THURSDAY EVENING,



ONLY a few years ago the nickelodeon ran riot, flaunting its blatant and sensational posters before the public eye.

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"Pollyanna" has been translated into many languages and printed in the New York point for the blind. There is a Pollyanna petiticoat and a blouse, and, named after her, are a registered calf, a motorboat, a cat, a bungalow in Wisconsin, a tea house on, top of Lookout Mountain in Colorado, a farmhouse in Vermont and a live, lusty girl baby in Texas.

A larmhouse in vermont and a nive, lusty girl baby in Texas. Anne of the Island, by L. M. Mont-gomery. A sequel to "Anne of Green, Gables" and "Anne of Avonlea." (This book, by Page & Co., Boston, com-pletes the trilogy.) A girl at college is unquestionably an interesting and entertaining study, but a girl such as is Anne Shirley of Green Gables, whom Mark Twain called "the dearest and most moving and delightful child of fiction," is more than that. She is to the hearts of thou-sands of readers, and yet she is a per-fectly normal, not even remarkably good-looking, healthy young animal. In this book she has come back to us, this time in the character of a girl away at college. We go with her to Redmond, which is a girls' college, and we spend the first year there with her. Then we devote a good, healthy summer to the long vacation with the simple-hearted folk of the Island—and we go on and on—until finally romance comes into her life.

Safety First, for children. This little primer of knowledge is distributed in pocket edition by the "Safety First" Federation of America. It is for the general use and educa-tion of the boys and girls in the pub-lic schools, conceived and planned by Frederick H. Elliot, founder and organization. The book goes into the traffic question and the use of the streets by the children. There is a chapter on fire prevention, and various safety first rules for children that cover everything from automo-biles and street cars to trains and wires. "Always Be Careful" are the A B C's of "Safety First."

In the January Woman's Home Companion is a story about Fannie Heaslip Lea, the authoress, who had to give up newspaper work because her mother couldn't chaperone her on all her assignments. "When not writing love stories, or buying hats with part of the proceeds thereof, she may be found swimming in the Pacific under a full moon," we are told.

There's a story about a submarine in the January Scribner—a story of "Underseaboat F-33." It might, in some respects, be the story of the submarine that sank the Lusitania. You get a vivid idea of what service on one of these boats means. It is by Donn Byrne.

DECEMBER 23, 1915.



Christmas Music In Your Home

To-night or to-morrow-right at the threshold of Christmas-when the need of music in the home must be felt most keenly, we are ready and willing to do our part in putting it there.

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A ND to correct a false rumor we wish to say that we still have every style of Victrola or Edison Disc, but only a very limited number of each; so you

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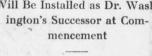
An ever-welcome play, especially for holiday attraction, full of heart in-erest, pathos, intensity and good com-dy, is what is promised on Christmas, edy, is what is promised on Christmas, matinee and night, at the Orpheum, when "At the Old Cross Roads" is given. The story deals with the South, portraying characters true to life---the happy-go-lucky gambler, the scheming, hard-hearted plantation owner; the jovial major; the merry tramp; Aunt Liza; the typical manimy, and a host of other characters too numerous to men-tion. The company is headed by Estha Williams, who will have the support of a very capable leading man, Edwin Walter.

Williams, of a very Walter.

A Pittsburg rationalist has stated that "Omar Khayyam was the first great agnostic, and that he believed heaven and hell to be here on earth. His philosophy was, in brief, that inas-much as this is the only world of which we know anything, all should try to make the best of it." Good enough, as far as it goes, and similar in parts to Carlyle's transcendentalism. Harris-burgers will remember with pleasure the performance of "Omar, the Tent-maker," in the Orpheum several weeks ago, based upon the life and works of this writer, Khayyam.

"LAVENDER AND OLD LACE"

Repeated Today While all intents and purposes "The Yankee Girl," which is repeated to-day at the second second second Blanch at second second second second Blanch at second second second second Blanch at the second second second second Blanch at the second second second second Blanch at the second the celebrated favorite's motion picture appearance under the direction of Oil-ver Morosco, in "The Yankee Girl," her musical comedy hit of a season or so ago. The same magnetism which cap-tivated her audience in "Bedella," "Rings On My Fingers," "Yip-1-Addy," "Dublin Bay," and a score of other



In the Amusement World "AT THE OLD CROSS ROADS"

We knew, of course, that the famous John Buny, who had his face insured for \$100,000, because it was his fortune and he desired to conserve it, but never before, to our knowledge, has a girl thought so much of her hair that she would insure it for \$10,000. That is edy,

would insure it for $\xi_{10,000}$. That is she would insure it for $\xi_{10,000}$. That is exactly what Miss Diana Osto has done, however, because she says the new col-ored moving pictures are going to call for Titlan-haired heroines, and she has already had many offers. So she be-leves in "safety first."