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HISTORY AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

JOURNAL OF FIRST VOYAGE TO AMERICA. By Christopher Columbus. Albert and Charles Boni, New York. \$3.50.

This reprint of Samuel Kettell's translation of the abstract made by Bartolome de las Casas from the diary kept by Columbus on his momentous first voyage

is most welcome. It is a quaint document, full of psychological as well as historic interest, fraught with unconscious humor and rendered pathetic by the anxiety for gold recorded on almost every one of its pages. One rather regrets, however, that neither the publishers nor Mr. Van Wyck Brooks in his charming Introduction have seen fit to state clearly the character of the republished work, but have left the uninformed reader free to think it the original journal of the great discoverer.

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ANIMAL LIFE IN THE YOSEMITE. By Joseph Grinnell and Tracy Irwin Storer. The University of California Press, Berkeley. \$7.50.

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WAR BOOKS

WITH LAWRENCE IN ARABIA. By Lowell Thomas. The Century Company, New York.

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MUSIC, PAINTING, AND OTHER ARTS
FAMOUS SCULPTORS OF AMERICA. By J.
Walker McSpadden. Dodd, Mead & Co., New
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Notes on New Books

Guy de Maupassant. Translated by Ernest Boyd. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

The first volume in a collected edition of the novels and stories of de Maupassant. Adequately translated.

MEMORIES. By the Viscount Long. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. \$7.50.

The author, better known as Walter Long, served forty years in Parliament, and was for more than thirty years in the Cabinet. He held among other posts, that of Colonial Secretary and of First Lord of the Admiralty.

SOME MAGAZINES AND MAGAZINE MAKERS. By John E. Drewry. The Stratford Company, Boston. \$2.

Laudatory descriptions of the principal American magazines and periodicals, with sketches of writers and editors. The author holds a distinguished position as a Professor of Journalism and Director of Publicity in the University of Georgia, and when we read in his section on The Outlook that "The Book Table is the department conducted by Brander Matthews" we feel that the mistake is not his, but ours.

LIFE SYMBOLS AS RELATED TO SEX SYMBOLISM. By Elizabeth E. Goldsmith. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

An elaborately illustrated and well-indexed book upon a subject which requires both learning and frank treatment. The author has popularized and a little cheap-

ened it, and has combined the results of some genuine research with various theories and ideas for which there is no foundation except her own opinion. Its scholarship is open to question.

THE WAY OUT. By Edward A. Filene, Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. \$2.50.

A forecast of coming changes in American business.

THE LITERARY SPOTLIGHT. Preface by John Farrar. The George H. Doran Company, New York. \$2.50.

Essays about American writers—living ones—reprinted from the "Bookman." By various writers—humorous, satirical, fresh, or clever. Pencil caricatures by William Gropper. The text is also mostly caricature.

BANDELLO: TRAGICAL TALES. The Complete Novels Translated by Geoffrey Fenton (1567). (Broadway Translations.) E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. \$5.

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WHITE AND BLACK IN EAST AFRICA. By Hermann Norden. Small, Maynard & Co., Boston. \$5.

Observations of an American traveler, mainly of the native tribal life and customs.

CRIMINOLOGY. By Edwin H. Sutherland. The J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. (Lippincott Sociological Series.)

A modern and comprehensive text-book on criminology.

THE ART OF HELPING PEOPLE OUT OF TROUBLE. By Karl De Schweinitz. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. \$2.

By an officer of the Philadelphia Society for Organizing Charity. A practical book upon a difficult subject; its title explains its purpose.

THE LITTLE BOOK OF MODERN BRITISH
VERSE. Edited by Jessie B. Rittenhouse.
Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston. \$2.

A good small anthology of British poets "since Henley"—that is, of the past thirty years—including many who are living and still young. A pleasant book for a gift.

SOME ASPECTS OF MODERN POETRY. By Alfred Noyes. The Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York. \$2.50.

Essays upon English and American poets. The author punctures a few of the balloons which have been inflated by the recent "rebels" among poets and critics of poetry.

CELEBRITIES OF OUR TIME. By Herman Bernstein. Joseph Lawren, New York. \$3.

Interviews with and letters from many famous men: Tolstoy, Shaw, Pope Benedict, Trotsky, Einstein, Wilson, Roosevelt, and others.

SLAPSTICK AND DUMBBELL. By Hiler Harzberg and Arthur Moss. Joseph Lawren, New York. \$2.50.

An essay on clowns, with odd and appropriate illustrations.

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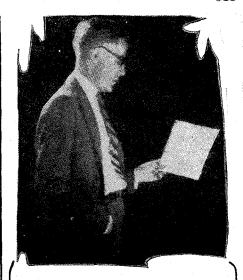
Nearly 400 pages in this novel; the word "sex" or an analogue on nearly every page, and the whole book pretty tedious. Only hard labor can accomplish this result.

IN THE LAND OF THE LAUGHING BUDDHA. By Upton Close. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

The author, whose real name is Josef Washington Hall, has spent eight years in China, and describes his travels there, and especially the political upheavals of recent years, in a lively and entertaining manner.

THE WINDOWS OF WESTMINSTER. By A Gentleman with a Duster, Author of "The Mirrors of Downing Street." G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

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