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## BOOKS

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### "A RARE PATRIOT."

The Story of Jerry Simpson. By Annie L. Diggs. Published by Mrs. Jerry Simpson, 330 Matthewson Ave., Wichita, Kan., 1908. Price, \$1.00, postage, 10 cents.

Jerry Simpson's is too vivid and recent a public life to need its details called to the mind of Americans. Facts are duly chronicled in this little book about him. But there is more here—an intimate adoring, a fond pride of wife and friends in the possession of him, objectionable were it not so genuine, tiresome did not its very simplicity set off the simple greatness of the character. For here was a man with slight formal education and bringing-up who by his power of hearty right-mindedness and its clever expression, rose from his neighbors' to his nation's esteem. Lake seaman, Kansas farmer, single-taxer, populist, Congressman, he was always ridiculed—"Sockless" by the way, only because he always wore stockings!—and always loved. To his loveliness ample witness is borne in the many friends' tributes which close the volume.

ANGELINE LOESCH GRAVES.

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## PAMPHLETS

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### Merciful Common Sense Allied With Science.

In the Quarterly Bulletin, Vol. 11, No. 4, of the Illinois Board of Charities (Springfield, Ill.) is printed an address by Dr. Billings, which explains with his accustomed clearness "The Modern Treatment of the Mentally Defective and the Mentally Sick." "Under the old custodial care with physical and drug restraint," he states, "a small percentage, about five to ten, of the 'acutely sick insane' recovered. Under the modern method of treatment"—

baths, proper food and nursing—"from fifty to seventy per cent recover." Seven out of the seventeen Illinois State charitable institutions are hospitals for the insane.

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## PERIODICALS

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At the University of Wisconsin in 1893 the foreign students of all nationalities organized a club, "Cosmopolitan" in fact as well as name. So rapidly has this spirit of internationalism spread that last December, at the third convention of Cosmopolitan Clubs, twenty-three colleges were represented. A permanent secretary (Mr. Louis P. Lochner, Madison, Wis.) was appointed, and it was voted to become a branch of the Corda Fratres—"Brothers in Heart"—a similar organization in Europe with a membership of 60,000. In remarking on the great importance of this organization for the world-peace movement, George W. Nasmyth in *The Independent* for February 17, writes: "The experience of the American members of the Cosmopolitan Clubs is typical. We find, first, that the foreign students are surprisingly like ourselves. We learn to understand them, then to admire and trust them, and finally to love them. I know of no other influence so effective, so pregnant with possibilities for the cause of 'Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men,' as these deep friendships which are formed between the young men from many nations and far-off lands, who are gathered together under the roofs of American universities."

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"The Waning Power of the Press" by Francis E. Leupp, a journalist of long experience, is given the place of honor in the *Atlantic Monthly* for February and is the first of a series by different contributors on the problems of journalism. The following causes for the newspaper's loss of influence are listed and enlarged upon by the writer: "The transfer of both properties and policies from personal to impersonal control; the rise of the cheap magazine; the tendency to specialization in all forms of public instruc-

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