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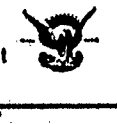
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An Author - Publisher  
By ANDREW C. EWING

Leslie Robinson was the son of a publisher. His father said to him one day when the boy was much elated at being made editor of the high school Banner: "My boy, don't get the literary fever. A great many catch it, and only those recover in whom the literary parasites find nothing to feed on. I fear you have just enough talent for writing to make you uncomfortable all your life."

Alas, the young are not so constituted as to take the advice of the old. Perhaps this is best as it is. It is not success that brings happiness; it is striving for success. But in literary work for all but one in a million there are constant disappointments.

Young Robinson was so unfortunate according to his father's idea, when he went to college as to be made editor of the university magazine. His essays received the highest marks. He was unconscious of the fact that the reason they took high rank was because those with which they competed were of no value as literary productions.

Mr. Robinson, Sr. died while his son was in college. The publishing business, by the late owner's injunction, was to be carried on, till Leslie was graduated, by the junior partner, after which the son was to manage the interests he had inherited. He proved to have business capacity and soon became the brains of the establishment.

Perhaps if Leslie Robinson had appreciated his business talents he might have lost his desire for literary eminence. He considered himself rather born to literature than to business. Finding time to manage a publishing house and scribble, at the same time he did both. He sent articles to the magazines, and they were always accepted. They were good articles, so that it was not necessary for Mr. Robinson to ask how much their acceptance was due to their merit and how much to their having been offered by the head of the publishing house of Robinson & Co.

After awhile Mr. Robinson brought out a novel. It was accepted by the first publisher to whom it was offered. Robinson scorned to publish it himself. He said that the test of a good book is that a business man will risk his money on it. It cost several thousand dollars to get out an edition of a book, and unless the article was of sufficient merit to insure a return it would not find a publisher. He was still young in the business or he would have known that the higher the type the less the profit. The poet Browning would have starved had he been forced to live on the income he derived from his poems.

Robinson published several books, one after another. He did not succeed in becoming well known as an author, but had no difficulty in securing publishers for what he wrote. By and by the publishers began to ask him to give them his books for publication. This was a long step to the front. Leslie was very proud of himself. Those associated with him in business asked him why if his books were valuable to other publishers they were not valuable to him. He replied that to publish his own works would make it appear that he could not get any other house to take the risk of doing so.

Robinson married a girl with a good deal of horse sense. It did not require a long time for her to see that her husband was an excellent business man. She knew that persons are apt not to value what they are born to and are easily puffed up with a little success at what they do indifferently well. One day she had the temerity to tell her husband that he was naturally fitted for business—indeed, it was his natural vocation.

A dispute arose between them which ended in an agreement that the next novel offered by him should be under an assumed name. Robinson winced at this suggestion made by his wife, for he knew the value of a name, but he admitted that if his novel had not sufficient merit to find a publisher without his name it could not be a literary gem. At any rate, he was willing to abide by the test.

His work was sent first to the publisher who had thus far put out all his books. Within a week it was returned with a printed "unavailable" card. This was a great fall for his literary pride. For the next six months he continued to send his work to his brother publishers. Most of them kept it a long while. He thought this meant that they were making up their minds. It was not this, but that they were too busy to examine it. At the end of the six months it had gone the rounds.

The day it came back from the last publisher Robinson saw a novel advertised by one of his brother publishers, the author of which had stood trial for murder. It appalled him that this man could find a publisher and he could not. As a last resort he tried his own firm. Sending his manuscript to himself on its arrival he turned it over to his chief reader, who sent it back to him with the following report: "The author says all he has to say remarkably well. But he has nothing to say."

No one knows why Leslie Robinson stopped writing except his wife. Friends tell him that a genius was spoiled when he went into business, but he shrugs his shoulders and says that authorship does not pay pecuniarily. Mrs. Robinson looks solemn and says nothing.



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Although banana raising is not so profitable in Cuba because of cost of mule back transportation, planting goes on briskly, partly because the farmer needs the banana trees to give the necessary shade to his young coffee and cacao trees.

Dr. Henry Nachtel, founder of the New York night medical service, has just received from the French minister of war the military medal of the Franco-German war of 1870, in which he served as assistant surgeon major attached to the northern army.

There is a steady decrease in silk cocoons in France. The large bounty paid by the government to foster the industry has not been sufficient to raise the average. France may send a commission to Japan to study the silk growing conditions there, as the Japanese silk crop increases every year.

Russia's department of agriculture has prepared a law prohibiting the culture of the poppy in the Transbaikalian, Amur and Maritime Provinces. The cultivation of the plant is to be a criminal offense, as will be also the smoking of opium or the storing or purchasing it, and the purchase of opium for smoking opium.

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At a meeting of the Central Council of the C. R. & B. A., held at the rooms of Council 75, at St. Peter and Paul's school, Thursday evening it was decided to hold a reunion and picnic of the various Councils of the city at Sea Breeze, on Aug. 20th. Hebing's Band has been secured and the first car will leave the post office at 1 o'clock sharp. A long list of sports is being arranged for and the members of the C. R. & B. A., of the city can look forward to a pleasant day. Another meeting of the Central Council will be held at the rooms of Council 25, of the Immaculate Conception parish on Monday evening to complete arrangements.

Ladies Auxiliary of the A. O. H.

The annual basket picnic of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will be held at Ontario Beach Park on July 31st. The members are requested to come and participate in the good time. The Ladies Auxiliary have placed a wreath upon the grave of Patrick H. O'Rourke at Holy Sepulchre cemetery. The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held on August 7th.

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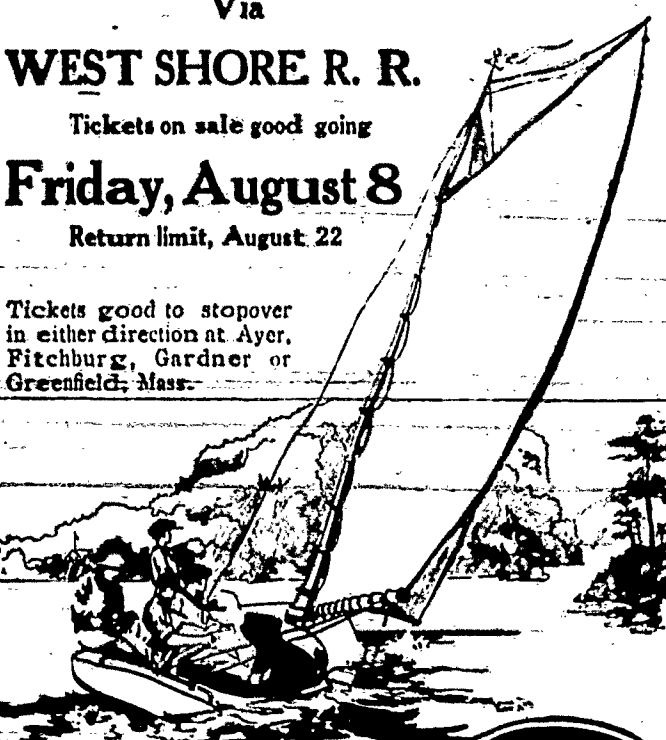
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