## 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 reason－ able rains． －－Dorothy Brown Thompson．

ONE 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．${ }^{\text {E }} \mathrm{He}$ has been thinking for many months to write a fable about a man who Made Friends with Himself．But how about a Na－ tion That Made Friends with Itself？ $\square$ 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－

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limit its region of political concern to the Americas from the Isthmus north－ ward．And quit talking about＂hem－ isphere defense，＂which is dangerous hooey． $\mathbb{F}$ Mr．Krock has a good gift of often being early to state what many people are mulling in private． We hope his frankness about the quar－ ter－sphere doctrine will receive wide discussion．
［s Oxford University Press an－ nounces（date not fixed yet）a volume of Hitler＇s Speeches，edited by Norman Baynes．It is a selection of＂porten－ tous＂utterings with repetitions and huzzas omitted；as the publisher gent－ ly remarks，＂in the original，the ora－ tor＇s meaning is buried beneath the exuberance of his own verbosity．＂ ［s 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 re－ markable daughter．The Coleridge family remains probably the most in－ teresting as such in the history of English literature．EOOld Q．was pleased when the reference Iibrarian of Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago wrote praising our coinage protuitive．The telephone company remarks that long－distance calls in first 6 months of 1940 are $6 \frac{1}{2} \%$ ahead of same period last year．Perhaps peo－ ple are telephoning instead of reading， as the book business is way down． ${ }^{5}$ As a literary editor remarked to us the other day，＂Most of our circula－ tion is in the Styx．＂
［J＇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．哣Books we have seen people reading：on the $\mathrm{L} . \mathrm{I}$ ．train，The Ram－ parts We Watch；in the subway，Walk Like a Mortal；ourself，for relaxation， tried Buchan＇s The 99 Steps in the new Wallaby edition；found it nicely written but undernourished in convic－ tion．We still wonder what some read－ ers will think Buchan＇s characters are wearing when they put on their ＂acquascutums．＂解 But how nice it is to see again the big readable type of George Doran＇s old plates．
$\xrightarrow{4}$ 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． ered 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 \＆Rine－ hart had from the author was an enig－ matic note from Mexico：＂I shall notify you as soon as I arrive some place．＂政A friendly parson in Con－ necticut says we should not have re－ ported The Jefferson Bible as＂an un－ usual discovery．＂It was published in 1923 by Boni \＆Liveright，edited by Henry E．Jackson．Among unusual MSS．sold last week for Red Cross benefit at Christie＇s famous auction house in London，was the script of Allan Quartermaïn by Rider Haggard． TSAn unusual study of folk art is an nounced by W．W．Norton，American Figureheads and Their Carvers，by Pauline Pinckney．This refers to ship＇s figureheads，not political shirtstuffing． TSThe London New Statesman ingen－ iously describes Thomas Mann as＂the Charles Morgan of Germany．＂ase wait patiently for the book that will start a new Trend in titles．The in－ verted rhythm of Black Was My True－ love＇s Hair，Green Was My Valley， Quietly My Captain Waits，Bright Was Their Destiny have become a ribaldry among long－suffering booksellers．［－F Burges Johnson reports that the Col－ lege English Association got 70 new members last month，and is mewing its mighty youth against a big au－ tumn．WDave Randall of Scribner＇s says Sherlock Holmes＇s bees will take care of any parachute troops that land on the Sussex Downs．

踢In re our inquiry as to Rev．T．H． Stockton，we receive the following in－ teresting 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 for－ gotten－began life as an engraver．
Among the few things executed by him were the illustrations for his brother＇s book of poems．Besides be－ ing Chaplain to Congress，the Rev， T．H．is remembered as the man who delivered the prayer at Gettys－ burg 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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## Double-Crostics: No. 330

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## DIRECTIONS

To solve this puzzle you must guess twen-ty-six words, the
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are gicen in the colare given in the col-
umn heuded 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 vequired word. The key letters in the squajes are for convenience, indicating 10 with word
in the definitions each letter in the diag am helongs. When you have longs. When you have guessed a cord, fit 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 frome a famous author. Readletters mean nothing. The black squares indicate ends of words: dicate ends of words:
therefore words do not therefore words ao the right side of the diagram.

When the column headed WORDS is filled in, the initial lettersspell the name of the author and the title of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Authority for spelling and defintions is Webster's New International Dictionary (19.38 edition)

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


## DEFINITIONS

A. Saxicola rubetra (a bird).
B. Addicted to old-fashioned ways (comp.)
c. Laments (vb.)
D. Thick gruel

Genus of fossil rhinoctroses.
synagogue doxology after pray-
Argument by induction (logic)
i. Gambler
I. Eyerywhere (3 was)
J. Two books of the Apocrypha sy Eara.
i. Resting place (fowls).
11. English physicist-astronomer
N. Pertaining to a wood or grove.
O. Pressed English cheese of pleasing acid flavor.
I.aced boots ankle-high (comp.)

Capital of Tatvia
R. Minced oath.

Change of front (French)
r. Fragrant.

Contracts for renting or owner-

- gree. July-August (Fr. Revolution calendar).
X. Exasperated, provoked.
. Makes a choice (citizenship)

2. Trimly neat and tidy (colloq.)
