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Scripts for the Summer Solstice

is upon us. Shall we read light literature during dog days or seize the long hours to win through the serious books we have missed in the hurly-burly of the year? There is only one precise rule: Do what you like. Slogging through great tomes for conscience sake will profit you little, nor will stuffing your crop with fiction. Part of every well-planned vacation should, of course, be devoted to the blessed anodyne of detective stories; but for the rest, most light books do not draw you deep enough into fantasy or puzzle you with character or even tease you enough with plot to make you forget yourself. Therefore, I have made earnest search to discover a summer list that will entertain because the books mean something, and yet will never bore you with sodden fact or profitless theory.

HE great annual pother over summer reading

For pure delight compact of dare-deviltry and exotic thrills I would put first in my traveler's bag—Revolt in the Desert, by T. E. Lawrence. Here are a dozen Beau Gestes made into one gorgeous sun-drenched tale of war, Arab sheiks, intrigue, and blazing desert landscapes. This is a whole new cut of life revealed in brilliant words by the gentleman Crusader who helped England break the Turk's control in Palestine and Mesopotamia. The gist of this Arabian night is a long train of camel-riders padding through the shadows to blow up a railroad with very modern dynamite. Here are alarums and excursions, blood

and valor, enough to make you forget anything . . . and it's all true. On the sense side, you will learn geography and folk-lore and Oriental politics and the ethics of the desert, and perceive again what makes the sun refuse to set on the British Empire. The bright words of those charges over the sands to Allah or to loot will wake your dull blood; and the tale of how the Sherif feeds his guest on whole lambs will keep you chuckling into the night and give you sympathetic indigestion. Yes, this book will lend color to a week of summer (or winter) for it is an outdoor book, a man's book, a book of fantasy and style and humor and it proves that skyscrapers are dull things.

For drama I offer you two volumes. First, Paul Green's The Field God and In Abraham's Bosom, the Pulitzer Prize play. They should be read out of doors where you are close to the manoeuvres of haymaking and the revolving cycles of the soil. Both are born of the earth, the earth as it yields human aspiration and tragedy in the fields of North Carolina. They deal with elementals—the struggle of a Negro visionary to make his dreams come true, and the way primitive passions bend and create a tiny group on a farm. The summer is a good time to return to elementals and to remember that man is only articulate dust and must find in Mother Earth his strength whether from hard-won crops or primitive emotions. These are sad plays, but not discouraging. They read well, being independent of the artifices of the stage. No vacation is perfect without tears

for tears make the sunshine more blessed and here are tears for the hard fate of good men and dreamers in an irreconcilable world.

In Marco Millions you will find a new Eugene O'Neill, an O'Neill who takes the material of Sinclair Lewis and works it into the impudence and gayety of Bernard Shaw. It's a bravura piece with as many chuckles in it as you found in Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra. This fantastic satire on big business and human vanity pictures the greatest traveling salesman of all time, Marco Polo, who made his million and won the love of Kublai Khan's daughter, but left her to return to Venice and Donata-who "is a mighty fine little woman," and whose picture he carried in a locket all the time and showed on small provocation. Marco, who told the truth and so won the reputation of Prince of Liars, is shown as a kind of poetical Babbitt who wanders among strange people and many religions, and untouched by anything, lets the light of his horse-sense in on the heathen.

E goes through the Arabian Nights talking the lingo of the Pullman smoker, even telling the jokes! Here is satire and symbolism directed at our modern commercial crassness, but ever and anon lit up by that flash of mystic poetry O'Neill shares with all Celts. There is a pure and moving beauty about the love and marriage and death of the little Princess that could only come from Ireland. The play marks a mile-stone for O'Neill, I think, for it cuts deeper and sweeter into the final emotions of life in a way never done before, and displays an intellectual mastery over his material that promises a sureness in his future plays we have sometimes missed amid the gropings of The Fountain and The Great God Brown. Life is beautiful and tragic and funny to this man, and that always means great art.

While I speak of poetry let me urge you to read Edward Robinson's last poem, Tristram. The old legend has never been told with more dignity and emotion, nor in lines that possess such human simplicity and life-likeness. These kings and princesses with fair white hands are not vague symbols, but suffering people who move to their doom with the same wonderment and pain that leaps onto the front pages of the newspapers sometimes in this very year. This is a better love story to read on a summer's afternoon than are those cheap and cynic things parading in too many modern novels. You might also stick in your pocket the new set of Pamphlet Poets issued for twenty-five cents. These include some of the best from Emerson, Witter Bynner, Edna Millay, Emily Dickinson, and two groups selected from the New York Wits, running all the way from Clement Moore to H. C. Bunner and Guy Carryl, and from four Negro poets.

E are opulent in biography these days so I dare only recommend two volumes that have amused and instructed me. Lloyd Morris presents a picture of Hawthorne that shows the man and his setting better than anything I know. His odd and austere mother and strange sisters and the life they led in the dim Salem house account for much in the introspective Nathaniel. The story of his love and marriage and the idyll of their life at the Manse in Concord is fragile and full of poetical passion. The queer group that tried to mingle transcendentalism and market-gardening on Brook Farm are etched with quiet humor and yet with such

human friendliness that you love them while you laugh at them. And Concord becomes a real village where gods like Emerson and Thoreau took walks together and had their little visitations of jealousy and boredom. No study of the Concord group has ever made these gentlemen so real and human. Through it all runs the tragedy of Hawthorne, bred in the bone with the strange denying psychology of the Puritan, yet full always of suppressed emotions and wistful yearnings for the color and pageantry of life that never came until he finally won his place as consul at Liverpool, and there and later in Rome suddenly blossomed. He came then to some measure of financial security, his taste for wine and good cigars (of which none generally suspect the gentle Puritan of tradition) found decent release, and he seemed ripe for greater work. But when he returned to the dullness and restraint of the environment that had made him what he was, he seemed to suffer some inexplicable change, and faded to death with no explanation at all. The study leaves you dim-eyed at the tragedy that lies within the soul of men. But you are also refreshed at the glimpses of how genius loves, and how the follies and mysticism of New England work its Puritan wonders to perform.

Stouter and noisier are 'the five "trumpets of jubilee" that walk across Miss Rourke's stage. They are all creations of that bold reformist spirit that marked the middle fifty years of the 19th century in these United States. The new democracy that was surging through the continent and creating an empire seemed to need megaphones to proclaim its virtues and shout its achievements. Here are megaphones. Miss Rourke says:

Words—the popular mind was intoxicated by words; speech might have provided liberation; sheer articulation apparently became a boon. A public which was not yet a civilization, which much less composed a society, might have been seeking a common legend or sign manual.

Certainly these five figures dealt in words: Lyman Beecher and Henry Ward, the preachers, Harriet Beecher Stowe, the novelist who helped make a war, Horace Greeley, incessantly pouring forth words, and often very picturesque words, in his Tribune, and Barnum, the first of the advertisers and persuaders of the mob to believe in miracles.

THEY had in them a kind of greatness of vision coupled often enough with an inadequacy of thought. Yet they spoke for their time, and the time heard. Miss Rourke gives solid three-dimensional portraits of these symbols. She is none too gentle with their pretense and their ultimate thinness, but she understands how they molded and also voiced their generation. Indeed, you will learn a lot about that mid-century wave, with its rhetoric, its magniloquence, and its sentimental culture, perhaps best typified in that East Indian monstrous palace Barnum built in Connecticut and called "Iranistan." This volume is not one of debunking, but of de-mything. These so-called giants are caught out of their official poses and stripped of the legends that have helped to make them great. Yet within them resided something of greatness, much of courage, and vast reservoirs, of tumultuous energy and democratic faith in mere size that we find missing from our present quieter, but less exciting day. Certainly all these trumpets are joyful, singing praises unto the Lord. Reading of them is an adventure in understanding the generation whence we are descended and in the realization of how strange and

diverse are the instruments by which an inchoate flood of people are directed upon their destiny.

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REVOLT IN THE DESERT, by T. E. Lawrence. Doran. 335 pp. Price \$3 postpaid of The Survey.
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Entre Acte on Grand Street

THE soul of New York will be duller next year. The Neighborhood Playhouse Stage will be dark. The sponsors of this miracle in community art want a year off "to think things over." They deserve the year, but everyone who asks that the stage be a spiritual adventure will miss them. We pray this is only an entre acte. We cannot believe that "the rest is silence."

The Neighborhood Playhouse has been a success. Its managers have achieved their purpose. They have set a standard for sincerity and integrity in art that has uplifted the American stage. Starting as an adventure in play at a settlement house, the Neighborhood just grew and grew. Think of what these visionaries did in that tiny stage on Grand Street. They reunited the drama, dance, and music. They took a group of young people and made them into a responsive balanced company with a spirit never discovered in any other repertory theater in this country. They imported for our entertainment charming exotic things we would never have seen otherwise—the Burmese pwé, the Chinese pictorial allegory, the ancient commedia dell 'arte. They let us see the Color Organ, and made of Walt Whitman's Salut au Monde! a processional of rhythmic beauty. They were afraid of nothing. Who will forget the rollicking nonsense and pointed burlesque of the Grand Street Follies? Where has expressionism been given a fairer trial than in Pinwheel this year? Here was an international playhouse with its roots in a neighborhood, experimental but always sane, presenting the rare, but never the merely precious, and finally universal because it was based on the elementals of great drama: beauty, spiritual meaning, and joy in play.

But such gifts are costly. In mere money, these ten years or so have cost around half a million dollars; the annual deficit was over forty thousand dollars, in spite of the list of two thousand season subscribers. Grand Street is off the beaten track and so the Playhouse never drew its full audience—the people who wanted to come. Indeed, so small is that theater that even when sold out for long runs, it never brought in enough to pay expenses. But this is not the important point. Alice and Irene Lewisohn who have born the brunt of the deficits might be able to go ahead for another decade; others might be found willing to share in the endowment of the Playhouse: it is worth what it costs. Indeed, though I am scarcely a competent witness in such rarefied realms, not being acquainted with even the vulgarest fraction of a million dollars, I believe that the production of that spiritual mystery play, The Dybbuk, was alone worth half a million. Those who saw



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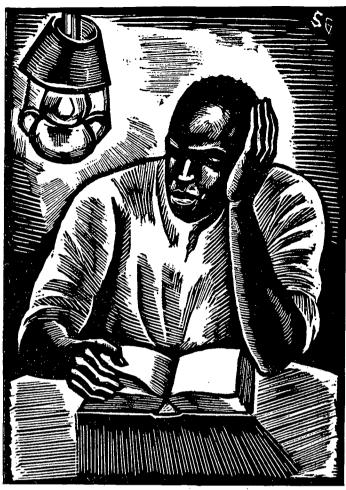
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that bit of eternity made real will, I think, record it as their greatest experience in the modern theater.

No, the problem is not bread and butter, but how the Playhouse may grow without losing its soul. If the Playhouse moves uptown, it may win Broadway and miss the world. If it welcomes new guarantors of funds, these may crave success and set up as dictators of what shall be done. So I think the first axiom of this wise year of meditation should be that the present sponsors of the Playhouse shall continue to guide and inspire its future. They at least have proven their indifference to worldly fame and fortune. The players themselves might carry on as a company, but the actors expressed, they did not create, the Neighborhood spirit. The gathering of a great guild of subscribers will help, but only if the subscribers want what the Playhouse has to give. The sacrifices the Theatre Guild has made prove that in spite of good will success is a dangerous intoxicant. It may deaden the sense of what true success in art means.

It seems certain the Playhouse must have a new theater larger and more commodious . . . if for no other reason than to get better ventilation. I have often wondered whether the mystic submission of my soul to the Grand Street ensemble was not in reality the preliminary coma of asphyxiation. I vision a new house (on the model of a temple, and not of a hotel lobby) facing Washington Square. That is convenient to modern New York that most needs the Playhouse, and yet not far enough to tear up its real roots in the East Side. Its closeness to the

people and its cosmopolitan character depend on that. Even as I write I wonder whether travelling down to Grand Street was not part of the Playhouse spell. Here was something of the freshness of going into foreign lands, and the evening aroused the mood of the pilgrim rather than that of the visiting butter-and-egg man. . . . Well, you see the nature of what this year of meditation faces?

The problem really is: does America want a theater with a soul? Can we provide the environment for an institution that combines intellect, sincerity, and esthetic culture with an open-minded quest for the new, the charming, and the historic? This year's intermission shows how keenly the directors of this venture realize the dangers of growth and success. They want the answer to be revealed, not manufactured. The challenge is not to them, but to us. To give up what the Neighborhood Playhouse stands for will mean a defeat to our whole culture. We are challenged to find in this material civilization a life-giving atmosphere in which such a delicate and precious gift may survive.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT WINS (Continued from page 382)

with a flourish. A bare-headed man dove through the crowd. "Oh, Judge Rayford, so glad you're here. Come in both of you."

As they were climbing the steps, the judge explained: "And Mr. White rescued me." Then, turning to Pop, "This is the mayor."

"Yup," said Pop, quite unperturbed, "knowed him by sight, named one of my triplets after him."

Laughing, the mayor paused in the hall, slapped Pop on the back. "So you're the father of those famous triplets! Happy to meet you and very grateful you got Judge Rayford here in time for the meeting. Come sit with us."

Dazedly Pop followed the two up the center aisle to the platform. The clock pointed to eleven minutes past eight. As the mayor and the judge took their seats the crowd cheered.

Pop glowed in reflected glory. Shyly he looked around at the people near him. There was Miss Allison a few feet away, smiling and nodding. Next her was Mrs. Martin, the housekeeper woman, then some people from Neighborhood House. The Red Cross lady who bossed things in a flood sat with the mayor. Pop felt very much at home.

Judge Rayford began to speak. He told how the city was going to build a wall to hold the river back if the state legislature would help and asked everybody to sign a petition lying on the table. That much Pop understood, but during most of the address he was picturing himself telling the old woman about his triumph: "And the mayor, he said to me, 'Come right along, White, you brung the jedge, you and that fine little car of your'n; you sit here on the platform.'

Down in the audience he spied Ben and Evan who caught his eye and smiled proudly back. They weren't ashamed of him tonight, he guessed. Hadn't the mayor explained why the jedge was late and who'd fetched him? Over in one corner was a group of neighbors from the Flats, whispering together, pointing him out. He'd be holding a reception tomorrow at home, telling 'em all just how it happened. "It was my little car that done it—ain't she the bird, though?"

Suddenly his heart gave a sick thud. Tomorrow was the

day he had to sell the Ford. How could he have forgotten?

After the meeting the audience filed up to the platform to sign the petition. The neighbors from the Flats shook Pop by the hand, and then Ben and Evan were there, beaming on him, saying how grand it was he fetched the jedge.

Susie and Emmy came, proud and happy, introducing their beaux from the Hilarity Club. "It's at the Neighborhood," explained Susie breathlessly. "Miss Allison got us in and we're going every Saturday night.

Tears filled the little man's eyes and he turned away to hide them. The charity lady stood beside him, waiting for a chance to speak. He put out his hand to her in silence.

"So the white elephant wins!" Miss Allison's handclasp was hearty. "Glad you brought Judge Rayford."

"He give me an order fer all the bluing I got on hand, that's two dozen bottles."

"Good! And say, I've got some news that's even better. Talked with Mr. Healy just now and he has a job for you."

Pop's jaw dropped. Miserably he looked at the floor.

"You haven't heard what he wants."

"Wh-what?"

"Be his salesman for this district."

"Travel?"

"In your own car! He'll pay you a fair salary and commission, besides the gasoline."

The white elephant's triumph was greater than he'd thought. Pop grinned, pumped Miss Allison's arm ecstatically.

"Say, I'll see him tomorrow! Now I got to drive home and tell the old woman."

"SEE YOUR DOCTOR" (Continued from page 388)

advised having tonsils removed. I then consulted my own physician and he advised against having them removed. With such a difference in the medical mind, what is it advisable for a layman to do?"

Many correspondents go a step further in their criticism of the medical arrangements, and have definite remedies to offer for the situation. "Would it not be a good idea to issue certificates of fitness to doctors after a proper examination so your policyholders would be able to distinguish those fitted to doctor people? After a man has taken a state examination, he is a doctor forever, even if he is fifty years behind the times. If the bung is out what good does it do to save the dripping faucet? If the doctors are incompetent or the treatment doctors use is wrong, what good is precaution on the part of the general public?"

Another writes: "Why should not doctors and dentists be required to report periodically the number of cases of each kind taken and the results of treatment, or to use some other method of publicity that would give one an opportunity to check them up?"

Judging from these and other communications, a portion of the public is medically upset. This does not include only those who have established affiliations with pseudo-religious or other anti-medical cults. In does not include only those who are too ignorant or stupid to know the difference between a supposedly well-qualified physician and a so-called "doctor" of chiropractic. It does include those who recognize that still in the practice of medicine today there is a great deal that is chaotic, unintelligent, and irresponsible. This situation does a great deal of harm not only to the medical profession, but to the public. While this is a consideration somewhat aside from our main question, where we are concerned with the provision of direct and localized medical guidance, yet it has an indirect bearing upon the solution of the problem. Health education, such as in health examinations for instance, is making the public more and more aware of its needs for preventive and therapeutic medical and health service. Going out to look for this type of service, the public is choosing, among numerous channels, some which are roundabout courses or blind alleys.

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However, it is on the hunt for the medical profession, and evidently it is going to find out. Is it going to find it lacking? Health education is not going to stop. More and more, people are going to realize the importance of sound medical guidance. More and more they are going to know what that means. Also, gradually they are going to find out the short cuts to that knowledge and guidance. Will the doctors be prepared to give the service demanded?

We have said that present methods through which the public is seeking medical guidance are in large part wasteful and ineffective; that the channels are roundabout and that in particular, the volume of national correspondence that is carried on is futile. This futility arises out of two quite different

factors inherent in the situation and method.

N the first place, personal medical service is not a national problem. It is a local and intimate personal question. This service somehow or other must be directly supplied. Names of physicians cannot be suggested from a national center except under very unusual circumstances. It should be remembered that these people want information about where to find and how to select a doctor, about how to get a competent specialist, about where to get a health examination. Sometimes they want to know about clinic services, but more frequently they want to go to a doctor and pay for the service desired. They want to know where and how they can get and pay for diphtheria immunization, and whether or not their doctor is right in telling them that scarlet fever toxin is or is not a good thing. Sometimes they think they want one thing, and actually very much need something entirely different. Of course, they may have lost confidence in routine medical procedures, and ordinary medical men; but more likely they are new to the community, know no doctors, do not know how to find one, have reasonable confidence in regular medical practitioners but are not sure that they can avoid fraud and chicanery in making their own medical selection. Furthermore, if the service is to be real, anything more than a gesture—it must provide when necessary not only a system for answering mail inquiries, but also a center where direct personal advice through conference may be facilitated.

This advice must be Obviously this needs local handling. given by local responsible and reliable sources. Whose job is it? The Health Department's? County Medical Society? A local voluntary health organization that might establish a clearing house of this type? Of course, as responsible pay clinic services or labor and industrial workers' clinics develop, the need for judgment on the part of the individual in selecting medical service will be decreased. But how far will or should pay clinical services be developed? There is one certainty, and that is that they are likely to develop quite rapidly, and perhaps much more rapidly than the medical profession would welcome unless that profession, or some of its allies, devise machinery for guiding individuals into safe channels of private

medical service.

It is really a problem involving, not necessarily the "socialization" or state control of medicine, but a greater social use of medical facilities. Medical organization is faced with three possibilities, a choice accentuated by the public demand for guidance:

1. State control, with a more or less compulsory degree of

public service in this field.

2. Semi-public provision through salaried medical service by

means of semi-public pay or free clinic facilities.

3. The incorporation of health and medical guidance into the routine practice of medicine, under the auspices of private medical organizations. This latter possibility seems to offer the greatest potential advantage at the present time.

F we are to develop these possibilities, every community of any size should have under local medical auspices, a recognized and advertised medical information bureau to which individuals may turn with a feeling of confidence for information with reference to health and hygienic practices, for impartial, unprejudiced, and financially disinterested advice on medical treatment, for suggestions with reference to health examination procedure, for guidance as to clinic service, and for protection against fraud and deceit in quack medical methods. To some extent local health centers, clinics, dispensaries, hospitals, and pay clinics are attempting to meet this situation. A few county medical societies have made

a beginning in this field, such as those in Brooklyn, Toledo, and possibly other centers, but judging from the volume and type of correspondence analyzed above, the facilities are by no means adequate nor are they widely known and accepted.

Now, in addition to the lack of local responsible medical provision, the other big factor which interferes with the effective operation of such an information service at the present time, is that the doctors are not yet prepared to meet the demand along these lines. Take simply the field of health examinations. Here it is fairly evident that the popular propaganda has gotten considerably ahead of medical interest or provision for this type of service. It is also evident that there is a growing public interest in some method of post-graduate medical instruction and standardization and continuous technical control. Health and medical authorities are of course by no means unaware of this situation, and to a degree, measures are being taken to meet it. Organized efforts by county and state medical societies for the promotion of the health examination work in medical channels, for the extension of post-graduate instruction through medical societies, may be effective ultimately in meeting the professional need and in allaying the lay unrest, but the magnitude and the seriousness of the problem should be recognized, and the organized efforts in this direction should certainly be accelerated. Much can be and is being done by Health Departments and by local and state medical organizations in this field. Much more can be done in supplementing these efforts by aggressive procedures on the part of organized medical machinery on a national scale. Aggressive American Medical Association leadership is needed.

F the public in general had been educated to expect health advice from the physician and if the individual physician had been trained to a greater degree than is the case at present, to give hygienic instruction and to answer intelligent inquiries from his patients with reference to the hygiene of living and to specific treatment procedures, a large part of the total volume of correspondence that now comes in to national agencies of one kind or another would have been

More concrete efforts are needed to encourage competency on the part of the medical profession, and public confidence in its proficiency. The incorporation of more preventive medi-cine in medical school curricula, post-graduate educational measures, medical extension courses, definite controlling legislative procedures-all such steps need wider application. It is particularly important to encourage the doctor to meet the growing demand for personal hygienic advice, for health examination service, and for his full participation in the private practice of preventive medicine. This medical educational work is an obligation which rests primarily upon medical schools, medical societies, and similar professional organizations.

The public is willing to accept and indeed actively desires:

Protection from quackery and fraud.

Direction to safe and helpful medical and health services

The problem in its simplest terms is a three-fold one:

1. To get the doctors ready to teach personal hygiene and practice private preventive medicine.

To get the public more fully aware of its needs in this field and of the competency and willingness of orthodox medicine to meet these needs about which it is already conscious.

To establish the local machinery which will purposefully and usefully associate service and need.

In brief, it is necessary to find the short cut to medical guidance, to establish the local circuit, and to connect up physician and patient in a competent and justifiably trustful relationship.

It is true as stated previously, that Health Departments. some voluntary health agencies, and certain medical societies have made attempts to develop a local information service. But something more than general sanitary or hygienic information is needed. If there were in all of our larger centers of population at least, Medical Guidance Bureaus under competent and reliable auspices, then certainly, most national agencies would be glad to take advantage of such local centers in referring inquiries to them. After all, such a service is fundamental in disseminating facts with reference to disease prevention and treatment, and in preserving an attitude of confidence in competent medical guidance. Much of our medi-



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