## Annotations of Annabel

DEAREST:

Edward, the Prince, proving irresistible target for eyes of Empire in headlong race across the surface of the world. To adapt Mr. Davies'

In midst of life, though full of

We've all found time to stand and stare.

as with mind's eye and heart's hope to reach the mecca of his father's bedside. Greatly appreciative are British people of magnificent assistance on that mighty trek prompted by love and duty, and noble courtesy from differing nationalities and all sorts and conditions of men. Now we rejoice with them that do rejoice, inside and outside of Buckingham Palace, that the King, who has never failed his people in war or in peace, is emerging from the dark valley of "twilight and evening bell."

of our race. So it happened that last she first or last so to make conclusion. week thousands were thrilled to hear her voice for the first time over the vivacious English journalist, who wireless. The occasion was the un- uses his lightness of literary touch to veiling at Tower Hill of a Memorial such amusing purpose, the Victorian to men of Marine and Fishing Fleets woman escaped marital misunderwho, during the Great War, gave up standing by moulding herself accordtheir lives, finding vanished sepulchre ing to prejudice and predilection of in the "unplumbed, salt, estranging her lord. Which method, by traitors sea." The noble words spoken by to the great cause of feminism, is Queen Mary were. "To the glory of still practised as the better way of God and in honour of brave men." matrimony. 'Tis one, be it said, not Peace to their memory, heroes of to be despised, if the man be worth it. fishing smacks and game small vessels, And quite often he is !

moving verse by Mr. Rudyard Kip-

spired title—makes witty and ruth- abode dwells a youth, a handsome less commentary on characteristics child, the only son of his mother, and and code of the Victorian female, as she a widow and my landlady. At unpleasantly sometimes she was de- times I admire sturdy grace of this signated in the dear old days. Apparently wives of great men all re- shock of hair and ruddy countenance. mind him they can make the lives When, however, lingering long just sublime of their beloved partners by outside my window at front gate, deliberately repressing feminine in- fumbling lovingly and noisily with dividuality, and exhibiting a sweet iron latch, opening it violently and best beloved friends upon refuse-heap Royal house in his high endeavour subservience that in theory through- immediately slamming it for sweet of a noisy, puzzled and distracted

of Chelsea, finding him vastly un- age of a lost illusion. entertaining, in spite of his being so grandly conscious of "this vast Universe that storms in upon us, infinite, vague-menacing ... ', and oblivious to little homely happening and happiness strewn along the path, that go far TRUE to type, during weeks of to make that universe worth while. anxiety the Queen carried on the Hard to live in the rarified mental day's work with undaunted courage ether of so gigantic a genius, his and in accordance with the traditions attractive spouse discovered; nor was

In the Gospel, according to this

that have been immortalised in most IN passing, occasional wonder arises THIS latest novel of a gifted member and generation are permitted to go on with the Great War and the years that shouting themselves hoarse, thereby came after, with their devastating efand beyond, carried us all with him MR. Philip Guedella, in "Bonnet ruining timbre of voice and nerves fect upon the imagination, outlook and and Shawl"—assuredly as in of their pastors and masters. In my young barbarian at play, sun-bleached out the ages has been beloved by man. pleasure's sake, the while he shouts world, that strives to cope with afterto boon companion Gordy (presum-THE alertly brilliant Jane Welsh ably contraction of name unknown) Carlyle, one of Mr. Guedella's which, shrieked explosively, makes ladies, rather kicked against the admirable expletive-then I abjure pricks of holy yoke of matrimony him and his gang, and peace on earth, with the great and tempestuous Sage goodwill to men, fades into the mir-

> MEANTIME Beauty, adorned and unadorned, crowds pavement and emporium, sweetly intent on doing her darndest to get the right things for the right people and pay her debts of heart and head. Amid profuseness of choice 'tis not difficult to find suitable trifles. Pink perfection of be-ribboned sachet, puflet of posy make pleasant standby; while novel and levely are tiny mirrors, small slight stems supporting gilt frame. oval glass flanked by miniature presentment of powdered, rose-fichued Watteau-like mayde of old.

And, so stifling that long look back on past days diffused with light that never was on land or sea, we welcome linking up of friendship and recurrence of the happy Christmas-tide.

Your

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### Stooping and "Slumping"

REDUCING exercises, dancing, swimming, tennis, golf-all these things are taught by experts and studied by enthusiasts; but deportment has taken a back seat.

It would be sad to see unfortunate young girls spending a whole hour on a sunny afternoon learning how to get in and out of a car with grace and decorum. Sad, because the young girl ways of spending her afternoons. learning how to get in and out of a culty lies in the fact that so few women

was a normal occupation.

But is equally sad to see so many lovely people in so many lovely frocks spoiling themselves and their frocks because they do not know the first rule of deportment, which is an easy graceful carriage.

Yet good carriage not only increases the charm of a good figure and preserves its beauty, but has also power to make the indifferent figure far less obvious.

It is not difficult to acquire. In fact, at the salons where they teach reducing of to-day has many more interesting exercises and exercises for general physical fitness, they are always ready whereas her grandmother at a finishing to teach their clients how to hold themschool did truly spend many hours selves and walk correctly. The diffi-

landau or a barouche, and for her it seem to realise the importance of this knowledge.

This importance is easily tested, both from the point of view of its effect upon the appearance and upon the physical health of the individual. •

Watch the woman who stoops and pokes her chin out and "slumps" when she sits down.

rounder every day, her chest flatter, her chin and jaw muscles flaccid, and her waist and hips large and ungainly. Isn't it obvious that when you poke your chin out your jaw line becomes blurred, that when you stoop you are not giving your lungs a chance to work properly, and that when you slump in your chair your spine is allowed to do everything it ought not to do, and your waist and hips are 'ound to thicken?

T the recent French General Election, the election boards in the Paris boulevards were used by women to appeal for the vote. They empha-sized the fact that in 28 countries in the world 150,000,000 women have obtained the vote, and that French women are among the last in Europe to be without it.

### Books.

#### FAREWELL TO YOUTH. (Storm Jameson.)

as to why children of this day of the younger school of writers deals conduct of a normally healthy, happyhearted, chivalrous young Englishman, who from dreaming adolescence in idyllic home is rudely jolted into harsh realism by insistent call of love and war.

Disillusioned, hope and vitality shattered, the boy Nat, grown old and wise before his time, emerges upon a latter-day world, and is at odds with tragic destiny that flung himself and math of stupendous clash of nations.

Sick and sorry in body and soul, consolation is sought and temporarily found in the girl he hastily married in the strenuous years, whose beauty so blindly adored is a mask for zealous cupidity, a truly insatiable greed of gain. Nice youths are fair game for the harpy and the schemer, and the high-minded young soldier, conscious of shattered dreams and visions, was no exception.

This modern miss proves a flagrantly unfaithful wife, and after sordidness of marital recrimination, disillusion and divorce, happiness is discovered in the person of Ann, that gentle personification of the eternal feminine, so curiously unyielding when the wellbeing of her lover is imperilled. To this sweet and brave maiden the spent and hopeless boy comes for comfort and reassurance in a world that has tried his endurance to breaking point, and, holding her slight hands, once more he gains courage to take the road.

A sad book indeed, were it not that the characters do not altogether achieve semblance of reality, in spite of much interesting incident and extremely arresting etching of political personalities.

In truth, this is not primarily the story of human entities but of a home of ancient England, upon which the father of Nat lavishes concentrated affection, sacrificing to it his son's prospects and the vigilant loyalty of Emily, his self-sacrificial wife. It is a very lovely deification of a typical, stately, murmuring house of memories, with lawns and gardens and singing of birds in branches, and gracious welcoming to those who are desolate and oppress-You will notice that her back gets ed; the spacious rooms furnished with damask and Chippendale, dimly radiant with glow of glass and pottery and painting.-R.U.R.



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