

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Mrs. Bob.

That clever woman and charming writer, "John Strange Winter," has given to her admirers another proof of her ability to tell a story in whatever way she pleases, and so invest it with the charm of her own originality that we must like it whether we will or not.

But as soon as you have finished the book, and begun the process of digestion, a doubt creeps into your mind and you ask yourself under your breath if it really could have happened after all? Her latest effort is no exception to this rule.

The plot is not only decidedly unique, but so cleverly worked out that you cannot help overlooking its utter impossibility. It deals of course largely with military society and the scene is laid in a garrison town.

We are introduced first to a most winning little matron, Mrs. Stafford, who has just married her two youngest and loveliest daughters to dashing young officers of the outgoing regiment, both scions of noble houses, and richly endowed with this world's goods.

Did anyone ever meet with such a heroine before? and could anyone ever take an interest in her? You think not at first impressions notwithstanding, before you have finished the book you will love Julia almost as dearly as poor Stephen did, and acknowledge her one of the noblest, bravest, truest women in the world.

Mrs. Bob, who plays the title role, is a delightful little person who must have been naughty, and yet we never once succeed in catching her in the very slightest deviation from rectitude of the strictest type.

The singular raison d'être of the book is to introduce the bewildered reader to a set of utterly charming, perfectly refined people, who are banded together for the purpose of committing jewel robberies on the extraordinary principle that robbing very wealthy people was no harm, and the "acquisition of property" as they called it perfectly justifiable.

The principal feature of the Transatlantic for March is political in its character. In an article on "How Europe may Escape War," Colonel Baron Stoffel, who is an authority in matters military, seriously advances the startling idea of an offensive and defensive alliance between France and Germany as the only method of averting the impending European conflict, and maintains that such an alliance is possible only on condition of the voluntary restoration of Alsace and Lorraine to France by Germany.

A portrait of Bret Harte serves as the frontispiece of the March Book Buyer, which is accompanied by a sketch that gives a graphic picture of his personality and literary career.

queries and answers in the department bring up many interesting points about books and authors. The April number will contain a portrait and sketch of Mark Twain, and, in addition to the usual features, the list of correct answers to the prize questions given in the January and February numbers, together with the names of the winners of the prizes of \$150, \$75, \$50 and \$25.

OFF THEIR BASE.

Messrs. Davies and McMullen would learn something by living in Moncton.

The Upper Canadian papers, notably the Montreal Herald, are following the lead of Mr. McMullen, of Ontario, and Mr. Davies, of Prince Edward Island, and "pitching into" Mr. Pottinger tooth and nail, hammer and tongs.

As for Mr. McMullen, we never heard of him before, which of course proves that he cannot be of very much importance, and serves to dismiss him finally from our thoughts.

Perhaps the Ontarians, acting on the well-known principle that distance lends enchantment to the view, are inclined to look upon the I. C. R. as a sort of iron-railed happy hunting ground, on which the maritime provincialists can disport themselves at will without money and without price.

If such is the case, oh, members from Prince Edward Island and somewhere in Ontario! and if you are anxious to have your illusions dispelled and your vision cleared, come down to the I. C. R. headquarters, even to Moncton, and try to get a few passes, yea, even one pass for next session, and if you are not complaining next session of the extreme difficulty of obtaining free passes over the Intercolonial railway, and the heartless manner in which such little favors are refused—then my name is not

GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

AN EAR FOR MUSIC.

The Story of a Cadet Who Probably Never Had a Girl of His Own.

The hero of the following little story was a cadet of a celebrated military college, and he was afflicted not with color blindness, but with musical deafness—if one may use the expression—to such a distressing extent that he could not tell one tune from another.

Now, shortly after this true prodigy, from a musical point of view, joined the gallant army of Her Majesty's loyal cadets, Battery C was ordered out to the scene of the Northwest rebellion, and the gallant lads marched out of the town of K— amid great excitement and wildest enthusiasm, to the lively strains of that familiar air that so often sounds like a knell on the departing soldier's ear, "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

Our hero was on the spot, of course, and he was deeply interested in the stirring scene, and wrought up to the highest pitch of excitement. As the band struck up the above mentioned air, and the regiment marched past, he snatched off his cap and cheered with the vigor of a dozen men.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

SUSSEX.

[Progress is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and S. H. White & Co.]

Mr. Reginald Arnold left yesterday for Calgary, N. W. T. Mr. Arnold has been spending a few months here with his parents, at "The Knoll," Rev. C. F. Hanington, of Johnston, Queens Co., is in Sussex today.

Rev. Mr. Quicke, of Moncton, and Rev. Mr. Cuthbert, of Chatham, have been spending a few days in Sussex, the guest of the Rev. Mr. Hubley. Mr. Cuthbert leaves at once for his old home in England, to spend a few months.

HAMPTON.

[Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

March 5.—Mr. H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., delivered a lecture on temperance in Barnes' hall, near the station, on Thursday evening.

Mr. Walter Scott, of Shediac, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Evanson.

Miss Belle Stewart, of the Public hospital, St. John, who has been visiting her parents at Lakeside, returned on Tuesday. Upon invitation a number of her young friends gathered at her home on Monday evening, and spent a few hours very pleasantly.

Mr. D. C. Robertson, Mr. F. H. Foster and Mr. Stan Keirstead, of St. John, and Mr. D. M. Fairweather, of Sussex, were among the visitors in town last week.

The Kingston Deanery Sunday School Teachers union, No. 2, is in session here today, the meeting being held in the Chapel of the Messiah.

Miss Louise Oddy, who is spending the winter with Mrs. George Oddy in the city, came up to Hampton yesterday.

Dr. Taylor, M. P. P., went to St. John on Tuesday.

H. B. Hetherington, grand lecturer S. of T. of N. B., occupied the platform at the Agricultural hall in the village, on Monday evening, and delivered a very interesting address to a good house.

Mrs. Frederic Flewelling, of St. John, is making a short visit to her brother-in-law, Mr. H. J. Fowler.

Rev. Mr. Lloyd, the new rector at Robbsey, was in Hampton today for the first time since his arrival in the province.

Miss Fannie Barnes went to St. Martin's last week and took part in the musical and literary entertainment given on behalf of the Union Baptist seminary.

Mr. James Trueman, who has been very ill for several weeks at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. D. McLeod, in the city, is able to be out again, and intends to return shortly to his home at Ashlim here.

Rev. O. S. Newham, of Stephen, former rector of this place, paid us a brief visit last week.

Miss Maggie K. Barnes paid a visit to the city yesterday.

Mr. Robert Late entertained a fair audience in Smith's hall, last evening, with views and illustrations of scenes in the Holy Land.

Mrs. Almon, Miss Gibbs, and Miss Coffee, of Robbsey, were in town today.

Mr. H. A. McKeown will deliver the fourth lecture in the sidewalk fund course, at Smith's hall, near the station, on Wednesday evening next.

Rev. W. McDonald is attending the meeting of presbytery in St. John.

YARMOUTH.

[Progress is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. I. Vickery and Harris & Horsfall.]

March 4.—Last week we had the first sleighing that amounted to anything this season.

The Yarmouth band went to Eel Brook Monday, were entertained by Father Hamilton, came back to Yarmouth and spent the evening at the Village Hotel.

Mrs. E. F. Parker has been spending a few months in Boston, and returned home last week.

Another one of our young men gone—Mr. James L. Crosby leaves for New York on Saturday to join the happy band of Benedicts.

Mr. Thomas Killam left for Norfolk, Va., on Monday to visit his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Killam.

Miss Rose Brown had a "speculation party" Tuesday evening, which was a jolly affair.

The Portia left here Sunday, a.m. Miss Florence Tooker has gone on her round trip for her health.

Miss Florence Baker and Miss Bell Bingay were to have accompanied her but were disappointed about their staircases, and are going on from Halifax, per Alpha.

Mrs. Percy Hamilton gave another of her charming little whist parties Monday evening.

Miss Annie Law and Mr. W. B. Hamilton arrived in town Saturday evening from Hectanooga, where they have been spending a few days.

Mr. E. K. Spiney, who has been in England the last three months on business, returned home today.

Mr. D. F. Currie, American consul, is back again after his long vacation.

Mrs. W. C. McKinnon has been ill for some time, and is not improving. It is believed she will have to go away for medical advice.

Mr. T. S. Brown gave a gentlemen's whist party Thursday evening. Among those present were: Messrs. Wm. Fraser-Coker, T. Killam, E. F. Parker, J. R. Kinney, R. S. Capins, D. F. Currie, T. R. Johns.

Mrs. Owen, of Annapolis (nee Bell Parish, of Yarmouth), presented her husband with a blooming boy, on Sunday. Daniel Owen.

Theaters. On Monday evening, at the Grand Concert in Music hall, last Thursday. It was a grand success. The hall was filled to overflowing. The union reopened the coffee room next Saturday.

Mrs. T. B. Flint has gone to Halifax for a few weeks. She is greatly missed in Trinity church choir.

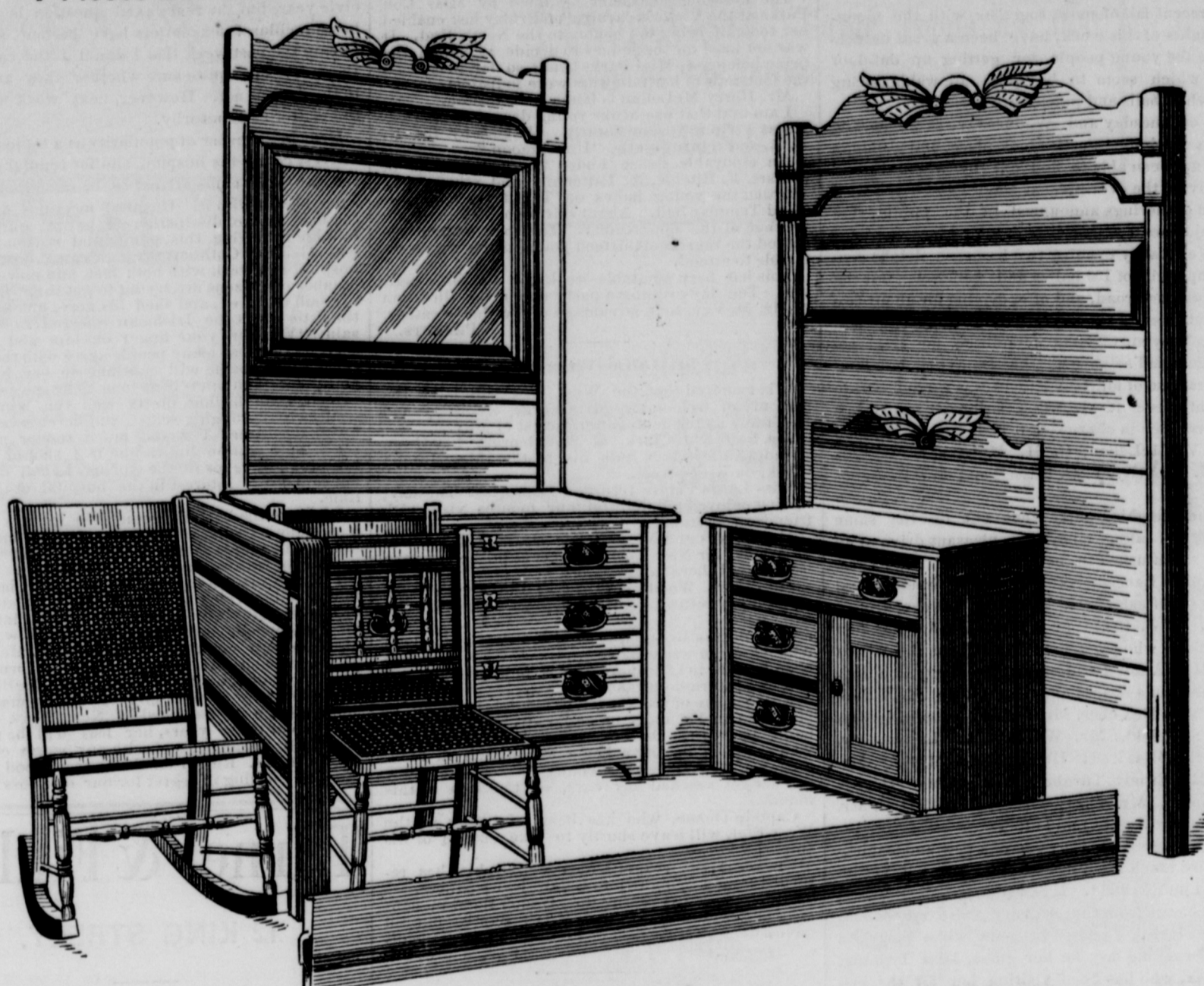
Mr. James Moody is very ill, also his daughter, Jean. She had another attack of hemorrhage today. She has been seriously ill for months, but it was hoped she was improving until today.

RICHIBUCTO.

March 5.—Judge Botsford, who has been in town, returned to Moncton last week.

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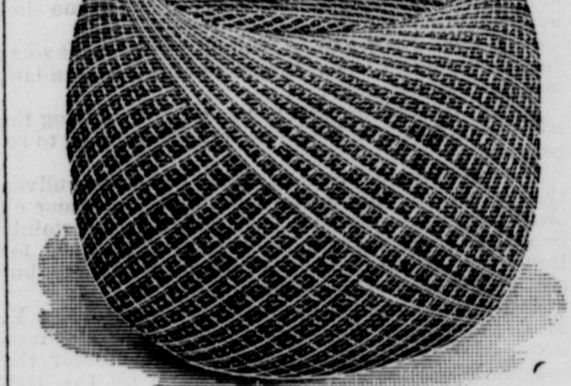
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