

The Book World.

(John O'London's Weekly.)

Queen Marie of Roumania, who is English in the sense that her father was the Duke of Edinburgh, has written what she entitles an "Ode to Roumania." It is appearing in a book which Madame Jonnesco, the widow of the well known Roumanian statesman, has been compiling in order to help Roumanian war orphans. She first asked the Queen, whose literary tastes are well known, to write something, and she promptly responded with this Ode in metrical prose.

A "SHOCKER" OF QUALITY.

Mr. John Buchan has recently finished a new romance on the lines of his "Greenmantle" and "The Thirty-nine Steps." He thought he had written enough of this kind of story, but his readers constantly write to him saying No. The plot of the new one came to him very easily and he thought he ought not to put it away, especially as all the characters were already available, and therefore he sat down and wrote, like the man in the Scriptures, quickly.

LONG AND SHORT.

Surely Mr. Stanley Weyman must be one of our very few novelists who do not write short stories. He was asked the other week if he would do one for a famous Christmas number, but wrote back that he could not, for one reason, because he was busy on a long novel. He never seems to have cared much for the short story, although one feels that with his power of compressing drama he could have been a master of it.

AN IRISH AUTHOR.

We have not heard anything for a long time of Mr. Padraic Colum, the Irish poet and novelist. Partly this is because he now makes his home in America, like Mr. Richard Le Gallienne, Mr. Cosmo Hamilton, and several other writers who once belonged to us. Another reason is that he has been away for months in Hawaii collecting material for a ra-

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ther elaborate book on the folk-lore of that island. He was invited to undertake the task by the Government of Hawaii.

A GREAT "BEST SELLER."

We have no woman writer, except perhaps Miss Ethel M. Dell, who is as popular in America as Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter is in England. Even so, Mr. Murray can hardly hope to sell 100,000 copies of her new book, "The White Flag," before it is published. News comes to Albemarle Street that such a single advance order has been received by the American publishers of this story, which will be ready in August. Naturally it comes from one of the great wholesale book houses of America, but even so, it is a remarkable testimony to Mrs. Stratton-Porter's hold upon American readers.

STORIES BY MR. LOCKE.

One hears two items of gossip about the writings of that popular novelist, Mr. W. J. Locke, who has himself been in London. His "Beloved Vagabond," with which he really won fame, is at the moment being filmed. Pictures have been taken in Montmartre where part of the scene is laid, and they are going to be taken in the latter, unidentified street near Covent Garden, where other parts of the story transpire. Mr. Locke's new novel is to be called "The Lengthened Shadow" in America. The English title will be "Mordue & company."

SUEDE FOOTWEAR.—Ladies' Nigger Brown Suede English Oxford at SMALLWOOD'S, Ladies' Department.—aug14.†

Outdoor Sports in Argentine.

PUT END TO SUNDAY FLIRTING.

BUENOS AIRES.—(A.P.)—"Beauty parading" and idle street flirtations, heritage of the Spanish colonial days, are becoming extinct pastimes in Argentina. The devotion given by Argentine youth to outdoor sports in the last decade, first by the young men and now in growing measures by the young women, is held accountable for the change.

Twenty-five years ago, the young men of Buenos Aires, idly strolled in black, with high, peaked collars, and French patent leather shoes, devoted their holiday and Sunday afternoons to strolling along the avenues or loitering on street corners with an eye out, mainly, for pretty girls. The girls, decked out with the knowledge that they were to be admired, devoted the same afternoons to "cooing" riding, forming a "beauty parade" as the vehicles drew them along the avenues past the groups of young men with whom they might exchange smiles and flirtatious glances. This was about all the outdoor exercise Argentine young folk took in those days, say the older generation.

To-day in Buenos Aires there is hardly a vacant lot on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday afternoon that is not the scene of a football game. Tennis matches are in progress on hundreds of courts, golf balls soar over the fairways of eight different courses, swift racing sculls cleave the waters of the River La Plata, propelled by sunburned arms, on running tracks young men in spiked shoes seek to make records in the hundred meter dash, the hurdles and like events, swimming, basket ball and boxing have numerous devotees, while young men of wealth indulge in polo, and crack yacht races on the River Plate. The formal Sunday-afternoon black of a generation ago has been succeeded by light tweeds, homespun, flannels and sport clothes. The young men have less time to flirt.

While the young women have not entirely abandoned the old Spanish custom of "beauty parading," for a semblance of it can still be seen along the Calle Florida at the noon hour on week days, they, too, as if discouraged by the dearth of admirers on holidays, have taken to outdoor sports in increasing numbers. Infected first by golf, tennis and swimming, they have begun to indulge in track meets, stimulated doubtless by the example of their American, British and French sisters in the Northern Hemisphere. Several of these "tormenting athletic feminines" have resulted in the formation of two feminine athletic clubs and now it is proposed to found the Argentine Feminine Athletic Federation.

The British immigrants are credited with giving the initial impulse to athletic pursuits in Argentina by introducing their outdoor games and pastimes, together with "Sabbath" as the Saturday half-holiday is called. Favored by a temperate climate, it has gathered such momentum within the past few years that many observers think Argentina will soon take its place among the "outdoor nations" like the United States and Great Britain.

Encouragement of outdoor sports is one of the special policies of President Alvear, who shows his interest by kicking off at a big football game, and attending many sport events, while he sets an example himself as a devoted golfer.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR BURNS & SCALDS.

Gems of Thought.

There seems to be but three ways for a nation to acquire wealth; the first is by war, as the Romans did; in plundering their conquered neighbors—this is robbery; the second by commerce, which is generally cheating; the third by agriculture, the only honest way, wherein man rethrows into the ground, in a kind of continual miracle, wrought by the hand of God in his favor, as a reward for his innocent life and his virtuous industry.—Franklin.

If we are going to have a race in armaments for bombing raids, there is no use discussing house-building schemes. We ought to be discussing the construction of rabbit holes and dug-outs.—Robert Nichol, M.P.

All free governments, whatever their name, are in reality governments by public opinion; and it is on the quality of this public opinion that their prosperity depends.—J. R. Lowell.

The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained.—George Washington.

When angered, the best of us mistake our own motives, as we do those of the enemy who inflames us.—Thackeray.

No part of education is more important to young women than the society of the other sex of her own age.—Burnap.

When once a man is determined to believe the very absurdity of the doctrine does but confirm him in his faith.—Junius.

If you want to make friends, interest yourselves in the affairs of others; don't try to interest them in yours.

If you destroy delicacy and a sense of shame in a young girl you deprave her very fast.—Mrs. Stowe.

War is one of the greatest plagues that can afflict humanity; it destroys religion.—Martin Luther.

Better to do a great deal near home than go very far away to burn incense.—Chinese proverb.

It would be fine for mothers if they could collect time-and-a-half for overtime.

Women were made before mirrors and have been before them ever since. "The House of God must be closed to no man."—Thomas A. Becket.

Life is a flower of which love is the honey.—Victor Hugo.

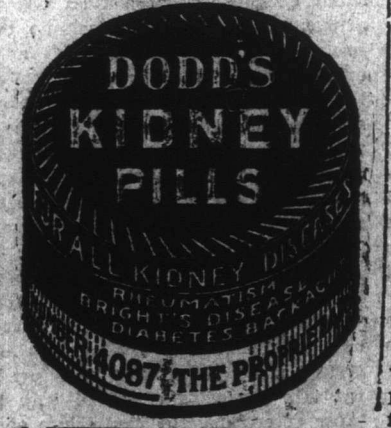
Tips for Home-Makers.

To remove the odour of tobacco smoke from a room, put three or four drops of oil of lavender into a jar with a lump of ammonia, add a little boiling water, and leave the jar uncovered in the room.

Wipe tin utensils thoroughly dry after washing them, or they will soon rust. Milk cans should be boiled now and then in a strong solution of soda.

Grease can be removed from a stone hearth, stair, or steps by pouring on a strong solution of soda and rubbing with a brush. Cover with a paste of fuller's earth and hot water, and wash off in the morning. Green weather-stains should be scraped with a stiff brush dipped in warm, soapy water to which a little paraffin has been added.

Keep a pair of scissors in the kitchen instead of a knife for cutting parsley, bread for puddings, meat for stews, celery and other ingredients for soup, and the work will be much more quickly accomplished.



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Hon. M. Perron's Work.

That form of appeal which Hon. J. L. Perron, Minister of Roads, made to motorists when addressing the Montreal Rotary Club is not one to be thrown lightly aside. From the impression made on the audience it is apparent that Mr. Perron has sown good seed, and this should become widespread.

Mr. Perron throws his cards on the table, face upwards. He told the motorists that he recognized fully that they had rights on the roads, and he wanted them to enjoy such rights. There has been expended on roads a total of 48 millions, an investment made by the people of the province. What Mr. Perron wanted to know was whether the people who had paid the 48 millions, and who were paying for repairs of roads, would have to continue to pay, were willing to save their own investment.

A membership in an automobile club should be considered a badge of honor, none but gentlemen being allowed, and the clubs should make it the test of a gentleman to accept as members those who believe in obeying the law, and do so, and elect and refuse those who persistently violate the law, and will not listen to reason. Within a few years the reckless motorists would become known, and would be under suspicion, and watched. Membership in an automobile club, however, would imply that the holder observed the laws, was thereby a good citizen, and a gentleman.

In some places of entertainment there runs this sign: "Gentlemen will not spit on the floor; others must not." Homely as this is, it may well be taken to apply to the motorists. Gentlemen will not destroy the roads by speeding; others must not.—The Review.

Tired, Nervous Mothers.

are the direct cause of much unhappiness in our homes; their condition irritates and wears upon the husband and often ruins a child's disposition. This condition of the mother is often due to some weakness which makes her entirely unfit to perform her household duties and bear the strain upon her nerves that governing children involves. Every woman who finds herself in this condition should remember that statistics prove that 98 out of every 100 women who suffer from female ills are helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and lose no time in giving it a fair trial.

Will Design Motor Cars to Meet Road Conditions

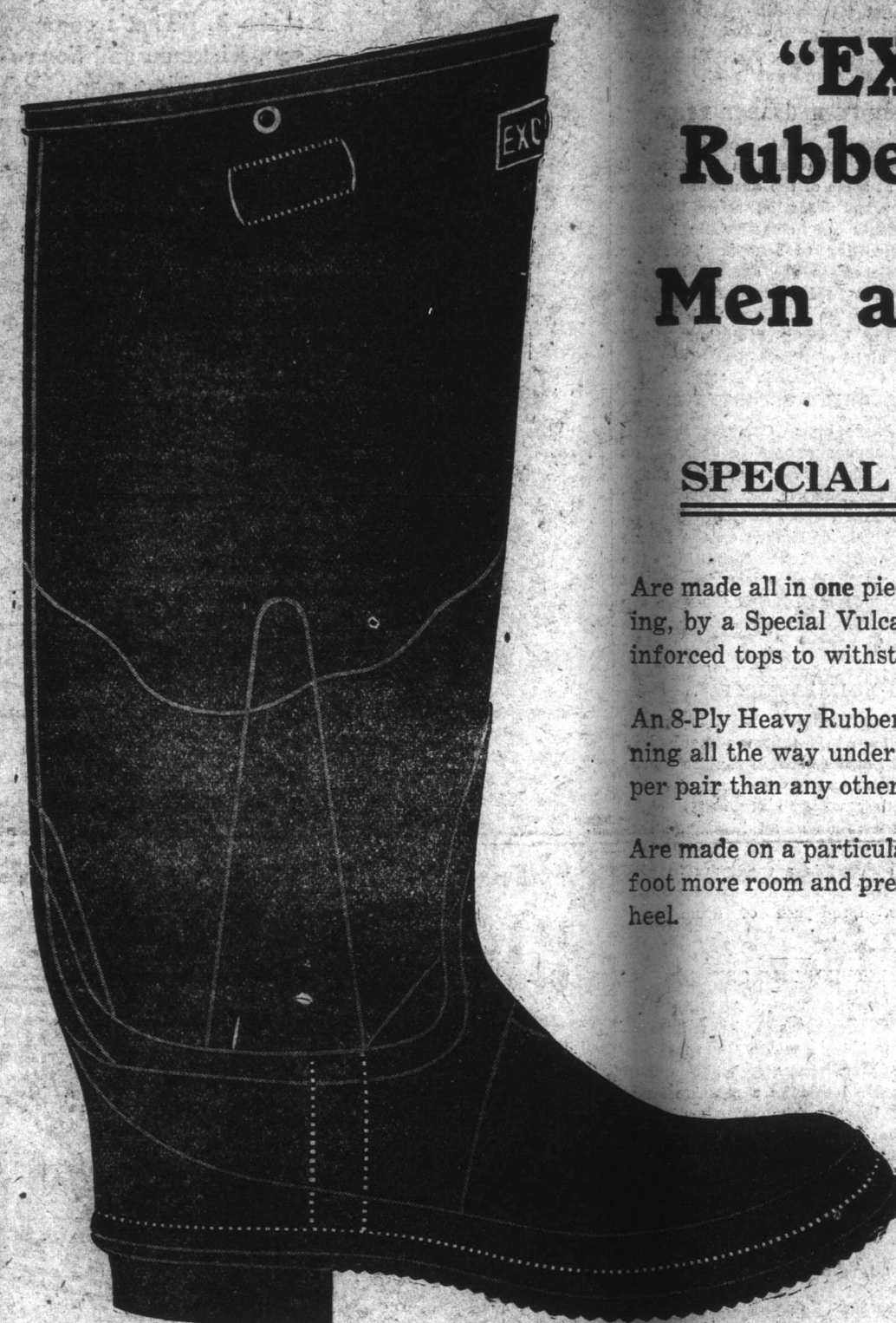
Stockholm, Aug. 8.—Sweden, considering the motorizing of its highway traffic, declares that the general establishment of regular automobile passenger and truck service cannot wait for the construction of new roads and the rebuilding of old ones, but that the motor vehicles must be adapted to the roads.

The roads are to be divided into four classes, according to the weights which they are able to sustain. Trailers, rather than additional motor trucks, are to be used wherever the traffic is large. A curious type of vehicle is recommended for winter use in northern Sweden. This car is to have sleigh runners instead of front wheels, and will be equipped with special drive wheels and gear.

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Seeing Things.

BY BEN BATSFORD

