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Editor's Talk

FIVE weeks more until Christmas. Three weeks and the Christmas Number of the "Canadian Courier" will be in the hands of our readers. This will be by all odds much the best issue we have ever turned out. It will be the best illustrated, fictional and pictorial number we have ever made. It is impossible now to say just what some of the best features will be. There will be a splendid far-north story, "The Passing of Oul-I-But," written by Alan Sullivan—an absolutely true but finely epical story; illustrated by Arthur Heming. The best J. J. Bell story we have ever published will be illustrated by J. W. Beatty; another striking combination of congenial talent. One of the most amusing yarns ever told by the sometimes elvish Arthur McFarlane will be illuminated by another true humorist, Fergus Kyle. A serious story of great Christmas charm comes from Ethelwyn Wetherald. A piquant and thoroughly humanistic story of Cameron Nelles Wilson needs no added illumination from the artist. The frontispiece feature will have something to do with a very ancient Saxon custom of Christmas practiced by Canadians, and will be handsomely illustrated by a Canadian artist. This is less than half the contents of the Christmas Number, which will contain also two pages of music done in highly popular style both as to reading matter and pictures.

Next week's issue will be our annual Book Number. All the books about Canada or by Canadians will be listed and the chief works carefully reviewed. There will also be several general literary articles by well-known writers. Indeed, there will be more of a "literary" flavour to this number than to any other of the year's issues.

Our new serial begins this week. The author is a rather celebrated English woman whose fiction has found favour in recent years. It throws a sidelight on the peculiar conditions of affairs in such countries as are now at war in the Balkans, showing how the citizens gather funds for revolutionary purposes. It also indicates how these secrets are kept and guarded until the proper moment arrives. Those who are accustomed to read the "Courier" serials will find this one quite up to our standard, with perhaps a little superiority. The story will run through about thirteen numbers.



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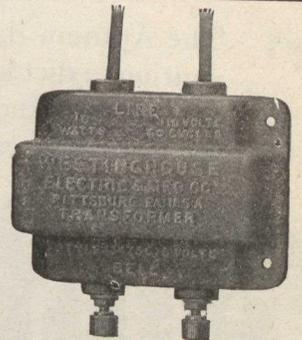
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