruined Cathedrals of France

TALKS OF HER ART

Compendium of the Views of "Fighting for Peace" Is a Cry of Mrs. Fiske Compiled by an able Interviewer

 $M_{\rm TE}$ Fishe spills a lot of the attrived beams of production as recorded by Alexander Woollcott. But one of the best actresses on the contemporary stage and one of its most original constructive stage managers, as well as one of its most neutronic density in state and the stream which he was following rainers of the stream which he was following rainers of the stream which he was following rainers of the stream which he was following rainers and the stream which he was following rainers of the stream whic

distinguished slage personance. The chills term are based on conversations with Mrs. Fiske at various times and on various topies. Discussions on related topics love been recordinated and consolidated, so that cach chapter is a unit on some single planer of slage life or technique. Thus we have Mrs Fishe on the stock company and repertory system, neither of which the approves, firsing with her audionous wont in the face of tradition; on been, when the store of side of the the store are been from the approves. firsing with her audionous wont in the face of tradition; on been, when the store on side of the trady for war and intended war on the life onvertes. the master dramatist in form and 102-chology; Mrs. Fiske on theatric virtuelly and informing incidents which Mr. Van Dyke the master dramatist in form and 100 -chology; Mrs. Fiske on theatric virtually and Mrs. Fisky on stage direction.

The "conversations" will ruffle the feel-ings and provide the opposition of many persons, for her views run counter to the neconted conventions in many cases. size is not novel or original for the nerr purpose of saving comothing strange of rensational. She is offering the matured views of her long experience, her theory corrected through thinking and practice Corrected through thinking and practice. Mrs. Fishe as a conversationist is as stim-tilating as Mrs. Fishe across the footlights as Salvation Nell, as Nora Helmar, as Hedda Gabler, as Tess, or as Mary Page. It is a great contribution to gage litera-ture to reveal the souls of Helm's heroines from the infimacy and with the authority of the creative action. That is adde one of of the creative artist. That is only one of the values of Mrs. Enke's wide-ranging discussion of many subjects with her most excellent Boswell,

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These who have a kindly remembrane (Sarah Ware Bassett's "Tanding of Zena teachings of the Christian Church. Mr. Henry" will welcome a story from the say Autors ben. The Waytherers at the Augel' is the title of the new book. In its parative the familiar figure of Zemas Henry is not cutting. central object this time. The scene is on the same old Cape ('od, the action being for the greater part confined to a vincsovered shants in a little fishing | only two of whom, however, have reache the age of maturity, the third being a youth when Ceptain John Bartlett In from a wreek off the ceast. The The captain boon conjunion is Timothy Talbot, who a fraud permits himself to be know "Major," although as a matter of fact orthy has "never set a squadron in the field," nor fired off a gun. "The Angel" he many of the home in which these three ways (arers" dwell.

To these "three mulcoteens" day Ann, called in as a nurse by the doctor to the paule distress of his elders, when bayid, the youngster of the trio, falls ill. Ann is as old-fushioned as she is modern "better'n a trained nurse," and indubitably capable, as the wayfarets quickly learn, ther woman's hand character quickly learn, ther woman's hand character the course of life at "The Angel," and though the figure of a royclag substant who years before had been a sweethcart of Ann's, threatens interfere with the task Cupid undertake ith a woman, and the sturdy captain who until her arrival had no thought for feminine charm. But love, as usual, finds the way, the recreant sweetheart of other days is unmashed in all his unworthings

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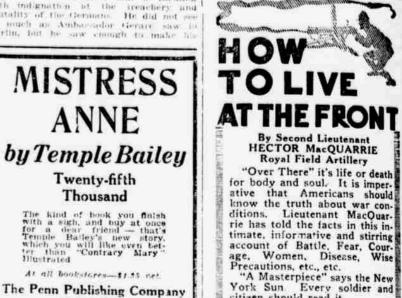
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