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## Editor's Talk

**T**HIS week sees the birth of a new serial in the "Canadian Courier," and one which excels in some ways. The basis of our previous serial story was the experiences of a young man in perfecting himself as an art collector and art critic. The basis of the new story is composed of several elementary facts from medical experience. The question as to whether a man may by accident lose his memory and all knowledge of his previous life has been proved by experience and admitted by all medical authorities. Every now and again one hears of the disappearance of some man who has temporarily or permanently lost his knowledge of the earlier facts of his own existence and who has forgotten his own name and the names of his friends. In this particular story Dr. Arnold Bassingbrooke has forgotten "His Place in the World." The occasion and the cause are unusual. The resulting experiences are equally unusual. In handling her theme, Mrs. Bilsborough, a new English writer, displays great ability as well as a clear conception of the problem with which she deals. The story may be likened in dramatic power to the play which is now being seen in Canada, "The Cigarette Maker's Romance," as presented by Martin Harvey. Those who have seen this play will recognize a similarity in motive and a resemblance in plot.

Running through the story is a rather remarkable vein of criticism of the aristocratic life of England, with special reference to the marriage of young women with titled persons of more uncertain age. The picture of the unhappiness, the duplicity, and the occasional self-destruction caused by such unions is painted by a strong hand. On the whole, the story is one which in relation to modern life may be considered a criticism much as "Within the Cup" and other novels of that kind. When one has read it carefully, one feels in possession of a broader view of the great problems which men and women must face in every generation and every civilization.

Every reader of the "Canadian Courier" will find plenty of entertainment in this twelve-part serial story, and will enjoy making the acquaintance of Miss Pragg, Peggy Assitas, Salvation Jacob and his wife, who are the leading characters in addition to Dr. Arnold Bassingbrooke. Miss Pragg, a literary woman of remarkable character, is a striking type of the modern woman who has eyes for something more than frills, furbelows and aesthetic dances.



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