

#### THRU THE EYES OF A WESTERN CHILD

Somewhere out in the Missouri valley, east of that indolent river, lived a little girl, in the years when the prairie was unplowed and wild flowers, now vanished, were as tall as she. Out of those days in the early West has grown the *Stepdaughter of the Prairie*, by Margaret Lynn, a volume full of the fresh charm that prairie-lovers knew, the wind that rippled the tall grass into a mimic lake whispers thru its pages mysterious messages from a child's heart and from the nation's childhood, now a memory, but a vital influence in the history of our country.

Macmillan. \$1.25.

#### MOROCCO THE BIZARRE

This title is well chosen, for the volume in which George Edmund Holt has embodied his experiences while American Consul-General to Morocco is neither a guide-book for tourists or a statistical study, but fugitive observations of country and people written in a humorous style.

McBride, Nast. \$2.

#### INCREASING SHAKESPEAREAN LITERATURE

"Multum in parvo" would well describe the compact little volume into which Professor Neilson and Professor Thorndike have put all *The Facts About Shakespeare* that are of value in estimating his life and work. The style of presentation is simple and direct, and the facts are handled in a judicious and constructive way. It is an ideal handbook for the reader and student and is issued in connection with the complete set of "The Tudor Shakespeare."

Macmillan. 35 cents.

#### A SYMPOSIUM ON HELL

If the question *Is There a Hell?* can be decided by a poll of distinguished theological and religious leaders, then only those with clear consciences may look into the future with unruffled minds. The sixteen contributors to this symposium answer the question in the affirmative, and not only discourse on the certainty of hell, but explain the justice of it, give its "history," describe what it is like, declare it to be a "philosophic necessity," show how it "completes the universe," and assure fearful mortals that verily "the love of God is the efficient cause of the burning pains

of hell and purgatory." This would seem justification enough to continue the existence of hell, at least for a generation or two.

Funk & Wagnalls. 60 cents.

#### LAMBASTING THE FATHERS

Following the fashion popular among a certain school of historians, Allan Benson has republished the series of papers which appeared in *Pearson's Magazine* under the heading, *Our Dishonest Constitution*. Having had the shackles fastened on us by capitalistic forebears, he advocates the repudiation of all state and national debts, which he says are inventions of servitude for the working class.

Huebsch. \$1.

#### WHAT CONSCIENCE WILL DO

An impossible heroine revelling in self-sacrifice and self-effacement handicaps Ellen Thornecroft Fowler's latest book, *Her Ladyship's Conscience*. The results of the Conscience force the author to kill the rival crudely in order to bring about the desired happy ending. The conversation and description are often curiously stilted as if the fondness of the writer for portraying the Victorian in character had left its mark upon her style, but the clever, epigrammatic remarks of the characters redeem the book.

Hodder & Stoughton. \$1.25.

#### CLASSIFYING GOVERNMENT

The long-felt need of a cyclopedia of American government containing brief and specific discussions of many aspects of the field has been satisfied by the *Cyclopedia of American Government* edited by Prof. Andrew C. McLaughlin, of the University of Chicago, and Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University. The work includes the theory or philosophy of political society, the forms of political organization, and the methods and agencies by which law or governmental purposes are usually carried out. Only the first volume, from Abattoirs to Finality, has appeared, but, judging from it, the work deserves careful consideration on the part of all who specialize in government and also by the layman as the source of much valuable information.

D. Appleton & Co.

#### MODERN MIRACLE PLAY VERSE

Mrs. Marks (Josephine Preston Peabody) has now given us three plays. Of these *Marlowe*, the earliest, was the most dramatic and made her reputation; *The Piper*, after some years, disclosed her gift for religious sentiment, with diminished dramatic effect; and now *The Wolf of Gubbio* sets this sentiment before us in what is no drama at all, but a charming lyric in dialog. When we know that the Wolf has long terrorized the village of Gubbio, and that at last he meets St. Francis of Assisi, we know all the plot. In style and method the poem is intentionally—and perhaps unfortunately—exotic; Mrs. Marks has followed the naïve manner of the English miracle plays, thereby denying herself any moments of exalted or deep expression, and depending for her appeal upon quaint-

ness and prettiness. Remembering certain noble passages in *Marlowe*, the reader regrets this later manner. But the story in its kind is beautiful, and the carol of the crusaders, in act III, is worth many volumes of contemporary verse.

Houghton Mifflin. \$1.10.

#### INTERPRETING THE PROPHETS

The new volume of "The Bible for Home and School" on *Amos, Hosea, and Micah*, by Prof. J. M. P. Smith, is a fine addition to this series. Altho some of the interpretations, such as that of Hosea's marriage and Amos' attitude toward ritual, will not meet with universal acceptance, the work as a whole is admirably done and makes clear the difficult writings and sublime messages of these important prophets.

Macmillan. 75 cents.

#### RECURRENT PROBLEMS

In his new volume Rev. J. R. Cohn discusses with sound logic and orthodox zeal some *Vital Problems of Religion*, such as the relation of science to religion, the freedom of the will, and the place of evil in a good world. It cannot be said that he has thrown much new light on these problems, but his style and treatment are fresh and vigorous and his conclusions support idealism and faith.

Scribners. \$2.

#### NEWSPAPER ENGLISH

In order that the high school student and the college freshman should have a more complete knowledge of the fundamental principles of newspaper English, John Baker Opdycke has written *News, Ads, and Sales*. The book is primarily meant to supplement a course in English composition and it treats the commercial aspects of the newspaper, magazine and advertising.

The Macmillan Co. \$1.

#### BIBLE PHRASES

*Readings from the Old Testament* and its companion volume, *The Old Testament Phrase Book*, contain excellent collections of Biblical extracts, selected and arranged under appropriate headings by Louise Emery Tucker. The varied beauty of this great literature is very attractively displayed for the use of young readers.

Sturgis & Walton. \$1.25 and \$1.

#### THE FOUNDATION OF MECHANICS

Galileo's epoch-making work, *Dialogs Concerning Two New Sciences*, which was published in 1638 at Leyden because prohibited by the Italian Inquisition, has not been accessible in English, but now we have a handsomely printed edition of a translation by Henry Crew and Alfonso Salvio, of Northwestern University.

Macmillan. \$2.

#### THE SOCIALIZED SOUL

Professor Joseph H. Coffin has written a wholesome and useful text-book of ethics based upon *The Socialized Conscience* as the moral criterion and point of departure in selecting materials. The applications to social situations and institutional life are clean cut and practical.

Baltimore: Warwick & York. \$1.25.