

BOOK BREVITIES

THE Copp, Clark Company published on April 3rd "Conjuror's House" by Stewart Edward White, author of "The Blazed Trail." In his new book Mr. White is not only a poet of the forests, as in his past successes, but also a teller of a love tale. In a little post of the Hudson Bay Company, cut off from civilization by five hundred miles of trackless pine wilderness, Mr. White works out a ringing romance full of splendid emotional climaxes and with adventurous happenings in plenty.

"The Story of a Bird Lover," by W. E. D. Scott, is a nature book that George N. Morang has lately brought out. It is to be followed shortly by "A Prairie Winter," written by an Illinois girl.

Elliott Flower, whose "Policeman Flyn" attested his acquaintance with certain characteristic aspects of the American city, has written a novel of municipal politics, entitled "The Spoilsman," which should interest many readers especially at a time like this, and in a world of politics like this. As a wide-awake, brilliant political story it has few equals. The love interest centres round a young society girl of high ideals who inspires a wealthy young man to enter the local campaign. "The Spoilsman" will be published by the Copp, Clark Company, Limited, on April 10th.

"Lovey Mary" bids fair to exceed the sales of its popular predecessor, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Already the Canadian edition is in its sixth thousand and is keeping up the pace that wins.

Sewell Ford, whose brilliant stories of horses will be published shortly by the Copp, Clark Co., under the title of "Horace Nine," has spent sixteen years of his thirty-five years in active newspaper work as reporter and editor, in Boston, Baltimore and New York. For some time he has been a member of the editorial staff of the American Press Association. During the past four or five years he has written much short fiction for the magazines.

Among George N. Morang's recent publications is "The Henchman," by Mark Lee Luther, a political novel of considerable power. This publisher also announces the appearance of a paper edition of "The Hound of the Baskervilles," by Sir A. Conan Doyle.

James Weber Linn, the author of "The Chameleon," to be published on April 17th by the Copp, Clark Company, is an enthusiastic Westerner. "I was born in the West—that is in Illinois," he says. "And I have always remained there. I am not at all bigoted; I believe that there are far better places for a man to grow up in, only they have not as yet been discovered." He admits to two hobbies: the teaching of secondary school English, and general college athletics. "In the ten seasons which I have passed at the University I have never missed a football game of any importance, and the unkindest criticism I ever received on 'The Chameleon' was from a man who declared that I did not know the rules that govern the game."

A new volume of verse by Miss Wetherald will be issued soon by the Boston publisher, Richard G. Badger, who published her last book, "Tangled in Stars." Miss Witherald is

steadily establishing a reputation for work of high quality. Her work undoubtedly is destined to win a growing and permanent popularity.

A new edition in paper covers of Sir Gilbert Parker's entertaining series of stories of Egypt, entitled "Donovan Pasha," has been published this month by the Copp, Clark Co.

A series of personal sketches of leading politicians of Britain, has been written by Justin McCarthy and will be published shortly by Morang.

"Thyra Varriek" is the title of a strong new story by Amelia E. Barr, which will shortly be placed upon the Canadian market by William Briggs.

"Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to his Son" is now in its tenth thousand in Canada. A notable feature in the sales of this book is the number of heads of commercial and financial institutions who have distributed copies of the book among their employees. The leading partner in a big dry goods house in Toronto, to make sure that his clerks would read this book, lent it to them to read and report their impressions of it. Few books of more practical worth could be placed in a young man's hands.



Henry Van Dyke

Whose new book "The Blue Flower" has been more successful even than his last season's great success "The Rolling Passion"

The Copp, Clark Company announce a new edition of William Stearnes Davis' first novel, "A Friend of Caesar." Mr. Davis has become widely and favorably known in Canada through his later books, "God Wills It," and "Belshazzar," and this new edition is likely to have a warm welcome.

Under the alluring title "Summer Songs in Idleness" William Briggs presents the first book of a new Canadian poet, Katherine H. McDonald Jackson. Mrs. Jackson's work has been described as "rich, warm, and strong," and this, we think, is destined to be the given opinion of her readers. The volume closes with some delightful verses for children under the fascinating collective title of "Sleepy Tim Songs."

The Copp, Clark Company will publish on April 24th "The Misdemeanors of Nancy," by Eleanor Hoyt. It would be difficult to find a more charming, frivolous young lady than this creation of Miss Hoyt's. No reader can fail to close the book without a mingled feeling of regret at leaving the heroine and of envy for "the man who came often."