

Gossip About Literary Folk Of Prominence

ANNA KATHARINE GREEN, whose detective stories have fascinated millions of people, is Mrs. Charles Rohlf in private life. "Servants, as a class," she said recently, "are excellent. I have no sympathy with those women who say it is impossible to get good servants. I admit, though, that now and then an impossible servant turns up. An impossible servant, a cook turned up at the house of a friend of mine last week. This cook was from New Hampshire. She came to my friend with a high recommendation from an employment agency, but as soon as she entered the house she began to ask the most impertinent questions.



ANNA KATHARINE GREEN.

"My friend answered her questions with civility, but in the end they reached a point where civility would no longer serve.

"I see you have a daughter. What is her name?" said the new cook.

"Margaret," my friend answered.

"Margaret?" said the cook. "Dear me! I guess you'll have to call her something else while I'm here, for my name's Margaret too."

Rev. Charles Wagner, who wrote "The Simple Life," a book that was highly praised by President Roosevelt, spoke in a New York church one Sunday when he visited America some months ago. After the address, says the New York Times, a reception was held in the vestry. Pastor Wagner became the center of a bevy of women, from whom he attempted to extricate himself in vain. Finally he was approached by an elderly matron gushing over with enthusiasm.



REV. CHARLES WAGNER.

"Oh, Mr. Wagner," she exclaimed, "I am so delighted to see you! I have enjoyed your operas so much!"

Pastor Wagner fled.

Chief among the several factors that make or mar the successful launching of a novel is the question of its title. Not many months ago Booth Tarkington was lamenting to a friend that his new novel had not yet been christened.

"What is the main idea of the novel?" his companion asked.

"Well, the hero is a really fine young fellow who has grown up with a bad name somehow—give a dog a bad name, you know—and every man's hand is against him, and he has a pretty tough time of it for years, but finally he winds up by conquering the town."

His friend pondered a moment. "Why not call it the conquest of something or other?" he suggested helpfully.

"What conquests have there been in titles already?" asked the author.

"Well," returned the other, "there's the 'Conquest of Youth'—that wasn't fiction, and—and the conquest of Canaan." he finished humorously.

"The conquest of Canaan?" repeated Tarkington slowly. "What's that?"

His friend laughed. "Why, by Joshua!" he said. "Don't you know your Bible, man?"

"It's the very thing!" said Mr. Tarkington triumphantly. "We'll call the town Canaan, and the book 'The Conquest of Canaan.' It's just what I want. Besides, the part of Indians where the story is laid is full of Biblical names—Zionsville, New Palestine, Lebanon, and so on."

And "The Conquest of Canaan" it was.

There are peculiar people who pose as famous authors and get quite a little glory out of the sham for a time. Richard Harding Davis, novelist and war correspondent, was in New Mexico a year ago attending a performance of his farce, "The Dictator," when a young man near by entered into conversation with him. The young man proved to be entertaining. He was tall and strong, and he had been, he said, in every part of the world. Princes, dukes, rajahs, sultans and even kings were numbered among this individual's friends.

At the end of the performance he shook Mr. Davis heartily by the hand.

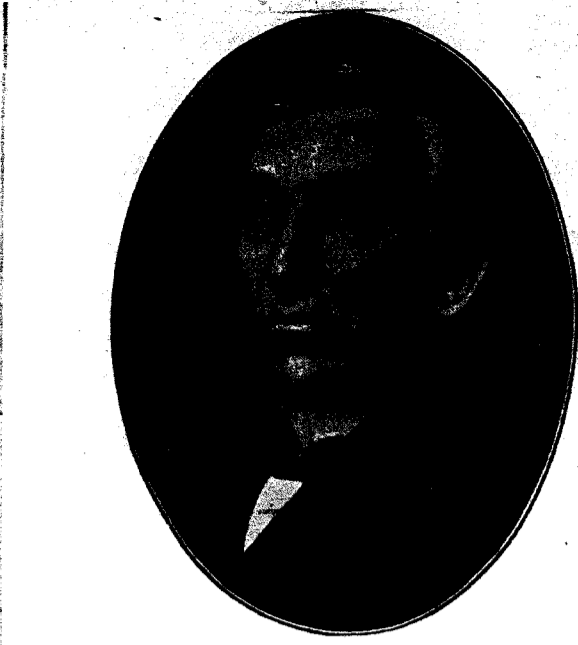
"I hope," he said, "that we may meet again. I am Richard Harding Davis."

"Are you?" said Mr. Davis, laughing. "So am I."

One day in Egypt Mr. Davis was studying the pyramids when a guide approached and said to him:

"It took hundreds of years to build them monuments, sir."

"A government job, eh?" said the novelist.



E. R. REDHEAD, ESQ.,

Who Has Been President of the Chamber of Commerce Since It Was Organized in This City Several Years Ago, but Who Declines a Renomination.

AMUSEMENTS.

The announcement of the coming of Edison's Life-O-Rama, presenting the Great Britt Nelson fight, to Stephens Opera House on Wednesday, Jan. 17, will be pleasant news to our amusement goers. This season the management has added several new features to please and interest, and we are assured that the exhibition will excel anything in attractiveness yet seen under the title of moving pictures. Secure your seats in advance: 10, 20 and 30 cents at Watson's.

That Maelyn Arbuckle in George Ade's splendid comedy "The County Chairman" which will be presented at the Richardson Theatre on Friday, Jan. 19, has made a big hit in every city where it has played, is attested by the crowded houses which greet it. So much has already been said and written about the charm, atmosphere and delicious drolleries of Mr. Ade's play, that little remains to be added. Certainly no play has been written in years which is as graphic and rich in laughter as this comedy. It is a production of the highest class and all the elements which attract refined theatre goers are fashion, wit, delicious and forcible style. In the development the play has been so handled that all the features of light comedy and intense dramatic episodes are exploited in the third act, which brings together all the clever members of the cast which Mr. Arbuckle has disposed in this piece. No bigger production of comedy has ever been seen in this city, and the movement of the four score people who have been admirably drilled, in the great scenes, never fail to arouse the audience to greatest enthusiasm. In the interpretation nothing has been left undone to make "The County Chairman" a delightfully high class performance and there is every reason to believe this transcript so realistically put in stage form, will continue to delight audiences for some time to come. Maelyn Arbuckle's unusually strong original cast contains a number of favorite actors, all of whom have been accorded warm receptions. Noted among whom are Willis P. Sweatnam, Dorothy Hummer, Clarence Daisiny, George Christy, Edwin Chapman, Christine Blessing, E. R. Phillips, Frank Perlee, Charles Fisher, W. J. Gross and others.

This is the same company that appeared in the Welting, Syracuse, on Christmas day.

A special train of two cars will leave the O. & W. Depot, Fulton, at 7:15 p. m., returning at 11 o'clock, or after the performance. Prices 25 cents to \$1.50. Seats now on sale at Watson's drug store.

Vogel's Minstrels.

A performance of superior excellence may be looked for next Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, at the Stephens Opera House, for John W. Vogel's big city minstrels, with all the novelties and varying specialties which this popular

manager has found it possible to crowd into a performance of this kind will be there.

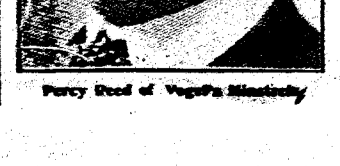
Vogel has long been recognized as the king of minstrelsy, adding each succeeding year considerable strength and beauty to what has always in the past been accepted as a perfect presentation.

Al. H. Tyrrell heads the happiness this season, his inimitable monologue always proving amusing, especially to the ladies, his aim having always been to please instead of offending the fairer sex, this fact being responsible for his great popularity.

John Cartmell, Fred Varin, Joe Egan and Eddie Kennedy are other bidders for approval in the fun-making festival, while Harry Leighton, Master Newton See, Edmond Balz, Will T. Haley, Percy Reed, Willard Darcy (Campbell), Joe Combs, Geo. J. Collins, J. E. Emerson, H. A. Shambaugh, Wm. Carlota and the Louisiana Glee Club form, what is heralded as, the strongest vocal party ever heard in minstrels.

The olio is a long one and of the unusual kind. Carlota and Silverton, phenomenal artists on the high wire, are a foreign importation, this being their first American appearance, having to their credit a season's run at the London Hippodrome.

Messrs. Egan and Kennedy, terpsichorean artists of the highest order; Cycle Hay, comedy trick cyclist, fill out the diversified bill, which promises to be the best of the kind ever seen here. Prices 25, 35, 50 and 75 cents; seats now on sale at Watson's drug store.



Percy Reed of Vogel's Minstrelsy

Some of Your Neighbors will probably be quick to take advantage of the offer which is being made by the Vernal Remedy Company, of LeRoy, N. Y., to send free of charge to every reader of the Times who writes for it, a trial bottle of Vernal Palmettona (Palmetto Berry Wine), the household remedy that is attracting the attention of physicians and the public at large, for the reason that it is the best specific known for the quick and permanent cure of all diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, and urinary organs. The proprietors want everyone to try the remedy before investing any money, so that all can convince themselves that it is the greatest restorative and tonic in the world. Better send to-day and check your disease at once, for if you wait a week or two it may be too late. Only one dose a day is necessary.

Erectness A Sign of Personal Power. Now in this article I shall try, in the briefest manner possible to make clear two things of which I am firmly convinced. First, that there are possibilities of physical development far beyond the present achievements; and secondly, that there are certain very simple methods by which these possibilities may in every case be attained.

The first object of physical methods should be to straighten and expand the body. The world may, in a broad general way, be divided into two great classes—the erect and the in erect, the strong and the weak. The epoch makers, the Cromwells, Luthers, Napoleons, Wellingtons, Washingtons and Websters, have been men marked by a straight spine and a broad, high, deep chest. They mastered millions, the defeated ones, have been the in erect.—W. R. C. Latson, M. D., in "A Rational System of Physical Development" in the Outing Magazine for December.

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YOUNG IN SPIRIT.

The Venerable Dr. Edward Everett Hale Does Not Feel Old.

At eighty-three the Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale is one of the youngest ministers in the United States in so far as freshness of intellect and interest in public affairs may be taken to stand for youth. As chaplain of the United States senate the duties of Dr. Hale are more honorable than arduous, but there are other things to claim his attention. He has been a prolific writer for over half a century and still maintains a literary output. One of the leading magazines is now publishing a most interesting series of articles by him on "Tarry at Home Travels."

When the distinguished clergyman learned of his appointment as chaplain



REV. DR. EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

of the senate he remarked to a friend: "All my life I've been praying for those Washington fellows. Now I'll pray at 'em, and may God help 'em."

Although the reverend gentleman was named for the office by Republicans, there is very little partisanship in his prayers. His welcome to the senate chamber was just as cordial from Democrats as from Republicans. He preached in his old church in Boston shortly after his appointment as chaplain was announced. In the course of his sermon he referred to three great anniversaries during the month of December.

"At the close of my sermon," said the venerable divine, "a young man from one of our Boston newspapers came to me.

"You mentioned three great anniversaries in your sermon as occurring in the month of December," said he. "One of them was the landing of the pilgrims. The other was the shortest day in the year. I have forgotten the other. Will you be kind enough to tell me what it was?"

"It is the day," I replied, "which is regarded as the foundation day of a great religion and of a great Christian precept. It is observed over a very large portion of the civilized world."

Then the young reporter remembered that Christmas was coming.

OWEN JOHNSON, NOVELIST.

His "In the Name of Liberty" and Russia's Revolution.

"In the Name of Liberty," Owen Johnson's second venture in fiction, appeared on the very eve of the upheaval in Russia, and his story of what Paris witnessed in 1793 during the "terror" helps to a better understanding of the marvelous doings described in the news dispatches from St. Petersburg and



OWEN JOHNSON.

Moscow. General Horace Porter, former American ambassador to France, recently said of this book:

"I read 'In the Name of Liberty' with a great deal of interest and was impressed by the power of graphic description displayed by the author. He seemed to depict very vividly the scenes enacted in Paris during the 'terror.' It has been said by a French critic discussing the construction of French dramas that that period in French history was so dramatic it could not be dramatized. Mr. Johnson in the form of a romance has brought the stirring incidents of that appalling crisis before the reader in a most dramatic manner. The book seems to have a peculiar attraction for the reader at the present time because of the reign of terror in Russia. I knew Mr. Johnson in Paris and for several years found him a diligent student of French history and traditions. He there familiarized himself with the many scenes woven into his story and without this preparation could not have depicted the daily life of the Paris streets during the 'terror' so graphically."

Mr. Johnson, who is only twenty-six years of age, is the only son of Robert Underwood Johnson, the poet and editor.

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BRYAN'S LETTERS; ROOSEVELT BEARS.

These Two Big Newspaper Features Have Been Secured For the Sunday Courier.

Hon. William J. Bryan is making a trip around the world. He has already reached China. During the progress of his tour he will be entertained by royalty—he was the guest a few days ago of the Mikado of Japan—and he will have unusual opportunities to observe the customs, habits and laws of the various foreign countries. He will write one letter a week, about two columns in length to a selected group of papers in this country. The Courier will publish these letters, the first one appearing next Sunday. That this is an extraordinary feature, no one will doubt, and that the Courier was able to obtain it is a source of gratification to that wide-awake paper. Regardless of Mr. Bryan's views, he is always interesting, and as he is a trained newspaper writer his letters undoubtedly will be both entertaining and educational.

The Courier has also obtained another remarkable feature. The Roosevelt Bears. The Bears are travelling from the Rockies to New York and thence to foreign countries. They are accompanied by reporters who record their queer antics. Their names are Teddy B., and Teddy G. The first installment of this extraordinary series of stories appeared in the Courier January 7th. The Bryan articles will begin Sunday, January 14th.

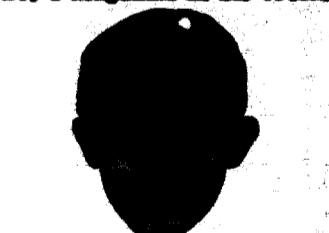
The January American Boy.

The publishers of The American Boy have certainly set for themselves a hard task if they can improve upon the January number of that "greatest boy's paper in the world." From cover to cover it is filled with matter that boys delight in. No. 3 of the editor's stories out of his own life, entitled "Won By a Cheat," tells of the temptation and fall of a boy who stood high among his fellows; "Relief of the North Branch Fort," is a story of the bravery of two boys who, at the risk of their lives, brought relief to a fort besieged by Indians; Part III. of "The Joy Claim" is given, which ends that interesting story. The opening chapters of "Denny, a Mule Driver," are given. This is a story which is sure to please its readers. There are two more chapters of "A French Frog and an American Eagle." "Two Boys, Two Burglars and a Telephone" tells how the ingenious work of two boys prevented a serious burglary and captured the burglars. "How Ironaxe Got His Honey" is an amusing story of two boys, a pair of honey and Indians. "History Head" tells of the bravery and presence of mind of a boy while working during vacation, and "Jupiter, the Hairless Calf," tells of the experiences of two boys with a calf. Among the many articles are, "How America Came by

Its Name," "Prospect Hill," "American Boy Day in 1898," "Through Celestial Spaces," an astronomer's dream; "Bird Studies," "The Language of the Ship," "Money in Woods," "Recovering Historic Wrecks Near Detroit," "Hezekiah Butlerworth, a Friend of American Boys," "Boys Take Care of Your Teeth," "Benjamin Franklin," being No. 3 of *Best of Great Americans* series; "Robinson Crusoe's Gun Now Owned by an American," "Using Boy Energy to Advantage in the Schools," "How to make a Mountain," etc., etc. All the various departments of Amateur Journalism, Stamps, Coins and Curls; The Boy Photographer; The Boy Mechanic and Electrician; Boys' Brain Surgery; Tangle; Boys' Books Reviewed; and the Order of The American Boy, are simply filled with instruction and information for the boys. There are over 22 illustrations. Subscription price \$1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

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