Doubtful Books.

one which calls for fearless speech The following, taken from editorial practical noman's paper, published in safely to your journey's end, is not tor like a hideous nightmare. One Philadelphia, should be read carefully If you are a woman, in the noblest, were either shot or stabbed over by every parent:

(Confidential wir Our Giri.)

the independence and originality of to poison themselves. thought exhibited by the writer. She

young people to read them."
New York City.

pears to me sufficiently grave to warrant barbarity unworthy of humanity, leavcommunication than is usually awarded to queries. In the hope of reaching other young people, as well as my correspondent, by directness and plainess of speech, I think it best

My DEAR YOUNG FRIEND: Your letter was so evidently penned in the spirit of sincere inquiry, that I have you wrote. I found it in a prominent position on a news-stand in a railway station just as I was setting out on a journey. As a keynote to my opinion of the volume, I will tell you that by the time I had read a dozen pages of it, Leavertly tore off the paper sides and back that my fellow-passengers might and discover what book I held.

I make a point of never reading a bad book-knowing it to be bad, -2 rale which I have followed for years. In this case, I was impelled t continue the perusal of that which was distasteful to me, not only by your letter and my desire to give you an intelligent answer, but by the fact that I had the review of this work in the periodical to which you refer. Nevertheless, had I had any conception of the revolting character of the story, the entire book would have followed the covers thereof out of the car-window.

It seems incredible, that a good, pure woman, like your friend, should recommend such a story to a young man or ture that now floods the market, one often, however unwillingly, stumbles upon some 'ook that, to quote Mr. Podsnap, " .uld bring a blush to the cheek of a young person," but, to our comfort be it said, volumes like the one in question are few and far between, and seldem introduced among the better class of readers by such a sponsor as the reviewer whose oriticism you have read. We are all familiar with the story of

the attist who would never, if he could avoid it, look at a poor painting, for feared injuring his style. This is an excellent rule for Our Girl to make with regard to her reading. You may despise the morals, the literary style, and the plot of a bad book, but once read it, and it is yours, strive as you may to forget it. Memory, unfortunately, cannot be cleansed. If it could, how many stains-some, glaring spots, some, of the faintest tinge, but still stains-would we gladly scrub out of existence-yes, if it took precious time and painful labor to efface them! Have you ever, in writing, made an error, and then with pains scratched it though the erasure was carefully performed, so that not a mark was left, the ink blotted it, thus betraying that it had been soiled.

All women know that goods defaced and then cleaned gather soil, and show every speck of dust as they did not in their pristine freshness. You may think that you have forgotten a double estendre, a "shady" story, but a chance word will bring it all back to your mind, and your cheeks will burn with regretful shame in recalling the doubt-

ful tale or joke. bideous story, and points out a moral. The murderer, recklessly confident that first year's profits about paid for his century. his crime will not be discovered, to outfit. If he could have got the prove his nonchalance strikes with his cane a blow on the panel in the wall behind which he has secreted the body could have greatly enlarged his profits. of his wife, when, to his herror, the As it was a new thing to them, the cat whom he has unwittingly entombed farmers did not care, to go to the with his victim, aroused by the sound, trouble of raising the vegetables, which you persuade yourself that even the be demand for. We also hear that the recollection of a sin against the purity White Oak Canning Factory in Fairof your mind is buried. Beware, that field, across our boundary line, is doing Edgefield County, of burglary and at some unlooked-for shock, slumbering a thriving business They have found conscience does not awake with a moan it impossible to supply orders on hand

of misery. Innocence and purity are so sweet! so unusual, in this world of ours! Sooner have your fresh girl-face scarred and seamed into unsightliness than

weiggling larvæ it contains. you to bring clear, unbiased purity of send delegations to this convention. conscience to bear upon the book you have read under advice, you would

And what is to be gained by the perusal of immoral literature? Knowledge of the world, possibly. The same APPALLING STAT'STICS OF THE CRIMES kind of knowledge in which dwellers in the slums and habitues of rum-holes

and professing Christians, are novel offered a dose of arsenic. Leave rats were murdered in cold blood, while and startling. I cannot help admiring and other vermin-(human and brute) two were driven insane. Sixty-eight

has a courage that must go with firm one question more. What does this horse racing. Two burglaries, eighconviction of the evil she attacks. The author, what do all unbelievers, alias teen forgeries and eighty-five embezboldness of the born reformer attends "born reformers," who "have the zlements were committed to get mocourage of their convictions," propose all she says.

courage of their convictions, propose to give us in return for our "most holy "most h feel in thinking over the book is a faith," the foundations of which they symptom that a needed revolution is attempt to shake? With many, thank beginning in myself, for I have been God! that faith is so deeply rooted and brought up to the straitest sect of a grounded that it is impossible for any

quiver. But what is their object, unwork as "a new departure—a vigorous God, and without hope in the world?" blow dealt to an ancient wrong," and hopes every young, earnest thinker in the land will study it.

If we, as they profess to think, are mistaken, why not let us be happy in such a blessed mistake? Why lay so Tell me frankly your opinion of the much as a pebble of doubt or straw of good or evil done by such writings, and unfaith in our pathway if we, although whether, or not, you would recommend they know us to be deluded, believe that pathway leads to everlasting life and eternal biss? If the blind beggar, who is surrounded by wretched squalor, [Having every reason to believe the fondly imagines that he is in the midst above letter genuine, and being deeply of beauty and luxury, would it not be moved by the subject, the matter ap- cruel to undeceive him. It would be

mouldy creeds which the world has to address this letter personally and outgrown," the devout philosopher hears the cry of the human, like that of Mary at the rifled sepulchre :

> and I know not where they have laid Such setting-to-rights is, at the very

best, only pulling to pieces, without offering a design of reconstruction. Again, our author's logic is faulty.

Because some Christians are hypocrites, does that prove the fallacy of the Christian religion? In the finest college in the land there are students who are a disgrace to the institution, who waste time foolishly and wickedly in gambling, drinking, and all kinds of dissipation,-who study very little or not at all. Do they convince you that the ancient college is at fault, that its standards are low, and its faculty care-

A certain class of people, generally very young people, cultivate "doubts." The boy between seventeen and twenty-one, in the freshness of his 'salad days, when he is green in judgment," hardly thinks himself a man unless he has at his tongue's tip a score of things which he "cannot believe." Luckily, it is of small importance to anybody whether be can or no, as this malady is one which he outgrows as he advances in years. A conceited youth once told the celebrated Dr. Parr that he would "believe nothing he could not understand." To which the doctor replied: "Then, sir, your creed would be the shortest of any man's whom I

My dear Girl! you cannot afford to run the risk of reading any book that makes even a feeble attempt to undermine your faith in purity and Christianity. I close this familiarly-affectionate talk with a wise saying you may bind upon your memory as a charm against evil counsel and unholy imaginations: "The star I was born under tells me to look up ! If we did not come into this world to benefit ourselves, we

might as well have staid where we

MARION HARLAND. Canning Factories.

The following from the Darlington Herald of the 19th gives an encouraging indication that our people are alive to the canning industry:

made arrangements to plant one hun-

sent North every year to pay for canned United States have been demonstratgoods, and if the business is done in ing to the world for a century, and our midst, there is just that much never more potently than now? Permoney to circulate at home."

very successful. All of his output was surrounding farmers to have raised the vegetables he needed for his venture, he from the merchants of other States .-

Columbia Register. knowingly sully the whiteness of your School Convention, has sent out a cir- has served this term, and hence his cular stating that the Convention will pardon. Is has become the fashion of late to be held in Laurens, March 31, and recommend books of doubtful morals as April 1-2. Mr. Reynolds, presid at of applications before him. - The State. "strong." The same adjective may be the National Executive Committee, and applied to Limberger cheese. Examine Mrs. W. F. Crafts of New York, a this under a microscope, and you will famous Sunday School worker in the recoil at the sight of the crawling, primary department, are expected to at-

turn from it in disgust. If fondness believed to be the beginning of the com- sample bottle at our expense and learn for for decayed cheese be an acquired taste, bination of the tobacco manufacturing yourself just how good a thing it is. Triai botso is love of filth-to the pure mind. interest.

Young Man Look at This!

DUE TO GAMBLING. At the recent anniversary of the Society for the Prevention of Vice Mr. This is plain talk, but the subject is Comstock gave a partial report of crimes arising from gambling in this The knowledge of "things as they country in 1890. We give facts are," which you need to carry you which produced an impression of tersuch as you will gain from bad books. hundred and twenty-eight persons truest sense of the word, your own gambling games. Four were stabinstinct, and, above all, your Christian | bed and five shot at poker. Twelve religion, will enable you to travel stabbed and twenty-four shot over My DEAR MARION HARLAND: A through life to your final resting-place, the game of craps, a game of dice friend—the widow of a clergyman, and unsullied and unspotted from the world. much played by bootblacks and newsone of the most gifted women I know- To the pure all things are pure. See boys upon the sidewalks and by fast has lent me "____" to read. I sat to it, then, that you protect your purity young men and negroes. Twentyup until two o'clock this morning to as you would defend your life, and eight were stabbed and fifty-five were shot over the gaming table or directsuch vile literature as the book you ly resulted therefrom. Besides these, six attempted and twenty-four commentatives and especially of the church and turn your head away were you mitted suicide, and sixty persons youths and persons have been ruined While speaking of this book, suffer by pool gambling and betting upon ney to gamble with, and thirty-two

The enormous sum of \$2,898,372 is shown by this same record as the prominent denomination, and early im- buman power to so much as make it proceeds of these embezzlements and defalcations. To these crimes must pr sions are hard to get rid of.

quiver. But what is their object, unbe added the long list of thefts, robless they proceed upon the theory that be added the long list of thefts, robless they proceed upon the theory that beries embezzlements, larcenies and megazine which has a review of it by misery loves company, and wish to misery loves company, and wish to defalcations which are never known make us such as themselves, "without persons especially interested. In this city the brother of a publisher, a young man 20 years of age, lost \$14,-000 at gambling, a part of which did not belong to him. Two clerks embezzled funds from their employers, one of whom beggared his wife and three little children. A young lawyer besought the secretary to close a place where he had lost all The suicide of the late cashier of the postoffice in New York, who stole a large sum in small amounts, which he sent ing Christian charity out of the ques- out by bootblacks and others to be staked in bets upon horse races with Above all the plausible prating of the bookmaking sharps. Only a few those who plead with us to "discard days ago and this community was superstition and old wives' fables and shocked by the account of the downfall and suicide of a prominent socie-ty man in Albany. He resided in a beautiful home with his five motherless little children. He was in a posi-"They have taken away my Lord, tion of high trust and responsibility, and enjoyed the confidence of his emplovers. After embezzling over \$100, 000 he was discovered, and he took his own life, leaving his little ones so destitute that neighbors had to contribute for the necessaries of life. Murders and suicides occur frequently as the direct harvest of this kind of seed sowing .- Christian Advocate.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.

[From Philadelphia Times.] It becomes clearer every day that polities is the young Emperor of Germany. The general belief when he obtained power was that the reign of his grandfather would begin over again and that Bismarck would be the virtual ruler of Germany and

the dictator for the rest of Europe. All these prognostications have failed. Not only has Bismarck's policy been reversed but Bismarck himself has disappeared from public life. Freed from the subtle but malignant influences of that self-willed and meddlesome old man the Continental powers are no longer looking askance at each other. There are no longer frequently recurring alarms as the result of the peace policy that consists in preparing for war. Russia and Austria, Italy and France are manifesting increasing cordiality toward each other and the time may come within a brief period when even Germany

> ground of agreement. the outcome of the clear insight and

and France will find a common

courageous action of William II. It was perhaps natural that a general fear should be entertained that the century which is now nearing its close should go out with a series of striking and tragic events that would convulse Europe and the world. For four hundred years each succeeding century has closed with an imposing event that is unique in history. At the close of the fifteenth it was the discovery of America. At the close "Mr. C. S. Nettles, the energetic of the sixteenth it was the revival of general manager of this enterprise, has learning, which had for its best fruits the plays of Shakespeare. At the out? If so, you will remember that dred acres in vegetables for the use of close of the seventeenth it was the inthe factory. The mere working and ception of parliamentary government gathering of such a quantity of vegeta- as exemplified in the English when you tried to write over that spot bles will cost a deal of money, and, revolution of 1688. At the close besides this, about forty hands will of the eighteenth it was the French be employed in the factory during the revolution. At the close of the nineteenth why should it not be A great many thousand dollars are that general disarmament which the haps it is for the German Emperor to land a small canning factory. He was State in Europe. No greater mission could fall to the lot of any man. His readily placed in this market, and his success would glorify the close of the

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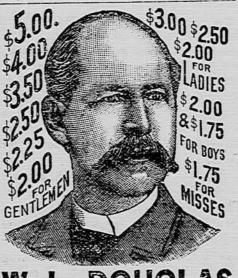
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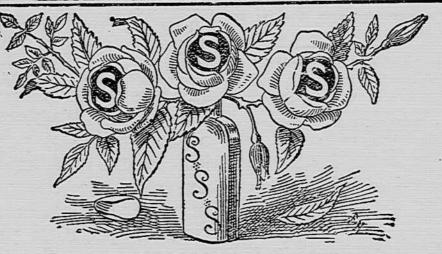
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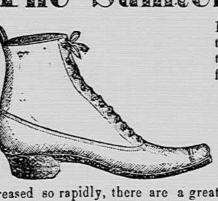
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