of several notable books for young people, she here addresses herself to adults, especially to those of her own sex. The book takes its name from the title of the first essay, "The Joys of Being a Woman", but what a charming or challenging variety of subjects for the feminine reader is found in the following headings of chapters: "A Man in the House"; "Luggage and the Lady"; "The Lady Alone at Night"; "In Sickness and in Health"; "My Clothes"; "The Woman Who Writes"; "The Farm Feminine"; "The Wayfaring Woman"; "A Little Girl and Her Grandmother"; "My Mother's Gardeners", and (not to mention others) "Genus Clericum!" In the concluding chapter she grows deliciously and inspiringly serious on "Difficulties in Doing Without Eternity". Read and shake and—look up! GEO. B. EAGER.

The Great Adventure. Present-Day Studies in American Nationalism. By Theodore Roosevelt. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1919. 204 pp. \$1.00 net.

This book was written before the armistice was signed. In the Foreword, under date of November 6, 1918, the author says that when the manuscript was accepted, and even up to the time of the revision of the last proofs, it seemed, as regards the major part of it, that he was taking substantially the position to which the administration at Washington was tending steadily to come. Yet in the face of that admission, he lets the book go to press in such form as to make it appear today in the light of events as, in large part at least, a most partisan, ungenerous, if not unpatriotic and virulent, attack upon President Wilson and the administration. "De mortuis nil nisi bonum" is well said and constitutes a good rule of action; but it may be accepted as a justifiable exception to say that this performance tarnishes the escutcheon of a great and heroic American. To our thinking, like some other late products of the same pen, it were better had it never been written. As Mr. Roosevelt himself says, "Brag is a good dog; but Holdfast is a better". It recalls to our minds Mr. Dooley's witty comment on Mr. Roosevelt's book on the Spanish-American war: "The title is a misnomer. It should have been 'Alone in Cuba'." Its faults cast over its shining merits a melancholy eclipse.

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The Force Supreme. By Walter Wellman. Doran Co. 191 pp.

The author finds forces brought into play during this war that were not present in any other war. These new forces must end the war, and the type of civilization the world is to have after the war is ended, is really the stake of the war. If the tribe had won the world would