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A F., at the Hollywood Bookstore, 6760 Hollywood Boulevard, replies invitingly to Old Q's lament that he'll miss the slippered heels on the streets when the season changes. "Come out to Hollywood," she exclaims persuasively, "the silk heels will flop all winter." "As a matter of fact we are looking forward to many a good laugh in the new styles. A baby stovepipe or a wicker creel perched on the upsweep hair-do is our best hope that maybe the world still has too much humor to go to war." "The runaway success of Peg Halsey's *With Malice Toward Some* is perhaps due to the fact that it's the first time the English have been adequately kidded (by an American) since Ben Franklin." "Of course the Scots do it all the time; and a Czech, Karel Capek, did it beautifully some years ago." "A delightful visitor was Ralph Sargent of Knox College, who has such a fine Leica that we took him out to Suffolk County, L. I., to see our Family Tree, *Quercus Gigantica*, probably the biggest vegetable in New York State. If the picture comes out well we shall print it." "Meanwhile we gather from the photo of Beatrice Lillie and J. B. Priestley reproduced herewith that a softball version of cricket has been introduced in England. Miss Lillie and Mr. Priestley were captains of the two teams, actresses and authors, in a recent benefit match."

"Richard Hughes's remarkable hurricane story, *In Hazard*, has an even higher wind than *High Wind in Jamaica*. It goes right off the Beaufort Scale and reaches 200 m.p.h. We wish some meteorologist would tell us what is the highest wind velocity ever recorded." "Or probably we can look it up in Lecky's *Wrinkles* or Felix Riesenbergs's *Standard Seamanship*." "Of all forthcoming books the one that is Seeded First in our own private anticipation is Pearsall Smith's autobiography." "Speaking of sea stories, Charley Force tells us that the manuscript of

H. M. Tomlinson's *The Sea and the Jungle* was written by hand in five composition books and is locked in the strong-room of a bank in Croydon, England. "We are happy to say we spoke too soon about the old squarerigger *Tusitala* being broken up. According to the *Providence Journal* she was saved at the last minute: the U. S. Maritime Commission bought her back from the shipbreakers in Fall River on the eve of her intended destruction. She will be commissioned as a training ship for the merchant marine."

"Appleton-Century Book Chat remarks that this is going to be a good season: in the last week of August they put back to press no less than 123 of their older books, titles known as "staple stock." "We ourselves had come to the same conclusion by noticing how many publishers were having lunch at the Ritz (when we walked through there hastily the other day en route to Horn and Hardart's). "Speaking of MSS we should like to own, we noticed that the Scribner Book Store not long ago listed the original 36 holograph pages of *The Monkey's Paw* by W. W. Jacobs for \$1100. "Exciting to any collector of sleuthiana should be the collection of letters to and from Vidocq and certain dossiers of crime material offered by Scribner at the minuscule price of \$37.50. "Dodd Mead offer the Red Badge \$1000 prize for the best mystery novel (by an author not previously published under their imprint) submitted before Dec. 1, 1938. Further details on application to D. M. and Co. "We always enjoy *The Blue Pencil* when it comes our way, a "bi-monthly bulletin for writers not yet rich or famous." It is edited by Tom Uzzell, a helpful and vigorous critic of expectant talent, at 342 Madison Ave., N. Y.

"The Library of Congress has sent around an interesting booklet describing its beautiful new Annex. 100 years ago the resources of the L. of C. were contained in "Six hair trunks and a map case." We like the description of the pneumatic carrier system that transports books from the Main Building to the Annex. "The oval leather pouches have a capacity of eight average-size octavo volumes. They travel at a speed of 25 feet a second but their arrival is cushioned by a bank of air which prevents damage to their contents." "Many an author has wished that the arrival of his book had been cushioned by something. "We were pleased to see the Columbia University Press quoting from a good book they published eleven years ago—*The Realm of Literature* by Henry W. Wells—and saying they still hope to sell some copies. That's the spirit. "Alfred V. A. Van Duym, well known in the Trade, has started his own Book Service (Day and Night) at 233 West 14, N. Y. C. Mr. Van Duym, whose fine work in display-planning was long a feature of the Doubleday Doran shops, offers every kind of book-help, whether advance information in specialized fields, hunt for o.p. titles, or celeritous delivery of any procurable title, domestic or foreign.



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