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The Amateur Diplomat, by Hugh S. Eayrs and T. B. Costain, is a bright effort of the young men, one of whom is a former employee of the Canadian Courier, the other the editor of Maclean's Magazine, in which the story ran as a serial under the name of Hugh S. Eavrs. The book is well-written. does not pretend to be a novel, does set out to be a romantic adventure story of the sort which traces genealogically back to the Prisoner of Zenda via the Graustark route; and it succeeds in being readable, entertaining and-not too amateur in the diplomacy of writing. As an example of collaboration in a good cause with plenty of precedents to back it up, it should be read by many Canadians.-Hodder & Stoughton, \$1.25.

Sheer Romance "ENCHANTED HEARTS." By Darragh Aldrich.

OF course it is quite ridiculous to think, even for a moment, that true princesses, fairy-godmothers and princes in disguise, would really truly come to lighten the dreariness of nowa-days. The little people belong way back to a time when fantasies were fashionable and efficiency rules had not been formulated. Modern Cinderellas don't romance over ash-sifters and a six-cylindered pumpkin wouldn't fit into the story anyway. Yet (such is the subtle spell which Darragh Aldrich has woven about the tale) the doings of a wistful little drudge in a New York boarding house entice one back almost all the way to a belief in fairy folk again. It is sheer romance, but invested with a whimsical quality which should quicken the spirit of "make-believe" in the crustiest old critic; and, to quieten his incredulity, there is a touch or two of realism most artfully introduced. "Comfort" is the given-in-baptism name of the lovable little lady who makes all the magic come true in this charmingly told story of "Enchanted Hearts" and the Christmas party, where all the kinks are, straightened out, gives just the kind of happy ending which all true Christmas tales should have. - The Musson Book Co., \$1.35.

A Trained Dog "MICHAEL, BROTHER OF JERRY." By Jack London.

OVERS of animals are not going L to enjoy trained animal turns at vaudeville shows, after reading this story of Michael. The most vivid impression one gets from the book is the picture of the Cedarwild Animal School. It was run by Harris Collins, the most noted animal trainer in the United States; and it was the last word in sanitation, efficiency, and cruelty. It was "business from the first tick of the clock to the last bite of the lash," and it was here that Michael, by nature a merry, playful dog, passed through an "animal hell" that left him morose and subdued.

But Michael had a happy time both before and after his experience at Cedarwild, and the reader is introduced to many very entertaining humans who were his friends. There are accounts of very interesting episodes, to counteract much which is anything but pleasant reading.—The Maomillan Co., \$1.50.

40,000 LITTLE MEN WANTED

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an outlet,-room to swing about in, and it's hard to beat the naval curriculum outlined by the League. Also, we are too parochial, we do not know how the next township lives. When we have our boats in the different harbors planted, we will have an exchange of crews. Could anything be better as an aid to understanding. for instance, between the French-Canadians and our own boys than such an interchange? Shake them together in a jolly-boat for a whileat the impressionable age no amount of reading could do as much. Our cruises will broaden their outlook, give them an idea of the extent of their country, even the nearby portions, at a time in their lives when indelible memories are made."

It was the "planting" of such a training ship in the waters of Newfoundland some twenty years ago that accounts, largely, for the 25,000 men of that country now serving Britain's cause on the seas. Under the League's system of co-ordinated training boys can step from one of the boats into a 32-foot cutter of the navy, and carry on as though they had been brought up in it.

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