

## The BOOK SHELF

Late Book Reviews and  
Literary Criticism  
by Doris Flint

**AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A DOCTOR**  
"An American Doctor's Odyssey"  
—Victor Heiser

When the earthen dam in the South Fork above Johnstown gave way it spilled ninety feet of water into the already flooded streets of the town. Young Victor Heiser, then only sixteen had just been sent to the Heiser stable which stood on a little higher level than the house, to untie the horses. He had no sooner loosed them than he heard a terrific roar. Reaching the barn roof just in time he bumped along, swinging first one way then the other, one moment slipping, the next clinging to a half inch tin along the edge of the barn roof. His description of the flood is so vivid that we actually live through the horrible experience with him. We are struck by the extraordinary calm way he went about it to save himself. First of all he looked at his watch just as he reached the roof of the barn and it was then 4:20. He was forced to jump from the roof to that of a neighbor's house only to fall into space but happily he landed on the familiar barn roof. Just before the barn crashed it floated past a two story brick building and here he joined a group of stranded neighbors. At this point he again looked at his watch and noted that it was just 4:30. In ten minutes three thousand human beings had been killed and the town had been wiped out. Heiser lost both his parents in the disaster. He started out as a

plumber's assistant and later learned as a carpenter only to learn that "nobody wanted to be bothered with the problems of others." Finally went to college on the money salvaged from his father's estate. Took a four year medical course in three years; went to Washington on a vacation and while there passed the entrance examination into the Marine Hospital Service. He was one of three chosen from a group of thirty. From there he was sent to Boston to examine immigrants. Later was transferred to New York and thence to Naples. He became Public Health Officer in the Philippines; waged war on the dread disease, cholera; later worked to stamp out the Bubonic Plague and Malaria (Bad air). He established the leper colony on the island of Cebu, 200 miles southwest of Manila. He tells of his struggle to get the Philippines to submit to vaccination. In 1914 John D. Rockefeller became interested in the sickness caused by the hookworm. He gave a million dollars to be used to develop methods of control and appointed Dr. Heiser, director.

During Dr. Heiser's career of administering to humanity, he has made sixteen trips around the globe and has worked with the health problems in more than forty countries including Hawaii, Sulu, Ceylon, India, Ethiopia and Egypt. His story is the story of an extremely busy and colorful life. The book is unusually interesting as autobiographies go and even though it is badly arranged and rambling in spots it is well worth the time it takes to read it.

### An Invisible Light

Johnsburg, Wis.—Because of the purity of Johnsburg's air, in which there is no humidity, no dust and no low clouds, a 2,000-foot beam of light, thrown into the sky at the Empire Exhibition by a 14,000,000-candle-power beacon—cannot be seen by anyone. The apparatus is installed in a hollow tower, 150 feet high, and was supposed to have been seen for 100 miles. All spectators can see on a cloudless night is the glow of the stars, even when the light is fully switched on.

### Not Partial

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Park County, Wyoming, believes in impartiality. In 1932 the county gave Hoover 1,000 votes. Unofficial returns from the recent election showed that the county gave Gov. Landon exactly 1,600. Roosevelt received 2,043 in the county four years ago and an unofficial 2,340 this year.

### Brain Exposed; Lives

Whitehall, Wis.—Benedict Kamna, 10, is apparently on the road to recovery after a series of operations that followed exposure of a portion of his brain in an automobile accident. A silver plate has been used to cover the exposed portion of his brain.

### France Air-Minded

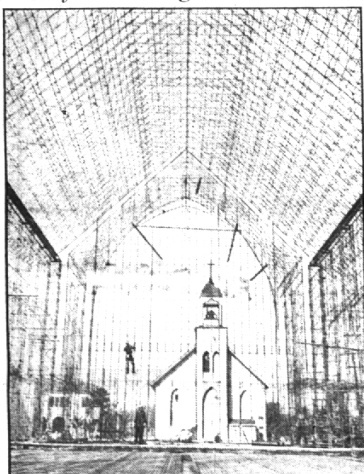
Paris—A new aviation unit of great offensive and defensive strength, known as "the infancy of the air," has been created by France, which is throwing all its energy into the European arms race. The new unit would be able to drop companies of soldiers behind enemy air lines with parachutes, like Russia, it is said.

Says She's Lady  
Husker No. 1



Claiming the feminine corn-husking championship, Loretta Hausman, pretty Kent State University coed from Painesville, O., stands ready to meet all challengers for the title. Miss Hausman, president of her 4-H club, was a bit chagrined, she said, because the recent national husking contest was open to men only.

They're Weaving a Steel Church



Thousands of small steel rods are being interwoven here to weld in a single network the frame of St. Augustin's Catholic church in Culver City, Calif. Representing the newest method in construction, the framework was moved to the building site in panels sections 12 by 20 feet. This type of construction is said to be resistant to fire, termite, and earth shock. The old wooden church being replaced is seen at the rear.

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