

Trade Winds

BY P. E. G. QUERCUS

A. B. A. Convention

BOOKSELLERS from all over the U. S. will gather for their annual convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania, May 14-17. Besides taking up various problems facing the trade, the convention looks forward to the 39th annual banquet on May 17th, to be addressed by Thomas Mann, and to Booksellers Day at the World's Fair, May 16th. A nautical afternoon for the entire book trade will take place on Sunday, May 14th. In the specially chartered steamer *Chauncey M. Depew*, the convention will admire the U. S. Atlantic Fleet, sail around Manhattan and up the Hudson, and hear informal talks by Carl Carmer and Admiral Yates Stirling. Tickets for this trip \$1.50.

A testimonial lunch to the new parcel post rate will be held May 15, with Frederic G. Melcher presiding and Morris Ernst speaking. William Lyon Phelps, J. Donald Adams, and Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach will address the final Convention Luncheon on May 17th. Many bookmen are coming to New York from all parts of the country to visit the World's Fair at the time of the convention.

Another way of spotting early printings of John Steinbeck's remarkable novel *The Grapes of Wrath* (since the Viking boys have been so earnest on the subject) is by regrettable errors in Julia Ward Howe's *Battle Hymn* reprinted on the end-papers. It should be "trampling out the vintage," not "tramping;" and "terrible swift sword," not "quick." Old Q and Uncle Bill Benét were saying to each other, during a vintage evening not long ago, that ever since their childhood that line about the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword always gives them the supreme spinal chill. Next after the *Battle Hymn* and *John Peel*, Old Q's favorite for a barbershop evening is *Lauriger Horatius*, which you'll find in J. A. Symonds' *Wine, Women and Song* and can hum to the tune of *Tannenbaum*. The lines that wring old Q's withers are: *Crescit uva molliter, et puella crescit; Sed poeta turpiter sitiens canescit.* We are always struck by the fact that the only time people seem really keen to buy books is in places where books are not usually sold. If you go into a bar-room with a book under your arm someone will always wish to buy it from you. Chris Cella, patriarch of rum and rizotto on 45 Street, used to sell a lot of books in his kitchen in the old days, he might well take it up again. Indeed it may be stated as apothegm that people enjoy everything more if they get it where they don't expect it, or aren't supposed to.

Among ways of cooking eggs not mentioned by Peter Greig the Gastronomer in his recent dissertation is Scrambled in Brandy, a specialty of Mr. Buckminster Fuller, author of *Nine Chains to the Moon*. Mr. Bill Colescott, Philadelphia bookseller, lent us a copy of the poems of Peter Peppercorn (David McKay, 1884). Our favorite is "Outbid the House of Gin," which carries the explanation: "The most effectual way of clos-

ing taverns is by opening free libraries."

"The only American in the Oxford-Cambridge boatrace," reports *The New Yorker*, "did very well indeed." Reminds us somehow of Ouida's immortal line about her Oxford oarsman: "All rowed fast, but none so fast as he." Argosy Book Stores (114 E. 59) list at \$12.50 a large-paper copy of Le Gallienne's *The Religion of a Literary Man* (1893) with an autograph letter "in which the aesthete departs from philosophical detachment to inveigh bitterly against the commercial motives of collectors who send books to him for signature and to demand \$25 for inscribing a bundle."

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☞Felix M. Cornell, of the Cornell Book Shop, 350 West 23, N. Y. C., has organized the Cornell Maritime Press which will publish on nautical subjects only. Mr. Cornell has done well with the *American Merchant Seaman's Manual* and has other titles in preparation. ☞Brentano's has acquired the business of Ball & Wilde at 80 Broad Street, N. Y. C., and this store now becomes the fourteenth link in Brentano's chain.

☞Leading authors from 30 countries will attend the Congress of Writers held at the New York World's Fair May 8-9-10 under the auspices of the American P.E.N. Club. At the concluding dinner, Plaza Hotel, May 10, the speakers will be Jules Romains, Carl Van Doren, Nora Waln, Thomas Mann, Pearl Buck, and Lin Yutang. Dorothy Thompson, president of the American P.E.N., will take the chair. ☞The day following the dinner the visiting delegates will go to Washington for a luncheon at the White House. ☞At the first World's Fair session, May 8 at 3:30 p. m., it is expected that Jo Davidson's long-awaited statue of Walt Whitman will be unveiled.

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DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle, you must guess twenty-four words, the definitions of which are given in the column headed DEFINITIONS. The letters in each word to be guessed are numbered. These numbers appear under the dashes in the column headed WORDS. There is a dash for each letter in the required word. The key letters in the squares are for convenience, indicating to which word in the definitions each letter in the diagram belongs. When you have guessed a word, fill it in on the dashes; then write each letter in the correspondingly numbered square on the puzzle diagram. When the squares are all filled in you will find (by reading from left to right) a quotation from a famous author. Reading up and down the letters mean nothing. The black squares indicate ends of words; therefore words do not necessarily end at the right side of the diagram.

When the column headed WORDS is filled in, the initial letters spell the name of the author and the title of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Authority for spelling and definitions is Webster's New International Dictionary (second edition).

The solution of last week's Double Crostic will be found on page 17 of this issue.

DEFINITIONS

- Place of confusion.
- Legal orders of prohibition.
- Self-important (slang).
- Indiscriminately, rashly (3 wds.).
- Brother of Prometheus.
- Scourged.
- Hungarian composer (1877-).
- Historical subject of play by Marlowe (1593).
- Scotch poet and compiler (1797-1835).
- Son-in-law of Mark Twain (first name).
- Demure hypocrite (Fr.).
- Transition from light to darkness.
- Son of Poseidon and Gaea (Gr.).
- One who imprisons.
- Pertaining to decadence or old age.
- One of the Fates (Roman).
- English author of books for the young (1841-85).
- Gain advantage by superior strategy.
- Rebuking with a look.
- Culmination, apex.
- Knoblike.
- Favorite food of undergraduates.
- Black.
- Dealing with the obscure.

WORDS

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