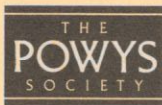




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HOW TO WRITE A NOVEL

PLEET-STREET, Thursday Night

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OVERMAN, many of whom will want to take away some souvenirs and who will be in a frame of mind favourable for deception. The Society has evidence that wide preparations for rigged sales are now being made. The most favoured method is to rent a country house which has been empty for some time, stock it with furniture of dubious authenticity and announce a sale "by order of the owner, who is going abroad." The Society's statement that as much as £10,000 has been made on a single sale of this kind shows how great a danger is to be guarded against.

Disney Continued

It is a tribute to the generosity of law-ymen, or is it really artistic appreciation in gay disguise—that Walt Disney cartoons are becoming so popular and so inevitable as seasons of opera. London watched her own reactions with great amusement when it was announced some time ago that our theatre would devote its entire programme to Mickey, with silly symphonies as interludes. The reaction turned out to be an entirely favourable that the season is to be repeated by another theatre for the Easter holiday.

Touring By Coach

The railway companies are straining every coupling in the race for patronage. This is, of course, all to the good, and the public cannot but look with approving eye upon the new controversy which is threatened in the matter of the origin of the holiday caravan. Each side. The latest claimant is the London and North Eastern—which is probably justified—and, as though by way of a confirmatory gesture, it has decided upon an elaboration of the original theme. Instead of standing on a siding for a given length of time, the coaches will be timed by successive trains from place to place for a week, with a short halt at each

MR. J. C. POWYS'S ADVICE TO AUTHORS

"DEAL IN THE DEEPER QUALITY"

From Our Own Correspondent

LONDON, Thursday.

A possible deduction from the large output of novels is that the writing of one cannot be very difficult. But apparently it may be, for Mr. J. C. Powys spoke, or rather ranted, on the difficulties, at York's literary luncheon to-day, and when he had finished telling authors how to proceed, Dr. A. J. Cronin discussed the novel's future before a gathering of miscellaneous.

Indeed, so many people were present that when some of the principal guests were being introduced, a spotlight was directed upon them so that those at the more distant tables might have a better chance of noting their looks. One woman even brought a pair of strong binoculars to bridge the distance between herself and the famous. This must be an innovation.

The Danger Of Labels

For a long time it has been necessary to use a microphone and amplifiers at these affairs. The effect to-day was quite surprising. Mr. Powys is a tall, broad man with a voice in proportion, and as he did nothing to adjust himself to the apparatus his message was a positive roaring in the ears. He began loudly, but soon abandoned words for a message—emphasised by gestures—sweeps of the arm and shakes of the head—which was full of the more or less mystical implications to be expected from the author of "In Defence of Secularity."

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