

BOOK REVIEWS

THE AGE FOR LOVE by Ernest Pascal; Harcourt, Brace, and Co., publishers.

"The Age for Love," Mr. Pascal believes, is the age at which it comes, and it must be both respected and indulged. The heroine of this book is a charming young woman of New York, clear-sighted, serious-minded, and intellectually honest.

Jean Hurd is the thoroughly modern and courageous young woman. When she feels love in her heart, she gives herself freely and passionately; and the marriage ceremony is not allowed to stand in the way of desire. She has cast aside the old code of

ethics, but her own is a high one, and she lives strictly up to it. The book belongs, of course, in that growing category of novels concerned with modern marital relationships and experiments in love. It is well written, though not the work of genius, and makes pleasant reading. It has value in that it presents one solution to the age-old problem of conduct, which confronts many women of the Twentieth Century with double intensity.

THE PARTY DRESS, by Joseph Hergeshelmer, Alfred A. Knopf publisher.

The mental struggles of a

woman placed in the same position as Jean Hurd, in the above review, but without her serenity and determination, are the subject of "The Party Dress," by Joseph Hergeshelmer.

Nina Henry lives in a fashionable resort town. She has more money than she needs, and travels with the country club set, which, though modern in all outward aspects, is still conventionally-minded. She is 40 and attractive, and has ceased to love her husband.

The significance of the title is now revealed. She acquires a beautiful Persian formal gown, which transforms her, at a party, into a fascinating young woman. She and Charlie, Ewing fall deeply in love with each other, and she becomes confronted with the problem of conduct. Shall she seize upon this last beauty before it slips away? Or shall she be guided by the conventional precepts of her bringing up? With Jean Hurd, in "The Age for Love," there was no problem. When she knew she loved and was loved, she packed her bag and went to her man. But Nina suffers much mental agony, and finally attempts a compromise, which brings unhappiness to everyone. Perhaps the two characters' different reactions to the same situation are an expression of the different attitudes felt in New York and in Eastlake.

While Mr. Hergeshelmer approaches his characters with sympathy, treats their problems with penetration and employs, as always, a style sparkling and vivid, "The Party Dress" is superficial and lacks the beauty in most of his earlier novels.

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THERE ARE 11 MISTAKES IN THIS PICTURE

How good are you at finding mistakes? The artist has intentionally made several obvious ones in drawing the above picture. Some of them are easily discovered, others may be hard. See how long it will take YOU to find them. For solutions see page seven this section.

Bo Broadway

BY JOSEPH VAN BAALTE

By Central Press

New York, May 8.—A local department store is displaying a waterproof watch in a goldfish bowl in its window. At night a spot light plays on the watch and the fish swimming around it. A female of the species complained to the local S. P. C. A. that the electric light was injuring the eyesight of the fish.

She is probably the same little cutie who playfully puts carpet tacks in her husband's slippers and joggles his elbow in kitchenish abandonment when he is shaving.

STILL BIGGER

It's a smooty crowd—that Metropolitan Opera House outfit. They're giving Otto Kahn, the big boss, all kinds of trouble in his effort to locate his song birds in a new cage. First the Vanderbilts put their several feet down on the site Kahn selected in W. 57th St. near 9th Ave. They were evidently fearful that some night sundry guests from nearby "Hell's Kitchen" might wander in and stick up the "Diamond Horseshoe."

Now chumps down have been turned on John D. Rockefeller's offer to make the Opera House the nucleus of his proposed art center in Rockefeller City on midtown Sixth avenue. So, Mr. Rockefeller will build theater in, instead, the largest motion picture theater in the world, and has signed S. L. Rothafel (Rox) to manage it.

"Rox's" slogan seems to be "Bigger and Brighter Theaters" in the Capitol, now the Rox and in 1932, the Rockefeller.

HORSES, HORSES, HORSES!

For the first time in years a man was recently arrested for speeding his horse in Central Park. And that led us to make a little investigation. We found that most any nice Spring, Fall or Winter day, there are more than 1,000 horses on the park's bridle path. Our informant also told us that New Yorkers pay \$3,000 daily to ride in the old park. Average 8 hours a day, or \$24,000 for 24 hours.

Between 15 and 20 riding academies and stables depend for a living on Central Park. There is an average of 50 horses to every stable, and the cost for riding ranges from \$2 to \$4 an hour. In addition to the regular period, there is also midnight riding. Giddap, Pegasus.

SECOND WIND

Your favorite actress and mine, Marie Dressler, was on from Hollywood recently and all swifter about getting back there again. And no wonder, for Marie has been one of the sensations of the talking screen. Some of the old-timers, who are attempting a comeback by way of the new-ahem—art, are about as funny as a busted crutch, but Marie only has to walk on the screen and wiggle an eyebrow to have her audience falling off their seats.

"Did you know that her real name is Lella Koeber, and that years ago she ran a confection at Dreamland, Coney Island? But to offset that she has many friends in New York society including Mrs. Oliver Harriman, and she was once the intimate of Mrs. Oliver Belmont and the late Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish.

We'll be seein' you again, Marie.

ADD SERVICE

There is being advertised a service for authors which for the sum of \$5 a year guarantees to furnish 10 or more plots.

I told this to the Duchess, and she said she knew just where some of those Broadway plays are coming from.

LIBRARY NOTES

By MRS. NANCY B. THOMAS

Two interesting biographies recently added to the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library are "The Frail Warrior," by Jean Carr, and "Emily Dickinson" by Josephine Pellett. The former is the life of Robert Louis Stevenson. It tells of his boyhood in Scotland, of his preparation to be a lawyer, of his long struggle with sickness and of his many travels in search of warmth and sunshine. It does not attempt to analyze his works, but it gives us a better understanding of them because we know the environment in which they were written.

Josephine Pellett's account of Emily Dickinson is interesting on the entirely convincing. The attempt to explain the love element in her poetry is thoughtfully presented but still leaves far behind biographies plenty of opportunity to present other ideas of it.

"Modern Science," by J. Arthur Thomson is a readable scientific account of the world about us. "Salvaging Old Age" by Lillian Martin is written by a woman of 78 years. Her remedies are those of the mind. Cosmetics and youthful clothes only emphasize the passing of physical strength, but new ideas and constant study keep the mind young and alert.

A clock made in Connecticut in 1800 is still ticking away in the home of G. C. Quinn, a farmer living near Blue Mountain, Miss.

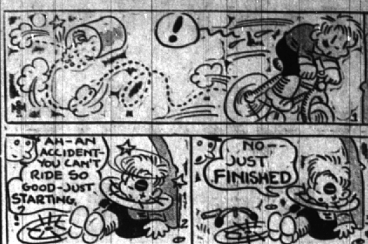
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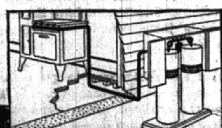
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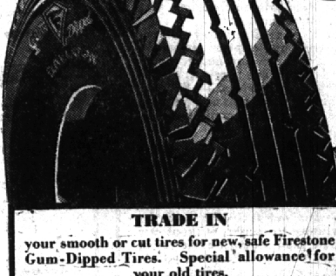
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