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FANTASINITA

REAL ESTATE

(Continued from Page 4) intoxicating my senses. And I fell on my bed, and slept immediately, fatigued, tired out, exhausted.

It was almost noon before I awoke the next day, and my first word was

look for her house in the forest again? me her love, wholly, entirely? Oh! she must be yearning for me, for my

And I crossed the river and I enthe day before. And the river mur-mured sadly: "Gone, gone, gone," It has been said that if for ever, for ever!"

I crossed the forest, my heart achously looking house, the wonderful garden with its rare flowers, my Fantasinita, my love! were gone, and only "Fantasinita! Fantasinita!"

THE DESERTS RECLAIM

By John Prescott Guild.

("The wilderness and the solitary lace shall be glad for them, and the sert shall blossom as the rose.")

To people taken captive, Who for their home did yearn, Their prophet thus spake courage-Yourselves not blessing only, For others ye'll find room,

Spring fountains in the desert, The wilderness make bloom: Rejoice, rejoice! The promised time shall come;

Rejoice, rejoice! the wilderness shall bloom!"

Those words were wisely spoken, Not to Hebrews alone; But half-way 'round earth's circle,

That prophet's speech is known; There science and invention, The heavenly arches gleam; Whilst men, in helpful concord, The wilderness redeem:

Rejoice, rejoice! The promised time fast comes: Rejoice, rejoice! The wilderness wide blooms!

Transport and irrigation. That forethought to fulfill, Shall give to those well wisdomed, Results of thoughtful skill; From where the wolf and panther Once ravened on the plain, Is built the human dwelling, And grown abounding grain: Rejoice, rejoice! The promised time now comes: Rejoice, rejoice! The wilderness here

blooms! Where once tramped herds of bison, Behold the track of steel; By steam and lightning driven, There turns the car's swift wheel; We now see chariots jostle,

As one another meets; And human forms by thousands Walk thro' Calgary's streets: Rejoice, rejoice! The promised time now comes Rejoice, rejoice! The desert place here blooms!

True, as a soulful poet* Once wrote of coming time,-'Tis commerce that shall carry Good will to every clime"; Then earnings and not plunder. Shall be reward of toil, And all have joy in living On friuts won from the soil: Rejoice, rejoice! The promised tin

Rejoice, rejoice! the wilderness make bloom! Aud of spilots

The sons of thrift are striving, And planning every day, Where they shall carry plenty, And pave a royal way, For humankind's Redeemer Enthralled souls to release; Shall live in love and peace: Rejoice, rejoice! The promised tin

*N. W. Cowper.]

Perils of Pessimism

FARM LANDS

lief in a continuous improvement of the state of man in this life is beginning to cause much confusion and distress in men's minds. An immense hope has traversed the world, and if now it seems delusive it is likely to be Had she not forbidden me to see her followed by a despair no less immense. again? Had she not told me never to The modern world, as a whole has committed itself to this belief in a Ah! it could not be. Did she not give continuous improvement; for a century or more men's hearts and minds have been fed upon it; upon that they have founded their faith in the ultimate righteousness of the universe, tered the forest just as I had done and if it crumbles away, what grounds

It has been said that if Aristotle and the trees whispered: "for ever, could have known the history of Europe for a thousand years after his death his heart would have been ing with a burning pain; I looked broken; yet he lived when the boundaround me, between the trees, every- less hopes of the great age of Greece where! and oh my God! the mysteri- had already been satisfied. What would the men of the generation after Marathon have said if they could have foreseen the future of their country? the stirring trees murmured mocking- They were fed upon hopes greater than any which the modern world has known-hopes of which the ruined monument still shines upon the Acropolis and the broken music still sounds in our ears.

The chief interest for us in the meditation of Marcus Aurelius, is that they express the faith of a man for whom hope of all kinds had been reduced to a minmum. It may be that in a few generations our descendants will have to undergo the ordeal through which he passed. It is true that they will know more about the material facts of life than he knew, but we cannot be sure that their greater knowledge will give them greater hope. It seems to us now that science has given to civilization a power which nothing can destroy; but what if it uses that power to destroy itself, if our society is mastered by its machinery and men come to feel themselves mere individuals at the mercy of blind material forces, with no help except what their own souls

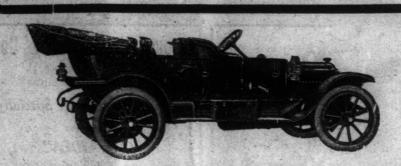
give them? At present we nearly all have a comfortable sense of the purpose and power of society. It means to us more than a number of private persons, each living as best he can; we think of European civilization as a single force making for righteousness, as something stronger than all the follies and crimes of individuals, or even of statesmen. But this sense of collective power and righteousness has been shared by very few ages or nations in the history of the world.

BOOK WORMS

A group of Southern publications from the Neale Company, of New York, includes "Southern Presbyterian Leaders," written by the well known Virginian divine, Henry Alexander White, who writes of eminent Presbyterians during the Colonial Revolutionary period and from 1780 to 1861. There are accounts of Samuel Davies, who founded the Hanover Presbytery and afterwards became president of Princeton College George Home and Aaron W. Leland, founders of Columbia Theological Seminary; Stonewall Jackson, and many others.

"The Siege of Charleston" is described by General Samuel Jones, and a study in "State Rights" is presented by the Rev. J. H. Moore, "General Officers of the Confederate Army" are annotated by Gen. Marcus J. Wright; "With Fire and Sword," by Major S. H. Byers, describes General Sherman's "March to the Sea," by one e of his own staff; while the most interesting volume in the group to Britishers-and to Canadians particularly, is an extraordinary little pamphlet by the Viscount de Fronsac Herald Marshal of the Seigneurial Order and College of Arms in Canada, entitled "Liberalism and Wreck

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