

**Wide Courses.** By James B. Connolly. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.25.

The latest collection of tales is fully equal in merit to Mr. Connolly's previous books, which in itself is a statement of praise. The author has the happy faculty of creating romance where one would suppose none to be possible. We have had many thrilling stories of full-rigged ships, of whalers and of fishing schooners, but Mr. Connolly comes down to modern times and portrays life on tugs and barges. John Kieran, pumpman on a tank steamer, has as much individuality as any deep-sea sailor. In the last story of the book *Kieran*, the pumpman, turns out to be a college athlete of days gone by, who, after serving on a

battleship, and meeting with varied adventures in South America, prefers the open air life of the sea to proffered office positions. The author, in removing Kieran's disguise, still refers to himself as the "passenger," only hinting at an athletic record of his own. Those who know Mr. Connolly will remember that he won cups and olive wreaths at the first Olympic games at Athens in 1896, besides making himself popular with all nationalities by his genial nature.

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