

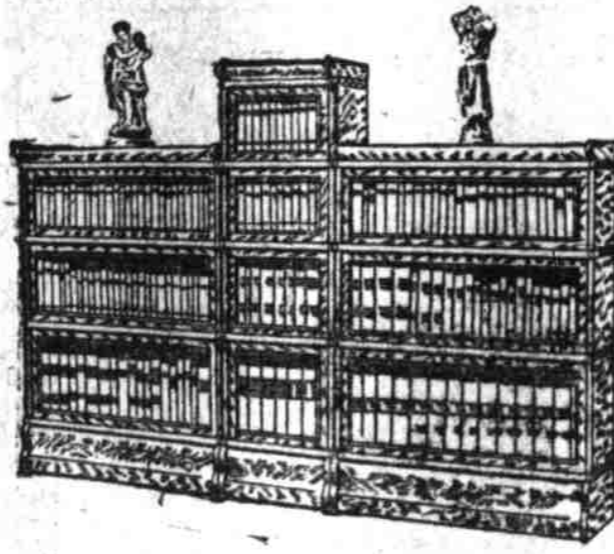
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### BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

**"Yarb and Cretine or Rising From Bonds."** By Dr. George B. M. Ewings. The C. M. Clark Publishing Company, Boston.

The reader takes up this book with a thrill of anticipation. It is an answer to Dixon's "Leopard's Spots," written from the negro standpoint. The negro problem, like the poor, is ever with us, and blink it as we may, is ever insistently demanding solution. Mr. Dixon has presented to the reading public one side of the great issue in a manner which, however extreme at points, is always forcible and clear. Light from the other viewpoint would doubtless reveal interesting and valuable additional phases.

But such anticipations are doomed to woeful disappointment. "Yarb and Cretine" throws a new light on the matter; presents no additional facts for our consideration. Rather, it tends to confuse and render dim such illumination as we already possess. The book is absolutely uncanny and weird in its lack of fidelity to the truth. The characters, the situations, the environments, Dr. Swayze depicts, had never their models on sea or land—most certainly never in the South.

In some quarters the work has been hailed as a "triumphant" reply to Dixon. In this view it is difficult to see how any sane man, conversant with the facts, could concur. Dixon, with all his radicalism, presents a picture of what actually did occur; Swayze does not.

The scene is laid in reconstruction days. Yet we have no hint of negro political domination, save in vague conversational references. No Federal bayonets appear. No echoes are heard of that mighty race conflict which convulsed the Southland from the Potomac to the Rio Grande and ended in the resumption of political power by the Anglo-Saxon white man. It is difficult to conceive how it is possible for four hundred pages to be written about such a period without a single bit of the manners and customs, the thoughts and feelings of either white or black being included in it.

The author's ideas of the relationship existing between the races at the time is queer, to put it mildly. A mulatto sits down in a country hotel at the table with white men. The white proprietor serves him his meal. The white men finish their meal in peace, and the hotel man gets rid of his uncomfortable guest by assigning him an equally uncomfortable room. Can you imagine such a handling of the episode in the days of the Freedman's Bureau and the Ku Klux Klan? This ignorance of social conditions persists throughout the book. Constantly we find Southern white men and women sitting at the table with negroes as if it were their daily custom.

Now this is not intended to indicate that a white man's eating with a negro is considered a crime before high heaven, however unwise it may be. The error is alluded to merely as an example of how completely in ignorance our author is of conditions prevailing at the time of which he writes.

The love story of the book centers around a wonderfully beautiful octaroon, and a New England youth who comes South to aid and educate the freed folk. Cretine has taught herself in such fashion as to have attained a high degree of culture and refinement. Job Wayne, isolated by the dislike of the Southern whites, makes her acquaintance in his loneliness and they fall mutually in love. As the story progresses, they arrive

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The chapter that describes the separation of their paths does not make clear what influences cooled Job's ardor. One thing, however, is only too clear—there is no doubt in the mind of either as to the wisdom and expediency of a mixed marriage. The natural inference from the chapter is that Job believed himself as much smitten as at first, he would have married Cretine without the slightest hesitation.

This trifling with such a serious matter as miscegenation seems to us to be extremely reprehensible. There are any number of men and women of Cretine's blood, who have attained to her plane of culture. To cloud their understanding of the situation by holding up inter-racial marital relations as possible and even expedient under certain conditions, is little less than diabolical. And of this, if not of the other, we may be indignant, if not directly, guilty.

Along with these unpardonable misconceptions, there are some few good points in the book. The various paragraphs on the importance of self-control, of manual training and of untiring industry to the recently-franchised race are exactly in line with the best present-day thought and endeavor of black and white alike.

**THE NATIONAL REVIEW FOR JUNE.**

This issue of the organ of the great Conservative party, of Great Britain is of more than usual interest this month. Following the fashion of most Reviews, it opens with a running summary of the events of May. The most striking thing about this section is Editor Maxse's "Germanophobia," if we may be allowed the word. According to the Rio Grande and ended in the resumption of political power by the Anglo-Saxon white man. It is difficult to conceive how it is possible for four hundred pages to be written about such a period without a single bit of the manners and customs, the thoughts and feelings of either white or black being included in it.

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"D. S. O." writes "A Plea For the Restoration of the Infantry Spirit" in which among other recommendations it is urged that the colors be restored to the regiments from which they have been removed, and that officers be allowed to wear swords once more, instead of being burdened with rifles. Both of the changes against which the writer protests were made in the light of actual experience in the Boer war; but each seems to have brought with it attendant evils which more than counterbalance its good effects.

The review of "American Affairs" is quite well done, and a number of other timely and well-written papers are presented.

**YOUNG'S MAGAZINE FOR JULY.**

The novelette in this number, "The Wager," by Fritz Downing, is rather out of the usual run. A Polish noble loses his ancestral property at cards, and then bets that he will marry the first woman he meets on the streets, within six months, his estates to revert to him if he succeeds in doing so. The denouement is complicated by the interference of the lover of the girl and by the "butting in" of the other party to the wager, who naturally tries to prevent the successful accomplishment of the design. The whole situation is handled with refreshing ingenuity.

"Circle," by Fred Jackson, is easily the best of the other seventeen pieces of short fiction. It is the story of a Parisian demi-monde, who, after breaking a score of hearts and ruining an entire family, meets a man who is perfectly indifferent to the most alluring display of her marvelous physical perfections. The theme is not original, but the handling of it is touching and quite wholesome.

"The Seven Loves of Florida," by Nellie Cravey Gilmore is a clever little skit, reciting the various "affaires" of a fascinating dame, her last sweetheart being her own son and heir. "The Demon of Unrest," by Alma M. Woodward, in spite of its disagreeable and hackneyed subject—a woman marrying for money and falling in love with another man subsequently—has nevertheless, considerable merit.

The class of fiction presented in Young's is professedly "brosey"; one will be disappointed if looking for soul stirrers, but this issue will be of valuable assistance in willing away an idle hour.

**Two Negroes Jailed For Killing a Negro Preacher.**

Warrenton, June 19.—Two negroes, Jim Harris and his wife, were committed to jail here last night, charged with murder. The homicide was committed in the Vaughan neighborhood. The prisoners acknowledged the killing. The woman says that she did the shooting, but her story is not believed. They went to the field where Rev. Govan Higgins, a highly respectable negro was at work, and called him. He, not suspecting their purpose, responded to the call. They waited until he got within a few feet of them and without a word of warning shot him down. The woman says that she killed him because he committed a rape upon her, but the evidence indicates that the killing grew out of a difficulty about an old watch.

The pains of indigestion are entirely unnecessary. Kodol is a perfect dikester for all sorts of food. It brings instant relief, and the stomach promptly recovers.

### WILL OF JUDGE FURCHES.

His Estate Estimated at \$50,000.—A Sum Left by Him For an Oil Portrait of Himself For Supreme Court Room—Masons Elect New Officers.—Short News Notes.

Special to the Observer.

Statesville, June 20.—The will of the late Judge D. M. Furches has been filed for probate in the office of the clerk of court. His estate is estimated to be worth \$50,000. One of the provisions in the will is of interest to the entire State. Judge Furches was at one time a justice of the Supreme Court and he has provided in his will for the making of an oil portrait of himself, to be presented to the Supreme Court of North Carolina and hung in the court room at Raleigh.

The property of the judge consists of real estate in town, farms and industrial stock and solvent credits. The will is proved by Attorneys R. B. McLaughlin and J. J. Conner, and George B. Nicholson and Mr. George H. Brown. Mrs. Furches is executrix. The legatees are Miss Jennie Bingham, \$500; Mesdames W. D. Foy and Laura B. Owens and Miss Annie Bingham, pieces of first wife, \$100 each; Misses Lavinia and Little Conner, sisters of his second wife, \$100 each; Miss V. C. Furches, sister; a farm in Davie county and \$100; H. V. Furches, J. D. Furches, Charles Furches, nephews; Misses Lily and Kate Furches, Mesdames S. L. Cash and Thelma Carter, nieces, one-ninth interest each in the Chipeley farm on South river, containing 536 acres. All the residue is left to Mrs. Lula C. Furches, widow.

Messrs. W. L. and J. E. Chester have bought the grocery business of J. T. Ingram & Co., in the St. Charles Hotel Building, and will continue the business under the firm name of Chester Brothers. They expect to improve the store room and will serve cold drinks and lunches.

Dr. F. W. Troutman, of Troutman, has been in town for several days. He will go to Charlotte next week to go before the State board of dental examiners for license to practice dentistry. Dr. Troutman graduated from the Southern Dental College at Atlanta this spring and passed the State board of Georgia a few days later. Since returning to his home he has been doing some private work in homes. He has not decided where he will locate permanently.

Miss Adrienne Wallace, of New York, who has been taking a course at the Cincinnati City Conservatory of Music, arrived in Statesville last night with her diploma as a violin graduate. Miss Wallace spent some time here in the early spring with relatives and her playing in the churches and at musical entertainments attracted considerable attention. She is a violinist of rare ability.

Mrs. J. D. Stocker and little daughter and Mrs. Van Doren, who have been the guests of Mrs. Ellen Morrison for some days, left to-day for their home at Jermy, Pa.—Mr. Boyce Pope, who has been living in the States of Washington, arrived in Statesville Thursday, and is at the home of his father, Mr. J. A. Pope, in Shiloh township. He may not return to Washington.

The local lodge of Masons has elected the following new officers: W. L. Gilbert, worshipful master; Julius Wallace, senior warden; Dr. F. Laugour, junior warden; W. W. Turner, secretary; C. J. Jones, treasurer.

### MARRIAGES.

**Tate-Little, at Marion.**

Marion, June 19.—Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock Miss Sarah Conner, daughter of Mr. J. J. Conner, and Mr. Joseph Hugh Tate, the wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother in the presence of a number of relatives and special friends. The guests were received in the hall by two attractive young ladies, Misses Mary Gordon Greenlee and Vivian Hassler, daintily gowned in white with violet sashes. They invited the guests into the parlor, where the color scheme of violet and white was sweetly carried out in daisies and sweet peas. At the appointed hour to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," played by Mrs. Albert C. Hewitt, the bride party entered the parlor from the hall, with the bride in a gown of white crepe de chene, trimmed with duchess lace and narrow satin ribbon. She wore a tulle veil caught up with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of carnations and asparagus fern. The groom was in a dark suit, with a white shirt and a white necktie. The bride's going-away costume was a handsome tailor-made suit of peary English tweed, with hat and gloves to match.

The bride is one of Marion's most popular young ladies. She is gifted with natural talents which education has developed and with a personal beauty to which she has unconsciously added the crowning charm of a modest and sincere nature. The groom is a popular young business man and is noted for his sterling qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate left on train No. 12 for a honeymoon at Wrightsville Beach.

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Mr. J. H. Warren, of Gaston County, Special to the Observer.

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Mr. Warren was born in York county, S. C., May 15th, 1841, and moved to Gaston county 35 years ago, residing first for several years in the Union neighborhood and later coming to Gastonia. He served through the civil war as a member of Company H, Eighteenth South Carolina Regiment, under Capt. Robert H. Glenn. His only living war comrade in Gastonia is Mr. S. S. Smith. Deceased is survived by his widow, two sons, Mr. W. W. Warren and Mr. E. G. Warren, all of Gastonia. Mr. Warren was a good citizen, an industrious man and had a wide circle of friends. His body was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery yesterday afternoon, following funeral services at the First Presbyterian church, of which he was a member. Rev. J. J. Kennedy and Rev. John Hall conducting the services.

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