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The New Books

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South, which all the young men with ambition have long ago left, and where all women expect as a matter of course to devote themselves to flattering the nearest male—failing a husband, a distant cousin will do—and to be supported by him in return.

The whole of the life of the dead town is given with an intimate and illuminating realism; the dry smells of winter, the damp smells of summer, all are there. Yet though all the slovenly pretense of gentility is displayed, it is not distorted by appearing as it would to some one far more sensitive than its inhabitants.

There have been many recent books devoted to cutting at the dead limbs left on the old South; this sloughing off of the dead tissues is the indication of its returning vitality. Of them all, none is more convincing than is this book in its moderation, and few more trenchant in constant but never insistent irony.

B. D.

Social Science

THE NATURE OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN RELATION TO OBJECTIVES OF INSTRUCTION. By Charles A. Beard. Scribners. 1934. \$1.75.

If, as stated in the Foreword, this publication is merely a report to a Commission (of the American Historical Association on Social Studies in the Schools), then it is for the latter to pass judgment upon its usefulness and adequacy; all that an outsider can venture is the opinion that if the social sciences are as thin and shaky as they are described to be, their inclusion in a school curriculum might well wait until their health has picked up. This, however, is by the way, and implies an adherence to a set of convictions concerning school curricula that are, at the moment, a mark for flout, jibe, and sneer.

Viewing the volume without reference to its "objectives of instruction," as an effort to "bring to a focus contemporary thought about the social sciences, to serve as a warning against easy assumptions," one fails to perceive any audience to which it is addressed. A large part of its key-chapter, on "The General Nature of the Social Sciences," has to do with unearthly semi-metaphysical meditations on the nature of real science, out of which emerges the dictum that astrophysics is the only genuine discipline of the sort, inasmuch as it alone has a "closed system" and "admits of long-time and all-inclusive predictions"—chemistry and physics being merely "comforting little sciences." This kind of term-juggling responds neither to contemporary thought nor to understandable usage; nor does it dispel any easy assumptions in the minds of pupil, grade-teacher, school-board, or specialist.

If the author had said simply that the social studies cannot aspire to the exacti-

tude of even the little comforters, much less to that of celestial mechanics, though they can try to quit word-churning and to adopt such items of stock scientific method as they can encompass, one easy assumption (held, however, by no student of society worth disillusioning) might have been scuttled.

Sketchy chapters on history, economics, political science, and cultural sociology follow. To whom they will be of use does not appear. The anthropologist gets slight attention except for the reassurance that he is doing a lot of good. For, by his efforts, "humanity is relieved from the dread and fear of the unknown, in this round world, at least, and can ascribe untoward happenings to natural causes rather than to some malign influence seated in some unknown and unexplored region of the earth or sky." To humanity this is a gain beyond calculation." Economics and the rest are accorded likewise the status of benefactors.

There follows a sketch of social trends based largely upon the Hoover Report and a recent volume of Berle and Means; also a considerable amount of programmatic material of a pedagogic order. This may be of value to the Commission. The volume is one of the type that Foundations and Commissions feel that they must produce; Dr. Beard seems to have been reluctantly acquiescent to the task of its making.

A. G. K.

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INTERNATIONAL

Nazi Means War. L. Stowe. Whittlesey. \$1.50.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sulgrave Manor and the Washingtons. H. C. Smith. Macmillan. \$4. Famous Feats of Detection and Deduction. L. R. Gribble. Doubleday. \$2.50. Itinerants of the Timber Lanais. G. McClintock. Crowell. \$2.

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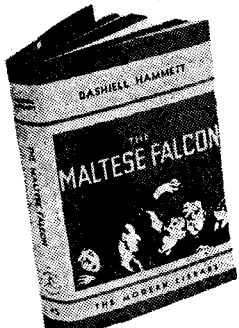
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Trade Winds

By P. E. G. QUERCUS

Old Caliph Quercus with Eddie Ziegler as Grand Vizier went on the road Upstate. As they were leaving they met Charley Driscoll, who makes a hobby of pirate stories and buried treasure. The Geo. Matthew Adams syndicate is spreading a strip-feature of Mr. Driscoll's in many newspapers, called *Pieces of Eight*. Charley gave the travellers a facsimile of an old Peruvian silver "piece of eight" (viz. 8 reals) coined in 1691. This lucky piece was cast in linotype metal and bore the name also of the St. Louis *Star-Times*. Quercus regarded it as a symbol of the truth that there's always Hidden Treasure in every kind of type metal. Unfortunately he lost it in Buffalo. In Buffalo also he learned that the old Indian chief (Two Guns White Calf) whose face appears on the buffalo nickel had just died in Montana. This seemed an unpleasant fiscal omen just before Income Tax Day. At John Skinner's excellent second-hand treasure trove in Albany he found Clark Russell's *An Atlantic Tragedy*; he was puzzled to see it bear the imprint of Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Philadelphia, 1899. He did not know that the sporting Drexel Biddles had ever gone in for publishing.—Most exciting of all, at John Skinner's there was one of the old Jules Vernes Q. has so long hunted: the fat red volume (3 stories in one) called *The Mysterious Island* with the imprint of Scribner, 1898. Now where will we find a copy of *The Steam House* by Verne? Why not Scribners put those old plates back to work—and the delicious illustrations.

The car *Simplon Pass*, on the train called *The Iroquois*, was one of those mint-new air-conditioned vehicles; running so smoothly that one accustomed to the old rattlers can hardly sleep. Vizier Ziegler was interested in the porter, a big handsome bronze with a soft voice and an odd liquid accent. They learned that he's an Abyssinian, and discussed with him the exciting discovery lately of the Queen of Sheba's home town. Always short-circuited by mordant curiosities these Trade Surveyors studied the club car menu. Bicarbonate of Soda, doubtless due to Mr. Borborigmus Henry's protest in these columns, has come down to 10 cents. "Aspirin will not be sold in Iowa or Minnesota." The Pullman Company, they noted, has its own press in Chicago where its numerous folders and menu cards are printed. As a lover of the road, Old Quercus would love to have something printed by the Pullman Press. With St. Patrick's Day in the offing these sentimentalists made some notes on the Irish whiskeys available in the trains. Burke's, which comes from Ireland via Long Island City, seemed to be the Pullman Company's favorite. The average customer has rather forgotten about Irish whiskey, and it seems more likely to be genuine than the current liquefactions of Scotch.—In Buffalo, the new Terminal is a long way from the heart of town. One sees the minarets of a great many Polish churches. The Union News Company has a fine bookstall at the Buffalo Terminal, they had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Albee and found a file of the SATURDAY REVIEW on prominent display. Q. wished that it might be on sale as well as for reference; is it not excellent train-reading for the brooding voyager? They visited both branches of the Ulbrich Company, booksellers; in the basement of Ulbrich's Delaware Avenue store a meeting was held where Mr. Chris Grauer's patrons ensconced themselves in vaults and alcoves like primitive Christians. This was exciting and good fun; it had the feeling of a Guy Faux conspiracy. If books, those explosives of the mind, could be outlawed, contrabanded, prohibited, how they might circulate. Perhaps the charm of the SATURDAY REVIEW, cried Old Quercus to himself, is that it is so secret, a brotherhood of initiates, a sodality of *carbonari* or charcoal burners inhaling their esoteric fumes. Almost his favorite line in literature is: *Deep in the parallel forest the sunburned carbonaro tends his sullen fire*. Chris Grauer is full of upgrade ideas for the improvement of traffic in print and certainly his Delaware Avenue basement is a delightful place to browse. In the Main Street store he has a vigorous department of foreign books and magazines. They visited Adam, Meldrum and Anderson's too, where Vizier Ziegler made old Convex Quercus buy a new dress waistcoat, one that would really meet in front; and the pleasant book balcony of Hengerer's

where the student who is infatuated with names met among others the delightful Miss Accipiter. Mr. Ziegler, always sedulous for trade, invented a rhyme: "If she places an order, we'll ship it her!"—

Of Syracuse, where the University is set on a hill and sends memorable chimes over the town (don't forget, by the way, Dorothy Sayers' superb bell-ringing mystery *The Nine Tailors* which rings the bell in more senses than one, is published this week) Quercus had not known much save that the trains rumble through the streets and there are deposits of salt hard by. (The first street you notice is called *Sallinas*.) There is spiritual salt too, as they learned at the University and at Paul Paine's public library. Miss Tina Cummings and Miss Virginia Potter of Dey Brothers' book department made them welcome: they noted that the frolic youth of Syracuse run much to mufflers in Scottish plaid and bright colored mittens. They were guests of the English Club of Syracuse University in a picturesque Gothic castle high above lights and surrounded with stars. An excellent idea, thought Quercus, to build a university on a hill; the medieval colleges (e. g. Oxford, Cambridge) were set in swamps and low alluvials, rich in quagmire and fog. In the kitchen of a friendly sorority house the astonished surveyors were served sandwiches as colorful, as piquant, as the hostesses themselves. Old Quercus, from the low vapors of middle age, looks up with homage to these bright visions on the hill. And the Hill Bookstall, run by Abbie Bigelow for student trade, is a gay visit; beautified also by some picturesque Persian cats which are not for sale. At the Public Library Paul M. Paine gave them his latest literary map, *A World of Good Stories* which locates on a chart of the world the geographic setting of the most famous romances. They had forgotten, or never known, that the island of Lilliput is supposed to be off the coast of Australia Felix.—The ingenious Abbie Bigelow, sending a wire to the surveyors while they were in Buffalo, addressed it *Try Leading Hotel Bflo*. It is embarrassing to record that Western Union tried seven other hotels before locating the thrifty pair.

In Saratoga, snow was still piled high along the streets and in front of those extraordinary hotels with their facades of wooden millinery. On byways glazed with frost the name of Skidmore College seemed very apropos. The social Vizier dined gayly with the nymphs of the college while pondering Q. retired to the attic of a hospitable bookseller (Dorothy Brock, who runs a lively little Book Service in her own home) to collect whatever thoughts he could. There he found what he had not seen in years—a genuine old Saratoga Trunk, with rounded lid; and realized for why they were built so; as also the wide stairways and verandahs of Saratoga's old hotels—to give space to the then fashionable crinoline. Hotels so full of social rivalry must always have needed broad fairway for ladies who were not on speaking terms to swish by without contact. But the young enchantresses of Saratoga today are of the streamline form. The president of the Key, a literary club, sat—sober, steadfast, and demure—in a tall presiding chair; prettier than a picture; patient and without fidget.

And of Albany, always an excitement, there is now no space to speak. The Co-op Bookshop run by Miss Fay and Miss Foote has made itself justly famous in its young career. Some day the lethargic publishers will realize what the college bookstores all over the country are doing in the way of catching and encouraging the young zealots of print. There were delightful visits with Fred Clapp and John Skinner and Mr. Lockrow who has recently opened a shop of his own. The State Education Building was dark while the State Office Building, across the way, was still blaze of lights—adding up the Income Taxes, one feared. Albany has had a tough winter—not unlike the one described in *The Master of Ballantrae*. But Miss Fay, like all wise merchants, has a secret solace of her own to call on when times are difficult. She is a great artist at whistling. Her skill in this loveliest of musics would charm birds from trees and publishers from stockrooms. When she whistles the mocking-bird aria it truly seems the first symptom of spring.



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