

REVIEWS

THIEVES' NIGHTS
Harry Stephen Keeler
E. P. Dutton & Co., 1929

In the current literary offerings, one finds a host of the "mystery" stories, and many discriminating readers have been surfeited with this type of writing. The advent of the publication of "Thieves' Nights," by Harry Stephen Keeler, may be hailed as a veritable life saver, for this book has all the charm of the mysterious element without the degrading touches of "master detectives" and gigantic, invincible scientists.

Keeler is really unique; I have never read anything that parallels his style of developing the theme. Taking this book for an example, we find a multitude of tales one within another, and at the outset it seems impossible to correlate them into a unified story. Yet you are smoothly led from one to the next, and before you realize the fact, they have been all amalgamated, and the main plot proceeds to unwind. It is about this central theme that Keeler has spun a multiplicity of minor incidents about one DeLancy, master thief.

DeLancy gives Keeler the opportunity to weave his bizarre tale of freakish events; the unusual and eccentric happenings that he portrays are beyond adequate description. Keeler is an Armour man, but wherein these walls he found the inspiration to write such fantastic plots, to create situations as inconceivable, and the gift to place his reader in a gloriously dazed trance, a mere undergrad. can scarcely conjecture.

To those who delight in trying to unravel the common mystery novel, due warning is given. It is an absolute impossibility; you neither know exactly what needs solution, for the book is devoid of an unsolved murder, nor do you have the faintest hazard of a guess as to the trend of the narration.

The situation is most clearly summed up by this quotation from Bruce Gould. "Since reading this odd fellow," he writes, "I feel it necessary to revise the old phase about the sky and the limit. It is Keeler, and not the sky, who sets the boundaries from now on."

Although the book has been out but a bare month, the Armour library has a copy, appropriately dedicated by the author. A. B. A.

F.P.E.S. Holds 1st Meeting of Year

The first meeting this fall of the Fire Protection Engineering Society was held in room H of the main building on Friday, October 10, 1929 at 9:30.

The speaker for the meeting was Mr. J. G. Quackenboss, former head of the Tennessee Inspection Bureau, who is now with the Western Factory Insurance Association. Mr. Quackenboss spoke on the subject of "The Work of an Inspector," giving the students, who in a short time will be inspectors making rates on the big industrial risks of this city and others, pointers on the work of the various bureaus from the inspector's viewpoint. He says that he was, no doubt, an inspector for more years than any man who was at the meeting would be willing to acknowledge.

J. E. Ransel, president, issued a plea for the members of the society to pay their dues for the year. This money is for the expenses of the annual smoker and the shingles to which each member is entitled. A member of each class will be appointed to collect these dues.

Dedicate Library to Daniel Burnham

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interesting description of the Fontaine Library.

Mr. Edward H. Bennett, architect for the City Plan Commission, gave his personal reminiscences of Daniel H. Burnham.

Dr. Allen D. Albert, assistant to Mr. Rufus Dawes for the 1933 World's Fair, described the Burnham Library as one of the many



HARRY STEPHEN KEELER

Shaving Season Officially Opened

The traditional mustache shaving was begun officially last Thursday when 2 civils were deprived of their proud appendages. As a matter of fact, each victim was deprived of only one-half of his mustache. Those thus honored were Leonard Dicke, a junior civil, and Brown, a new student in the civil department. The scene of action was the "Civil Alley" and the actors were the above two mentioned victims and the remainder of the civil class. Upon the completion of the operation, Dicke was released and the attention turned to Brown. While everybody was interested in the struggle, Dicke seized upon an opportunity when he grabbed a nearby fire-extinguisher and turned it on the mob. Immediately the attention was turned upon him. After relieving him of his plaything, he in turn received a bath from the extinguisher.

The electrical department followed suit when T. Dylewski, senior electrical, was honored by being chosen as the principal in "that old Spanish custom."

Glee Club Elects Manske President

The Glee Club held their election of officers on Thursday, Oct. 10, at a regular rehearsal and elected the following men:

- W. R. Manske '30, president.
- A. N. Sokoloff '32, secretary.
- M. A. Hotchkins '30, manager.

The duties of the secretary of the Glee Club consist in calling the roll and checking the music.

The manager will have to visit the radio stations of Chicago and arrange programs for the great "invisible" audience.

Dr. Daniel Protheroe was not present to direct the Glee Club Thursday evening, as he was suddenly called out of town. Prof. Leigh conducted in his stead.

Dr. Protheroe is a very active director, as he is always in demand to conduct song fests, song competitions, and other events of similar nature. This summer he was the guest conductor at a song fest in Scotland.

memorials of the late Mr. Burnham. Mrs. D. H. Burnham loaned the famous Zorn portrait of her deceased husband for the occasion.

Mr. Hubert Burnham also loaned books, photographs and etchings of the work of the late Daniel H. Burnham as Director of Work in the World's Fair of 1893. This group included the Chicago City plans for which he is noted, and it is hoped that some of these are to be permanently located in the new Burnham Library. The cup given to Mr. Daniel H. Burnham in recognition of his work done for the Columbian Exposition in 1893 is now on exhibition.

The Burnham Library has now over 5,000 noted volumes of architecture. The newest acquisition was the recent purchase of the Fontaine Library, consisting of about 350 volumes. These books formed the personal library of Fontaine, architect of Napoleon, and includes some of his drawings and etchings.

FROSH NOMINATE OFFICERS, TO HOLD ELECTION SOON

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were read and approved. A motion was then brought up to nominate the men for the various offices by petition, but the discussion following proved this to be futile because of the lack of time for a meeting in the future. A motion was then brought up and passed that the men be nominated from the floor. The chairman then called for nominations and recognized the following:

- For president—
R. Carlstrom
Sandsted
Arlen
Griffin
Lademen
- For vice-president—
O. Barnett
J. Lorensen
Brelie
Luckett
- For treasurer—
R. Belton
B. Larson
W. Davies
C. Witt
- For secretary—
B. Scott
Curran
Mickel
W. Massover
- For social chairman—
W. Larson
Belford
C. Nelson
Rooney
D. Pearson
- For sergeant-at-arms—
Boverkek
Galvani
Pechman
Rurge

The meeting was then adjourned with hopes for results in the following week.

Nine Fraternities Pledge Total of 74

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- Theta Xi
G. R. Belton, '33—M.E.
R. W. Carlstrom, '33—F.P.E.
C. W. Cleland, '33—M.E.
R. L. Ellis, '33—F.P.E.
W. D. Jackson, '32—C.E.
T. S. Leavitt, '33—Ch.E.
C. R. Marsh, '33—E.E.
R. J. Mulrone, '33—C.E.
C. A. Nelson, '33—F.P.E.
J. R. Pechman, '33—F.P.E.
J. T. Sorenson, '33—F.P.E.
W. W. Tyler, '33—E.E.
- Phi Pi Phi
John E. Burns, '33—E.E.
Geo. A. Brelie, '33—F.P.E.
Donald R. Gregerson, '33—C.E.
James Clayson, '33—Ch.E.
Curtis Cruver, '33—M.E.
Geo. B. Kain, '33—E.E.
James P. Meade, '33—E.E.
Chas. Mitchell, '32—M.E.
Vladimir Novak, '33—Arch.
H. J. Cameron, '32—C.E.
James Czernicki, '33—E.E.
- Triangle
Gunnar Bergland, '33—F.P.E.
Raymond J. Dufour, '33—M.E.
John T. Markman, '33—Ch.E.
Arthur W. Overbeck, '33—E.E.
Edwin A. Runge, '33—Arch.
James W. Thomson, '33—Ch.E.
- Beta Psi
L. S. Anderson, '33—F.P.E.
V. J. Galvani, '33—M.E.
H. J. Gaul, '33—M.E.
R. L. Scafuri, '33—Arch.
O. W. Staib, '33—F.P.E.
A. L. Steinhuis, '33—F.P.E.
- Sigma Kappa Delta
Robert R. Corpstein, '33—E.E.
Diamond S. Dickey, '33—E.E.
Paul C. Drebes, '33—Arch.
Charles Jens, Jr., '32—F.P.E.

A theory that there is fundamentally only one disease, due to loss of electrical balance in the body, has been presented to the International Post Graduate Medical Association of North America. The author is Dr. J. E. R. McDonagh, surgeon of the London Lock Hospitals. His ideas bring together some of the recent findings of the many ways in which slight electrical effects manifest themselves in the body.

He holds that resistance to disease is the one vital factor in health, and that if the resistance is high enough, no kind of infection can get started.

This resistance, he says, depends on the state of the protein particles. The proteins are called the life carriers of the body. They are complex substances, forming an important part of body cells.

"If an invader," says Dr. McDonagh, "either of a bacterial or a chemical nature, is able to subject the protein particles to a dehydration, disease is caused—the term infection being used when the invader is a micro-organism. When the protein particles are subjected to dehydration, they part with certain absorbed constituents.

"One of the first of these to be freed is electricity; a change of energy occurs, heat instead of electrical energy being liberated, thus explaining why, when micro-organisms gain a footing in the body, the victim exhibits a rise in temperature.

"The fight between the invaded and the invader boils down to be-

Kappa Delta Tau
Edward Field, '32—Ch.E.
Phil Rosenfeld, '33—C.E.
Joe Tuckinskit, '33—Arch.

Rho Delta Rho
Herman Meyer, '33.
Theodore Cohan, '33.
Sam A. Milevsky, '32.
Albert Feinberg, '33.
Kenneth Hirsch, '32.

When 10,321 students enrolled during the first four days of registration, at the University of Illinois, it seemed imminent that all records for first semester registration would be broken, what with some five hundred expected to pay the late registration fee of five dollars and enroll yesterday. Classes at the University of Illinois started Wednesday morning, with no breaks at all until the five-day Thanksgiving lay-off.

ing one for the retention of electricity. If the parasites lose their electricity, their bodies break up and go into true solution as do the protein particles of the body when the invader gets the upper hand.

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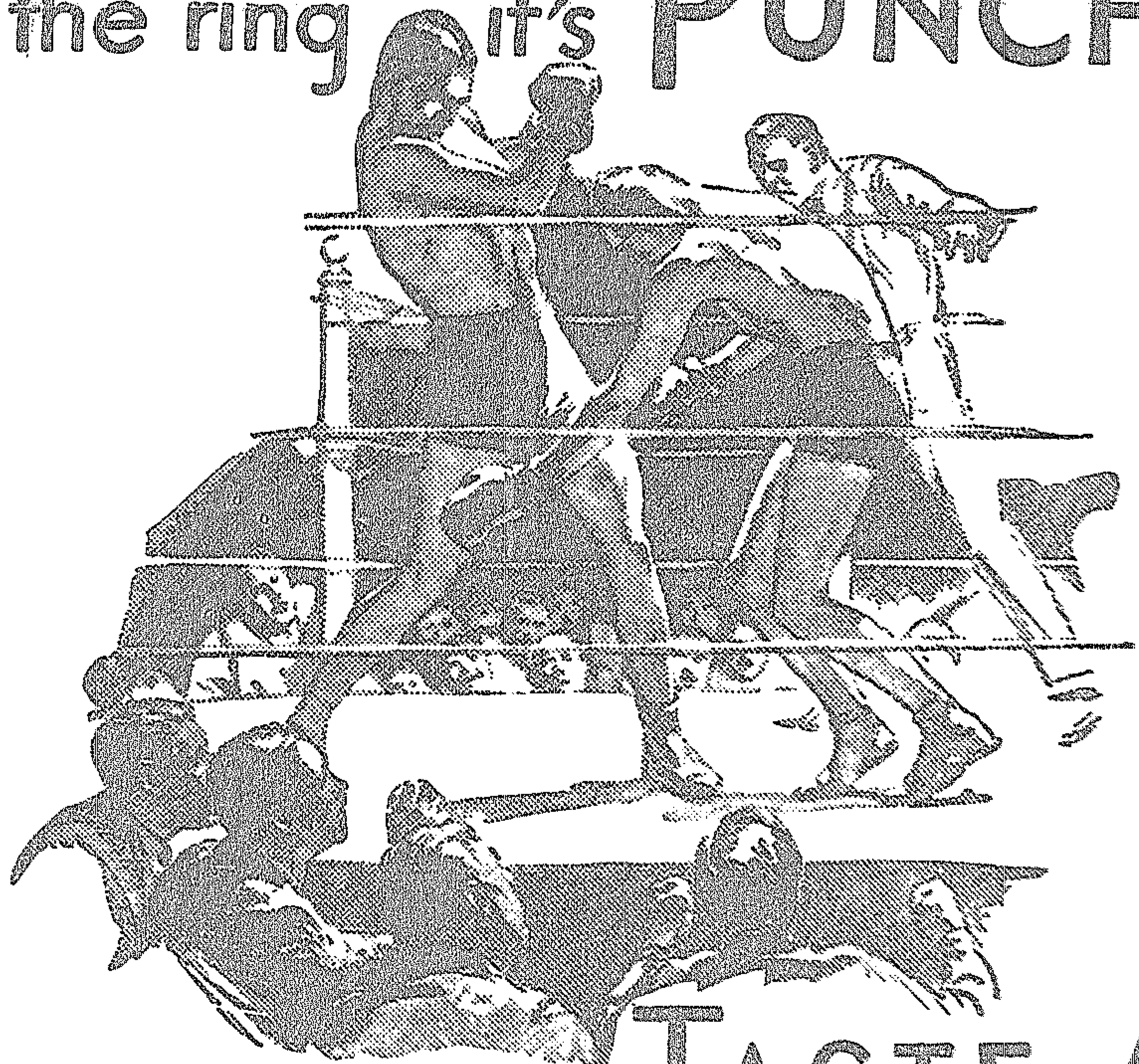
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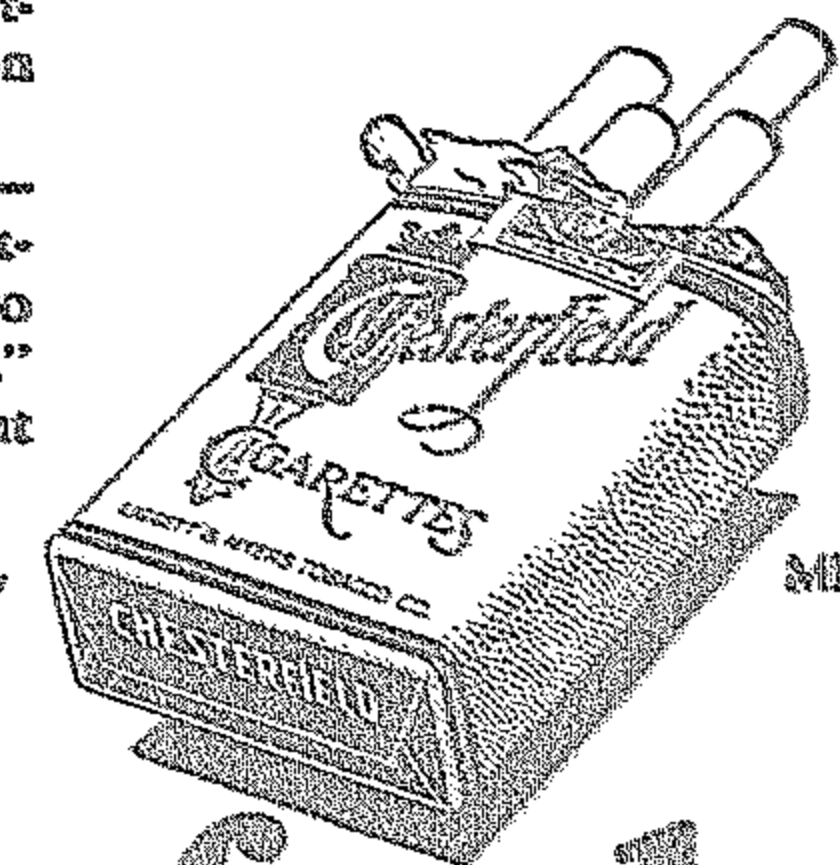


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