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"Caliban," by W. L. George, is a composite of several British Publishers Success—some force within Richard Brainer, ruthlessly driving, sped him on to that a schoolboy and carried him tumultuously along until he was the master of a chain of newspapers that could make and unmake statesmen and away the destinies of peoples. Then came love. Could he use his business tactics with the woman he loved—a woman not easily to be won by any means? Could he use the competition here as he had elsewhere? It is a situation that reveals in its full power this English realist's faculty for dramatizing big ideas and flesh-and-blood people in a compelling story. This is an "a clef" novel and many of the characters are thinly enough disguised to have their identity unlocked by American readers. From the current news, Lloyd George and other statesmen and soldiers gutter and flitter through the pages. They are shrewdly characterized and keenly etched. CALIBAN, by W. L. George. New York: Harper & Bros.

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Success Fundamentals, by Orison Swett Marden. New York: T. Y. Crowell Co.

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