

JACQUES FUTRELLE, WRITER

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The Author of "The Thinking Machine" and Many Short Stories

Jacques Futrell is well known as a writer of fiction, having contributed many long and short stories to magazines. He was born in Pike County, Georgia, April 9, 1875, and engaged in newspaper work from 1890 to 1902, largely in Richmond, Va. After a couple of years as a theatrical manager, he went back into journalism, joining the staff of the Boston American, where he stayed till 1906.

His first important contribution to fiction was "The Chase of the Golden Plate," published in 1906, but he won the most substantial success of his life with "The Thinking Machine," a novel of a fanciful type that attained wide popularity and established its author firmly in the ranks of successful producers of light fiction.

Following "The Thinking Machine" he wrote a number of novels of a similar type, among the best-known of which were "The Simple Case Of Susan," "The Thinking Machine on the Case," "Elusive Isabel," and "The Diamont Master." In addition to these he wrote many short stories.

Some years ago Mr. Futrell purchased an estate in Scituate, Mass., about twenty-five miles from Boston, which he called "The Stepping Stones" and it is there that he has spent most of his time, though he is a frequent visitor to New York.

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