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# Maury Recollections Still Juicy Reading

By Evans Rodgers

"Champagne Cholly," by Eve Brown, published by E. P. Dutton and Co. (\$3.75) is the story of the life and times of Maury Paul, known to millions of readers of Hearst newspapers as Cholly Knickerbocker.

Until his death in 1942, Maury Paul, society editor deluxe, was a fabulous man who made a career of spotlighting the lives—misspent and otherwise—of New York society, and made them love it!

In her book of his reign, Eve Brown, who learned invective and society from Maury Paul during many hectic years of working with him, dishes out some of the star-studded goo, the jeering columns, the gossip and scandal he relished, and the diseased family skeletons he dusted off for the public to view.

Miss Brown gives a sparkling picture of Maury Paul in vivid close-ups of the changing scene—from pink teas and dinner parties for two hundred, first nights at the opera, the famous feuds in which he indulged, as well as items about the Vanderbilts, the Astors, the Goulds and the other first families of New York which bubbled into print.

This story of Maury Paul is as juicy a morsel as some of his columns, and a couple of hours of entertaining reading.

—T. R. L.

### NEW ALPHABET

A new phonetic alphabet, designed to teach any language on earth within a space of a few weeks and to teach illiterates to read and write their own language in a matter of days has finally come into being.

It is the Global Alphabet, developed by Oklahoma's blind ex-senator, Robert Owen, and acclaimed with any number of superlatives by leading authorities in the field of phonetics and linguistics.

Sen. Owen heads the World Language Foundation in Washington, which is devoted to the spread of the alphabet as a necessary aid to the removal of ignorance and illiteracy, to the spread of Basic English and, through bilingual texts, to spread the

knowledge of foreign tongues. For its purpose it is an ideal medium. Its system is clear and concise; its alphabet a matter of only hours to learn. If it can avoid the fate of being ignored, it is potentially invaluable and one of the great contributions to interchange of ideas among nations and peoples.

The booklet is published by the World Language Foundation at 2400 16th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., and sells for 50 cents a copy.

—C. K.

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## Robert L. Owen Sends President 'Global Alphabet'

A former United States Senator from Oklahoma sought President Roosevelt's aid yesterday in promoting acceptance of "a global alphabet" which, the author said, could be made a world language and increase production of 60 per cent of the world's inhabitants by "400 or 500 per cent."

Robert L. Owen, now a Washington attorney, made public a letter he had written to the President describing his alphabet as "a mechanism by which the English language can be taught as a world language."

The phonetic stenographic alphabet, written by sound symbols and not by spelling, consists of 18 consonants, six compound consonants and 18 vowel sounds which Owen said have "one immutable primary sound of the human voice with no silent letter."