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"Three Soldiers"

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The book is realistic. The picture of the life of the soldier in the training amp and on board the transport and in France is accurate with the photo-graphic detail disclosed by a narrowangled lens in perfect focus aimed at a small part of the landscape. If Mr. Dos Passos had tried to give a view of the whole army his book might be regarded as important. But he has conined his attention to the seamy side of army life and to the experience of three whom their associates would have called "rotters." As an exhibition of the reactions of this kind of men to army life it cannot be surpassed.

There is not a decent man in the chole book. The chapiains are canting sypocrites, the officers are cads, the priates are dissolute wastrels. Of course an author is at liberty to choose what he will to write about and to decide for himself the manner of his treatment But he must abide by the judgment of his readers. There was an opportunity for Mr. Dos Passos, with his first-hand experience, to write a great novel of the war which should give as realistic a view of all the types with some evidence that there was humanity and idealism and adjustment of the civilian to the discipline of army life as well as revolt gainst discipline and drowning of dis-gust in drunkenness and lust. Mr. Dos Passos has the literary skill to have evidence in this book that he has the breadth of vision or the human tolerance required to do it.

Whether he intended the book to be propaganda has not been disclosed, but it is more than likely that those who have insisted that it is an attack on the army are men who are disgusted with the one-sidedness of the story and assume that it could not have been so written with any other purpose than Mifflin Company) if for no other reathat of attack. They may be right, but we prefer to assume that Mr. Dos Pas-sos despaired of doing the novel that will be some who will like Lowry and we prefer to assume that Mr. Lower will be some who will like Lowry and ought to be done and contented himself with doing the kind of a novel that was the bis abilities.

will be some who will like Lowry and others who will prefer the "Mirrors." cating that he has observed much and thought to some purpose. There is included also a remarkable eggay on "Hut Happiness," by Mr.

The Happy Warrior

Unitarian clergyman who was graduated from Harvard University in 1880. has paid tribute to Theodore Roosevelt,

be has tried to do, in the words of his preface, is "to analyze the character of my college classmate, Theodore Roosevelt, and to interpret him by his words and deeds." His admiration for the man is so unreasoning and converted to the species small. Many the assurance that they will have a wide sale, for it is evidence of an increasing intellectual interest in public questions and a desire to measurance.

Mrs. Van Rensselger's Verse the man is so unreasoning and complete that those who look for a calm and disthat those who look for a calm and discriminating analysis of the character of Roosevelt will look in vain. Perhaps it is just as well that this is so. It will help in the ultimate appraisal of one of the greatest men of his time. Arthur Train, who has hitherto contented himself with telling of the legal victories of Mr. Tutt with the brevity When the final estimate of the man is made to a generation or so it will be maded into a govel the tale of his demanded into a govel the tale of his dewhen the final estimate of the man is made in a generation or so it will be pended into a novel the tale of his dencessary to consider the estimate held of him by his contemporaries, by the men who knew him intimately in his youth and continued their acquaintance with him till his death. Dr. Gilman's book will serve as one of the documents to he read.

The book paints Roosevelt as a demigod. Men who have not written books about him have regarded him as a demagogue, a word with a similar sound, but the two words are as far apart in meaning as the poles. The truth about Roosevelt will be found much nearer the Equator, say somewhere around the neighborhood of the Tropic of Cancer, at the southern boundary of the north temperate zone.

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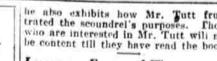
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Englishmen visiting us was tamed some-what before he landed in San Francisco. He finds much to admire in our art and our architecture and in our people. Our ities do not seem new and crude to him. Indeed, those in the East seem older than London. He visited Philaelphia in company with A. Edward Newton and found much to de ight him. In discussing American domestic archi-tecture he says that "nowhere did I see a more comely manor house of the old Colonial style than Anthony Wayne's, near Daylesford." And of the more pretentions modern houses he ys: "There are millionaires' resi-nces in New York that might have been transplanted not only from the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, but from Touraine itself, while when I made my pilgrimage to Mr. Widener's, just out-side Phi'nde phia. I found Rem-

randt's Mill and Manet's dead bull-

ighter, and a Vermeer, and a little

El Greco's family group and Donatello's

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in manner and temper. Mr. Lowry does not write with the brilliance that characterizes most of the chapters in Raymond, which alone is worth the the Happy Warrior
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I look out through the window, where The world is wet and wild, And fancy I am wandering there, A lost and dripping child.

That makes it picks ant when I turn And find I am my self. With food to set, and wood to burn. And toys upon the shelf.

Or else, a shipwrecked salior-boy Upon the rug I ite. And thoughtful y the fire enjoy Until my clothes are dry. Or sometimes, when a deluge falls,, At Noah's Ark I play. And being all the animals Gives me a busy day.

Immigration Problems A man, standing at Uncle Sam's wrapped up in some ideal or reform, ward, would be done and unmagnitude. indeed, who would not have on him the impress of the tragedy, romance, comedy and economic seriousness of the immigration question. That his mind

That an immigration inspector must ward, would be dull and unimaginative. orinning to accept at its real valua-ion, is shown by Feri Feliz Weiss. In "The Sieve" (Page Company, Boston). Mr. Weiss presents a compilation of the human drama that has been going on

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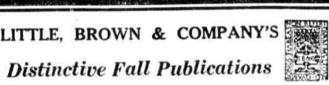
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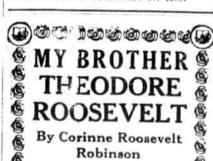


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A like response followed the magazine publication of his "German-Russian A prominent citizen ordered by wire a reprint of ten thousand copies and handed them to lenders of thought all over the world. One was sent by the nather to Viscour Normalife with the playful threat that if he survived the reading by might receive to purpose pumphles on the subject. To this North-differential of I make real only sorviced the period, but I am longing too the parables of the was sent to Lord Robert Cerit, who four months later stretted the world to saving in a Leaden speich, "If Germany is allowed to gun complete compactal and industrial label on R resin, she can fight the world forcer" exactly the pariential of this article. Three other hig things happened to this publication, but have of space forbids the relling.

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When complemented on this prompt reversal and adoption of the program he arged, the nother made light of it as "all interesting concidence," and added. The German affective did it. Perhaps it did, but at least it showed that he guessed exactly right, us he seems to have the baint of doing in all his wastings. What Preschent Wilson wrote was: "I assure you that I appreciate the full the considerations which you so effectually urge. That pamphlet would make alcordingly intressing reading even now, but

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