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"What is thy name, O statue?"  
 "I am called Opportunity."  
 "Who made thee?"  
 "Lysippus."  
 "Why art thou on thy toes?"  
 "To show that I stay but a moment."  
 "Why hast thou wings on thy feet?"  
 "To show how quickly I pass by."  
 "But why is thy hair so long on thy forehead?"  
 "That men may seize me when they meet me."  
 "Why then, is thy head so bald behind?"  
 "To show that once I have passed I cannot be caught."

### THE FIRST TALKING MACHINE

The teacher was exasperated. The class was idle and inattentive, and just a little out of hand. In desperation she changed the subject from mathematics to science, and began to ask each boy and girl questions about the great inventions of the age. "Now, then," she said impatiently, "what was the first talking-machine made of?"

After a while a voice from the back of the class broke the silence:—"Please, miss, a rib."

The old way used to be to kiss and make up. The modern girl makes up first.—Winnipeg Tribune.

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### LITERARY NOTES

McClelland & Stewart have sent me three of their new publications, "Later English Poems, 1901-1922", collected and edited by J. E. Wetherell; "The Collected Poems of Thomas O'Hagan"; and a novel, "Sunny San", by Onoto Watanna.

The first of these is a very representative anthology of twentieth century English poetry. The compiler has selected seventy writers, and has given about one hundred short poems from their various works. I feel as I turn the pages of this volume that without it the Library would be distinctly poorer. I sometimes hear hard readers speak disdainfully of compilations, but I have never been able to do so. Where else can we get with so little trouble the gems of priceless literary worth? Much depends upon the compiler, of course, and therefore I am glad that the compiler of this rare English anthology is a Canadian. It certainly is worth while to be able to find in one volume Thomas Hardy's "Napoleon after Waterloo", William Butler Yeats' "The Wild Swans at Coole", Dora Sigerson's "The Secret", Stephen Phillips' "A Poet's Prayer", Sir Henry Newbolt's "The Toy Band", G. K. Chesterton's "Music", Walter de la Mare's "Silver", Laurence Housman's "The Bands of Orion", W. M. Letts' "The Spires of Oxford", and, best of all, perhaps, Rupert Brooke's wonderful war sonnets, "The Dead" and "The Soldier". It is the kind of book one should carry with one for the resting places on a long country walk; it is certain to be a favorite volume for reading aloud in the family circle or in social gatherings. The price is one dollar and fifty cents.

"The Collected Poems of Thomas O'Hagan" make up a volume of 178 pages. I would judge that Dr. O'Hagan's thought has a natural tendency to find rhythmic expression. His poems are those of a man who loves to give his Pegasus a free rein. They are on various subjects, but I like best his commemorative verses, "The Silent Lists", written in memory of Sir Wilfred Laurier, has unusual power:

"All is silent in the lists;  
 Nor shock of steel nor clash of brand;  
 Nor splintering spear, nor battle-axe;  
 Nor largess showered from lady's hand.  
 In the dim aisles, where kneel the knights,  
 The Cross shines dark in mystic gloom;  
 And as the clouds of incense rise  
 A light shines o'er the warrior's tomb."

Onoto Watanna is the pseudonym of Mrs. Frances F. Reeve, the author of sixteen novels and secretary as well as owner in part of the Pleasant Range Stock Farms, Limited, a cattle ranching

corporation in Alberta. Mrs. Reeve's father was at one time one of the wealthiest Englishmen in Japan, but later he moved to Montreal, where Onoto Watanna was born. The young girl heard from her father many a tale of Japanese life, and thus that life became "the mother tongue of her imagination". Her first great success was a story called "The Japanese Nightingale". The novel just published, "Sunny San", is sure to capture the public. Four American students in Japan buy a little Japanese-American geisha girl, and put up the money for her education. The complications that follow are humorous and delightful. And it turns out to be a love story after all. The colour of the binding suggests the colour of the sunlight, the jacket cover has a charming picture of the heroine playing with gold fish, and the story itself is well conceived to delight a leisure hour.

MARY KINLEY INGRAHAM.

### WONDERFUL STORY OF RADIO GROWTH

#### "Craze" Now Sweeping Over Country

The radio craze is sweeping the country like a prairie fire. In Europe, too, the development of wireless telephony is the topic of the hour. In the United States the amateur operators number well over a million and are increasing at a rate of thousands every day. For dealers in electrical supplies who were farsighted enough to "get into the game" at the start, the radio craze has proven a veritable gold mine. One small New York dealer who for years had contented himself with selling electric push buttons and the like is reported to have cleaned up nearly a million dollars doing a mail-order business in radio sets. The only fly in the ointment at the present time is the inability of the manufacturers to supply the demand.

Wireless telephony has struck the public with a surprising suddenness, yet it was not invented in a flash. Its story is like that of many other great discoveries. First came a brilliant inspiration; the thing was seen to be possible. Then followed years of patient labor, experiment succeeding experiment, failure following failure. Then suddenly the key was found, and from that day its development went forward at express speed.

As long ago as 1885 Sir William Preece, the English scientist, succeeded in sending a message a distance of a quarter of a mile, not through the air but through the ground.

For twenty years all those who sought for the key to the wireless telephone experimented with induction through water

and earth. By 1902 its range had been increased to twenty miles, but enormous currents were needed.

In the meantime, wireless telegraph had come into existence and the telephone investigators turned their attention to the air. The first real success was obtained in Germany where in 1906 messages were sent from Nauen to Berlin. Two years later the Eiffel Tower spoke successfully at a range of thirty miles, and Marjorana, an Italian inventor, sent messages from Rome to Sicily, a distance of three hundred miles.

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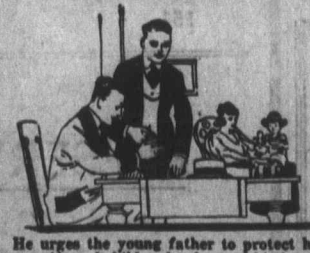
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