# Some Books for a Rainy Day and a Nice, Long Influenza Quarantine, Which Are Entertaining (Most of Them) While Some Few Are Really Worth While and of Value

By DOLLY DALRYMPLE

FAR be it from me to set myself up as a book critic; it takes "intellect" to fill that job, and I confess to only a modicum of intelligence, besides, I have too omniverous a literary appetite to make a good critic because I'll read anything under the sun that comes my way, good, bad or indifferent, and most of the time enjoy it, and that places me in the position of not being critical enough; but—anyway—what I started out to say is this:

During the influenza quarantine I've had time and to spare, so—I've read world without end—Amen—books! books! books!

I'm just "passing this on" for what it is worth; I didn't pick and choose you'll see, because that would have required a visit to the city—but I just read what was "handy."

First of all, let me recommend heartily and fully my friend Mr. H. G. Wells in his latest and one of his very best pieces of fiction "Joan and Peter." Mr. Wells calls his new novel "The Story of an Education," it really is a wonderful tirade concerning modern education and Mr. Wells has worked in a manner reminiscent of "The New Machiavelli," which is to say that he treats of the field of education as "The New Machiavelli" treated of the fields of politics.

Then I read two of H. DeVoto Stacpoole's stories; I'd never read any of this author's books before and "The Man Who Lost Himself" and "The Ghost Girl" I found light "Airy-Fairy-Lillian" sort of stuff—out on the "mystery" effect plans and specifications.

Next came Mr. Phillips Oppenheim around whom more than ever my interest centers just now since we've had news from "Over There" that my editor with the party of American newspapermen who are the guests of the British government has met the eminent novelist. "The Zeppelin's Passenger" is a thrilling romance of the war—almost as interesting as Mary Roberts Rinehart's "Ten Amazing Interlude."

Are you an Arnold Bennett fan? Then get "The Pretty Lady." I warn you, however, that it's the naughtiest, bad-est book I've read in many moons; it has been "thrown out" of the New York library and it "doesn't circulate," I'm told in wicked Chicago, except among an "elite" few, the librarian's "coterie." Like M. Henri Barbusse's great novel, "The Inferno," it has been "Comstock-ed." If I may use the expression, "The Pretty Lady" simply astounded me, for all the things I've ever read before of Mr. Bennett's have been as proxy as a chapter from Euclid; his "Clayhanger" stuck us in the mire and "The Book of Carlotta" is as cold as an arctic expedition; ditto "The Old Adam," his "Pocket Philosophies," such as "How to Live on Twenty Four Hours a Day," "The Author's Craft" and "Literary Taste" pleaze the most discriminating, but here we have Mr. Bennett writing a story which, believe me, my friends, is not intended for a "jeunne fille" neither for a wilow who konws a thing or two; but a book for men in a world of men, no padding, understand; no bunk; just a human document, reminiscent of Balzac and Zola—and other disciples of realism—written by a secretary of society who, in this offering, thinks clearly and sees straight.

Then along came slangy, clever, and Miss Edna Ferber's new volume of "Short Stories," entitled "Cheerful—By Request," which story, by the way, is not by any manner of means the best in the collection; "The Tough Guy," "The Woman Who Tried to be Good," "The Hooker-Up-the-Back," "Sophie-as-She-Might-Have-Been" and "Shore Leave" are classics.

I adore Julia of the Lady's maid staff at the hotel in "The Hooker-up-the-Back," and her wise philosophy; witness her observations of the lady in "Number Two-Eighteen" at the hotel, who goes swinging out into the hallway bedecked in cerise satin and feathers. Julia observes her and makes one of the most characteristic remarks of her lady's maid career:

"Life," says the quintessent Julia, "to that woman is just one darned pair of long white gloves after another. Look at her! Why is it that kind of face is always wearing sables and diamonds? Sables and diamonds, indeed, though, seem a small enough reward for carrying around a mug like that!"

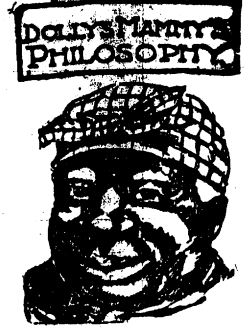
And then I read a bright little war story, "Green and Gay," by somebody named Lee Holt; also "The Magnificent Ambersons," Booth Tarkington's latest novel; our own Mary Johnston's "Foes," a vivid tale of the Scottish moors and rebellion, told in her happiest style.

I read the "The Book of Ruth," "The Book of Esther," and "The Proverbs," dwelling especially upon the thirty-first and last chapter of the last named, recalling one of the most beautiful sermons I have ever heard preached which had that chapter as its text—the praise and properties of a good woman, and then I've read the ninety-first Psalm every day—through a friend of mine who has a friend who is a Christian Scientist who told her of its especial significance during famine and pestilence; and particularly of its bearing upon Christian Science—the foundation rock of this religious movement.

And now comes a little volume of tremendous interest—"Secretary Baker at the Front"—a vivid, stirring narrative of the secretary's visit "Over There," written by his secretary, Ralph A. Hayes; [illegible] with all this polyglot, inconsequent lot of reading I injected a bit of "Marcus Aurelius"—than whom none is more desirable for sanity, and genuine hard old common or garden variety of sense; whenever I get to flying too high in literary circles I drop back to "Friend Marcus," and I find myself suddenly jerked up as it were, and made to see things in a very practical way.

"The White Flame of France" is a charming book by Maude Redford Warren, giving this clever woman's experiences during the early stages of the war and written in a most pleasing, exhilarating style. Amelie Rives—the Princess Troubetskoy—to whom we always look for something sensational from the time her first book, "The Quick or the Dead," was published and which shocked the ever fastidious to a degree—until the present day—presents "The Ghost Garden" in a very tame and un-Amelie Rives-like manner; while a volume of Alice Hegan Rice's "Short Stories," which she calls "Miss Mink's Soldier and Other Stories," is diverting enough for either saint or sinner.

## DOLLY DALRYMPLE'S PHILOSOPHY



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## BECOMING NATION OF BOND HOLDERS

By HOLLAND

New York, October 26.—(Special.) Search was made this morning by four or five men who in the past have had experience upon a large scale in important financing and in the movements of the financial district so that they could find out if possible how many individual holders of bonds of all descriptions there were in the United States prior to the outbreak of the European war or at least until England and France floated large blocks of bonds in this country. For there appears to be increasing interest in the estimate of the aggregate number of individual subscriptions to the bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan. More and more there seems to be understanding of the great importance which the increase in the number of individual subscriptions of bond offerings suggests.

It was not possible to get a wholly accurate estimate of the number of individual bond holders in the United States as that was three or four years ago. But it was discovered that an excellent estimate was made by good authority that there were not more than 9,000,000 individual holders in this country perhaps as late as 1916, certainly as late as

Now from 22,000,000 [illegible] viduals in the Unit[illegible] vested in bonds, and [illegible] and sudden accumulation of new capital. That capital must be employed in remunerative undertakings, foreign commerce, the development of our farm lands, the increase of our mining activities and the expansion and improvement of our railroads. And it is one of the unexpected and astonishing effects of the war that the entire United States has within a yead and a half so mobilized its savings and its income as to make it possible to create new capital, today represented by $12,000,000,000 of the best grade of negotiable securities and possibly within another year an additional $12,000,000,000, making $24,000,000,000 in all. The new securities thus obtained will be equal to 50 per cent of the aggregate volume of securities that was before the European war broke out. They will be found to be in excess of the aggregate of railroad securities. The railroads were three-fourths of a century in marketing their securities, while this mobilization in a year and a half of savings and income made by the people of the United States has resulted in new securities that are in excess of all the railroad securities. Yet railroad securities at the beginning of the war were often spoken of as the largest aggregate of securities ever marketed with the American people.

## PERSONAL

Sergt. F. T. Brooks, marine recruiting officer here, is ill with influenza.

Dr. Carl Fox is recovering from an attack of pneumonia and expects to return to his office Monday.

# RED CROSS BULLETIN

IMPORTANT

Will all chairmen at workrooms please send any of the following articles, whether worked upon or samples given them: Holiness shirts, boys' suits, operating gowns, women's house dresses. These articles belong to the August and September allotment and must be forwarded as soon as possible, as New Orleans is demanding them.

MRS. JOHN LONDON, Chairman.

## RED CROSS NOTES

It has been necessary to postpone the Alabama state home service convention, which was to be held in Montgomery this week.

Three Red Cross units that tied for the $50 prize awarded by the woman's department of the Alabama State Fair for the best articles displayed, have given the money to the Red Cross chapter with the understanding that it be used to purchase sheets for the linen shower now in progress.

The units which received the prize included the Ridgely, Ensley Highlands Needlework circle, and the Graysville.

We are indebted to the Crumley Chapel Red Cross unit, Mrs. A. W. Varnon, chairman, for a donation of $27 to the linen shower.

The committee of the Red Cross linen shower is still pleading for more sheets and towels. All eastern members who would like to contribute through their chapters and receive credit for same, bring them to the information desk at Red Cross headquarters. Let us not let the O. E. S. fall short of our duty.

MRS. C. M. DE WITT,
Chairman of O. E. S. Linen Shower.

## NURSES NEEDED

An urgent request has been received for 1500 nurses and nurses' aides between the ages of 25 and 45, for immediate service overseas. Compensations of all expenses and $30 [illegible] will be paid. No one with brother, husband or [illegible] need apply, for they cannot go. For further information call Mrs. [illegible] Hughes, Main [illegible], Mrs. [illegible] Clements, after 5 o'clock, Main [illegible]. Classes will be started at once for [illegible] for those who are [illegible].

## DECEMBER BUSY MONTH

December will be an active month [illegible] Everybody is assisting in the Red Cross roll call. There will be junior four-minute contests, held in co-operation with the committee on public information, the subject of the speeches being "Why You Should Join the Red Cross." The preparation of the speeches will be a part of the regular English work. Preliminary and semi-final contests will be held and the final contest decides upon the winners, whose names will be placed on the four-minute men roll of honor at Washington. This will be held during the early part of the membership campaign and in the presence of the residents of the school community. The junior bazar will be held during December, also.

A health campaign will be held during January, the Junior Red Cross co-operating with the council of national defense and several health organizations.

"International Friendship" will be the February slogan of the juniors. Pupils will compete in writing messages to the children of various European figures. The best ones will be printed in the foreign languages and distributed in the respective schools overseas.

In co-operation wit hother organizations, the Junior Red Cross will focus its efforts on community sanitation during March.

During April an effort will be made to put every vacant plot of ground under cultivation. This will be done in co-operation with various established agricultural agencies.

The result of the year's work in the school will be demonstrated through the medium of exhibits, pageants, pageas and fiestas by way of celebrating the closing of the schools for the summer vacation.

## Ginning Figures

Washington, October 25.—Cotton ginned prior to October 18 amounted to 6,790,038 running bales, including 115,535 round bales and 9780 bales of Sea Island, the census bureau today announced.

Cotton ginner prior to October 18 last year amounted to 5,573,604 bales, including 106,998 round bales and 43,815 bales of Sea Island. To the same date in 1916 ginnings were 7,303,183 bales, including 186,880 round bales, and 65,040 of Sea Island.

Ginnings by states follow:

Alabama, 435,520.
Arizona, 6692.
Arkansas, 447,084.
California, 31,831.
Florida, 11,831.
Georgia, 1,277,756.
Louisiana, 324,888.
Mississippi, 583,961.
Missouri, 19,916.
North Carolina, 295,841.
Oklahoma, 845,992.
South Carolina, 795,846.
Tennessee, 131,837.
Texas, 3,060,555.
Virginia, 2626.
All other states, 1,208.
Sea Island ginnings by states:
Florida, 4058.
Georgia, 5006.
South Carolina, 716.

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Postmaster General Burleson's Bulletin No. 4, dated August 15, 1918, directed all telephone companies, until other-

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