

The Era of the Problem Novel

Professor Robert Herrick's "Erotico-Philosophic" Romance—Joseph Medill Patterson's Book About the Idle Rich.

Hallie Erminie Rives' "Satan Sanderson"—Upton Sinclair's "Money Changers" an Attack on Wall Street Men.

THIS is the era of the problem novel, the problem play and of problem discussions in other literary guises too numerous to mention. Sometimes it is the condition of the packing houses and stock yards, sometimes the morals of the Four Hundred, again the question of corporation influence in politics or perchance the much discussed subject of the marriage tie versus affluence that attracts the aspirant to literary fame. So long as it is a problem it is considered sufficient to form the excuse of a work of fiction or the drama.

It is often in some such way that certain erratic luminaries appear in the literary firmament, darting across the sky or, if tarrying longer, flaring, glaring and almost sputtering sparks in their efforts to distract attention from the more modest orbs content to travel their courses in the usual fashion. Recently, to change the metaphor, there has been something of a deluge of the problem novels and dramas. A Bridgeport (Conn.) minister, Rev. Ernest J. Crafts, has written a play founded on the life and adventures of Ferdinand Pinney Earle, the artist, and the woman whom he supposed, quite erroneously, it proved, to be his "soul mate."

Then there is Professor Robert Herrick of the University of Chicago, who has written what is called "an erotic philosophic novel" dealing with sex problems, called "Together." It is a book that has stirred up some discussion, but not near as much as young Joseph Medill Patterson, the "millionaire Socialist" of Chicago, has occasioned with his story, "A Little Brother of the Rich." If "high life" in America is anything like Mr. Patterson has painted it, happy indeed are those whose lot is cast in commonplace obscurity. Then there is Upton Sinclair whose exposes of the evils of "Packingtown" in "The Jungle" caused a tempest in halls of legislation. He has broken out again with a work which

with Yale, with New York and the white lights of Broadway. If its picture of American life is true one must believe that the average woman in this country who belongs to so called "society circles" drinks to excess, cares nothing for marriage ties and is wholly given over to the pursuit of such idiosyncrasies as money can buy for her. The central figure in the story, though he can hardly be called a hero, is Paul Potter.

He it is who is the "Little Brother of the Rich." The story concerns the



HALLIE ERMINIE RIVES AND HER DOGS

steps by which he passes from obscurity and poverty, through the thrill of early love, through "satchel carrying" for wealthy college mates who took him up because of his athletic achievements, through renunciation of his betrothed because of her father's financial failure, through a marriage to another man's faithless wife, through infidelity, dissipation, more money getting, the tragic death of his wife in an other man's automobile, through another loveless marriage with the daughter of an immensely wealthy St. Louis brewer, and, finally, to his soggy semi-satisfaction at forty years of age in the knowledge that he is one of the money kings of the republic.

One paragraph will illustrate Patterson's idea of the life of the "idle rich" as President Roosevelt is fond of terming them:

"Finally Carl broke the silence. 'It's getting pretty tiresome. Same old people, same old food and same old booze same old bridge, same old racket, same old staying up all night, same old horrible, deadly, changeless boredom. I've lost interest. It's all over with me. Inside of me.'"

Upton Sinclair's book, "The Money Changers," uses fictitious names in the exposure of alleged Wall Street crimes, but the disguises are comparatively thin. Mr. Sinclair, too, is a Socialist and sees the sins of society through the spectacles of this philosophy.



JOSEPH MEDILL PATTERSON

splits the United States navy wide open and leaves it a worse wreck than Reuter's left it after his articles in McClure's last winter. Sinclair's new book is called "The Money Changers," and its publication has already elicited an interview from the chief of the bureau of ordnance, Rear Admiral W. B. Mason.

Nor in the list of flashing and sensationally glittering luminaries about Hallie Erminie Rives be forgotten. She is out with a story called "Satan Sanderson," so named, no doubt, because the author divined that the devil was going to be a very popular fellow about this time.

Perhaps the story by Mr. Patterson is the record breaker of the season—a sensation. The way the author, who not long since surprised his wealthy friends by becoming an out and out Socialist, has pictured the smart set in his book has brought down a host of nets' nest around his ears, but he does not seem to mind it.

Young Mr. Medill, a grandson of the late Joseph Medill, who owned the Chicago Tribune, was graduated from Yale and was a member of the fashionable secret societies there. In his book he has held up to scorn the lives of gilded youth who go to college to have a gay time and "blow" the money earned by their fathers and grandfathers. Mr. Patterson married a daughter of Harlow M. Higginbotham, one of Chicago's wealthiest citizens and president of the Columbian exposition. He resigned as commissioner of public works under Mayor Busse when he became a convert to socialism. At one time he attended an agricultural school because he thought it would be a good thing for a man of his views as to the leveling of the classes to know how to milk the cows and till the soil, although, entitled as he was to an income of about \$50,000 a year, he was under no compulsion to bother himself about such things.

"A Little Brother of the Rich" is a book which concerns itself a good deal

S. MALDWIN DRUMMOND.

Widow of Marshall Field, Jr., Who Married an Englishman.

Mrs. Field, who recently surprised her American friends by marrying her Maldwin Drummond, grandson of Lord Muncaster, in London, is the widow of Marshall Field, Jr., son of the late Chicago merchant prince of the same name. In 1905 young Field received a gunshot wound and was hurried to Mercy hospital, Chicago. As soon as Mrs. Field heard the news of the accident she hastened to the hospital with



MRS. MALDWIN DRUMMOND.

her two young children. The nurses in charge of the wounded man told her kindly that she could not see him until the crisis had passed.

"Only the physicians and nurses can be admitted to his presence."

"Then I will become a nurse," said the wife and mother.

She appealed to the hospital authorities and was assigned to a room adjacent to her husband's, with privilege of waiting upon him whenever her services were required, day or night. While she could not talk to him, since speech was forbidden, she could see him and was near until the last.

Her two sons—Marshall Field 3d who is thirteen years of age, and Henry Field, aged eleven—and her daughter, Gwendolyn Field, six years old, were among the chief beneficiaries of the will of Marshall Field, her grandfather. Mrs. Drummond before her marriage to Marshall Field, Jr., was Miss Albertine Huck of Chicago.

HIGH PRICED HARRY.

Scotch Comedian Who May Get \$5,000 Per Week.

A very delicate question of veracity has arisen between Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, and his manager over the stipend Harry is to receive during his coming engagement in America. Harry's manager without the slightest resort to concealment or evasion declares that he has engaged Lauder to sing and act at the princely wage of \$5,000 per week. Harry modestly denies the allegation, says the sum named is absurdly high and even



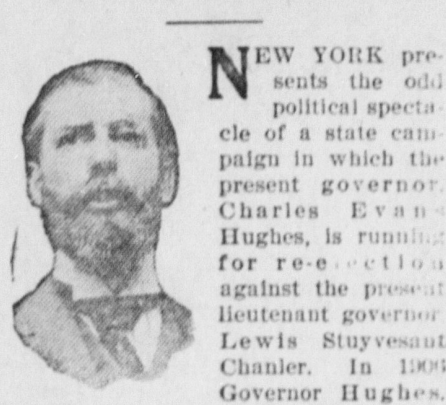
HARRY LAUDER IN CHARACTER.

intimates that he does not believe there is that amount of real money all in one lump anywhere. A man familiar with British institutions has been unkind enough to suggest that Lauder's coyness about the magnitude of his American salary may be inspired by apprehension concerning King Edward's income tax law.

Lauder sings Scotch songs, tells Scotch stories and impersonates Scotch characters. The Scottish contingent resident in America fairly idolize him, and his tour last season was an enormous success.

Political Chat.

New York's Interesting State Campaign and Its Bearing on the National Result—Candidates Hughes and Chanler.



MR. HUGHES SPEAKING.

NEW YORK presents the odd political spectacle of a state campaign in which the present governor, Charles Evans Hughes, is running for re-election against the present lieutenant governor, Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler. In 1904 Governor Hughes, who was opposed by William P. O'Connell, was the only candidate elected on the Republican ticket. Subsequently the lieutenant governor chosen to act in his stead as chief executive during his absences from the state was a Democrat. Now as a result of the action of the Republican and Democratic conventions each is an aspirant for the highest office in the gift of the state.

The New York campaign is unusually interesting this year owing to its bearing on the presidential contest. The state's thirty-nine electoral votes are coveted by both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft. It is generally considered to be in the doubtful column, and there is an old political adage to the effect that "as New York goes, so goes the nation."

One feature of Governor Hughes' administration that has attracted widespread attention has been his successful war against race track gambling. This fact inspired Senator Gore's witty prediction to the delegates in the Democratic state convention that, in his



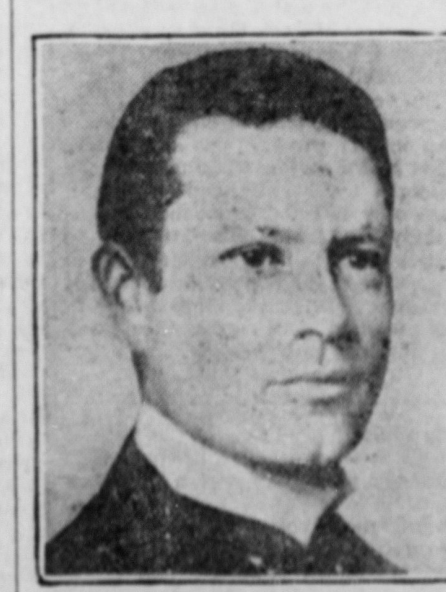
MR. BRYAN AS A CAMPAIGNER.

opinion, "Governor Hughes would never get away from the post."

Governor Hughes and Lieutenant Governor Chanler are both young men, the former being forty-five and the latter thirty-nine. Mr. Chanler was born in 1869 at Newport, R. I. His father was John Winthrop Chanler, a senator in Tammany Hall and for several terms a congressman, representing a New York district. On his mother's side Mr. Chanler belongs to the Astor family. He is a great-grandson of William B. Astor.

His boyhood was spent in Dutchess county, N. Y. When nineteen years old he entered Columbia as a law student. After his admittance to the bar he went to England and continued his studies at Cambridge university.

Upon his return to America he took up the practice of criminal law. Though a man of great wealth, he exerted himself in his profession and became known for the number of cases he carried through without compensation. In 1896 he retired temporarily from practice and went to England.



LEWIS STUYVESANT CHANLER

He then became interested in politics and was prominent among the members of the Parcellite party in Ireland. He was a founder of the Irish Independent league. Later on, again returned to New York, he entered politics and resumed his law practice. In 1900 Mr. Chanler was elected lieutenant governor on the tickets of the Democratic party and Independence league.

The day Mr. Chanler was nominated for governor Mr. Bryan said, "Mr. Chanler is a man of means whose money has not warmed him from sympathy with the common people. Relieved of the necessity of active toil, he prefers a life of usefulness to a life of idleness. I believe we are entering upon a new era in American politics, and in the years to come I believe that more men than in the past of Mr. Chanler's type will consecrate their lives and their means to the good of their fellow men."

When You Make Preserves.

See that the jars are in perfect order, immaculately clean and supplied with new rubbers. To use old rubbers is poor economy.

If the jars do not screw tight, get new ones with glass tops, reserving the old ones for pickles or jams. Safety from fermentation in canned fruits depends upon the absolute exclusion of air.

Plat jars with wide mouths are more convenient than quart jars for small families.

Use porcelain lined or the best granite ware for kettles, the lightweight granite being preferable. Other essentials are a long handled wooden or silver spoon, a wooden peeler (a potato masher will answer), pun for sugar, a dripping pan, accurate scales, a grocer's funnel, a small mill dipper, tumblers or jars for jelly and a good supply of coarse towels and jelly bags.

Suffragists' War Song.

The English suffragists have been supplied with a war song. The new song and march was first sung by Edmund Cooper at an at home given by Miss Janette Steer, actress and dramatist, at her residence in Eloeane Gardens, London.

The following is the refrain: Rise up, woman! Stand up for your right. Rise up, woman! You're bound to win the fight. Do not be disheartened. Sound the warning note. Strike a blow for liberty. Till you vote, vote, vote!

Most of us try to forget the mean things we know about ourselves.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Isaac Stover, late of Walker Twp., deceased. Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay.

MRS. MARIA STOVER, J. B. STOVER, J. C. MEYER, Attorney, Bellefonte, Pa. Zion, Pa. 182.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, the Honorable, Ellis L. Orvis, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 12th Judicial District, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his precept, bearing date the 4th day of August, 1908, to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, in Bellefonte, for the county of Centre, and to commence on the

FOURTH MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER, being the 28th day of September, 1908, and to continue two weeks. Notice is hereby given to the Owner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there in their proper persons at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 28th with their records, inquiries, examinations and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand at Bellefonte, the 1st day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1908, and the one hundredth and thirty-third year of the independence of the United States.

HENRY KLINE, Sheriff.

WRIT IN PARTITION.

To the heirs and legal representatives of Catherine Garber, late of Miles township, deceased.

Take notice that in pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Centre County, Pa., a writ of partition has been issued from said Court to the Sheriff of Centre County, returnable the 1st Monday of November next, and that an appeal will be held for the purpose of making partition of the real estate of said deceased on Monday the 12th day of October 1908, at 10:30 A. M. at which time and place you can be present if you see proper. John Garber, Butler, Pa.; William J. Garber, New York City; Lena Garber and Chas. Garber, Allegheny, Pa.; Katie Crouse, William Crouse, Ella Esterly (nee Crouse) and Frank Esterly, Butler, Pa.

All that certain message, tenement or tract of land situated in the Borough of Bellefonte, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit:—On the east by South Spring street, on the North by lot of Catherine Dolan, on the west by an alley and on the South by the Boro line, thereon erected a dwelling house and other outbuildings, being the same premises which R. Charles Magill et al by deed dated February 24th, 1896, and recorded in Centre County the 2nd day of July 1897, in deed book 64, at page 328, granted and conveyed unto the said Catherine Garber, and that no disposition has ever been made to and among the heirs of the said Catherine Garber, deceased. Henry Kline, Sheriff. Bellefonte, Pa. September 16th, 1908.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin.

FOUNDERS' WEEK, PHILADELPHIA.

From October 4 to 10 Philadelphia will celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the City's founding by a series of remarkable events.

On Monday afternoon 25,000 soldiers, sailors, and marines will parade. The Police and Fire Departments will parade on Tuesday afternoon, depicting their development from the early times. Wednesday afternoon will witness one of the greatest industrial parades ever seen in this country. Over 100 floats will illustrate the evolution of the City's industries. A great river pageant will be given on Thursday afternoon, in which 500 vessels including United States and foreign warships will participate. Fifteen thousand uniformed Red Men with historical floats will parade in the evening. On Friday the first great historical pageant ever given in America, illustrating by 40 floats and 5000 costumed characters the history of Philadelphia, will be the grand climax of the celebration. The P. O. S. of A. will parade in the evening. Saturday will be devoted to athletics, motor races, and Knight Templar parades. The city will be specially illuminated every night, and a musical-historical drama "Philadelphia" will be given every evening on Franklin Field.

Special tickets to Philadelphia will be sold October 3 to 10, good to return until October 12, at reduced rates; minimum rate \$1.00. See Ticket Agents.

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