

Esther Gould's Book Corner

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK AGAIN

So quickly time rolls round! The busy days make us forget that Children's Book Week is here again—and that Christmas is just around the corner. As usual there is the fascinating array of children's books—beautifully illustrated new editions of old favorites, new authors, and even a greater than usual number of additions to favorite series. Joyously illustrated pages beckon you from every bookstore window. Things that "We never had when we were children."

Among the many an outstanding achievement is "Doctor Dolittle's Circus" which Stokes brings out, another one of that series, which is dearer—don't contradict me, children—well, anyway as dear, to grownups as to children. When the Doctor makes up his mind to help Sophie the Seal to escape from her unwilling and therefore unjustifiable captivity in the circus, and return to a pining husband, there is not one of us who is not holding his breath for fear the bloodhounds will track them down. "A sentimental girl, is Sophie," the animals said, and it is no wonder that living in water so much she should easily emit that element from her eyes.

Hugh Lofting has captured something which is only captured once in—oh, many years. It is the secret of writing with perfectly congruous incongruity. To children it is quite natural that a seal should confide her longings to return to her husband, to grownups it is delightfully humorous to have her wipe away a furtive tear with a flipper. It is a delicate incongruity, not the uproarious kind of the fat man coming in violent contact with the sidewalk.

Another favorite is "Round the Year in Pudding Lane," by Sarah Addington, published by Little, Brown and Company with delightful illustrations by Gertrude A. Kay. We meet again the beloved inhabitants of Pudding Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Little Santa and the Twins, Mary, Mary, and Simple Simon and the rest. We go through each month with them from the first snow storm of the year when Polly Flinders feels so sorry for the snow man out in the cold that she carries him in to get warm at her fire, to Christmas time when Pudding Lane decides for once to turn the tables on Santa and give him a grand surprise this year.

"THE COLOUR OF YOUTH"

(By V. H. FRIEDLAENDER)

G. P. Putnam's Sons

The most striking and, alas, unusual feature of this very unusual book, "The Colour of Youth" is that you love several of the characters. Brian Falladay is a real creation, a person at whose death you feel a great despair, your mental world seems immeasurably poorer. And then you find that his memory is there for you as it was for his son all through his life, a guide, a standard which never failed.

This is the story of a foolish mother who ruins her daughter by exploiting for her own ends a budding talent for writing. A child enticed to walk too soon becomes bow-legged! The son, "poor dear stolid John" is blessedly neglected by his mother and left to the gentle guidance of his doctor-father. Much is crowded into a paragraph of Miss Friedlaender's work. Nora, John's sister, has become "Leonora" to her mother, while "mother" has become "Mimi." At home, too, she went on writing quantities and quantities of things and Mimi went on sending them to editors (with Leonora's age in brackets under her name), and to famous people (with little notes in her pretty feminine handwriting, appealing for their opinion). And the editors sometimes printed the things, and famous people sometimes wrote kind letters back full of words like "promises" and "charm" and "freshness" and then there would be another tea-party or evening at Home to talk about it all and to read the letters and Leonora's newest poem.

What volumes of irony and wisdom! And John has been allowed to take an evening stroll, "a breather," with his father. "It was something that he had been able to share with his father, and without (witness that hand on his shoulder) spoiling it for him. His mother could not have done that; she would have pointed out particular stars or quoted things or exclaimed about the lovely night-smells of the garden. And Nora couldn't have done it, either; she would have been making up poems about it all the time; it would have been to her just one more thing to get a poem out of. But he and his father had done this together. They had not spoken; they had only stood there noticing, listening, loving it—for itself. It was like the understanding that they had had long ago about the lily pond, only better, nearer, stronger. A breather."

By the time that Nora's flickering little candle has sputtered out John has "arrived" as a playwright. It is as if, guided by the calm steady light of his father's life he has sailed through rough waters and reached port safely at last.

"BEGGAR ON HORSEBACK"

LEAVES CHICAGO NOV. 29

Winthrop Ames' superb production of "Beggar on Horseback" comes to a close at the Adelphi theatre, Chicago, Saturday, November 29th. The signing of contracts pledging the show to an opening in Philadelphia on December 1st, makes this closing imperative. Such has been the success of the engagement, it could easily be extended another six months.

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Now no one either young or old

wished the Doctor any ill luck! Yet it is impossible to pretend to be sad that temporary impecuniosity forced him to join the circus to pay the sailor back for his boat! For that's what made the story belonging to the series which Hugh Walpole calls "The first real child's classic since 'Alice.'"

It is (if possible) the best of all the Doolittles.

DOCTOR DOOLITTLE'S CIRCUS
By HUGH LOFTING
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Never in the history of Chicago theatricals has the fantastic, satirical farce been approximated in its drawing qualities. Patronage has come largely from the surrounding country and those living outside of Chicago are urged to attend this performance before November, 29th.

The candidates are said to show the marks of the campaign. Some of these marks look like the toe of the voter's boot.

DORCAS BAZAAR IS TO BE GALA AFFAIR

Will Be Held Nov. 19; Useful Articles To Be Sold; Dinner At 6:30 P. M.

The time is drawing near for the bazaar to be given by the Dorcas society of the Highland Park Presbyterian church. The bazaar will open Wednesday, Nov. 19th at 10 a. m. Through the Press some idea of the unusual opportunity one will have to buy Christmas gifts without the discomfort of the crowded city shops will be given. It is impossible to tell all or even one-half of the beautiful and unusual things one will find at the bazaar. The fancy table in charge of Mrs. Vall will offer most exquisite bags, negligees and many other articles suitable for Christmas.

At the utility table in charge of Mrs. H. D. Faxon and Mrs. W. E. Ericson, the housekeeper will find a very wonderful assortment of aprons, dress bags, and many other things. The table with the knitting work in charge of Mrs. A. H. Chandler will show warm knitted jackets, caps and afghans for the babies.

The childrens table in charge of Mrs. William Ruffner and Mrs. Albert Nason should delight the hearts of the mothers who have children from two to seven years of age for there she will find dainty well made dresses and bloomers for her children at no greater price than at the shops. At the "white elephant" table you can find anything you want, Mrs. R. A. Carqueville has this in her care. The linen table is in charge of Miss Charlotte Yoe and will have beautiful towels, luncheon sets and other things in linen.

The candy table is in charge of Miss Josephine Faxon and if you have eaten her "fudge" no more need be said. There is a wonderful "grab bag" under the care of Mrs. Roger Vail. Why make cake, mince or pumpkin pie when Miss Everett and Mrs. George Bliss will make them far better perhaps than you can make them?

The "Dolls Garden Party" was mentioned in a previous issue of the Press but fearing that all may not have received their invitation, the fifty dolls from all over the world again extend the invitation to the garden party. Last but by no means least, a wonderful turkey dinner is to be served at 6:30 p. m. For the comfort of the guests it has been decided to issue tickets for the dinner which can be had from Mrs. Henry Boyd, 235 prospect avenue. Mrs. Charles Benson will have charge of the dinner. The women of the Dorcas society have worked very hard to make this bazaar a great success. Will you come and help them realize this?

MAYOR INVITED TO ANNUAL CONVENTION

Rivers and Harbors Congress To Meet in Washington On Dec. 10 and 11

Mayor Samuel M. Hastings has received an invitation to attend the twelfth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, to be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 10 and 11, 1924. In addition Mayor Hastings is requested to appoint a delegation of Highland Park citizens to represent this city at the convention. This he will do, and those appointed will be supplied information regarding railroad rates, hotel accommodations, etc., by the secretary of the congress.

ASSEMBLY HALL BIDS SOLD AT A PREMIUM

At the last meeting of the Deerfield-Shields board of education bids were opened for the \$200,000 of bonds to finance the new assembly hall now in course of erection. All of the principal bond houses of Chicago were represented and the bonds were sold to Crompton & Co., who paid a total premium of over \$4,000 for these 4% per cent bonds, which is regarded as an excellent bid.

Operations in the erection of the assembly hall are progressing satisfactorily. Because of the good weather conditions the work is about a week ahead of schedule, with practically all the steel work up and prospects of having the roof on and the building enclosed in the near future.

H. P. MUSICAL CLUB MEETS NEXT TUESDAY

An important meeting of the Highland Park Musical club will be held Tuesday, November 18th at eight o'clock in the new section of the Elm Place school. The continuance of this organization is dependent upon the attendance and interest shown at this meeting. New members will be most welcome. Experience is not required. The club aims to produce at least two choral concerts each season. Music with a popular appeal will be used this winter.

I. O. L. V. DANCE ON WEDNESDAY EVE.

A dance under the auspices of the I. O. L. V. lodge will be held at Santi's hall, Highland on Wednesday evening, Nov. 19. Tickets will be sold at the door. Good music has been provided, and the public is invited to be present.

THANK AMERICAN NURSES

Official thanks of the Greek nation have been tendered to two American nurses, Miss Katherine Macfarland of Philadelphia and Miss Helen Churchill of Lynn, Mass., for their heroism in saving the lives of a number of children during the recent

cinema panic in Athens, when thirty persons died as a result of a stampede in a crowded theatre where films of Jackie Coogan were being shown. The two American girls, in charge of the nearby Near East Relief hospital, gave first-aid assistance to fifty injured children.

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