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Series I. Writings of Thomas Hardy

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War

(From Contemporary Verse)

A WHINING bullet pierces, shakes
The doors of Janus—flings them
wide—

And sleeping beast in man awakes
To watch the four dread horsemen ride
VIRGINIA SPATES.

On Egdc Heath

(From The Dial)

L ONELY you think my walk—
Lonely? Eut no!

For in my buttonhole a stalk,
A stiff, sweet stalk,
Of Jerusalem sage
Plucked in the garden where that other
sage,

Our Thomas Hardy, dawned upon this
age.

Though far upon the windy heath
Alone I go,

I am not lonely—no,
With that old thatched house bene
Rose wrapped at the corner of the
heath.

And in my buttonhole a stalk,
A stiff, sweet stalk
Of sage.

LOUISE MOULTON.

Question of Stars

(From Palms)

A SK of the wheeling stars my end,
I choose my own escape,
I am one branch you cannot bend,
One will you cannot shape.

I fight a battle of my own
And trust no signs above,
And I will go to death alone
When I am done with love.

HAROLD VINAL.

They have shown this as an important factor in campaigns, and as a friend worth having in the big legislation mill up at the Capitol. And these are the men who decide nominations when deadlocks defeat the men who go out and seek public approval for their candidacies by the preferential primary.

Failure of Primary Winners

In this connection a prominent Democrat pointed out to the writer the other day that no man ever had been nominated as the result of winning a lot of Presidential primaries. He called attention to the fact that in 1912, before the pre-convention campaign started, there was an idea that the old convention system was doomed. Even when the conventions met, most of the participants believed that they were taking part in the last of the important conventions. It was assumed that before another four years should elapse the Presidential primary would have made such progress that the conventions would be mere ratification meetings.

Incidentally, in 1912 Champ Clark defeated Woodrow Wilson in every primary in which he faced him. But Wilson was nominated. In the Republican primaries of the same year Roosevelt showed his strength over Taft, but Taft was nominated.

In 1916 neither Roosevelt nor Hughes the two chief candidates for the Republican nomination, ever faced each other, and Hughes's name was only on the Oregon ballot. It was there because he could not get it off, and for that reason only. There was no contest in the Democratic party that year.

1920 Contest Recalled

In 1920 Wood and Lowden went into the Republican convention as the heroes of the primaries. Hiram Johnson also had run better than Harding who in the Indiana primary, in which all four took part, ran last. Harding did not carry a single primary except in his own state, and even there he lost some delegates to Wood. But Harding was nominated. Lowden, it is true, was disqualified not because of any

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