



FICTION FOR SUMMER READING



IN quantity and in quality the output of novels for Spring, 1906, is quite up to the standard of past years. True, there are few outstanding productions, but at the same time there are few poor productions. The general average of merit is good, and dealers should find no difficulty in disposing of large quantities to the public.

At the time of writing the great bulk of the Spring publications are on the market. The balance will nearly all be brought out this month. This will give dealers a good opportunity to stock up for the Summer months.

The Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

A long list of fiction is provided by The Copp, Clark Co. this season. Among the favorite authors are Max Pemberton, John Oxenham, S. R. Crockett, E. P. Oppenheim and Lillian Bell, who have all written characteristic stories. Nearly all the books on the list are now out and the balance will appear this month.

SAINTS IN SOCIETY, by Mrs. Baillie-Saunders. Cloth, \$1.25. The story of a man and his wife who have risen from the ranks to a high social position, showing the influence of place and power on their natures.

MY SWORD FOR LAFAYETTE, by Max Pemberton. Cloth, \$1.50. Paper, 75c. A swift-moving story of the days of the American and French Revolutions, with the action passing back and forth across the Atlantic.

GIANT CIRCUMSTANCE, by John Oxenham. Cloth, \$1.25. Paper, 75c. The misfortunes of a young British officer eventually turn out to his advantage. A sensible story with a warm human interest.

CAROLINA LEE, by Lillian Bell. Cloth, \$1.25. Paper, 75c. A plea for the Christian Scientist. The story centres around a Southern girl who embraces its tenets.

THE HEALERS, by Maarten Maartens. Cloth, \$1.25. Paper, 75c. A quaint story of a young Dutch doctor, the son of a professor, who has given his life to the study of disease germs. The son becomes interested in telepathy. The style is light and humorous.

KID MCGHIE, by S. R. Crockett. Cloth, \$1.25. This book introduces a character which reminds one of Clegg Kelly. The scene is laid in darkest Edinburgh, and several city missionaries are introduced.

THE CORSICAN LOVERS, by Charles Felton Pidgin. Cloth, \$1.25. All the essentials for a first-rate sensational story are introduced into this tale of the vendetta. The hero saves the lady from a sad plight and carries her safely through many stirring scenes.

THE GOLDEN ARROW, by T. Jenkins Hains. Cloth, \$1.25. Paper, 75c. This is another of Captain Hains' inimitable sea stories, in which piracy, storm and shipwreck are cleverly intermingled with love and romance.

ON COMMON GROUND, by Sydney Preston. Cloth, \$1.25. The idyl of a gentle bachelor, who, in the pursuit of happiness, retires to a small farm and

raises chickens, with unexpected results. Mr. Preston is a Canadian, author of "The Abandoned Farmer."

A DIPLOMATIC ADVENTURE, by S. Weir Mitchell. Cloth, \$1. The story of a pretty woman, who seeks protection in a strange gentleman's cab, three Frenchmen and two clever young Americans, combined with diplomatic mysteries and possible duels.

IN OLD BELLAIRE, by Mary Dillon. Cloth, \$1.25. Old Bellaire is a college and barracks town in Southern Pennsylvania, to which the reader is introduced just before the Civil War. It is a fresh and wholesome book.

THE GREAT REFUSAL, by Maxwell Gray. Cloth, \$1.25. The fundamental injustices of the present social system are touched off in this novel very shillfully. The hero is a millionaire's son, who renounces his paternal inheritance rather than prove false to his convictions.

HENRY NORTHCOTE, by J. C. Snaith. Cloth, \$1.25. This book has as its hero a poor but rising young barrister, who, after long waiting for briefs, at last dramatically seizes his opportunity and secures a verdict for his client in a very sensational trial.

Musson Book Company.

The Musson Book Company have made a careful selection of Spring fiction, with the result that every one of their books is bound to become popular. They have on their list a new Guy Thorne book, books by C. N. and A. M. Williamson and the Baroness von Hutton and a new story by the Canadian author, Arthur Stringer.

FIRST IT WAS ORDAINED, by Guy Thorne. Cloth, \$1.50. The title of the book is taken from the marriage service, and its contents deal largely with the problem of the decreased birth rate. It is a most readable book, though not suitable for the young.

THE TRUTH ABOUT TOLNA, by Bertha Runkle. Cloth, \$1.50. A five-sided battle-royal between three men for the hearts of two bewitching American girls. Interest is kept at a high pitch throughout.

THE WHEEL OF LIFE, by Ellen Glasgow. Cloth, \$1.50. The story gives an insight into the workings of a beautiful human soul in its struggles upward towards light and freedom through the entanglements of the emotions.

LADY BETTY ACROSS THE WATER, by C. N. and A. M. Williamson. Cloth, \$1.25. This is a bright and vivacious Anglo-American love story, with a very fascinating heroine, who captivates the heart of every man she meets.

KENELM'S DESIRE, by Hughes Cornell. Cloth, \$1.50. This is the story of an Alaska Indian who is adopted by a white family of British Columbia. The author gives a faithful delineation of the Indian character.

PAM DECIDES, by Bettina Van Hutton. Cloth, \$1.25. This is a sequel to this author's previous story, "Pam."