

What Are the Ten Best Novels?

The most interesting reading about reading that the present month has developed appeared yesterday in the St. Louis Public School Library bulletin. This is the result of voting for the best novels. The librarian, F. M. Grundgen, who deserves the honor of having breathed the breath of life into the public school library, if he did not create the form of it, some time ago, in order to find out just what the public voice looked upon as the best novel and novels of extended reading and acknowledged taste to prepare lists of what they regarded as:

- 1. The best ten novels.
2. The next best ten novels.
3. The best ten novelettes or minor novels.

The lists collated show the following result, the number of votes obtained by each novel being opposite:

- Best ten novels—Vanity Fair, Thackeray, 34; Les Miserables, Hugo, 29; Newcomes, Thackeray, 27; Romola, Lewes, 26; Henry James, Thackeray, 25; Adam Bede, Lewes, 23; David Copperfield, Dickens, 23; Ivanhoe, Scott, 23; Middlemarch, Lewes, 20; Don Quixote, Cervantes, 18; Mill on the Floss, Lewes, 18; Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne, 18.
Second Best Ten Novels—Vanity Fair, Thackeray, 17; Middlemarch, Lewes, 14; Lewes, 11; Felix Holt, Lewes, 11; Marcella, Fawcett, 11; Penderennis, Thackeray, 11.
The above seven hold undisturbed rank in the second best ten.
For the other three places there are ten candidates in the same number of votes: Gemma, Dickens, 9; David Copperfield, Dickens, 9; Hypatia, Kingsley, 9; Ivanhoe, Scott, 9; Jane Eyre, Bronte, 9; John Halifax, Craik, 9; Last Days of Pompeii, Bulwer, 9; Mill on the Floss, Lewes, 9; Romola, Lewes, 9; Vicar of Wakefield, Goldsmith, 9.
Novellelts—One Summer, Howard, 13; Marjory Daw, Aldrich, 12; Louisiana, Burnett, 8; Undine, Fouque, 8; Cricket on the Hearth, Dickens, 7; Little Women, Alcott, 7; Luck of Roaring Camp, Hart, 6; Chance Acquaintance, Howells, 5; Colonel's Ovens Clerk, No Name Series, 5; Daisy Miller, James, 5; International Episode, James, 5; Janet's Repentance, Lewes, 5; Madame Delphine, Cable, 5; Picciola, Santini, 5; Rab and His Friends, Brown, 5; Silas Marner, Lewes, 5; Tom Brown's School Days, Hughes, 5; Confessions of a Young Man, Grant, 4; Fair Barberian, Burnett, 4; Reveries of a Bachelor, Mitchell, 4; Starling, Macleod, 4; Alice in Wonderland, Dodgson, 3; Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, Holmes, 3; Elizabeth, Thackeray, 3; Lady of the Aroostook, Howells, 3; Petite Fadoite, Daudet, 3; Story of Avis, Phelps, 3; Sun Maid, Grant, 3; Their Wedding Journey, Howells, 3; Through One Administration, Burnett, 3. Total, 154.—[St. Louis Republican.]

A Well-Matched Pair.

Along with my brother, who was collecting matter for a work he was about to publish, I visited the interesting town of Hexham—interesting at least for him, for it was a fine field for historical research—although for my part, I found little to admire besides its ancient church. The circumstances which more than anything else secured the town a lasting place in my memory was our taking a lodging with an extraordinary pair—an old man and woman, husband and wife, who lived by themselves, without child or servant, subsisting on the letting of their parlor and bed-rooms.

When we knocked at the door for admittance they answered it together; if we rang the bell the husband and wife invariably appeared side by side; all our requests and demands were received by both, and executed with the utmost neatness and exactness. The first night, arriving late by the coach from Newcastle, and merely requiring a good fire and our tea, we were puzzled to understand the reason of this double attendance; and I remember my brother irreverently wondering whether we were always to be waited upon by these Siamese twins.

On ringing the bell to retire for the night both appeared as usual—the wife carrying the bedroom candlestick, the husband at the door. I gave her directions about breakfast for the following morning, when the husband from the door quickly answered for her.

"Depend upon it she is dumb," whispered my brother.
But this was not the case though she rarely made use of the faculty of speech. They both attended me into my bedroom; when the old lady, seeing me look with some surprise towards her husband said: "There's no offence meant ma'am, for my husband coming with me into the chamber—he's stone blind."

"Poor man!" exclaimed. "But why, then, does he not sit still? Why does he accompany you everywhere?"

"It's no use, ma'am, your speaking to my old woman," said the husband; "she can't hear you—she's quite deaf."

I was astonished. Here was compensation! Could a pair be better matched? Man and wife were indeed one flesh; for he saw with her eyes and she heard with his ears! It was beautiful to me afterward to watch the old man and woman in their inseparableness. Their sympathy with each other was as swift as electricity, and made their deprivations as naught.

Good the Year Round.

At all seasons, when the system is foul and the digestive powers feeble, or the liver and kidneys inactive, Burdock Blood Bitters are required.

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'Here's a communication in the correspondent's column assigned,' shouted the speaking tube, 'shall I attach my signature to it?'

'Certainly,' the editor shouted back, 'attach Veritas to it.'

'Veritas already has a communication on the tariff.'

'Then sign it Many Citizens.'

'Many Citizens is signed to a letter here on the necessity for watering the streets in dry weather.'

'Let Pro Bono Publico be responsible for it, then.'

'Pro Bono Publico already has a letter headed in the Jury System a Failure.'

'The editor's handsome face flushes with vexation, as he shouts: 'Sign it Observer.'

'Observer writes already on 'The Evils of Corner Lending.'

'Then, sign it One who Knows.'

'One who Knows has a third of a column on the 'Injustice of Double Taxation.'

An angry light glitters in the editor's eye.

'Has Constant Reader anything in the paper?' he shouts.

'Yes, he has a communication on 'Editorial Inconspicuity.' Anon has a letter on 'Pure Milk.' Justice a short communication on the 'Inequality of Betterment Assessments,' and Growler has a letter on 'The Water Contract.'

The steamship Alberta, of the C.P.R. line, has made the fastest trip on record between Port Arthur and Owen Sound. Her time was 36 hours, or two hours less than the shortest time, arriving in Owen Sound at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

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