

## REVIEWS

### OF HUMAN BONDAGE

W. Somerset Maugham

Available in the Armour library

W. Somerset Maugham has devoted, in his novel "Of Human Bondage" a great many pages to the development of a philosophy of life. It might be said that the entire book is merely a presentation of a life appropriate to this philosophy.

Maugham is quite a stylist, writing in careful, exact sentences, developing his theme slowly and deliberately, and occasionally expressing himself quite at length through the guise of his chief character. In this day of the fast and flippant novel, it is a bit of a shock to find a book like this, wherein one takes everything in its entirety. Yet the book is most modern, both in its message, and its characteristics.

Throughout the greater part of the book one feels the spell of the fatalism of the author. We grow to wonder whether the life unfolding before us will become an utter failure, or end by suicide, for the happy element in the book is not revealed until near the end.

The chief character of the book, one Philip Carey, is one well worthy of analysis. While it would be too great an undertaking to be done here, every reader has that privilege, and it is a task worthy of a good brain. Carey is, in a way, an inexplicable, enigmatic personage; though his entire life is known to you, you would hesitate in assuming that you might act and behave as he does, under similar circumstances. His life is a series of vicissitudes; he begins his education with the clergy in mind, and then rambles in accounting, art, and medicine. Whether this is a factor in his development is another problem for the reader to debate with himself.

However, the greatest interest for the serious and thinking readers lies in Carey's attitude toward the women in his life. His earlier affairs can be passed as the acts of a youth, but one meets a snag when they consider the case of a waitress with whom he falls in love, if you can use that expression for so peculiar a status. It is hard to figure out just what phase of her appeals to him; she is not pretty, is not overly friendly with him, and in no way tries to play up to him. Yet despite her actions, he longs for her. She tells him, in one incident, that she has played him for a sucker and leaves him; she returns and is with child, unmarried, and destitute, but he eagerly welcomes her back. This is not the completion of the story, but one incident; it is used to illustrate how complex the workings of Carey's mind must have been.

"Of Human Bondage" is a book well worth reading, provided that one is willing to spend a little time in thinking as one reads. It is most serious in nature, slow in action, and long in actual pages, but withal, interesting.

A. B. A.

A man of the Stout Air Services, Inc., flew from Chicago to Detroit in 90 minutes the other day. The regular time is three hours.

The city of Chicago has just sold an incinerator, which was built in 1914 for \$225,000 but never used, for \$3,000. Does that mean Chicago has money to burn, if not in an incinerator?

## Schedule Sixteen Baseball Games

Home games with the Western State Normal and DeKalb teams were added to the tentative baseball schedule published in this paper three weeks ago. It is recommended that advantage be taken of this opportunity to keep a record of the team by cutting out this schedule and keeping it for future reference.

April 10—Morton at Armour.  
April 14—Notre Dame at Notre Dame.  
April 16—"Y" College at Armour.  
April 24—DeKalb at Armour.  
April 26—Lake Forest College at Lake Forest.  
May 2—Western State Normal at Normal.  
May 3—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.  
May 7—Western State Normal at Armour.  
May 9—Michigan State Normal at Armour.  
May 14—Lake Forest College at Armour.  
May 16—"Y" College at U. of C. Field.  
May 19—Iowa "U" at Armour.  
May 23—Coe College at Armour.  
May 24—DeKalb at DeKalb.  
May 30—Iowa "U" at Iowa City.  
May 31—Coe College at Cedar Rapids.

It is very unlikely that any changes in this schedule will be made. One possible exception is the Notre Dame game. The reason for this uncertainty is due to the fact that Tom Mills, former baseball coach of Notre Dame, who made arrangements regarding this game with Coach Kraft, has left Notre Dame and is at present coaching at the University of Georgia. Hence it is probable that the new coach may contemplate other arrangements. The remainder of the schedule, according to Coach Kraft, has been agreed upon between Armour and the various schools.

## New Books Added To School Library

The library has recently received a number of new books. The majority of them are on technical subjects, but some are more general and two are fiction.

The following is a list of the most important.

"Hans Frost," Hugh Walpole; "Galaxy," Susan Ertz; "United States," T. C. Pease; "Down the World's Most Dangerous River," Clyde Eddy; "Seven Iron Men," Paul DeKruif; "Romance and Rise of the American Tropics," Samuel Crowther; "Evolution, Genetics, and Eugenics," H. H. Newman; "A Preface to Morals," Walter Tappan; "This Aviation Business," E. W. Dickman; "Applied Aerial Photography," A. C. McKinley; "Highway Curves," Howard C. Ives; "A History of Mechanical Inventions," Abbot P. Usher; "Chemistry and Civilization," A. S. Cushman; "Shale Oil," McKee; "Radio-Activity," Fajans; "Vacuum Tubes as Oscillation Generators," D. C. Prince and T. B. Vogdes; "Intimate Papers of Colonel House," Volumes 3 and 4.

In the United States the honey crop amounts to more than 55,000,000 pounds annually.

## Architects' Club Sponsors Exhibit

Men who are interested in architecture should make it a point to visit the free exhibition at 1801 Prairie avenue tonight. This is the last opportunity to see one of the most comprehensive and interesting exhibits ever sponsored by the Architects Club of Chicago. They have in their clubhouse the best work of fifteen noted practicing architects of this part of the country, architects who have made names for themselves through their application of original and successful ideas to modern building design. There is a plenitude of floor plans, elevations and perspectives, the latter also rendered in color. Some plates are accompanied by a photograph, which of course means that a building has already been erected to the specifications shown.

The Architectural Sketch Club has contributed many clever sketches which students will find a fertile source of suggestions that they may apply to their own technique.

Armour, the University of Illinois and the Lake Forest Foundation of Architecture have student plates entered in a competition, numerous prizes being ready for the winners. Some of these plates will be selected on the basis of the ballots cast by visitors, so don't leave before casting a vote for our architects.

There is a noteworthy display of various materials that go into the building of a home, namely, different bricks, stuccos, roofings and hardware of many shapes and sizes. Plumbing, light and heating fixtures have been furnished by a number of manufacturers and contractors. The exhibits include both standard and new products.

Room interiors, completely furnished and attractive in aspect have been prepared by local interior decorators. These are especially interesting because of their practical nature, both as exhibits and as examples of what may be accomplished by one who has a good sense of color values and proportion. Some good ideas on furniture grouping may be gathered in this part of the exhibition.

The show is under the management of David A. Pareira, '18, who has handled all affairs of this kind for the club during the last two years.

## Chemists Plan Use of Cellulose Crop

Maybe we shall soon be talking about the Cellulose crop. There are premonitory stirrings in the ranks of lumbermen suggestive of another one of those industrial "revolutions" that are turning the world into a merry-go-round. The chemical engineer is now saying to the lumberman: Take a big crop of small trees every ten or fifteen years instead of a small crop of big trees every hundred years—not of lumber, but of wood, cellulose. One responsive forester already visions gigantic mowing machines drawn by super-tractors.

R. L. Thomas, when he applied for a 1930 license for his automobile, found he had been driving one that didn't belong to him for six months. Now it appears he traded automobiles with some one.

## FRATERNITY NOTES

### TRIANGLE

Last week the recent initiates broke into the swing of active life and all was again quiet in the house. The date set for the mid-year "Initiates' Dance" is March 29. It will be held at the house. Brother Franks of Minnesota Chapter will be with us during his stay in Chicago.

### PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity recently pledged the following two men:  
Guy Burnett, Jr., '33, E.E.  
John W. Johnson, '32, F.P.E.

### BETA PSI

As yet no definite date for probation period has been set though it will be shortly.

William Deering has lost a portion of his forefinger as a result of an automobile accident; no other injuries were recorded.

Near the house one can always hear the thud of baseball against glove. Everyone is playing and even R. V. Goldsborough lays aside his architectural work and throws a few a la Guy Bush.

### THETA XI

Alpha Gamma of Theta Xi wishes to announce the pledging of Ray Nelson, '33, M.E.

The annual "Hard Times Party" will be held at the Chapter house next Saturday night.

### SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

An Alumni Smoker will be given at the Chapter house Friday evening, March 28th.

Last Saturday evening saw another Radio Dance which was well attended.

### KAPPA DELTA TAU

The end of the week will see the finish of probation week and the initiation of nine pledges.

## LETTER-BOX

To the Letter Box—  
Why is it that class dances at Armour are not the financial success that they should be? In my freshman year, we had Jack Chapman's orchestra and a fairly good hall to hold the dance in. Now we have to put up with a small hall, bad music and a higher tax. Why is it? At the Junior dance the hall was so crowded it was almost impossible to move, yet a deficit was reported, as at most other dances in the past. There have been very few dances here that have been financial successes and I think something ought to be done about it. It is not due to non-support of the student body, as the hall at the Junior dance was crowded to over-capacity.

If students are incapable of managing such an affair, let someone who is capable of doing so take it over.

The situation is a disgusting and a serious one.

A Disgusted Follower.



## News May Join Local College Papers

The Armour Tech News may soon join an association of college newspapers in the Chicago area, if present plans of the leaders of this association materialize. Newspapers which already belong are the Crane College "Javelin," the Loyola University "News," the De Paul College "De Paula," and the Lake Forest College newspaper. Others contemplating entering are newspapers from North Park College, Chicago Normal, Concordia Teachers College, and Armour.

The purpose of this organization is primarily to secure increased advertising from local firms through the increased circulation of the combination. The combined circulation of all the above papers is slightly over 16,000. It is planned to engage a local advertising agency to solicit advertising for the entire group on a commission basis from firms in the Chicago territory. No effort will be made to go after so-called "national" advertising through this association.

## Chinese to Begin Use of Telephotography

Did you know that, while every other nation in the world has been using the telegraph for a generation the luckless Chinese haven't been able to wire even a New Year's greeting? And why not? Simply because Chinese is a picture-language, and you can't put it over into a Morse code—nor into any other. But now, all of a sudden, all is changed; and Asia moves ahead over night!

The Radio Corporation of America has just arranged with the Chinese Government to transmit

## Alumni Notes

F. D. Payne, '28 is now working in the rating branch of the Wisconsin Inspection Bureau.

C. M. Schneider, '27 has been transferred from Madison, Wisconsin to Milwaukee. He is also working with the Wisconsin Inspection Bureau and at the present time is living with F. D. Payne.

H. A. Koge, '28 has also been transferred from Eau Claire to Milwaukee, where he has joined his former classmates.

W. T. Watt, '17 who was formerly an instructor in electricity at Lane Technical High School, Chicago, is now connected with the Chicago Branch of the Fairbanks-Morse Company.

G. H. Van Gehr, '28 is dividing his time between his work in the patent office and going to school.

J. W. Kent, '27 is with the Missouri Inspection Bureau. Last Saturday he flew to the Sigma Kappa Delta Banquet from St. Louis.

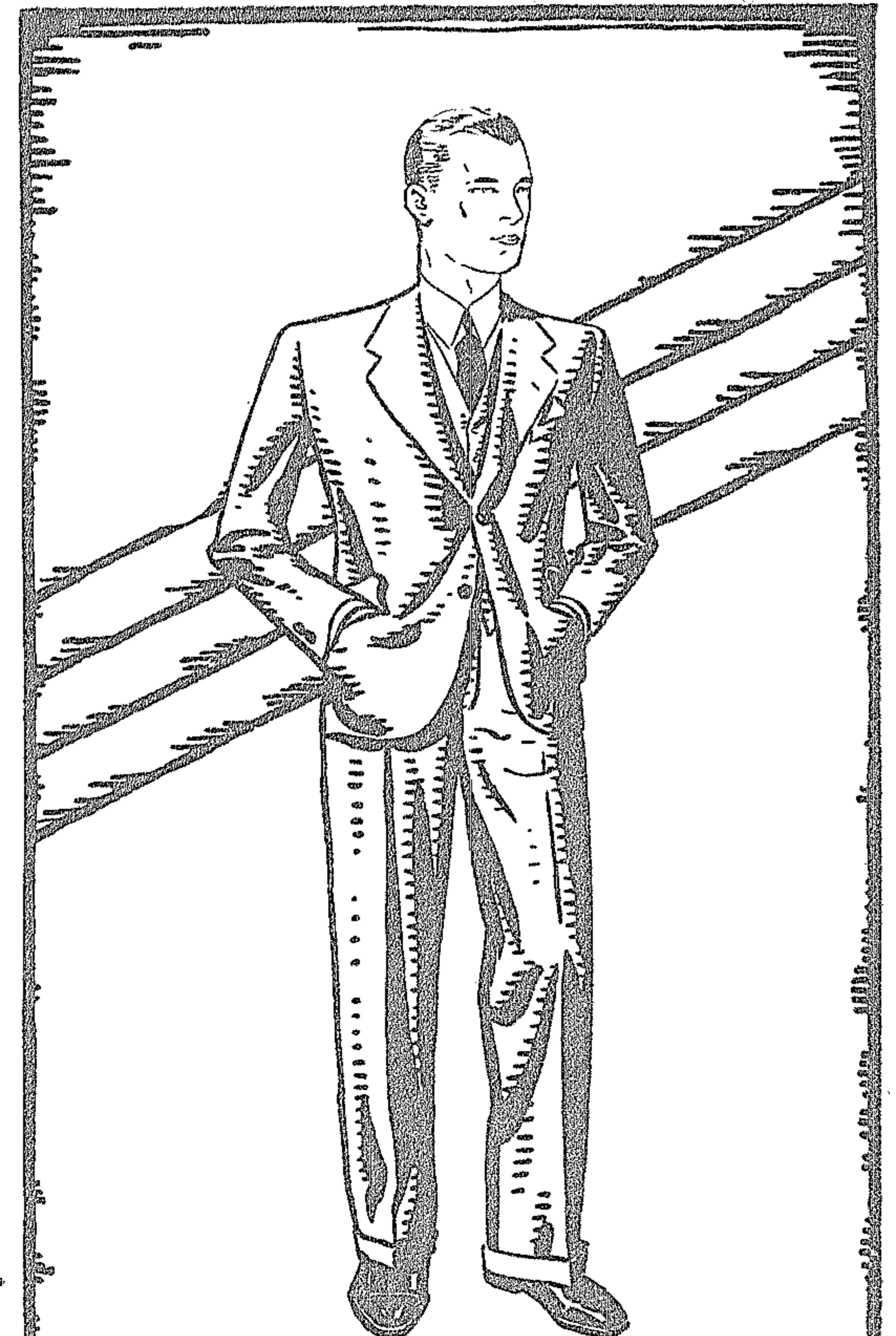
P. S. Deiwert, '28 is recuperating in a hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He will be ready for work in a short time according to the latest news.

messages in the original Chinese characters by telephotography.

You know how our newspapers now telegraph photographs, and how our banks send signatures over the wire? Well, that is how friend John Chinaman will be shooting night-letters to his agent in Hankow commanding him to buy eight bales of hog bristles. . . . Conservative business men predict that the entire trade and politics of China will be revolutionized by this American invention within a few years.—

Walter B. Pitkin in The American Magazine.

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