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THE SORDIDNESS OF CITY LIFE INEVITABLY STRIKES THE WEAK

By HERBERT COREY in
Detroit News

New York—It was not John Galsworthy's foreward which led me to read "Bambi." Everyone is discovering masterpieces nowadays. Each magazine one picks up is filled with portraits of heavily browed young men and women in the act of deciding what we shall read next. It is my my fortune to know some of these arbiters and I do not believe any of them knows what I want to read better than I do.

I would not read it even if they do know better.

Having picked up "Bambi," I could not put it down. It is the story of life in a forest as seen by a young deer. At first it seems written for children. Then one discovers that the story by Felix Salten is a poem. He sees life as tragic struggle, of which death and suffering are the inevitable rewards. Yet there is no bitterness. One is suffused with gentle melancholy.

What would poor Ed Gallagher think if he could read "Bambi" today? In the forest story the young deer had a season of unthinking enjoyment. Then he learned, little by little, that dangers lurked on every side.

It wasn't so long ago that we all knew Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean. No need to elaborate on their success or their fame. It was too recent and too—almost—overwhelming. Now Gallagher is dying penniless, paralyzed.

James Allman is probably a fakir and a liar. No one will ever know, for no one will ever bother to look into Mr. Allman's records. By his own statement he is a beggar and a drunkard. He has been convicted as a mendicant.

He may have been a student at Merton College, Oxford. He talks as a New Yorker believes a student of Merton College would talk. He is so

confoundingly superior even now that he can put the dicks of the Mendicancy Squad in their places. He can talk literature, history or philosophy and never miss a note. Give him a monocle and some clean clothes and he is a better lord than most of those who pass current in uptown society. The forest got him. That's all.

If Felix Salten's philosophy of life is correct these are not things to be worried about. One does not give money to beggars in this city. The detectives of the Mendicancy Squad say the beggars are all fakes.

An old man, though, fainted on the street from hunger. He had not begged. Not a week passes in which men and women do not drop unconscious on the simmering pavement. They have hunted for work and they have not begged. The forest got them.

A girl—a pretty, kindly, honest, girl—struck a policeman in the face. Then she collapsed hysterical on the street. The policeman knew what was the trouble as soon as he lifted her thin body in his arms.

"Give her milk," he said in the nearest delicatessen store. "I'll pay, and you fat-heads keep away."

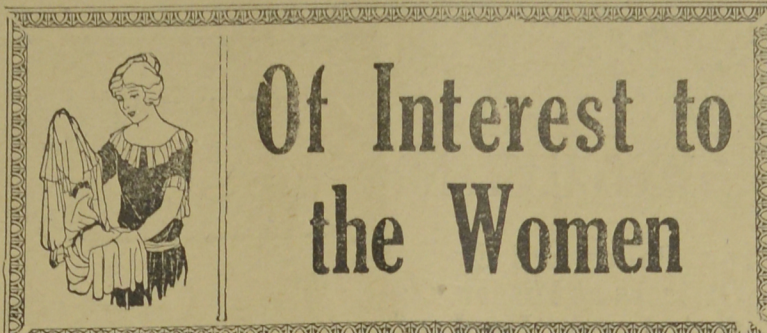
The girl begged to be taken to the station and locked up. Somehow, she felt that bread and soup given to a criminal, a street brawler, would not be charity.

What of Charles Ross, arraigned in Jefferson Market Court, to which I recently directed the attention of those really interested in New York? The policeman smiled on the court as he arraigned the old man.

"He was doing a scene from Shakespeare, 'Y'r Honor,'" said he.

Ross looked up at the judge from beneath his heavy brows.

"Why not? I am an actor. I have been an actor for forty years," said he in the reverberant tones of the old tradition. "It is no sin to labor in my vocation."



Of Interest to the Women

MAPLE SUGAR SHORTCAKE

2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
3-4 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons sugar
5 tablespoons fat
1-2 to 1 cup milk
Mix and sift the dry ingredients and rub in the fat. Make a hole in the flour at the side of the bowl and add half a cup of liquid. Stir in enough flour to make a ball of soft dough. Remove this from the bowl and add to the remaining flour enough liquid to make a soft dough. Divide the dough in half and roll each into the same size and shape. Place one layer on a greased pan, butter slightly and place the other layer on top of the first. Bake fifteen to twenty minutes in a hot oven over 450 degrees fahrenheit. Split and cover with shaved maple sugar and chopped nuts. Place the other layer on top and cover with sweetener. Whipped cream garnish with shaved maple sugar and whole nuts.

LEMON FILLING

This is my favorite lemon filling for almost any kind of light cake. Mix together one cup sugar, one tablespoon flour and a few grains of salt. Beat one egg and one tablespoon water and the juice and grated rind of a lemon. Mix all together and cook until thick, stirring constantly. When cooled somewhat spread between cake layers. This is enough filling for an average sized cake and costs only 10 cents.

CHERRY MERINGUES

Place a sheet of stale sponge cake in the bottom of a flat baking pan. Cover thickly with stoned, sweetened cherries. Cover the top with a meringue, dot with candied cherries and bake in a medium oven until straw colored. Cut into diamond shaped cakes for serving.

CHERRY DREAMS

Cut some fresh white bread into thin slices. Spread with cherry marmalade and make into sandwiches. Trim the crusts from the bread and dip sandwiches into a thin sweet batter. Fry in melted butter until brown. Take up, drain on brown paper, roll in powdered sugar and serve.

CHERRY MOUSSE

To one pint of heavy whipped cream add three tablespoons of best confectioner's sugar, one cup of cherry juice slightly sweetened and a drop of almond extract. Chill on ice then whip until stiff. When stiff turn into a mold, cover securely and bury in a pan of ice and salt for two hours or turn into the freezing pan of an automatic refrigerator for from two to three hours.

CHERRY SAUCE

Cream one half cup of butter and gradually add to it one and one fourth cups of confectioner's sugar. Stone the cherries and halve them. Stir as many of them into the sauce as it will take without separating. Place the sauce in a very cold place for an hour before serving. This is an excellent sauce to serve with cottage pudding and pop-overs.

But it is a sin for an old man to do a scene from Shakespeare on the streets of New York. His one-man tragedies yielded nickels and dimes enough to keep him clean and self-respecting. Against the rules of the forest.

Or that little girl. The winner of a beauty contest somewhere west or south, who came here to be made rich and famous by her loveliness. Somehow, things went wrong. Her head was turned—

"I'll not go home," she said passionately in police court. "Never. They'll not want me there—now." The forest got her.

MANY WILL TRY NIAGARA FEAT

Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 24—A crop of death-defying attempts at navigating Niagara Falls is looked for this summer as a result of the success which crowned the attempt of Jean Lussier Springfield Mass., who recently went over the cataract in a rubber ball.

The ease with which Lussier successfully completed his feat, and his almost complete lack of body injuries, has instilled into many a desire to attempt the stunt which only three persons ever have accomplished.

Not only is the desire for personal glory considered, but the commercial offers that are sure to follow, apparently have served to inspire a number of men and women to risk their lives in attempting to traverse the perilous upper rapids, crash against the jagged rocks at the foot of the Falls and survive the whirlpool in the lower river.

A Pittsburgh woman, whose name was not revealed, has written to police authorities at Niagara asking permission to make a barrel trip over the roaring cataract.

After the earnest chairman of the political meeting has dwelt for 38 minutes on the sundry merits of the orator he is introducing, he says, "he needs no introduction."

"Conversation," says a well-known professor of English, "is among the waning arts." As more golfers make holes in one, the fault is being remedied.

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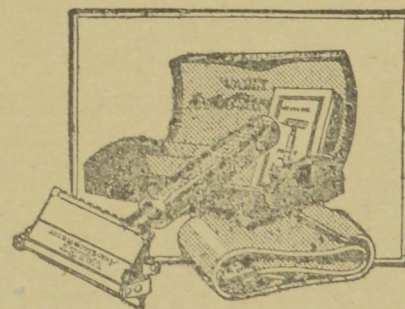


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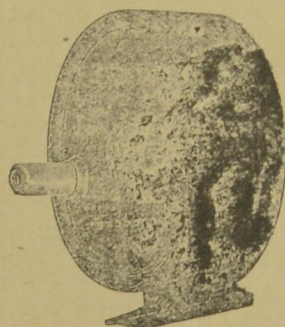
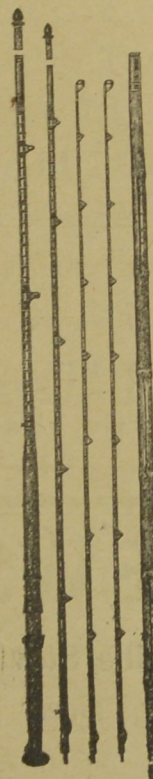
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