

WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS TO CYTHERA'S WORSHIPERS

JOSEPH HERGESHEIMER EMERGES AS A MORALIST

IF ANY ONE should call Joseph Hergesheimer a moralist in the restricted meaning of the word he would doubtless resent the charge. Indeed he would be likely to regard it as an accusation that had perverted the truth in order to teach a lesson, to such base and ignominious ends as a good word fallen.

NOT every one can read London Punch—perhaps not every one wishes to, tastes in humor differ so much—but those who wish to and do not have the opportunity may discover what he thinks the logic of Venus worship leads to. It is also indicated by his description of the debaucheries of the natives in the town of the sugar planter.

THE Cytbera of the story is a doll character, bought in a family store on Fifth avenue in New York, because he was attracted by some feminine allurement in the pose of the head and the expression of the eyes and mouth.

two children to him, but for all she was ashamed of the physical care of life. Randon was not contented in his business, either. He had drifted into it and had made money, but it did not satisfy him.

RANDON while in New York meets Savina Grove, an aunt of the movie actress, a married woman with a son killed in the war, and a daughter, the original of his doll Cytbera.

AN OPERATIC HEROINE "Almond Blossom" is Readable Though Formulary Tattered founding—adopted by charitable stranger—love affairs in family—broken heart—refuge on stage or in hospital—fortune and ruin—curious finding of true romance—curious fertility of animals and simple lives; but the concept of men, men like me had opposed and antagonized it. Magnifying our sensibilities, we had come to demand the dignity of separate immortality, separate virtues.

NOW, if a novelist who can exhibit and then formulate them so clearly is not a moralist the word will have to be newly defined. He is a moralist with the morals of a fundamentally clean nature that punishes those who pervert her and destroys those who despoilently use her.

what he thinks the logic of Venus worship leads to. It is also indicated by his description of the debaucheries of the natives in the town of the sugar planter. Both Randon and Mrs. Grove draw back in horror at the vision of the foul morn on the brink of which they find themselves.

THE OLD DOMINION

'Virginia' an interesting, well-illustrated number of 'See America First' Series A handsome volume, sumptuous in formation and elaborately illustrated, contains the chronicles of the Old Dominion as narrated by Frank and Corielle Hutchins in 'Virginia' (Page Company). This is a volume in Page's 'See America First' series, which has given an extensive view of the topography, traditions, institutions and local customs of sections and localities of the United States.

WHAT JAPAN WANTS

A Useful Little Book Sets Forth the Nipponese View-point In 'What Japan Wants' (Thomas Y. Crowell Company), Yoshii S. Kuno, of the University of California, where he is an assistant professor of the Oriental Department, gives the Japanese viewpoint on a subject that is of vital interest today. His book is untouched by bias or prejudice. In fact of his qualifications, President David Barrows, of the university, says: 'Dr. Kuno's reputation for accuracy is well known. His statement should form a valuable background for any investigation of this matter.'

THE 'AD GAME' Great in advertising when ever becoming its prophet! Maurice Switzer has written a witty and likable novel of the 'ad-game' in 'Trying It on the Dog' (Holt-Merrill Company). The author, who has a business background, the system and routine of an advertising campaign. In this case it is a dog-sock which is exploited in a live-wire manner.

SAHARA'S SECRETS

A Woman Makes the First Trip to the Senussi The disgruntled explorer who is ready to put camouflaged hats and kilts but because they are more likely to be introduced by his adventures, he had better take it from Rostin Forbes that he hasn't seen the half of it yet. Mrs. Forbes, who has just returned from the Libyan desert and has returned the first white woman to invade the forbidden cities of the Senussi.

'A Wise Old Frog' In his new work, 'Labor: The Giant With the Feet of Clay' (Scribner's), Shaw Desmond gives brief and remarkably graphic pen pictures of the world labor leaders, with whom he came in contact through years of arduous travel in the cause of labor. Here is his characterization of the head of the American Federation of Labor.

'Scorn' Blunt It appears that Wilfred Swegen Blunt's middle name is pronounced 'Scorn.' Very appropriate, and, as Gilbert Chesterton remarked when he was in America last spring, a downright British name.

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THE YOUNG ENCHANTED Hugh Walpole 'Truly enchanting.' N. Y. Times. \$2.00

JAPANESE DRAMA

In English Translation It Is Unsusited to the Western Stage A volume very much out of the ordinary is 'Plays of Old Japan,' translated and edited by Leo Duran and published by Thomas Seltzer. The picturesque binding and exotic colored frontispiece are matched by the strange content of the book, five short plays, all of them so strange and out of the beaten track of convention as to be more interesting as oddities than provocative of deep study and analysis.

Wm. Allen White 'The Great Deception' by Samuel Colcord. 'It tells the truth and it is a truth which American students must accept.'—Parker Siddons calls it. 'A masterly resume.'—Ernest M. Stires says. 'A singularly sane, sincere and convincing piece of work.'—Arnold Bennett Hall—'An splendid piece of work.'—To establish this fact the translator undertakes a task that is the tremendously important task that Mr. Colcord has worthily performed in 'The Great Deception'.

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SIMON CALLED PETER

A Remarkable Novel by ROBERT KEABLE Author of 'Standing By,' 'Pilgrim Papers,' etc. The fine spirituality, and the keen, understanding observation shown in all of Mr. Keable's books will win many readers to this surprising novel, which has been described as 'the most beautiful, and the most outspoken love story in modern fiction.' Yet it is certain to meet with the best criticism. We shall be glad to receive the opinions of those who have had the experience which qualifies them to judge of its significance.

Look out for the new novel by SHEILA KAYE SMITH to be published about January 20 'JOANNA GODDEN' is one of the finest stories she has written and it will, in the publishers' opinion, bring the author to the place in public estimation which she should have had long ago.

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