LOST OSCAR WILDE MANUSCRIPTFOUND

The Portrait of Mr. W. H.' Refers to Dedication of Shakespeare's Sonnets

New York, June 17.—The "lost nanuscript" of Oscar Wilde was found year ago and will be issued in book orm in three weeks, according to an announcement by Mitchell Kennerley. 28,000 words. It is entitled 'The Por-trait of Mr. W. H.' and sets forth elaborately the theories of Wilde as to the identity of the man to whom Shakespeare dedicated 126 of his son-

wilde treated the subject in semi-fictional form in Blackwood's Magazine in July, 1889. The forthcoming book is an elaboration of that magazine artiele, which was written as early as 1893, because in that year Messrs. Elkin Matthews and John Lane, publishers. announced "in rapid preparation" the

announced 'in rapid preparation the following volume:

"Wilde (Oscar). The incomparable and ingenious history of Mr. W. H. being the true secret of Shakespeare's Sonnets, now for the first time here fully set forth, with initial letters and cover design by Charles Ricketts."

This was two years before Wilde was arrested. For some reason the volume was not printed in those two years.

was not printed in those two years, probably because it might have added considerably to the notoriety of the author.

After Wilde's imprisonment the man After Wilde's imprisonment the manuscript disappeared. When his effects were sold, the 125th item was a painting of Shakespeare's "W. H." This was faked, according to Stuart Mason author of a volume on Wilde, to provide a frontispiece for the intended volume. This nainting was sold for one minea and disappeared.

Concerning the manuscript, Mr. Kennerley's announcement says:

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"On the day of Oscar Wilde's acrest. April 5, 1895, his books were withdrawn from the publisher's shelves and catalogues, and the manuscript of The Portrait of Mr. W. H.' is said to have been returned to Wilde's house. Tipe street, Che'sea, since, which date no trace of it has been discovered.

"It can now be said that since Oscar Wilde completed this manuscript for the printer it had not been seen by a living person until it was found in July, 1920, and sent to Mitchell Kennerley, who recognized it as indisputably 'the lost manuscript' in Wilde's own handwriting."

The theory of the Blackwood's article is that the 'W. H.' described in the dedication to the sennets as "the onlice dedication to the sennets as "the onlic begetter of these insuing sennets" is one Will Hughes. Hews or Hewes, a young actor in Shakespeare's company for whom the dramatist created the roles of Viola, Imogen, Juliet, Rosalind, Portin and Desdeuona. Women did not appear on the stage in Shnekspeare

The sonnets in most of the seventeen: eighteenth centuries were though have been all addressed to a woman spite of the dedication to "Mr. W

H." and other internal evidence.

Nearly all of the late critics have agreed that "the onlic hegetler" of the sonnets was a man. The initials by different commentators have been fitted different commentators have been fitted to William Hathaway, a brother-in-law of Shakespeare; a nephew of Shakespeare, named William Hart, later discovered not to have been born until after the sonnets were written; Henry Wrichsley, Earl of Southampton, and William Herbert, later Faul of Pembroke. Barnstorff, a German critic, formed the hypothesis that Shakespeare ration and that "Mr. W. II." mean Mr. William Himself. It is mos orthodox at the present day to consider Pembroke the object of the sonnets.

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cousin of Herbert Hoover. Secretary of Commerce, was held in fail yesterday ferentially outside for the two girls to in default of \$2000 bonds on a charge of bigamy. While it was claimed be had a wife in Louisville, it was said that he married two Chicago women,

ELABORATES OLD THEORY Washington, June 17. Secretary Hoover waxed facetious when told of Raymond Lee Hoover. The secretary

wives is bignmy, the charge against Consin Raymond' ought to be trigo-

THE DAILY NOVELETTE

Salvation by Matrimony By MARTHA McCULLOCH-WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS

"Coming? There's the last bell."

Zillah called to her cousin Frances

Zillah suld laughing. "I'd surely be a John Whitsett if I were the man I was to be." nen. Frances, noting it, sighed faintly she crayed beauty of all things—no nsfigurings of light or shadow could e make her other than hop-lessly

reat themselves, and later went through the ritual with a reverent case that bespoke habit. Also they listened alert-ly, catching every point of the rector's glad it was one of his best, briefish but meaty throughout, and breathing the was full. After the benediction the strangers halted uncertainly. Then one turned to Frances with: "Please, do said:
"No, I can't Join with Carusa in turned to Frances with: "Please singing 'He's a Consin of Mine.' If he can think we may speak with the car't We came especially to hear is. I've never heard of him."

The properties of the care o We came especially to hear him. Mr. Hoover also suggested that if it may be my only chance. My father charge against a man who has two cas a good friend of his all through the

urse at Princeton-Then he must have known my father, o. Did you ever hear of Gordon

alme?" Zillah interrupted,
"Rather! I'm his namesake," th erranger said, holding out a card, which tend: "Gordon Trabue Whitsett."
"And I've grown up on traditions of the triumvirate," he added. "To think of finding part of it in just this way."

ought to be."
Don't say that! Nature knew best." young Whitsett said, looking down at her. Then Frances and the ternsfigurings of light or solution could down at her. Then Frances and the ever make her other than hop-lessly plain. At least to are own eyes—her nitror did not picture her best moments. Few indeed ever say them—they came when she was wranged in the peace of green pastures, with the gleam of still waters germaing the distance. Something awoke then that made her as one with the good world, and parted of its harmony and parted of its parted of it art and parcel of its harmony and good angel—and mine. I daren't trust bythm.
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startled.

'Your eyes tell tales.' Billy retorted.

'They are dangerously truthful.'

'How?' Frances asked. "By turning away friends,

the reply.
"I don't know how you can know."
she said, a perplexed line frawing between her brows.

"Honest Injun—don't you resent my being sent along?" from Billy. She nodded. "Yes—I knew we should bore each other to no purpose, and that is such waste of living."

**VLet's not do it then. Instead, tell

each other all about ourselves. That is always interesting—to the party of is always interesting—to the party of the first part, however the last may fare." Billy said, standing still a second.

A gurgling laugh came over the wire, the first part, however the last may fare." Billy said, standing still a second.

Hearing it, young Whitsett smiled: "He'll be here." Then to the rector:

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the Rittenhouse

did not mind doing Zillah's bidding, cases, Billy rain, taking ner name or envy her the ease with which she masterfully. "I've been looking this carried things before her. But it was long time for a properly educated hard to have to make conversation with woman—one who knows how "To pray some one new and strange. She had no small talk whatever, not even of the sew. And now that I have found her

I shall never let her go."
Here the big Whitsett car overtook them, bore them on to the rectory, acquired the mistress of the manse more or less forcibly, then whirled the agstout and ruddy gentleman at case on the piazza got actually pale as he shook his namesake's hand. After a machine-gun fire of greetings and inquiries, he was roaring through long distance: "Jack Whitsett, you scoundrel, come right on to the love feast. Not a word right on to the love feast. Not a word from you this dozen years—now that boy of yours is doing his best to steal my only girl. Asked for her. What you talking about, man? That's old stuff—clean out of fashion. Never mind the hundred miles and more—bet you've got a car that knocks off eighty to the hour without half trying. We won't wait dinner for you—but there'll be supper later. Come, I say! Your country calls you. Answer here, in person."

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tor asked with twinkling eyes that seemed to burn. Frances' cheeks-they

flushed so beautifully.

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