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A Neurotic Lady

VIRTUOUS WIVES. By Owen Johnston.

HERE must be some reason for the persistence of some authors in spilling a lot of sloppy stuff into print under pretext that they are solving the sex problem. Perhaps it is because there is a great deal of profit in pandering to the purient. However that may be it is obvious that Owen Johnston isn't ashamed to share the public pennies with the other panderers. His latest book, "Virtuous Wives," has only royalty revenues as an excuse for its existence. It is all about a lady whose neurosis leads her into a lot of naughtiness and pretty nearly flops her into a nasty situation. The lady has a fool of a husband and a fast set of friends. Owen mixes them up in a devil of a mess and then untangles them again just in time to save the lady from having her marriage license revoked—or something like that.—McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart. \$1.50.

Another War Book

"A FLYING FIGHTER." By Lieut. E. M. Roberts.

TWO years of active service with the R. F. C. in France—and the knack of telling a yarn—is the equipment used by Lieut. E. M. Roberts for the making of one of the most interesting of the latest batch of war books. The material he has put into the tale of "A Flying Fighter"—encounters and miraculous escapes in mid-air—is the sort of stuff which makes one still wonder how, on earth, the tale came to be told. Lieut. Roberts writes, primarily, for an American audience, and there are signs at times of a little straining after "propaganda" effects. He is quite frank in his opinion that his countrymen need to open the throttle a little wider and speed up their drive to make the world safe for democracy. Musson. \$1.50.

Educational Hygiene

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"TRAPPED IN 'BLACK RUSSIA.'" By Ruth Pierce.

THIS story of the writer's detention in Russia for six weeks is told in a series of letters, which are exceedingly frank in depicting conditions which obviously filled the author with disgust. They convey a strong impression of the sordidness of life in Russia as it is to-day; and the descriptions of the sufferings of thousands of Jews on their forced march to Siberia are vivid enough to thrill readers who like to be thrilled by such repulsive incidents. The book is "very easy reading" throughout, and there is enough matter to give it a gripping interest.—Thomas Allen: \$1.25.

War Experiences of a Popular Irishman

TRENCH PICTURES FROM FRANCE. By Major William Redmond.

ALWAYS one of the most popular members of Parliament, Major Redmond was also a keen partisan and a sturdy fighter for Home Rule. He was a man of fifty-five when he went to France, anticipating his own death there, but glad to give up his life in the cause of freedom.

His "Trench Pictures" are very pleasingly written, and are chiefly interesting as a revelation of Major Redmond's own nature rather than for the novelty of their presentation. His death in the battle of the Somme drew forth expressions of the most bitter regret from all parties of the House of Commons.—McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart. \$1.00.

Lectures from a Leading Public Teacher

"THE SOUL OF DEMOCRACY." By Edward Howard Griggs.

WHILE simple and attractive in style, this book was obviously meant to be delivered as a series of lectures, and consequently makes rather tedious reading. The difficulty is that people nowadays are too impatient to spend time on a mere analysis of the war, however keen, or on a summary of the philosophy of the world struggle. They would much rather read one of the two thousand-odd "greatest human documents the war has produced," written by someone who has been actually doing something "over there."

Dr. Griggs is well-known in Canada as a lecturer, and has been very popular as one of the leading public teachers in America. There is no doubt that if his book were heard instead of read, it would have a much stronger appeal.—Macmillan: \$1.25.

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