

P. E. G. QUERCUS

Summer Over England

The headlines mutter blackly as new war-clouds darken over

(But all the while the bumblebees are lurching through the clover.)

The gas-mask drill goes dread and chill in prescience of doom (While past the hedge the flower-heads are shaking out their bloom.)

And haggard men must march again, and guns be set for planes

Beneath the sanity of sun, the reasonable rains.

-DOROTHY BROWN THOMPSON.

NE advantage of this modest slice of printers' pie is that it gives Old Pensive a chance to mumble some of his gradual notions almost unobserved. IF He has been thinking for many months to write a fable about a man who Made Friends with Himself. IF But how about a Nation That Made Friends with Itself? IF Old Q. was pleased to see in the N. Y. Times (July 11) Arthur Krock's piece about the "Quarter-Sphere" idea of U.S. influence—viz., that the United States should plainly and publicly de-



limit its region of political concern to the Americas from the Isthmus northward. IFAnd quit talking about "hemisphere defense," which is dangerous hooey. IFMr. Krock has a good gift of often being early to state what many people are mulling in private. We hope his frankness about the quarter-sphere doctrine will receive wide discussion.

Crown Control University Press announces (date not fixed yet) a volume of Hitler's Speeches, edited by Norman Baynes. It is a selection of "portentous" utterings with repetitions and huzzas omitted; as the publisher gently remarks, "in the original, the orator's meaning is buried beneath the exuberance of his own verbosity." Another Oxford book, about a less known but more endearing figure, is Coleridge Fille by E. L. Griggs, the first adequate study of S. T. C.'s remarkable daughter. The Coleridge family remains probably the most interesting as such in the history of English literature. IPOld Q. was pleased when the reference librarian of Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago wrote praising our coinage protuitive. IF The telephone company remarks that long-distance calls in first 6 months of 1940 are 61/2 % ahead of same period last year. Perhaps people are telephoning instead of reading, as the book business is way down. As a literary editor remarked to us the other day, "Most of our circulation is in the Styx.'

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The most amusing portrait we have seen lately showed Marie Corelli in her gondola The Dream on the River Avon. She is leaning back on a swatch of crimson velvet and being paddled by a handsome boy. This we discovered in Marie Corelli, The Life and Death of a Best Seller (Constable, London) at the Gotham Book Mart. We can still remember admiring the window boxes on Miss Corelli's house at Stratford when we bicycled there in 1911. ^{IF}Books we have seen people reading: on the L. I. train, The Ramparts We Watch; in the subway, Walk Like a Mortal; ourself, for relaxation. tried Buchan's The 39 Steps in the new Wallaby edition; found it nicely written but undernourished in conviction. We still wonder what some readers will think Buchan's characters are wearing when they put on their "acquascutums." IFBut how nice it is to see again the big readable type of George Doran's old plates.

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We had been wishing for a long time that someone would do something to help Mason Wade's biography of Margaret Fuller, and to our great pleasure Mr. Willkie chose it for va-

cation reading and got it into all the papers. IFA book we have long hankered for is that novel about the U.S. Navy, Delilah (the heroine is a U.S. destroyer on Philippine duty), which has been under rewrite for a couple of years. The last news Farrar & Rinehart had from the author was an enigmatic note from Mexico: "I shall notify you as soon as I arrive some place." IFA friendly parson in Connecticut says we should not have reported The Jefferson Bible as "an unusual discovery." It was published in 1923 by Boni & Liveright, edited by Henry E. Jackson. FAmong unusual MSS. sold last week for Red Cross benefit at Christie's famous auction house in London, was the script of Allan Quartermain by Rider Haggard. IFAn unusual study of folk art is announced by W. W. Norton, American Figureheads and Their Carvers, by Pauline Pinckney. This refers to ship's figureheads, not political shirtstuffing. The London New Statesman ingeniously describes Thomas Mann as ' 'the Charles Morgan of Germany." BWe wait patiently for the book that will start a new Trend in titles. The inverted rhythm of Black Was My Truelove's Hair, Green Was My Valley, Quietly My Captain Waits, Bright Was Their Destiny have become a ribaldry among long-suffering booksellers. Burges Johnson reports that the College English Association got 70 new members last month, and is mewing its mighty youth against a big autumn. I Dave Randall of Scribner's says Sherlock Holmes's bees will take care of any parachute troops that land on the Sussex Downs.

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^{III} In re our inquiry as to Rev. T. H. Stockton, we receive the following interesting information from Arthur Pforzheimer, 26 East 56, N. Y. C.:—

The Rev. T. H. Stockton was an elder half-brother of Frank R. It is well known that the famous author, Frank R. Stockton—happily not forgotten—began life as an engraver. Among the few things executed by him were the illustrations for his brother's book of poems. Besides being Chaplain to Congress, the Rev. T. H. is remembered as the man who delivered the prayer at Gettysburg at the time Lincoln spoke there.

The original wood block that Frank Stockton engraved as his business card is still in existence and I have one of a limited number of copies printed from it a few years ago.

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By ELIZABETH S. KINGSLEY

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DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS To solve this puzzle you must guess twen-ty-six words, the definitions of which are given in the col-umn headed DEFINI-TIONS. 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 conventience, inthe required word. The key letters in the squares are for convenience, in-dicating to which word in the definitions each letter in the diagram be-longs. When you have guessed a word, fill it in on the dashes; then write each letter in the correspondingly num-bered 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. Read-ing up and down the letters mean nothing. The black squares in-dicate ends of words; therefore words do not necessarily end at the right side of the diagram. right side of the diagram. When the column headed WORDS is filled in, the initial letters spell the name of the au-thor and the tille of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Authority for spelling and definitions is Webster's New Inter-national Dictionary (1938 edition).

The solution of last week's Double Crostic will be found on page 21 of this issue. : |

DEFINITIONS

WORDS

A. Saxicola rubetra (a bird).	153	103	95	168	193	10	64	195		
B. Addicted to old-fashioned ways (comp.)									169	
C. Laments (vb.)	_			46				10	100	
D. Thick gruel.								1.7.5		
E. Genus of fossil rhinoceroses.				65						
F. Synagogue doxology after pray- ers.		52 		$\frac{104}{91}$			68 	39		
G. Argument by induction (logic).						173				
H. Gambler	102	28	82	111	184	86	75	174	90	
I, Everywhere (3 wds.)	144	50	44	99	163	160	131	117	37	155
J. Two books of the Apocrypha by Ezra.	32	48	108	$\frac{1}{172}$	156	120				
K. Sycophancy.	170	183	69	16	84	110	$\frac{1}{146}$			
L. Resting place (fowls).	166	115	148	30	9					
M. English physicist-astronomer (1882—).	97	54	158	77	5	17	.7.1	42	26	
N. Pertaining to a wood or grove.	$\frac{1}{154}$	20	112	$\frac{1}{165}$	59	62	41			
O. Pressed English cheese of pleas- ing acid flavor.				116		58	47			
P. Laced boots ankle-high (comp.)	87	132	114	178	$\frac{162}{162}$	$\overline{152}$	45	61		
Q. Capital of Latvia.	10	29	36	94						
R. Minced oath.	124	134	1	151						
S. Change of front (French) (comp.)	21	171	147	18	34	109	113	128	145	
T. Fragrant.	179	105	138	133	2					
U. Contracts for renting or owner- ship.	3	11	66	23	126	140				
V. Toward a higher or greater de- gree.	81	51	27	106	157	55	127			
W. July-August (Fr. Revolution calendar).	141	72	53	33	$\frac{1}{176}$	24	38	149	100	
X. Exasperated, provoked.	22	121	95	15	98	139	175	56	125	
Y. Makes a choice (citizenship).	76	57	143	119	•					
Z. Trimly neat and tidy (colloq.)	130	89	60	7	181	•				

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