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TEARS, BUSY TEARS

Susan Warner



BY ANDRE NORTON

And now Queechy was also finished. Putnam was only lukewarm about the book, but he brought out an edition of five thousand copies, a bigger start than he had ever granted any novel bearing his imprint before. And in June Susan was able to note confidently in her journal that "Queechy has met with great favor and keeps selling."

Sell it did. And because of its pictures of small town American life in the mid-nineteenth century it can safely be read today with profit by the researcher in social history.

But Susan had gone back to work. She set herself a regular program of production—three or four pages a day, using very large sheets of notepaper and writing with a fine hand, the lines close together, so that four pages meant a large number of words.

The entries in her journal during this period read:

"Accomplished but three pages, and those by the hardest. Can that be worth much which is so excessively difficult to produce? What do I want? Rest, I think,

Editor's Note: We have been honored to bring you 5 articles from the pen of Andre Norton in the past (in BOOK-MARTS #49, 51, 55, 57 & 58) and we are honored once more to bring you another installment in Ms. Norton's continuing series. She is, of course, one of the best-selling Fantasy authors of all time, and book dealers will know what sky-high prices her rarer first editions are currently fetching...RWP

sometimes; and perhaps spirits--spirit for my work at least. I am glad now when I get through my task and can come down stairs to my Gurnan, music and reading."

But the winter of 1852 and their improved financial standing brought them to New York. Anne was writing also and both sisters had proof to correct. Printer's messengers would leave the big rolls of proof sheets at ten or eleven at night--the sisters would find these waiting when they arrived home from a reception or a pleasant evening in company. But before daylight, when the messengers arrived to collect the sheets again, they were always done.

A new world opened to the Warner girls, the door pushed ajar by the Putnams. A staid society it was, but a literary one, and the sisters blossomed in its somewhat pallid glow. They ventured on entertainment in return, improvising and proud of doing much with very little.

Having had to crowd into a few lodging rooms, they turned a big square closet into a reception room, ingeniously hanging its walls with red cotton flannel (then

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This list may look a bit fishy, but our collector has feet on terra firma & these aquaria periodical items are all firm wants:

1. NY Aquarium Journal, ##1-10, Oct. 1876 to May '77.
2. Aquarium Magazine, Vols I, II, Cincinnati. 1878-82; Vols III, IV, Brooklyn, 1892-98.
3. Aquarium Magazine, Vol. II, ##4-10, Sept. '13 to March '20.
4. Aquatic Life, Vol. I, ##1-10, Sept. '15-June '16.
Vol II, #2, Oct. '16.
Vol. III, ##11, 12, July, Aug., 1918.
Vol. IV, ##1,2, Sept., Oct. '18.
Vol. V, ## 2,3,5,9, 10-12, Feb., March, May, Sept., Oct.-Dec., 1920.
5. Brooklyn Aquarium Soc. Newsletter, Vol. I, #2, June '11.
6. Home Aquarium Bulletin, Vol. I, ##2,3,4, April-June, 1931.
7. Pa. Fish Culturist's, Vol. I, #2, April, '21; Vol. II, ##3,4, May-June '22.
8. Aquarium Journal, as ff:
Vol. 1, #3, 1928.
Vol. 2, ##3,5,6-10, 1929.
Vol. 3, ##1,6,8,9,10, 1930.
Vol. 4, ##1,7,8,10, 1931.
Vol. 5, ##1-3,5,6,8, 1932.
Vol. 6, ##1-5,8,9, 1933.
Vol. 7, ##2-10, 1934.
Vol. 8, ##1-10, 1935.
Vol. 9, ##1-10, 1936.
Vol. 10, ##1-10, 1937.
9. "Anchor." for 1st 2 issues San Francisco Aquaria Soc. Newsletter, Vol. I, ##1,2, Jan. & Feb., 1967.
10. Buntbarche Bulletin, Vol. I, ##5, Dec. '67; 6, Jan.-Feb. '68; 7, March '68, & 9, May-June '68.
11. Aquarium Industry, Vol. I, #2, Dec. '73.
12. Aquarium News, Vol. 2, ##4,5, May & June, '77.
Vol. 2, ##10,11, Nov.-Dec., 1977.
Vol. 3, ##4,5, May, June 1978.
13. Freshwater & Marine Aquarium Magazine, Vol. 1, #2, Feb. '78.

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very new) which the sisters assured each other did resemble velvet by candle light. There were three camp chairs to be strategically placed, and a fresh supply of coffee and sugar beside the fine German coffee machine. Anne made their cake and buns. And the old fashioned silver candelabra, one of the few remaining relics of their affluent past, shared the table with the cake stand. Some evenings they regaled as many as thirty guests, among them the Carey sisters and the Putnam family.

In return the Warners enjoyed the assemblies at the Putnams', where visiting lions such as Thackeray and Lovell were on display. And Susan's comment on William Makepeace Thackeray went down in the small talk of literary history:

"He is an excellent man, but there is a whole world he knows nothing of--a world which I know."

Susan was not engaged on a new work of fiction this season. Instead she labored over what she considered to be a monumental piece of serious research. The Law and the Testimony was advertised for publication in August, 1853. Eight hundred and forty pages made up the texts on the great doctrines of Christianity, brought together under their separate heads. Henry Warner aided in hunting up the quoted passages and outlining the subject matter.

Part of this was done in the city and part on the island to which they returned in the spring. Now they established a regular pattern for their days. Arising at half past six in the morning, they rode on the ring established in nearby fields. Since there was only one horse, they went to this solemn exercise supplied with books and sewing, and were employed between turns on the mount. Returning home at eleven they took a dip in the river bath house before settling down at their desks.

Children's books became their "bread and butter" writing. Susan's Mr. Rutherford's Children contains some excellent pictures of New York hotel life as well as of country scenes. And it provides a very good description of how well-to-do children of the period were educated.

But The Wide, Wide World continued to bring in the checks which were slowly

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pulling the Warners out of debt and into the security Susan craved. The good days, however, did not last. There was another panic in 1857 and the Warner sisters had to surrender their small savings to retain title to the island. Again shadows gathered and the girls worked with energetic grimness.

They did everything to raise money: wrote—children's books, novels, articles—corrected compositions for a boarding school, made up dictation papers for a teacher, went without all but bare necessities and made their own clothes. No more trips to New York and pleasant evenings in the box room with the red flannel drapes. Instead they remained on the island during the winter of 1858-1859 and wrote jointly on *Say and Seal*.

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14. The Aquarist & Pondkeeper, English Aquarium Mag., as ff:
Vol. I, #6, Winter '24.
Vol. II, #8, Winter '27.
Vol. III, #2,5, Summer '28, Spring '29.
Vol. IV, #9, July '31.
Vol. V, #3, July-Aug., '32.
Vol. VI, #9, July-Aug., '35.
Vol. IX, #7, Sept. '39; #8, Oct. '39.
Vol. IX, #11-12, Jan. & Feb., 1940.
Vol. X, #5-7, July, Aug., Sept. '40;
#12, Dec. '40.
Vol. XI, #3,4, June & July, 1946.

Now, fish in yr ponds for these!! Bound vols. containing specific issues wanted will be considered if reasonably priced, BUT NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL ISSUES WANTED!! Superfluous quotes not answered.

II. HARD COVER AQUARIA BOOKS

15. Hibberd, Shirley. The Bk of Fresh Water Aquarium, 1856; Rustic Adornments for Homes of Taste, 1856; The Bk of Marine Aquarium, 1856. No other eds.
16. Innes, Wm T. Exotic Aquarium Fishes, 1st ed only, 1935.
17. Wolf, Herman T. Goldfish Breeds & Other Aquarium Fishes, 1908, only.

III. SOFT COVER AQUARIUM BOOKS

18. Brind, Walter. Domesticated Fishes, 1914-19; The Practical Fish Fancier, '19 or '35; Fishes in Aquaria, '34. These eds only.

IV. LEGAL QUIBBLES & OBSCURITIES

19. Ballard, Adolphus. British Borough Charters, 1042-1216, Cambridge U. Press, 1913.
20. Britton. An English Translation and Notes by Francis Morgan Nichols, Wash., D.C., J. Byrne & Co., 1901.
21. Brodhurst, B.E.S. The Merchants of the Staple, 1901.
22. Cherry, Richard Robt. Lectures on the Growth of Criminal Law in Ancient Communities, Lon. & NY, Macmillan, 1890.
23. Clark, Edwin Charles. Early Roman Law, The Regal Period, London, Macmillan, 1872.
24. Cohen, Hermann Joseph. A History of the English Bar and Attorneys to 1450, Tor., Lon., Carswell, Sweet & Maxwell, 1929.
25. Farran, Chas. D'olivier. The Principles of Scots & English Land Laws, A Historical Comparison, Edinburgh, W. Green, 1958.

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