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Paying Off

Our own Walter Winchell of the chess world has something on the ball. As he foretold last month the Class A Championship of the Chess Club is ending in a triple tie, with M. Pecker, J. Szold, and J. Barry due to play off to see who gets the title.

In Class B another prediction came true when Dr. M. Biederman coasted home ahead of J. Riddell and R. Blomquist.

A dark horse leaped out of the crowd in Class C when M. Za-zeela scored an unbroken series of victories to take a commanding lead of 11-0 with only five games left to play. His nearest rival, F. Mulford, has only a slim chance to score an upset and overtake him.

Now that the tournament is practically over, friendly offhand play will be in order. If you'd like to get in on it, try a sample any Wednesday at eight in the penthouse.

Monday Recess

Monday Nights in the Penthouse Club wound up a very successful season on May 8th with a "surprise" program which added a touch of informality and friendliness with which to look forward to next year.

April saw a series of varied

and outstanding speakers who held high interest for the capacity audiences. Dr. Ethen Colton, one of this country's foremost lecturers and international travelers delivered a very timely talk on European affairs from his recent first-hand observations. Miss Daisy Rieger contributed an unusual angle on interior decoration with the subject, "Allergies—the Decorator's Dilemma." Mr. Vernon Nash, discussing Clarence Streit's idea of "World Government" was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

Mr. Roland L. Stratford, who conceived the idea of these weekly discussion sessions for residents and their friends, has continued to give generously of his time and efforts and is to be congratulated

on his help in keeping the standard of interest at its highest. The people who have comprised the audiences have responded with their cooperation and are looking forward to a big season starting again in the Fall.

Neighbor

If you look north to Twenty-sixth Street and west to the river from the Marine Deck, your eyes will be bulging with a tall, glittering, sprawling edifice which looks like the original house you shouldn't throw stones from if you live in it.

This glass-walled house is the Starrett-Lehigh Building which realists call a warehouse and publicists an industrial center. They're both right. It is a super-warehouse, equipped not only to handle western shippers' products but to manufacture raw materials into finished goods for re-distribution.

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It's nineteen stories high, and weighs—pardon us, that's something else—and occupies a total area of 1,840,000 square feet.



JAMBOREE WORK STARTS TO BUZZ

SPRING!!!

AS you read this the third annual Chelsea Jamboree is only a little over a month away. June 14th has been set as the Big Night when residents and friends will respond to the persuasive cajolings of barkers, wheel men, fortune tellers and games of skill and chance in the name of fun and charity. Last year 122 neighborhood children were sent on much-needed summer vacations through the auspices of Chelsea Charities, a Terrace tenant organization, with the money collected by the Jamboree. It is hoped that this year an even greater response will be tallied up.

In case the weather man refuses to cooperate on the 14th, the Jamboree will be postponed to the 15th or 16th.

The House Chairmen for all buildings have been elected. These busy people, who are bearing the brunt of organization, work and planning have been holding regular meetings every

two weeks since April 17th.

Needless to say, these volunteer first sergeants cannot do it all. In fact the whole idea behind the Jamboree and the thing that has made its great success in former years has been the fine cooperation accorded it by all residents. This is a Terrace undertaking for a very worthy cause and all Terracers should have a part in it. Accompanying these paragraphs is a list of Building Chairmen. Look up the Chairman of your building and tell her, "I want to help out on the Jamboree." There'll be plenty for you to do and plenty for the children and young people to do.

And please get started now. If all the necessary work can be divvied up a month in advance it will help tremendously toward making the affair run smoothly and efficiently.

This is *our* party. Let's do our part to give it a big sendoff for everyone concerned.

ALL of a sudden, one warm day last month, advanced Spring showed up in the Garden. The horticultural reporter looked out over his potted geranium into the acre of greenery and there were the daffodils waving their melted-butter heads, hyacinths making a patriotic pattern of red, white and blue and the pink-pinafored blossoms from Ecole Maternelle Francaise dancing around in the exuberance of the springtime of life. (How about a job ghost-writing, Mr. Yosian Swift?)

So the horticultural reporter gave his topcoat over to the moths and descended into the Garden for a little exhilaration. There was Gardener McAdam doing a bit of spade work, but he could talk while he worked, so the reporter started giving him the buzz.

Yes, those were daffodils all right, around the walk borders, and they'd be blooming for a week or so yet. And those were hyacinths in their several beds and around the fountain and they'd be good for three or four weeks. And McAdam had an idea. When the hyacinths were over for the season he was going to plant Pittsburgh ivy around the base of the fountain and up in the basin so that it will hang over. In the lower basin he's going to have a sort of miniature rock-and-water garden, composed strangely enough of rocks, dirt and water plants. Watch for it, says McAdam.

And what are those juicy little green leaves on the slender bushes growing out of the four taxus beds at each end of the Garden? Those are variegated privet. They'll be green and white and will be very luxuriant when they get their growth.

The spear-shaped white and green leaves growing near the ground around the hyacinth beds the funkia. They're not allowed to blossom because the blossom

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Chelsea Charities Officers and House Chairmen

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430—Mrs. Cortland G. Pohle	8 D	470—Mrs. C. Everett Jones	17 D
435—Mrs. Willard Isham	8 A		
440—Mrs. Thomas P. McAweeney	11 B		

Vets

Here they are again — the long-term veterans of the Uniformed Service Department. A total of thirty-three men have been with us for a period of five years or longer, which speaks pretty well for the friendly relations between management, residents and employees. A few of them, because of illness or other causes didn't get in the picture, but maybe they'll have better luck next year.

Each year, as you probably know, they are officially decorated with their service ratings, sit for their picture in the Garden, and are all set for another twelve months of making life smoother and happier for tenants.

The sleeve ratings are as follows: One red bar for each year up to five; at five years a gold star appears in place of the red bars, and for each year after the fifth, a gold bar is added to the star.

Straight Talk

The added exuberance of feeling that comes with Spring carries with it a certain amount of mixed blessings. Windows are opened wide to the fresh breezes, people relax and shed some of the behavior inhibitions that have been built up during a confining winter. Sometimes playful guests, freed from the restrictions of their own hearthstones for the moment, succumb to the temptation of the open windows and shy cigaret stubs and small discarded articles out of them. It isn't *their* Garden or *their* street so here goes and why not?

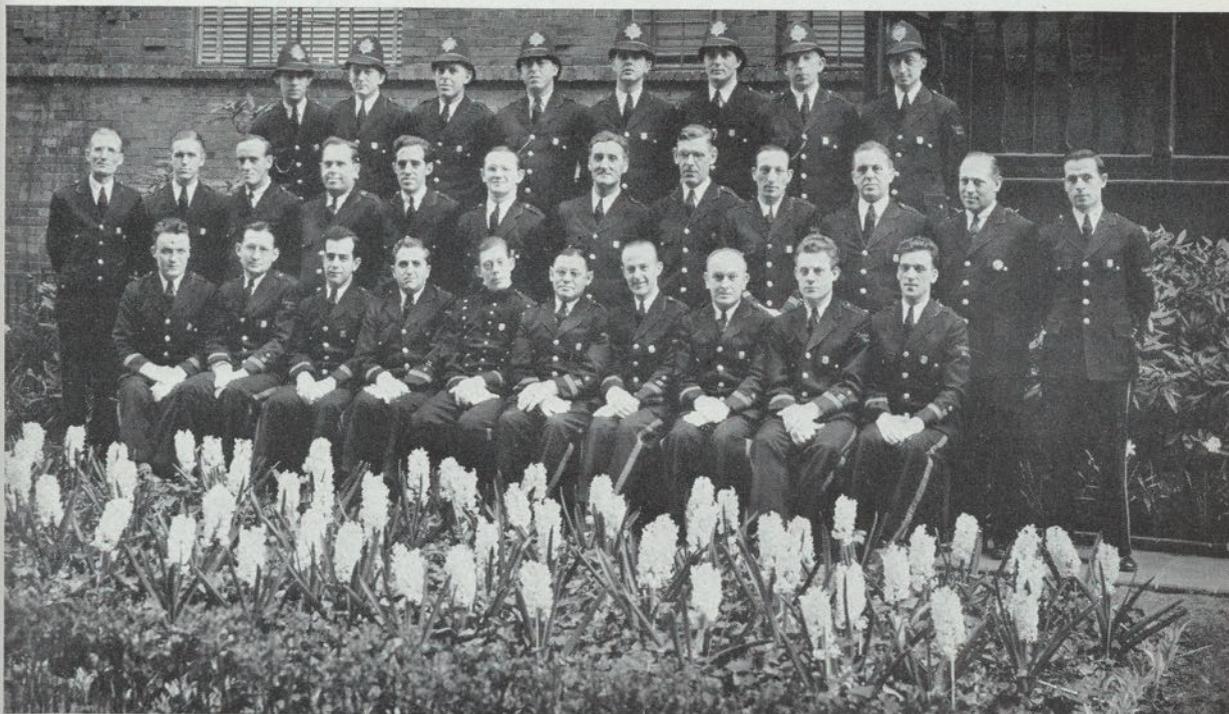
Far be it from us to cast wet blankets on the reviving human spirits of a new season. They're natural and shouldn't be denied, but people don't have to throw things out of windows to prove that they're feeling ten years younger since the warm weather has set in. It's untidy, it's unbecoming and unsuited to the

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reputation of consideration which Terrace residents have built up for themselves among themselves. What is more, it is dangerous. Fire, and all sorts of mishaps, some of them very serious, often follow in the train of using the window instead of the ash tray or waste basket.

Let's watch ourselves and our guests for the Gardens are for all of us to enjoy. We hope we won't have to bring up this unpleasant subject again. It hurts us worse than it does you and it hurts our proud boast of civilized living at London Terrace even more.



(SEATED) J. Clifford, 8 yrs.; J. Stone, 7 yrs.; J. Benitez, 8 yrs.; J. Wernick, 7 yrs.; M. Kirk, 6 yrs.; O. Hoffman, 8 yrs.; P. Lee, 7 yrs.; M. Lennon, 6 yrs.; J. Byrnes, 8 yrs.; C. Creed, 7 yrs. (MIDDLE ROW) J. Hanna, 7 yrs.; J. Hayes, 5 yrs.; D. McKenna, 6 yrs.; T. Maher, 8 yrs.; J. O'Connor, 8 yrs.; W. Stutz, 8 yrs.; R. Robinson, 7 yrs.; P. O'Reilly, 7 yrs.; J. Duffly, 6 yrs.; J. McGrath, 5 yrs.; B. Schenkel, 8 yrs.; B. McConnell, 7 yrs. (TOP ROW) E. Reynolds, 6 yrs.; E. Dunne, 7 yrs.; J. Ryan, 6 yrs.; T. Leslie, 5 yrs.; O. Everette, 5 yrs.; P. McAvoy, 5 yrs.; J. Dolan, 8 yrs.; S. Visel, 8 yrs. (NOT PICTURED) W. Hall, 8 yrs.; C. Arent, 9 yrs.; W. Booth, 6 yrs.

ALL ABOARD FOR THE MARINE DECK



As a sharp reminder to the weather man that sun-bake time should be just around the corner, here is a page about the Marine Deck, our star top-stairs attraction for the summer months.

There'll be many a pleasant hour spent by residents under the sun or the stars on our air-swept rooftop between now and Labor Day. As we take full enjoyment of it this summer let's remember that it belongs to 4,000 people and that therefore consideration for and cooperation with fellow tenants in the use of the Marine Deck is necessary if it is to remain the happy privilege that it has been in former years.

The accompanying regulations are printed for the information and guidance of residents. In formulating them, the Management has given careful consideration to the comfort, contentment and safety of all who are entitled to make use of these facilities.

THE MARINE DECK

The Marine Deck is open daily to adult residents and guests accompanying them from 9:00 A. M. until 11:00 P. M. for quiet rest and relaxation.

Children under sixteen years of age are not permitted on the deck, except when accompanied by parents. No playing by children will be permitted at any time. The Management reserves the right to forbid the use of the Marine Deck to children whose actions are annoying to others.

Non-residents are not permitted the use of the deck unless accompanied by residents; and all resident visitors must be prepared to show their identification cards upon request. Since the number of chairs on the deck is limited by the space available, residents are requested not to use them regularly for non-resident guests. Visitors may not reserve or otherwise hold chairs for later arrivals or temporary absentees.

Sun bathing in bathing suits is permitted for residents from 9:00 A. M. until 1:00 P. M. each day and at no other time. Sun bathers must use the deck chairs, and not lie or otherwise recline on the deck itself. Dressing gowns or robes must be worn to and from apartments. After 1:00 P. M. ordinary dress is required.

No dogs, cats, or other pets are permitted on the deck at any time, nor may they be left in the Penthouse Club or hallways during visits to the deck.

No lunches or other refreshments of any kind are permitted to be brought or delivered to the Marine Deck.

In the interests of safety, visitors will not sit upon the parapet surrounding the deck.

The Marine Deck closes promptly at 11:00 P. M., and visitors are asked to leave the deck upon the striking of six bells. Entrance will be closed at 10:45 P. M., in order to prevent crowding and confusion on the stairway and in the elevator hallway in the Penthouse Club.

NOVELISTS REALLY WORK

IF you felt like it you could start off your interview with Herbert Gorman something like this: "The great novelist sat at a littered typewriter desk strewn with papers, cigaret stubs and miscellaneous pages of manuscript. He was hunched over, intent, his mind so concentrated on the task before him that it was difficult to break through the shell of his abstraction in order to get him to talk about his life and his work. In appearance he is stocky, of medium height, full, firm-jawed faced, eyes buried under bushy brows. . . ."

You *could* start off your interview something like that, because essentially it is true. You might even add that his wife has to come in and help him find his pen, his pencil or his check book, whichever is needed at the moment. But that sounds like fairly hackneyed stuff and your readers probably wouldn't be very much interested. "Oh, they say that about *all* the novelists," they might remark and go back to *Esquire* or *Ken* or *The New Yorker*.

It is true that the occupational traits of novelists have been so publicized that they aren't news

At least, that's what interviewer found this Terrace author doing

any more, so it might be more interesting to give you Mr. Gorman's explanation of those traits.

Just at the moment Mr. Gorman isn't working on a novel. He is engaged in writing a biography of James Joyce for Farrar and Rinehart, but that doesn't affect his habits while writing. Writing a novel or biography is exacting, nerve-straining work. You have to think of the particular episode you are putting down on paper. You have to think of it not only in terms of the episode itself, its characters, the words you are using and how you are using them, but if it is a novel you also have to think of it in terms of what has gone before and what is to come after. What a character says and does on page 23 has to lead logically to what he says and does on page 323.

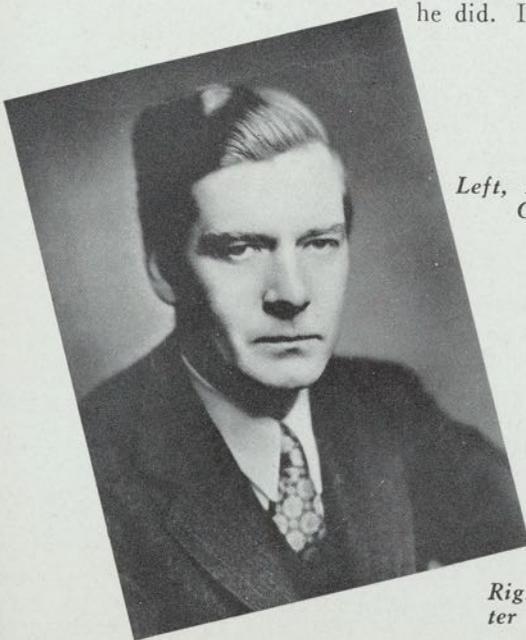
"A good novelist," says Mr. Gorman, "must so present his characters that the reader when through with the book can say to himself 'Yes, I understand just why that character acted the way he did. I wasn't completely pre-

pared for what the character did, but now that he's done it I see exactly why.'"

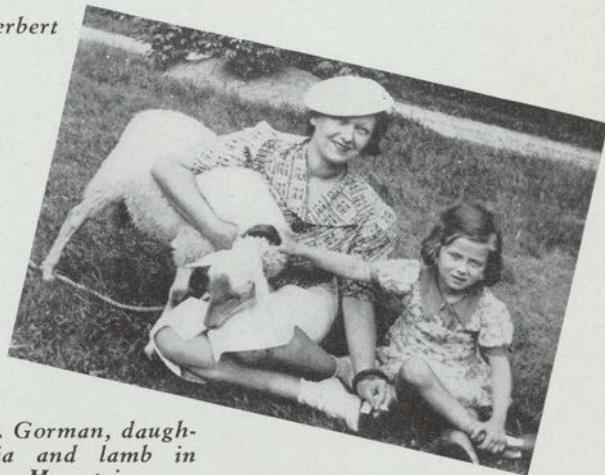
So you can see that when Mr. Gorman is working he has to concentrate on what he is doing. He can't let his mind get filled with extraneous matters such as where he last laid down his pen, or in what particular file he placed a particular notation. The notation has got to be somewhere within hand's reach, so naturally the desk gets littered. Almost without exception mental creative workers smoke while they work. It helps to keep their nerves relaxed, gives them a certain physical energy outlet to keep pace with their brain work. But you can't break your train of thought by getting up every half hour to empty the ash tray, so the cigaret stubs accumulate.

So now that the occupational traits of novelists have been explained with such masterly clarity, let's get a bit more personal about Mr. Gorman, author of more books than you could count on the fingers of three hands if you had three hands. Of recent years he has concentrated on historical novels—"Suzy," "Jonathan Bishop" and "The Mountain and

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Left, Mr. Herbert Gorman



Right, Mrs. Gorman, daughter Patricia and lamb in Vosges Mountains

MOTHER'S DAY

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Sisk Tours

has moved to the space formerly occupied by the Renting Offices? If you read last month's NEWS or if you paid your rent lately you should know. All right, if you know where they are located, do you know how efficient and pleasant they are about arranging your travels in this country or abroad?

In fact the rumor is that a group known as Sisk Terrace Travelers are about to shove off for the other side with the idea of telling our European cousins just how to run their countries, using London Terrace methods as an example, need I add. They may go by way of Washington, D. C., and did you know that

Elizabeth Flynn

will serve a platter, or two or three platters, of canapes direct to your door just in time to impress your cocktail guests with *your* ability to concoct tasty appetizers? Or if you find your apartment a bit too small for your dinner party, you have Miss Flynn's permission to use her dining room. With hot weather not too far away, this large, airy room is ideal for entertaining two or twenty. Not forgetting the attractive and smart cocktail lounge where "bargain prices"

prevail from 12 noon to 5 o'clock. Of course you know that

The Drug Store

is right next door to Elizabeth Flynn's where you can get a snack of food, if you don't feel like the formality of the dining room. Just like any drug store in any "small" town, Whelan's, is the meeting place for many Terracers. "Meet me at the Drug Store" comes over the house phone many times a day and many interesting plans have been made and the latest news discussed over a Coca Cola. Miss Gibney is the hostess and Mr. Sherman the host—charming people, you should know them. Speaking of knowing people, have you met Miss Clark, newly appointed manager of

The Laundry

down in the 425 building? Miss Clark is here to see that our housewives get the service that Knickerbocker Laundry feels they should become accustomed to. Stop in and say hello to the new manager or call her on the house phone if you want to discuss your laundry problems with someone who knows what it is all about. All quizzes must have at least one foolish question and here it is—Did you know that

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I shall expect reports on just how many of these questions you were able to answer correctly when next we meet.

THE SHOP SHOOTER

Lady at Leisure



RAIN today—Fair tomorrow and I do mean the World's Fair of 1939.

I wonder if everyone got as many Easter cards as I did from out-of-town friends. I don't mean to infer that the senders had any ideas of following up these Easter cards with other communications pertaining to their arrival in New York for the aforementioned Fair.

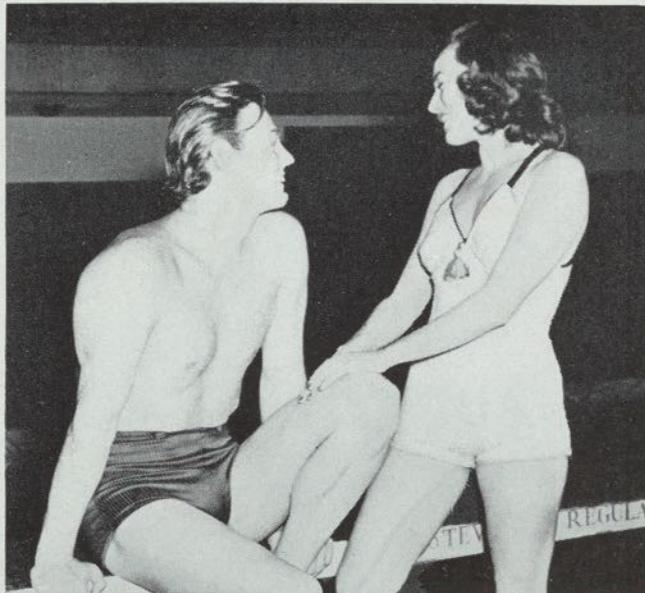
Seriously, I am looking forward to seeing my real friends who are coming East this summer (yes, I mean you, Irene) but we apartment house dwellers just don't have room to sleep many people and one's hospitality has to be governed by this unfortunate (?) situation.

You'll read elsewhere in this month's NEWS, and it was mentioned last month—just how this sleeping problem can be solved by making arrangements to engage a separate apartment for relatives and friends whom you wish to

have near you during their stay. Put in your reservation immediately though, if you are interested as the idea seems to appeal and after all we have to save some place for our prospective permanent tenants.

Mr. Whalen is going to have a little competition on June 14th—the Jamboree 1939 edition. I'll not reiterate what has been said, and what is said in this issue, about plans for a bigger and better Jamboree. But I do want to impress **ALL TENANTS**—young and old, male and female, with the importance of their co-operation. There is something for everyone to do—plenty of interesting and worthwhile work to be done, or if you just want to come to the party and spend your money, that can be arranged. I want to try and assist the Chairmen and their committees in each house through this column by impressing upon all residents the im-

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Werner Wolff

Johnny Weismuller and Eleanor Holm in Terrace Pool pose for Billy Rose's World's Fair Aquacade



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There was much appreciative response to the announcement in these columns last month that furnished apartments had been made available for World's Fair guests of tenants. Inasmuch as it was proposed to furnish only two apartments, this led to some apprehension among our residents that this wouldn't be enough to supply the demand.

Wm. A. White & Sons, Managing Agent for London Terrace, hastens to assure you that the number of these apartments will be increased to as many as required—within reason, of course.

The two room apartment is furnished as a bedroom and living room. The bedroom has twin beds, and the living room includes two day beds among its furnishings. This apartment will rent for \$6.00 per day.

The one room apartment is furnished as a bedroom with twin beds, and rents for \$4.00 per day.

These rentals include maid service, electricity, linen and towels, with no charge for the laundering, and kitchen equipment capable of providing breakfasts and light lunches and suppers.

Make your reservations as far in advance as possible with Mr. Lockwood and bear in mind that the rent is payable upon reservation.

NOVELIST

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the Plain," to mention a number of his best-sellers. He has contracted for others in the future, including one written around the Dreyfus affair in France and another dealing with General Boulanger, who almost became one of the world's foremost dictators, but couldn't make the grade because of his own psychological limitations. By showing why the General didn't become a dictator, Mr. Gorman hopes to cast light upon what constitutes the physical and mental makeup of suc-

cessful dictators—and the world is rather interested in dictators just now.

In fact this paralleling of historical developments past and present, is the theme running through most of his historical novels; dictators, social revolution, anti-Semitism, persecution of political minorities—all these are familiar stuff to the student of history.

Mr. Gorman's background typifies to some extent that of most of the outstanding American writers who came of creative

age during or just after the World War. He was in newspaper work for a number of years, starting out the hard way as reporter for papers in his native New England, graduating to metropolitan sheets such as the *New York Evening Post* and the *New York Times*, was book critic for the old *Sun*, has been a city editor, a dramatic critic. He still writes book reviews for the *New York Times* on occasion, just to keep his hand in.

He fraternized with the intelligentsia group in New York in

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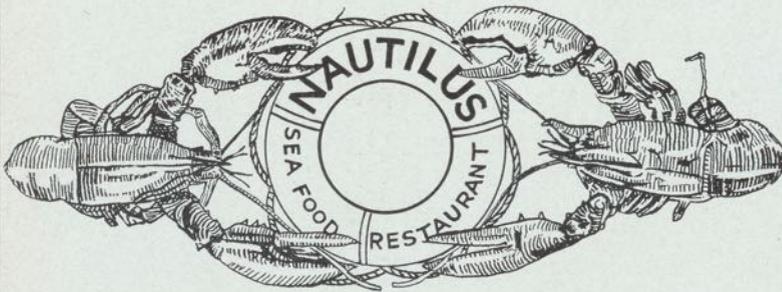
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the early twenties—Max Eastman, John Dos Passos, Mary Heaton Vorse, George Cram Cook, Ernest Hemingway, Edwin Arlington Robinson and many others. He went to Europe for cultural inspiration as did so many of them. There he met James Joyce, Francis Yeats Brown, St. John Ervine, Ezra Pound. He ran across Thomas Wolfe when the young American first went abroad. He came to

live in London Terrace last December after a six-year stay in France.

Accompanying him, of course, was his wife and as wives are generally neglected when authors are interviewed it might be opportune here to write a few words about her. She is an artist in her own right, a gifted pianist who has studied for several years at the American Musical Conservatory in Fontainebleau,

France, under such famous teachers as Camille Decreus and Isidor Philipp. She has given a number of recitals. She is blonde and blue-eyed and looks as though she had just stepped out of one of those Viennese restaurants on the Ringstrasse where they play the "Vienna Woods" all day. When last seen at this particular interview she was disappearing through the door while asking Mr. Gorman whether he wanted a bottle of bourbon or a bottle of Scotch. Mr. Gorman said "Scotch." And now to return to Mr. Gorman.

He has great admiration and respect for the genius of James Joyce, thinks his name will live in the future as one of the greatest influences on modern writing. All the bright modern lads have come under the Joyce influence, from Wolfe to Dos Passos. And the mention of Joyce brought up something. That something was a question and it ran like this.

"Look, Mr. Gorman. About Joyce now. Granted that he plowed fields of psychological behavior never before attempted by any novelist. But you must admit that to the average reader he's a bit difficult to understand. What is your advice on how to go about getting the most out of Joyce?"

Mr. Gorman replied. "If you read Joyce out loud he's fairly easy to understand. Get three or four people together and take turns reading out loud. Joyce's manufactured words, so-called, are almost all phonetically put together. They don't make sense when you look at them, but if you say them, their meaning is instantly clear."

With that friendly intellectual tip we left Mr. Gorman at his littered desk and his typewriter and went out into the spring sunshine. We had intended going to a baseball game that afternoon, but there was a public library on the way, so—we went to the baseball game. We wanted to study the phonetic linguism of a Brooklyn fan when his team is playing the Giants.



A GREAT many people make the mistake of trying to judge a bridge player by his brilliant plays, whereas the experts pride themselves on their perfection in handling simple situations. It is a fact that bridge genius, like any other form of genius, is the infinite capacity and patience of applying oneself to the solution of the simpler things.

Recently the following situation was submitted to some of the leading bridge players. How would you play the following suit in order to lose only one trick?

- (N) Q, 10, 9, 2.
(S) A, 8, 6, 5.

One very prominent expert player suggested playing the Ace and then a small card up to the Queen. This is a winning play, IF a doubleton honor is in the West position; then this assures you of losing only one trick. However, who can foresee without peeping, two Honors in West's hand! In any other situation there is no percentage in the play.

Another player suggested this; lead the Queen, finesse and if it loses, re-enter the Dummy and finesse again for the missing honor. As a matter of fact, though, the writer agrees with Harry Fishbein, one of the leading players of the country. He says if you lead the deuce and finesse the eight, the play can only lose if both honors are behind the Ace. However if both honors are in front of the Ace, guarded, the laying down of the Ace will lose two tricks, but, in the latter situation, there is no possibility of a guess as an additional hazard.

Following is this month's problem hand:

N
(S) K
(H) 7-6-4-3
(D) _____
(C) Q-10

	W		E
(S)	Q	(S)	J
(H)	9	(H)	8
(D)	4	(D)	8-6-5
(C)	8-7-6-5	(C)	J-9

S
(S) _____
(H) Q-J-5
(D) 9-7-3-2
(C) _____

Spades trump. South leads. North and South to win six of the remaining tricks against any defense.

And here is the solution to the problem presented last month.

South leads 3 of diamonds and takes in the North hand with the

diamond 10. At second trick the club King is played from the North hand, South discarding the heart Queen. The Queen of clubs is led for trick three and South discards the 4 of diamonds. If South had discarded a spade on either high club, West could "duck" the inevitable third club lead by playing the 10 at trick three. As long as South holds both spades the "duck" is futile. At trick four, a spade is played and the 7 is now good.

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LADY AT LEISURE

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portance of helping these ladies when they call. These volunteer workers have offered to contact tenants in their Buildings to ascertain if they wish to help in any way. It seems little to ask that these Chelsea "Charity-ites" be greeted in a friendly spirit when they ask for your support. Let's prove beyond a doubt that we are regular people and anxious to be helpful and gracious toward this charitable work.

No excuse for loneliness around here with all the opportunities for meeting and knowing people, through Chelsea Charities or if Bridge is one of your favorite pastimes, you can play most any time in the week up in the Penthouse Club.

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Just to show you that I still get invited to parties I'll pass along a few choice recipes. Here are two easy-to-make hors d'oeuvres—*Grate ½ pound of "store" cheese, mix with two hard boiled eggs that have been put through a sieve. Add a ten-cent jar of mayonnaise and a dash of Worcestershire Sauce. Spread this mixture on crackers or small pieces of toast and put under broiler for just a few minutes—long enough to melt and brown the cheese a little.*

No. 2—*Spread thin slices of ham with roquefort cheese, or cream cheese. Roll and slice into pieces about 1½ inches in length. Put a colored toothpick through each piece to hold it together.*

If you are in a real domestic mood and want to stir up a pie here's an easy recipe for the crust

—*Mix together one package of Phila. cream cheese with one cup of flour, ¼ cup of Crisco and ¼ teaspoon of salt. Line pie pan and bake. Fill with your favorite filling.*

My mind is still on the Jamboree and I want it to be on yours so get out your red pencil and mark June 14th on your calendar.

SPRING!

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is a sharp, straight affair which shoots up and is apt to injure an unwary bystander in the eye. Just one or two would be fun, we thought, but didn't get anywhere with the idea. If you take a look down at the edge of the Garden near the center of the Twenty-fourth Street side, you'll see a couple of very large crocks. If all goes smoothly they're going to be teeming with funkia before long.

The horticultural reporter had to leave then. It was time to water the potted geranium.

The next day the temperature dropped thirty degrees, but what of it? Spring had become firmly established in the Garden and a little thing like a cold day couldn't stop it from going places.

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