

REVIEWS

Fantastic Tales

In this day, much of the contemporary literature is easily classified in the prosaic novel or the sensational thriller.

These three, Lord Dunsany, James Stephens, and Lawrence Houseman, are the spell-binders. They have in common the art of fashioning a tale most fantastic, improbable, and captivating to those who can fall under their spell.

Lord Dunsany has a mighty list of books; the best are undoubtedly "The Charwoman's Shadow," "The King of Elfland's Daughter," and the "Chronicles of Dom Rodriguez."

James Stephens is of a different sort. His most outstanding work is "The Crock of Gold." This is also filled with odd creations and a most improbable tale, but differs in that, unlike the other two men, the author occasionally digresses to explain the allegorical meaning behind his writing.

Lawrence Houseman is on both sides of the fence; he writes pure fairy tales that I hesitate to recommend to college men, and yet his "Ironical Tales" are well worth the reading, these tales being deep, allegorical, and most bitterly ironical.

Two other men can be mentioned here, James Stevens and Percy Mackaye. They are exaggerators of the first water, and any book by them will contain new wonders for you to marvel at and try to conceive.

A. B. A.

New Containers for Foods Being Perfected

American Can Co. is reported to be aiding Eastman Kodak in the development of an entirely new type of container for food products which may largely displace glass and metal.

ALUMNUS DIES

John C. Hoehn, Ch. E. '12, died November 26, 1929 at the Edward Hines, Jr., Hospital from a gastric hemorrhage and chronic nephritis caused by exposure in the World War in France.

Thrill Given By Front Drive

There is no need to worry about the high cost of smash-ups in front-driven cars. The subject has been investigated by practical test. According to a report made by Ernest Wooler recently at a Cleveland Section meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers, a front-end smash-up resulted from driving a front-drive car into a brick post.

Mr. Wooler reported that he had driven a front-drive car about 2,000 miles and that other engineers of the Timken Roller Bearing Co. had run the total mileage up to about 6,000 during the preceding two months, to gain experience with the construction and the bearing problems.

No trouble was experienced from tire wear, wheel wobble, shimmy or other bad results of questionable features of design. No skidding was observed until heavy snow came on top of icy roads.

Alumnus Author of Prize Winner Book

Harry Stephen Keeler, a former student at Armour, and the author of "Sing Sing Nights," "The Spectacles of Dr. Cagliastro," and several other collections of mystery stories, recently published "The Amazing Web," a Chicago murder mystery. This story is the winner of the new Dutton Mystery Prize.

Plan to Install Radios in New York Schools

Rather startling is the idea advanced by Raymond S. Jewett, president of The Associated School Boards and Trustees of the State of New York, that schools be equipped with radios in each classroom and that the state educational departments broadcast instruction by specialists in various subjects.

"It would be perfectly feasible," says Mr. Jewett, "for the Education Department to prepare and broadcast programs during the whole school session each day which would enable many schools materially to reduce their instructional expense and give the smaller schools many advantages in the way of a varied program which they are now unable to have on account of the expense."

There seems no reason, with radio and the talking motion picture, why we should not centralize some of our school instructional service so that the best teachers in each line may multiply their effectiveness, and each community benefit by this expert instruction, much as our modern chain stores benefit by centralized accounting, purchasing, etc., administered by high-calibre men.

Cycle Material Due February 21

(Continued from page 1) Cycle by February 21, 1930. If this is not done the organization's pages will be withheld from the book.

All copy must be in the hands of the staff by February 21, 1930. This is the positive dead line according to P. E. Heath, editor-in-chief of the year book.

Not only the birds are seeking warmth during the cold, but a big, yellow and white dog sought protection in front of the main desk in Watson library today. While busy students rushed around him trying to get books from the desk, the dog slept. When a stray foot came too near his ear he merely raised his head and looked at the intruder with a sleepy expression of disgust.

THEATRE REVIEWS

ANIMAL CRACKERS

Grand Opera House

The four Marx brothers, comedians extraordinary, have been sending their audiences into spasms of laughter in their newest and funniest play "Animal Crackers."

To those who may have been slightly disappointed at the "Four Coccoanuts," the play is a revelation; the quality of the humor being excellent.

Their talkie stunts being in the play puts no blemish on their originality. Humor of action as well as of word is readily seen in the direct opposite of Groucho, who never keeps his mouth shut, and Harpo, who never says a word. Groucho's parody on the nine act work of O'Neill is very interesting. Speaking his thoughts like the characters in "Strange Interlude" he extracts humor from what is originally serious.

The brothers are musical too, that is Zeppo and Harpo. Zeppo plays quite oddly while the other picks the strings of the harp very pleasantly between scenes. There are two acts and six scenes with a long list of musical numbers, none of which are popular as yet. There is some mighty fine dancing and a specialty chorus of sixteen, the singing being of no unusual nature. The finale of the second act represents the palace of Louis 57th in which Groucho and the ladies of the court make whoopee and history. Most of the humor is well placed in the book by Irving Kaufman, but it remains for the Marx brothers to deliver it.

S. T. G.

FRATERNITY NOTES

DELTA TAU DELTA

The Armour Chapter entertained the Chicago and Northwestern Chapters at a formal dance Saturday night, February 15, 1930. Almost the entire chapters attended.

Jimmy McAlear, M.E., is back. The Delts and their friends welcome him and hope that he will not get sick again.

Tough luck! J. Duncan, F.P.E. '33 and V. A. Sturm, Ch.E. '30, ran into a negro Thursday night and broke his (the negro's) leg.

SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

Appendicitis called Emory B. Ross, F.P.E. '30, to the Illinois Masonic Hospital for another holiday. The Sigma Kaps will run without a president for the next few weeks. Have a good time, boys! Don't sit up too late.

Sigma Kappa Delta recently pledged Harold Davis, M.E. '32, and Luke Casine, Jr., C.E. '33.

Washington's birthday, February 22, 1930, will be celebrated with a Pledge Dance.

TRIANGLE

Some more boys sick. E. A. Olsen, C.E. '30, spent his holidays with that sick feeling, but is back in school now.

KAPPA DELTA TAU

These men packed up and moved, but the old Armour drag would let them go no further than 3335 South Michigan, this house being their new quarters.

IT PAYS TO LOOK WELL WHITE SANITARY BARBER SHOP

N. E. CORNER 21ST & INDIANA AVE. BACON

Junior Juice to Be Taught This Summer

This summer, as has been the custom in the past, a course will be offered in junior electrical laboratory for ambitious electricals who wish to complete the junior electricity in eight weeks. Electricals who have the required pre-requisites, are eligible to sign up. Before anything can be definitely established, however, ten men are required to signify their intentions of taking the course. Ten is the minimum because one thousand dollars is the cost of running the class, and ten men at one hundred dollars apiece would make the course economically sound. More than ten would mean a decrease in the amount each student would have to pay, the amount being proportional to the number signing up.

Those proposing to take the course in summer school were referred to as ambitious electricals. There is a reason, for the class completes the whole year of junior electricity in eight weeks. This means performing an experiment, and presenting a preliminary and a final each day during the eight weeks. While it is a hard grind, there are many advantages to enrolling in a course of this nature. In the first place, the student's energy is concentrated on one subject, which tends to produce more interest in the subject and better grades; secondly, the continuity of the subject is preserved.

Four-Speed Transmission Advantages

Addressing a recent meeting of the Northwest Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Cornelius E. Tierney, of the Graham-Paige Motor Corp., explained the practical advantages of four-speed transmissions such as are used on some of the Graham cars. He compared two cars, one having four speeds, the other three.

He considered a 4,000-pound three-speed car equipped by its manufacturer with a 4.88:1 axle-ratio which was regarded as giving excellent performance with that ratio. At a car speed of 65 miles per hour the engine speed is 3,500 revolutions per minute, which is considerably faster than the speed at the peak of the horsepower curve. With a 3.69:1 ratio as used with four-speed transmission, the engine speed at 65 miles per hour is only 2,700 revolutions per minute and the peak of the horsepower curve has not then been reached, while the torque curve has dropped only a small amount.

An extensive Viking burial ground dating from the 5th or 6th Century A. D., has been discovered near Koenigsberg.

Advertisement for Ralph's Barber Shop, 117 East 35th St. Text: GET THAT GOOD HAIRCUT AT Ralph's Barber Shop 117 EAST 35TH ST.

Advertisement for Boulevard Cafeteria, 75 E. 31st Street. Text: THE BOULEVARD CAFETERIA 75 E. 31ST STREET NEAR MICHIGAN AVE. IS KNOWN FOR QUALITY FOODS. MEALS 20c AND UP

Large advertisement for Chesterfield cigarettes. Text: ...on the lot it's ACTION! ...in a cigarette it's TASTE!

"EASY TO SAY, hard to do." Easy to claim everything for a cigarette; not so easy to give the one thing that really counts: taste. Hard to do—but Chesterfield does it. Sparkling flavor, richer fragrance, the satisfying character that makes a cigarette—because, in every step, we aim at taste...

"TASTE above everything"



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