

C. N. and A. M. Williamson have the faculty of combining a very considerable amount of descriptive matter with a thoroughly readable story. As usual they have achieved both these ends in their new tale, **It Happened in Egypt** (Musson Book Co., Toronto, 512 pages, \$1.35 net). A beautiful young American heiress, the widow of a socialist agitator, a member of the British diplomatic staff, a captain of the Egyptian army, and a large party of "personally conducted" tourists are mixed up in a series of adventures in the fascinating settings of the Nile and Cairo, the pyramids and the desert. So that many things happen in Egypt, not only the finding of a mysterious treasure-filled tomb, but the culmination of several romances.

In William De Morgan's new book, **When Ghost Meets Ghost** (S. B. Gundy, Toronto, 892 pages, \$1.25), twin girls, Phœbe and Maisie, daughters of an Essex miller, whose mother dies while they are yet quite children, grow up so nearly alike that it is next to impossible to distinguish them. But when they come to womanhood, the twins are widely separated, Phœbe remaining in the quiet English countryside to be thrice wedded and thrice widowed; Maisie becoming the wife of one who afterwards became a convict in Van Diemen's Land. Each is deceived by Maisie's scoundrel husband into believing the other dead, and the chapters describing their meeting when they have reached the age of fourscore forms the climax of the story. The setting of the tale is marked by the author's well known ingenuity and love of detail. There are

many charming bits amongst which may be singled out the idyll, with which the book opens, of Sapps Court where Dave and Dolly live with their Uncle Mo' and Aunt M'riar.

The adventures of Pewee, the polite lapwing, and Brown Breast, the young quail scout, are only two of the interesting chapters that go to make up **Bible F'rd Stories**, by Rev. Albert G. Mackinnon (Olliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh, 190 pages, price 90c.). The collection of stories, with their eight fine full page illustrations, are not only entertaining as stories, but are full of real facts about birds, and should appeal at once both to young readers and to teachers, who will find in each story a pearl of truth which will be of great help in driving home a Bible lesson.

A great deal of practical information and helpful advice is contained in the handsomely printed book **Home Furnishings**, by George Leland Hunter (John Lane & Co., New York, Bell & Cockburn, Toronto, 231 pages, \$2.00). Those who contemplate building even a very simple home, or furnishing or refurnishing one room or a whole house, will find in this book many helpful hints on Good and bad furniture, Carpets and rugs, Ventilation, Lighting, Curtains, Wall papers, and other matters important for comfort and beauty. Mr. Hunter has a fund of expert knowledge, which he imparts in a clear and sensible way. A large number of photographs are reproduced to illustrate his various points.



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