

*The New Books (Continued)*

ive waves of Puritans reached America unless we bear constantly in mind that the Pilgrims voluntarily left England to avoid contact both with the Church and with the Puritans who accepted it.

## WAR BOOKS

**Glory of the Coming (The).** By Irvin S. Cobb. The George H. Doran Company, New York. \$1.75.

These articles of war correspondence stand the test of publication in book form much better than most such articles. Mr. Cobb tells of the American soldier as he saw him at the front and in camp. His narrative is not chiefly military. It abounds in appreciation of the spirit, the courage, and the individuality of the newly made American soldier. As every one knows, Mr. Cobb has humor; he has also the gift of keen observation and the art of putting things.

**United States in the World War (The).** By John Bach McMaster. D. Appleton & Co., New York. \$3.

This is a valuable volume both to read and to keep for reference. It might, perhaps, have been a little more accurately entitled "How and Why the United States Entered the War." It is not a history of the war, but a history of the events through which the United States was forced into the war because of the wrongful attacks upon its own citizens, the treachery and cruelty of Germany against humanity, and the need that America should play its part in making the world secure from such attacks and from imperialistic and autocratic rule.

**"With the Help of God and a Few Marines."** By Brigadier-General A. W. Catlin, U. S. M. C. Illustrated. Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City. \$1.50.

No one can exaggerate the service done by the American divisions of Marines at Château Thierry, Belleau Wood, and elsewhere. General Catlin commanded the Sixth Regiment of Marines at Château Thierry, and it is that fight which is described in this book. The narrative could hardly help being animated and enthusiastic, and it certainly is both. It is one of the books about American war effort which is well worth keeping as well as reading.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Wit, Wisdom, and Foibles of the Great.** Compiled by Charles A. Shriner. The Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York. \$5.

The first instinct of every newspaper man on taking up this monumental volume of seven hundred pages will be to say, "What a splendid mine whence to dig 'fillings'!" Illustrative anecdotes, moreover, are useful in other places than newspapers; public speakers and even eminent divines have been known to resort to this method of lightening their discourses. We note with thorough approval the fact that the compiler has gone to original sources and has cast his net far and wide. In other words, he has made good use of that splendid branch of literature which includes biography and reminiscence, and has there found hundreds of incidents which are related to the sayings and doings of famous or notorious men and women. Whether each and every one of these anecdotes is of a veritable occurrence or not does not matter; they have at least the air of reality, and very often the apocryphal ones are the most amusing. Apart from its usefulness, the book has the merit of affording material for many half-hours' entertaining reading, and it matters not much whether one begins at the first, last, or middle page.

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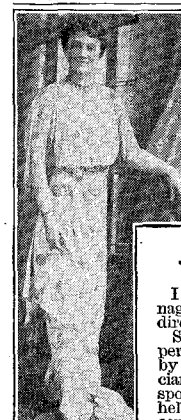
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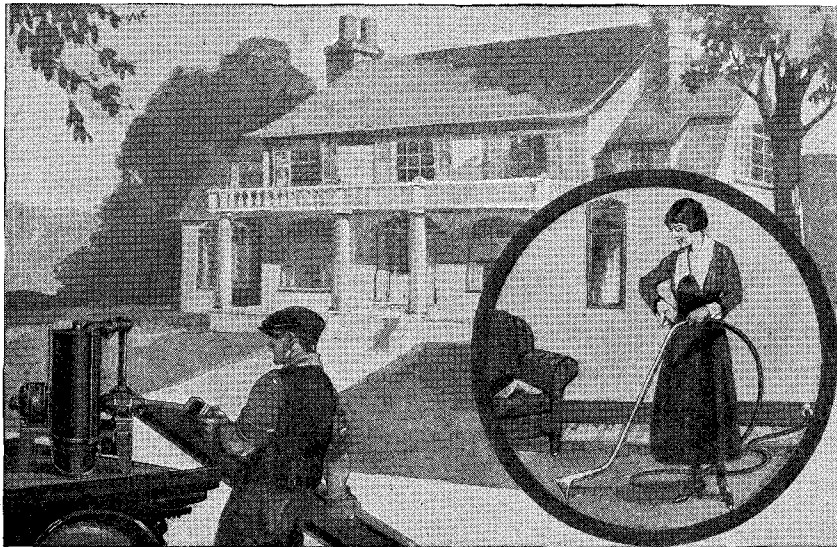
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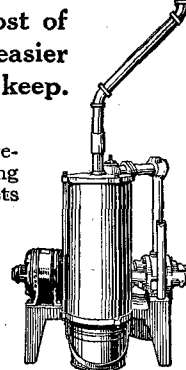
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## BY THE WAY

"Where did you find the prisoner, constable?" asked the magistrate, according to "Tit-Bits." "In Trafalgar Square, sir," was the reply. "And what made you think he was intoxicated?" "Well, sir, he was throwing his walking-stick into the fountain and trying to entice one of the stone lions to go and fetch it out again."

The Paris correspondent of "American Art News" says that there are no less than forty-seven pirated "Rodins," each work signed and bearing a complimentary inscription to the pseudo-owner, now in the possession of unsophisticated buyers who have been swindled by unscrupulous dealers. As illustrating the gullibility of the *nouveau riche*, the correspondent says that one of these dealers sold a Louis XV commode to a customer who supposed it to be genuine and paid \$4,000 for it. The customer found it to be a fake and forced the dealer to refund the money. Next week he found the same commode in a friend's house. "What did you pay for that?" he asked. "Five thousand," was the reply.

Mr. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury and Director-General of Railroads, has, according to a statement in the "Dramatic Mirror," been engaged as counsel for the United Artists' Distributing Association, "an organization which includes the foremost stars of the motion-picture field." His salary, it is said, will be \$100,000 a year. So, it seems, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, *et al.*, can successfully compete with the United States Government when they want an employee.

A "centipede race" is said to be an amusing athletic novelty. A dozen men or boys get astride of a long pole. They race with another dozen similarly equipped. Team-work is of course necessary, or there will be laughable balks and falls.

Queer things are advertised for sale or as "wanted" in the pages of a New York City paper that makes a specialty of such advertising. Here are a few:

For sale—Chop suey sign with motor; first-class condition; cost \$450; sell cheap. Address —, etc.

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A subscriber writes as follows about loosening the refractory tops of fruit jars: "1. Don't use two wrenches, or even one, but *wet* the rubber under cap, pulling rubber away from glass. 2. With point of table-knife, loosen rubber all around under cap. 3. Run a stream of hot water on edge of cap till quite warm, but not hot enough to break glass. 4. Hold jar, top and bottom, with a damp cloth, and with *hands only* unscrew the cap."

Most readers can define the word aviary without hesitation; but how many of the omniscient verbalists can tell the meaning of "caviary" without putting on their thinking caps? Does it mean a factory for preparing caviare? No; another guess must be hazarded. "Cavy" is a guinea-pig; and "caviary," as used in an advertisement in a medical magazine, is a place where guinea-pigs are bred for physicians' use: "Guinea-