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IN THE WORLD OF BOOKS

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their chance against wind and weather and food shortage. Their leaders were more or less fanatical, and the sailors not too reliable, yet the voyage was made, and this chronicle novel is so well written that it is easy for the reader to become one of the passengers. The actual journals and letters of that shipload gave Mr. Gebler the basis for his narrative. These, of course, were written by the better class. The jailbirds and scamps and wastrels were there as well, but left no record. Yet they have been included in the story and are pictured so well that they are a very real part of the settlement. The Indian scares and the hardships of the colony maintain the tempo of the tale to the very end. Such incidents as the digging up of a quantity of corn are told with skill. Gilbert's entering the strange dwelling and snatching a fat herring from a platter, is a gem. A list of the actual passengers aboard the Mayflower is of interest, and should provide an excellent reference when argument arises as to the names dating back to Plymouth settlement.

TWENTY MILLION WORLD WAR VETERANS by Robert Englund; Oxford University Press; 222 pages; \$3.00.
The author possesses the qualifications needed in the writing of such a book. His youth was spent on the western prairies. He worked on farms and taught school. He received his M. A. from Queen's University. In 1924 he went to England on work for the Canadian National Railways. He returned in 1930 to become western manager of the CNR's Department of Colonization and Agriculture. During his years there Mr. Englund organized community progress competitions and citizenship-training projects among European immigrants in the Peace River District and Central British Columbia. He wrote many articles and books on the problems of settlement and education.

During World War II, he devoted his talents to the educational and rehabilitation projects devised for men serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. He was the first Director of the Canadian Legion Educational Services, and served on innumerable committees planning the re-establishment of Canadian veterans. His book, which summarizes the whole subject of veterans' rehabilitation in North America, was written during his tenure of a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1946-47.
Many pertinent facts are revealed in his book. World War veterans number one-third of our voters. One-quarter of the population of America is affected in some way by the extent of federal aid to the veterans. References are given at the end of each chapter, and indexed for subject matter. This is a book for "everyone who cares for the future of democracy in North America."

THREE DOORS TO DEATH by Rex Stout; MacMillan Company; \$3.25
This book is a threesome, and Nero Wolfe, which means a literary feast for Rex Stout addicts, who are legion in all parts of the continent. The three stories have appeared as book-length features in American Magazine, a publication that only prints the best. The acceptance of these stories for a feature in such a magazine assures any reader of their quality. And each story of the trip has as much plot and action and characterization as any of Stout's longer novels.

In the foreword Archie Goodwin writes: "I like the idea of putting these three cases together because they make a kind of complicated pattern of pairs. In two of them Wolfe got no fee. In two of them, he had to forge a document to get a crack started. In two of them, the homicide was strictly a family affair. In two of them I became acquainted with a young female, not the same one, who might have sent my pulse up a beat if she hadn't been quite so close to a murder. So I think they'll be a little more interesting. In a bunch like this, provided they don't start people phoning in to ask me to ask Wolfe to solve murders as a gift. I'm just telling you."

The third story in the book, Door to Death, is really a honey. There's no money in the greenhouse, however, that had the placard on its door: "Danger. Do not enter. Door

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THE ARROWS OF THE SUN by Ivor Bannet; Ambassador Books; \$2.25

In the world of books, the reader sometimes gets tired of the usual fare in both fiction and non-fiction. Writers of non-fiction, however, can dig up many varieties of unusual horror or happenings. The fictioneer has not so wide a range, and must use different devices to present a certain type of story. Now and then an author takes a totally different topic and soars into the unknown.

Mr. Bannet has done just that. His novel is based on a folk-legend, the most popular version of it being the story of Perseus, son of Danae, loveliest of all women. She was loved by the gods and conceived her hero-son in a shower of gold while she was imprisoned in a brazen tower of King Acrisus of Argos. Such a theme gives the author a free rein, as it were, with his imagination and his subject. No one can dispute any picture he presents. His stark accounts of plagues and battles and cold-blooded cruelties are given in a perfect flow of vivid language. The book is rather intriguing for the author can provide any situation that will help his story. He is unhampered by fact and records and human impulses. His hero can find out about the future simply by consulting an old lady who knows all and sees all. The fact that he is not interested in women, beautiful or otherwise, lures the reader to further chapters. In many respects this is a clever book.

BELOVED ENEMY by Anne Duffield; Cassell's; \$2.00

This is purely a love story with a background of present-day Europe. It gives the atmosphere of mystery by providing a setting of cold dark night on a street corner of war-stricken Berlin. The usual characters are about, offering almost anything for sale up to a grand piano; an order would be taken for one, and delivery assur-

ed. Shabby women were not a minority among those who had something to sell, and Clive Moray, the hero of this romantic tale, was exceedingly wary when a girl acco-

ed him and tried to sell him a fine ring. He was suspicious of her, and he did not want to be detained, but something he could not have defined prompted him to

make the purchase. It was a sordid spot for romance to break out, but Anne Duffield has been quite equal to the task, and the reader really rejoices when affairs move to sun-

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