

BOOK REVIEW

Baseball Books

Baseball, which has so long been the nation's greatest sport, is fast developing a literature of its own. Nothing establishes a sport so firmly and permanently as a prominent place in the literature of its own people. As the *BASEBALL MAGAZINE* has a peculiar interest in the progress and stability of the National game, it is only too glad to welcome a new addition to the already long list of works of current fiction, whose central theme is the diamond and the many comic, pathetic, tragic, but always interesting incidents which center in its various angles.

"CAPTAIN OF THE NINE" is a brand new book on this subject which is a distinct credit to the great game it typifies. The scene of the story is laid at St. Mary's, one of that large number of training schools where all branches of athletics flourish. The book opens with Bartley, the hero, elected as captain of the Nine and Mellen, the defeated candidate, plotting revenge. In his disappointment he attempts in every possible way to prevent Bartley from having a successful season. Much of his ingenuity is spent in an effort to decoy away a crack player on the eve of the real big game of the season. Bartley's great ride on a bicycle to frustrate this attempt ushers in the climax of the story. The book has that atmosphere of enthusiasm which is so valuable a quality in a long fiction story, has an abundance of quick action, and gives an exhaustive insight into the hidden recesses of inside baseball which will make it of greatly increased value to all lovers of baseball as well as of good fiction.

Cloth, 281 pages. *D. Appleton & Co., N. Y.*

Another book on baseball which contains a great deal of excellent reading between its covers is "BATTER UP," by Hawley Williams. This book is a typical boy's story and its main incidents take place at Lansing Academy. Chester Hall, the hero of the story, has been a player on the Varsity Nine, but loses his place and wins the undeserved name of "coward," because he seems afraid of a rival pitcher. The coach, although a thoroughly fair man, shares this opinion, and Chester is in temporary disgrace. The real reason for his apparent cowardice is the fact that he was once knocked unconscious by a "bean ball" by this same pitcher, but he does not reveal the incident. Rather, he makes a determined fight to get back on the nine without favor from anyone. In this fight he is greatly aided by one of the professors of the institution, who was himself a star pitcher at Princeton in his college days. How young Hall finally conquers in this fight and the well-won reward he receives make a theme which will appeal to all that younger generation of athletes who are so fond of baseball.

Cloth, 303 pages, *D. Appleton & Co., N. Y.*

New Publications

"C. Q.," OR, "IN THE WIRELESS HOUSE." By Arthur Train, author of "McAllister and His Double," etc. A story of a transatlantic trip in which the wireless plays a part in an attempt to smuggle into the country a \$50,000 necklace.
Ill. 12mo. 301 pp.

"ASHTON-KIRK, SECRET AGENT." By John T. McIntyre, author of "Ashton-Kirk, Investigator," etc. A detective story with an absorbing mystery which starts with a scarlet scapular, leads to murder and involves four great nations.
Ill. 12mo. 332 pp.

"BARMECIDE'S FEAST, THE." By John Gore. A burlesque in which an Oxford student plays an important part. He has tremendous wealth, and many persons, including his own father, are interested in devising means to put him out of the way so that this wealth may be divided amongst them.
Ill. 12mo. 195 pp.

"L SOCIETY." By Robert Halifax, author of "The Borderland," etc. A novel depicting characters and scenes from London low life.
12mo. 327 pp.

"HOUSE OF A THOUSAND WELCOMES." By E. R. Lipsett, author of "Father Clancy," etc. An Irish-American romance. Full of comic situations and occasional touches of pathos.
Ill. 12mo. 323 pp.

"LONG PORTAGE, THE." By Harry Bindloss, author of "Vane of the Timberlands," etc. As in his previous successes, Bindloss tells a story of the towering clean-aired forests of the Northwest. The plot is unusual, involving curious situations and extraordinary motives.
Front. 12mo. 354 pp.

"GIFT OF ABOU HASSAN, THE." By Francis Perry Elliott, author of "The Haunted Pajamas." A whimsically absurd Arabian Nights tale of modern up-to-date New York. Full of rollicking humor.
Ill. 12mo. 314 pp.

"MR. PERYMAN'S CHRISTMAS EVE." By Francis S. Porcher. A touching little story of a life of faithful service. Daintily manufactured for use as a gift.
Ill. 12mo. 44 pp. Boxed Boards.

"MRS. ELI AND POLICY ANN." By Florence Olmstead. A novelette telling of the many amusing things that happen in the crowded family that Mrs. Eli tries to bring up under circumstances that would appall a less valiant spirit. Originality, cheerful philosophy and real, live humanity are the characteristics of the book.
Front. 12mo. 160 pp.

"BOY AVIATORS' FLIGHT FOR A FORTUNE, THE." By Captain Wilbur Lawton, author of "Dreadnought Boys," etc. A story of adventure for boys, introducing the use of an air-ship.
Ill. 12mo. 299 pp.

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JUVENILE BOOKS

Football

Football is second only to baseball in popular interest, and as the *BASEBALL MAGAZINE* is also concerned with the welfare of that great game, it is equally pleased to welcome a new arrival to the literature of the gridiron sport. "QUARTERBACK RECKLESS," another book from the pen of that well-known juvenile author, Hawley Williams, is an unusually interesting story of the great autumn sport.

As is usual with this author, the scene is laid at Lansing Academy, where a spirited rivalry exists between Chester Hall and Tilly Scott for the position of quarterback on the Varsity team. The book teaches a lesson which will prove valuable to all young athletes. The hero is by no means a type of perfection. In fact, he resorts to some decidedly underhand work, but he shows his true character in the sincere efforts he makes to right the wrong of which he has been guilty and his genuinely manly behavior finally wins for him a place in the principal game of the season.

The story abounds with stirring incidents and its leading episodes are clearly and dramatically drawn. The book carries throughout a strong undertone of sound advice under a pleasant exterior of very readable fiction.

Cloth, 240 pages. *D. Appleton & Co., N. Y.*

Another live football book is "CHANGE SIGNALS," by Ralph Henry Barbour, also published by the Appleton Company.

Cloth, 330 pages. *D. Appleton & Co., N. Y.*

Adventure

Adventure goes hand in hand with athletics and sport. Stirring incidents of travel, struggle and danger share the interest of juvenile readers, along with incidents from the gridiron and the diamond.

"THE TEXAN STAR," by Joseph A. Altsheler, is a historical story for boys of unusual interest. The scene opens in the City of Mexico, in that country which has furnished so many thrills to contemporary history. Ned Fulton, the hero of the story, is here held as a prisoner. He makes his escape by means of a singular device and starts for the Texan border. The various misfortunes which befall him on this dangerous trip, his adventures with Indians, Mexicans and mountain brigands form a story of thrilling interest. Not only is the book a decided success as a narrative of adventure, but it also serves the added purpose of furnishing a clear picture of early history in our own country. Many of the border heroes of the old Mexican war, Colonel Bowie, Sam Houston, and others appear as leading characters.

Cloth, 372 pages. *D. Appleton & Co., N. Y.*

Books and Their Authors

After winding up his contract with several newspapers to write special feature stories of the Republican National Convention in Chicago, George Ade, the humorist, whose new book "Knocking the Neighbors" is to be brought out this fall by Doubleday, Page & Co., made a brief visit to New York and then left for Europe, where he will make a stay of several months. For the last few years Mr. Ade has been giving the greater part of his attention to his Indiana farm, and his new book will be joyously welcomed by all lovers of the Ade type of humor.

The United States government has recently purchased for the print collection of the Library of Congress the entire set of lithographs of the Panama Canal by Joseph Pennell. This series of drawings was undertaken in February last. The historical value of Mr. Pennell's pictures is increased by the fact that with the letting in of the water the picturesqueness of this part of the canal work will be largely obliterated.

George Middleton, the dramatist, and author of plays produced by Julia Marlowe, Margaret Anglin and others, spent the summer at Senator La Follette's farm in Madison, Wis.

Campaign Year Book

Ex-President Roosevelt's proposition known as the recall of judicial decisions has given rise to an immense amount of discussion both within and without the legal profession. One outcome has been a searching inquiry into the relation sustained by the courts to legislation. Perhaps never before in our national history has this matter been so thoroughly canvassed. Among the fruits of this inquiry we have a clearly written treatise on "Majority Rule and the Judiciary," by William L. Ransom, of the New York Bar, with an introduction by Theodore Roosevelt. Speaking as a lawyer, Mr. Ransom, while advocating Mr. Roosevelt's proposal to submit to popular vote the decisions of State courts in certain cases involving the constitutionality of laws passed in the exercise of the police power, seeks no quarrel with those who believe that the same results should be accomplished through the established method of general constitutional amendment. He recognizes the same principle back of both methods, but he prefers the Roosevelt proposal as the more conservative, suitable, sound, and adaptable of the two. Lawyers and laymen who may be inclined to differ with Mr. Ransom in this matter would still do well to read with care his exposition of the proposal for "direct popular definition" as opposed to "general amendment." Such a reading may help materially in removing misconceptions.

"MAJORITY RULE AND THE JUDICIARY." By William L. Ransom. *Scribner's*. 177 pp.