

FICTION LEADS LIBRARY LIST

Several of Season's Most Popular Books Now Are Available

"A Good Woman," Louis Bromfield's latest novel, leads the list of new adult fiction books received by the library. This story is the last of a series of novels written by Mr. Bromfield, dealing with different problems of American life. The list also included "Tossession," a product of 1923, and "Early Autumn," which received this year's Pulitzer prize for the best American novel.

Among the other books received at the library which are today among the most popular in the country are Francis Brett Young's "Love Is Enough," O. E. Rolvaag's "Giants in the Earth," and Honore Willis Morgan's "Forever Free."

The new non-fiction list includes Emil Ludwig's "Napoleon," which is considered by some critics to be the best study of Napoleon since Carlyle. T. E. Lawrence's "Seven Years in the Desert," Albert Wiggam's "The Next Age of Man," and Richard Halliburton's "The Glorious Adventure" and "The Royal Road to Romance." All of these books are among the best in the list most in demand throughout the country.

The adult fiction list also includes "Theodore Dreiser's "Chains," Bertha Sinclair's "The Adamchaser," Rex Beach's "The Mating Call," Edna Blyden's "Andy Brandt's Ark," J. S. Fletcher's "The Green Rope," George Weston's "The Horsehoe Nail," Donford Yates' "The Blind Corner," and E. H. Young's "The Mallets."

STYLE WHIMISIES

Emphasis on sleeves is outstanding in the winter collection of Jeanne Lanvin. Paris dress designer. Two sleeve themes are adopted, box pleated and wide sleeves with exaggerated lower section.

An interesting trimming idea for dresses is that of using ruffled buttons covered with broad embroidery. These are sometimes surrounded with ruffled petals, making daisy forms.

Sophisticated simplicity is Le-long's slogan for the coming season.

Lelong declares that too long a skirt is "prehistoric; too short, it is vulgar." The correct length is what harmonizes with the figure of the person wearing the dress.

For evening, net scarfs trimmed with silk embroidery are to be worn.

THE MOCKING CAT-BIRD

(Suggested by Mrs. B. L. C. Whiteburg, Ga.)

A CAT-BIRD has a near-by nest
Whenever he disturbs my peace and rest.
It's not that he displeases me,
But simply that he teases me!

Six times a day I jump and run
To count my wee chicks one by one.
He imitates the frightened cry
They give when hawks or rats come nigh.

He mews just like my kitten's double—
I'm sure poor Puss is into trouble;
I drop my work to go and see—
And it's that cat-bird in a tree.

And there he sits and laughs and mocks me,
With bird-profanity that shocks me.
Some day I'll up and move pell-mell
To a land where the cat-bird does not dwell!

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BLOOMFIELD USES SCALES IN WAR AGAINST OVERLOADED TRUCKS

The weight of a truck which appears to be overloaded can quickly be determined by Oakland County road and Bloomfield Hills Village authorities with a scales now in use. Efforts are being made to stop the driving of overloaded trucks in the county and several violations, have been arrested.

The weighing machine in use is described as small platform about 16x24 inches built of steel and inclined at either end, about four inches. It is equipped with weighing apparatus which registers weights over 5,000 pounds. Two of these platforms are used, one under each rear wheel of the truck. The state law allows a weight of 5,000 pounds on the rear wheel of a truck, or 1800 pounds on the rear axle. With one wheel on each of the scales, the amount supported by the axle can easily be determined.

According to Police Chief William Putman the over-weight of some of the gravel trucks which passed Long Lake road on Woodward avenue, was first discovered when it was found that in order to stop for the signal lights, when descending the hill, the trucks run onto the dirt at the side of the pavement and dig deep ruts.

Clever drivers according to Chief Putman pile the load on their trucks forward against their trucks to avoid an excess on the rear axle which the law prohibits.

The scales used to weigh the rear wheels cost more than \$400. Phone your news items to the Eccentric, Phone 11 or 12.

Wood Narrates Taming, Training Of Purple Grackle

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corn, but in the fall they are not alone in their destructive ways with corn, for the rowling black bird and the rusty grackle are generally at the same thing, making an extra army of destroyers.

Could Be Bred
You can see how hard it is to know whether the purple grackle is of more benefit than harm to the farmer. Of course, if he were kept within bounds, he would be of great benefit, for he certainly does destroy a great number of harmful insects.

In captivity he makes a very pleasing and entertaining pet. He is smart and crafty and can be taught quite a number of tricks. I had a purple grackle which I taught to pull his feed up on a small cart to his cage, where he could eat it. I did this by making a little runway about five inches long and putting a spot under a small tin in which the feed was placed. I attached a cord to the front of the cart on the runway and placed the end of the cord in the cage and fastened it so the bird could get hold of it.

At first I pulled the cart up so he could eat and then let it roll back. It did not take him long to get wise, and he would take the cord in his beak and pull it up, then put his foot on the cord and take a fresh hold with his beak, and so on, until the cart was where he could feed out of it. When he found he could do this, he began to call and strut about his cage, as if to say, "I did it. Look me over!" and then he would pull the cart up again. He often amused himself by just

pulling the cart up and letting it roll back again. In captivity he makes quite a singer and can be taught to whistle.

Violet Is Prevalent
The purple grackle is 12 inches long and 18 inches in extent. In close view his whole head, neck and breast appear to be a rich, glossy steel blue, dark violet and silk green. The violet prevails most on the head and breast and the green on the back of the neck. The back, rump and whole lower parts, the breast excepted, reflects a strong coppery gloss. The wing coverts, secondaries and covers of the tail are a rich light violet, in which red prevails. The rest of the wings and rounded tail are black, glossed with steel blue.

All the above colors are extremely shining varying as they are exposed to the light at different angles. The iris of the eyes is silvery. The bill is more than an inch long, strong, and furnished on the inside of the upper mandible with a sharp process, like the stump of the broken blade of a penknife. This is intended to assist the bird in masticating his food. The tongue is thin, forked at the end and located along the sides.

The female grackles are not

so brilliant in plumage as the males. They build their nests in evergreen trees at a general thing, although they change this habit in different localities.

NATIVE DOCTORS TAUGHT
There is a movement afoot in South Africa to teach medicine to competent natives so that they may practice among their own people. A prominent Johannesburg physician recently advocated such a plan, citing the experience of the Dutch East India, where the native doctor experiment has worked out successfully. Native doctors, it is held, would possibly reduce the great evil of witchcraft, which now assists the spread of epidemics of disease among the natives.

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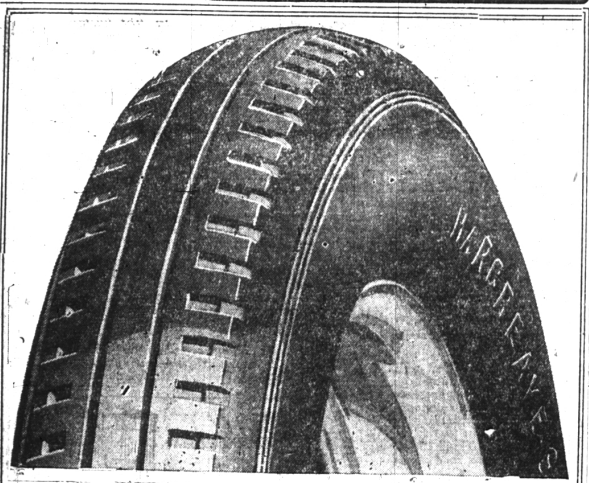
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