

In the port they made, they are delayed
With the ships of yesterday.

Oh! he works with a rollicking stave at lip,
And loud is the chorus skirled;
With the burly note of his rumbling throat,
He batters it down the world.

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And sweet they say is her kiss to those
She greets to his border home;
And softer than sleep her hands first sweep
That beckons—and they come.

And God, who sends him a thousand ship,
Will send him a thousand more;
But some he'll save for a bleaching grave,
And shoulder them into shore;
Shoulder them in, shoulder them in,
Shoulder them in to shore."

The following, particularly the second verse quoted, is admirable:

"And still the craftsman, o'er his craft,
In the vague white light of dawn
With God's will for his burning will
While the Autumn day comes on—

Yearning, windswift, indolent, wild,
Toils with the shadowy two;
The faltering restless hand of Hack,
And the tireless hand of Hew."

(To be continued)

The Book of the Month

AMBASSADOR GERARD'S "MY FOUR YEARS IN GERMANY."

Infant prodigies are always a nuisance. Their special gifts serve as an excuse for any mental aberration which may follow abnormal development of certain faculties. The Germans are an extraordinary people who demand the admiration of the world. Glorifying in their own boorishness they are surprised that any annoyance should be felt by 'mentally inferior' people on account of their abominable manners. They have extolled their own inhumanities and wondered when all the rest of the world could only condemn them. This race of infant prodigies failed to see that such gifts as they could boast were not bestowed on them by some special dispensation of providence, but were the result of patient study and excellent training.

Unfortunately for humanity their ruler, the last great autocrat, found support for his own claim of kingship by divine right by persuading his subjects that they were the 'chosen people.' This is not a new idea discovered since the war. One Theodore Dreiser, a son of German parents, who visited Germany in 1912, says in his book about that trip, that he found "How certain the majority of the German people are that Germany is **called of God** to rule the world."

To live in the court of the Hohenzollerns with its absurd feudal