

## Tang of Life

**W**RITTEN by a man with several Western stories already to his credit the charm of *Tang of Life* comes from the author's thoro knowledge and love of his locality. But this book has an appeal wider than that of just a rousing cowboy yarn, mainly because of its very excellent character work. There are a great many persons directly and indirectly involved in the plot and all of them are real, flesh and blood people.

Jim Waring, gunman and hunter of bad men, is the hero for a while, but gradually his son, Lorry, a chip off the old block, takes the center of the stage. When Lorry applies for work at the Forestry Office, Torrance decides "that a young man who could capture a holdup man, best the notorious High Chin in a fight, repair a broken automobile, turn a prisoner loose, and make his own escape all within the short compass of forty-eight hours, was a rather capable person in a way."

When Jim Waring sets out to "get" the man who killed his pal in an unfair fight and when Lorry helps run the I. W. W. out of the town of Sterling, there is action galore. The book closes with the news of our entrance into the war and the call for young men to enlist. So Lorry "sets his face toward the High Trail."

*Tang of Life*, by Henry Herbert Knibbs.  
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## Old Friends

**A** new book by Edna Ferber can be sure of a spontaneous welcome from high-brows and low-brows alike. The people in her stories are real folks; "Sophy as she might have been," "the gay old dog," "the woman who tried to be good," "the tough guy" and "the self-complacent young cub" are all alike in one chief characteristic—they are predominantly human. In *Cheerful—By Request* these folks, and others, enliven a dozen of Edna Ferber's latest stories with their triumphs and their trials. The dozen are all good stories—that goes without saying—but they are more than that, they are stories it will do you good to read.

*Cheerful—By Request*, by Edna Ferber. Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1.40.