

by the prosperous and borne on the aching shoulders of the poor, know you that those of us who took no part in making you, will likewise take no share in dancing round the altar where you support, stupid and apparently immovable—the Golden Calf! Justice was made a woman by the ancients, to be sure, but they bound a bandage tightly over her eyes. That signified her ignorance, and it still is there; so very long has it remained in place that some contend that blind she came into the world. In the days of 1789, she took it off, and these mild, gentle creatures lacking iron in the blood, headed the mob that marched upon Versailles. Some time she will get rid of it again, and then hand in hand with her brothers will she go, in a more peaceable, but no less powerful onslaught upon the great wrongs of our time.

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BOOKS

DELIGHTFUL ESSAYS.

By the Christmas Fire. By Samuel McChord Crothers. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Company, Boston and New York. Price, \$1.25 net.

This cozy little volume contains Mr. Crothers' fine essay on the doctrinaire, which added so much to the interest of the Atlantic Monthly of a month or two ago. One of the four other essays appeared originally in Everybody's, and the remaining three in the Atlantic. All are alive with the spirit of wholesome mental companionship which this author has the faculty of expressing so vigorously and yet so gently. The last of the five—"Christmas and the Spirit of Democracy"—fairly outdoes the others, and that is saying a great deal for it. Imagine Dickens's "Scrooge" back again and worrying because his paternalistic Christmas gifts are no longer received with gratitude, and you have the theme; but you must read the essay with an open mind if you would appreciate one of the most pathetic, though amiably humorous bits of Christmas writing since Dickens himself.—and better than Dickens because more profoundly true.

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RUSSIA'S MESSAGE.

Russia's Message: The True World-Import of the Revolution. By William English Walling. Illustrated. Published by Doubleday, Page & Company, New York.

Writing of what Russia has to offer us, rather than what we can do for Russia, Mr. Walling aims to indicate the light which the Russian revolutionary movement sheds on the problem of the future of human society. Besides the interest and equipment of a serious American student of social

development, Mr. Walling has brought to his task the advantages of a two years' sojourn in Russia, together with intimate intercourse with a majority of the most important leaders of all parties and elements of the Russian empire. He describes the Russian situation vividly, presenting it to American perception with the definiteness of a diagram and the attractiveness of a picture. Tracing the social principles that Russian patriots are dying for, he discloses a new conception of life which he sees arising there; and growing out of this he sees the message of Russia to the world, which seems to him to be a new goal for human endeavor. It is a goal that necessitates primarily the destruction of the present state of society—whether that destruction be accomplished by political aggression, as the Russian revolutionists urge, or by the non-resistant socialization of the individual, for which Tolstoy pleads.

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STORY OF A RUSSIAN SPY.¹

The Spy: The Story of a Superfluous Man. By Maxim Gorky. Authorized translation by Thomas Seltzer. Published by B. W. Huebsch, New York. Price, \$1.50.

The story of a Russian peasant boy, orphaned and sent to work his way in the great city, where circumstances draw him at last into the service of the Czar as a spy, and then to self-inflicted death from horror of his vile calling and his inability to escape it. The story is a psychological study in connection with a cross section of Russian life which should be of impressive interest to American readers.

BOOKS RECEIVED

—Gillette's Industrial Solution: World Corporation. An Account of the Evolution of the Existing Social System, Together with a Presentation of an Entirely New Remedy for the Evils it Exhibits. With Illustrations and Index. By Melvin L. Severy, author of "Gillette's Social Redemption." "The Darrow Enigma," etc. Published by the Ball Publishing Company, (683 Atlantic avenue), Boston. Price \$1.50, postage 25 cents. [Correction of error in previous acknowledgment (p. 909)].

PERIODICALS

Ray Stannard Baker begins in the December American (New York), a series of articles on the spiritual unrest of our time, which promises to be as fine a piece of work along one great line of inquiry as his Negro articles were along another. The first of these articles deals with the healing of the sick in churches—especially the "Emmanuel movement." In this issue there appears also a short story by a new magazine writer, W. G. Eggleston, who