

The New Books

BIOGRAPHY

BRAXTON BRAGG, GENERAL OF THE CONFEDERACY. By Don C. Seitz. The State Company, Columbia, South Carolina. \$5.

It is a dour face that looks out at us from the frontispiece of Mr. Seitz's book, and the character of the man does not belie his picture, for General Braxton Bragg seems to have been a rather cantankerous person. He was born in North Carolina in 1817, and after finishing his course at the local academy entered West Point in 1833. Here he did well, graduating fifth in a class of unusual size, was assigned to the Third Artillery, and was sent to Fortress Monroe. He fought in the Mexican War, doing good service at the battle of Buena Vista. Some years later he resigned from the army and bought a plantation in Louisiana, but the outbreak of the Civil War found him ready to join the Confederacy, and he was at once commissioned as Brigadier-General by Jefferson Davis. The rest of the book is given over to a more or less minute account of General Bragg's campaigns, in many of which he was unsuccessful, but, as his biographer says, "his army was predestined to disaster, not from the fault of its commander or its personnel, but because it was on the losing side."

ESSAYS AND CRITICISM

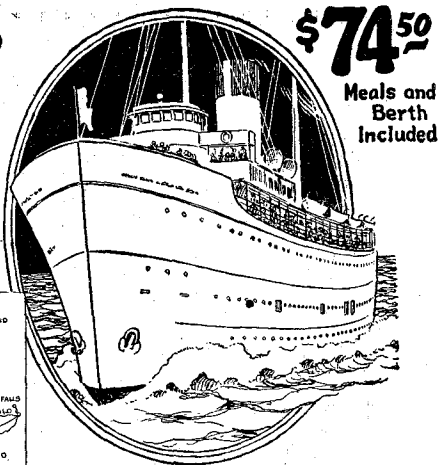
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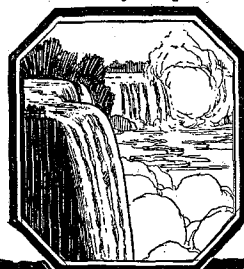



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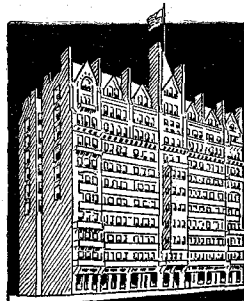
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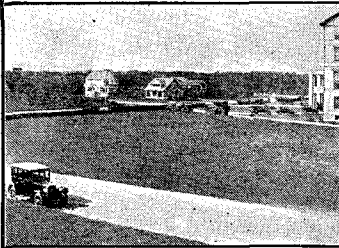
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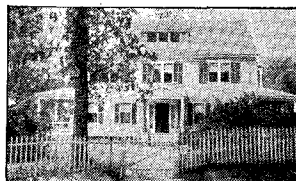
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From the "Yale Record:"

REEL LIFE

A lady working in the slum
Reforms an evil, uncouth bum.
The wedding bells begin to hum!—
In the movies!

A prince disguised in garb of churl
Reforms a wicked chorus girl.
The wedding bells begin to whirl!—
In the movies!

Such thrilling shows! And yet I doze—
In the movies!

What becomes of the antiquated railway engines and cars that are displaced in favor of new models? Most of them are probably broken up; some are destroyed in accidents; some perhaps pass on to poorer roads. But some at least are kept as records of the past. This must have been the case with a train which is being exhibited in Western cities by the Great Northern and the C., B., and Q., to show the difference between it and a modern all-steel passenger train, also exhibited. The ancient train is drawn by the first locomotive used on the Great Northern; it has an antiquated combination coach and the original Pullman sleeper, No. 9, which first went into service in 1859. It carries all its original equipment except the old link couplers; automatic couplers

were substituted for these by order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission when it sanctioned the use of these trains for exhibition purposes.

From "Szczytek" (Lemberg):

"How dare you, with your scandalous past, propose to me? It wouldn't take much for me to throw you down stairs and turn the dogs on you!"

"Am I to take that as a refusal, then?"

Stephen Leacock tells in an article in "Harper's Magazine" how much better advertising English is than standard poetry. Here is one of his paraphrases written to illustrate the point. Longfellow, he says, expresses a certain idea in "a tone that verges on drowsiness:"

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
That the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

This, put into advertising English by Mr. Leacock, would read:

Young Man, This is You! Do you want to remain all your life on a low salary? If not why not be up and doing! Still achieving, still pursuing! We can show you how. Why not take a correspondence course? Our curriculum includes engineering, poultry, mind reading, oratory, cost accounting, and religion. Don't wait. Start achieving now!

From "Karikaturen:"

"I asked you to loan me a hundred dollars, and you let me have only fifty."
"That's fair enough, isn't it? I lose fifty, and you lose fifty."

"Lost" advertisements are numerous in New York City newspapers, but the "Found" column is often entirely absent. A conscientious "finder" recently inserted the following advertisement in the latter department in the New York "Times." The lost cat certainly picked a comfortable abiding-place while waiting for its owner to reclaim it:

FOUND—Cat; large, lovely gray tame cat. Church of Heavenly Rest, Butterfield 3624.

Here is another unusual advertisement (from the Marshall, Texas, "Morning News"):

Notice.—John S. Smith has sold his entire interest in the People's Undertaking Co., and is no longer connected with the firm. He wishes for all his friends and customers the best success, and urges that they continue to encourage and patronize the company.