

Esther Gould's Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

For those who are interested in children's books there is a very lovely exhibit in the Children's Museum at the Art Institute. There are gathered together books from many nations each one vying with the other in color and the lavish use of the imagination. Books from France, Germany, Italy, and Czech-Slovakia are just as attractive and not so very different from those bearing such familiar names as Arthur Rackham, Tony Sarg, and Kate Greenaway.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week, like Christmas, and most other things for which we are never quite prepared, comes on space. It is the time when we stop and consider, since it was for this the week was made, what is good for the young to read. Or if we don't know we listen to what the wise among us have to say on the subject. They say a great deal, but one who seems to speak with more than usual understanding is Emily Newell Blair. She describes interestingly the stages through which a child's reading should go.

First, in infancy a child should have tiny books which it can handle itself and learn to love and associate with pleasure. For this there are the cloth non-tearing books, and various series of small books such as "The Happy Hour Series" to which there are several additions this year which can be read aloud to young children and which are small enough for them to hold. In the next stage the child wants to lie on the floor and finger and pore over a book for himself, looking at pictures and perhaps studying out the words. This book should be large, flat, have big print and clear pictures. Such a book is the really delicious "Millions of Cats" by Wanda Gag, whose futuristic work has received high acclaim in New York. It is a book which no young child should miss. There should be of course for every child a "Mother Goose." Among books that parents can read to their children a very good one is "Here and Now Story Book" by Lucy Sprague Mitchell, and another is the "Why-So Stories."

Also in this age come the jingle books, one of the best of which Edward Lear's "Book of Nonsense" has been reissued with "Other Absurdities by Lewis Carroll" by Dutton this year. Another jingle which is delightful "Dame Wiggins of Lee and Her Seven Wonderful Cats" by John Ruskin has also been issued by the same publisher.

From the time that the child can read for himself there are hosts of things to recommend. The important thing is that he have already acquired a love of books, thinking of them not as connected with duty but as aids to pleasure. For John Farrar says "We cannot expect to be thoroughly cultured or even thoroughly educated until we learn to allow our children to believe that reading is just as much a pleasure as eating candy or going to the movies."

One of the most irresistible of all books for this next age is "The House at Pooh Corner" by A. A. Milne and decorated by E. H. Stepard. If you are a friend of Pooh and Christopher Robin you will, no matter what your age, not stop for anything from the first page to the last. Not for anything that is, except to read aloud passages to any handy thought half-uncomprehending ears. For this is one of those books that you must read passages and quote from—but there, one has to be firm or the entire column would be filled by Pooh. Dorothy Aldes has added another charming book of verse "Here, There and Everywhere" to her "Everything and Anything." They, too, are for grown-ups as well as for children.

Books for children of this age should be well made, on substantial paper, substantially bound, for, as Robert Ballou said in a masterly sentence I have quoted before "Adults want a book mainly to read, while a child wants a book to read but also to look at, to feel, to smell, to listen to the rustling of its leaves as he turns them, and to throw at the cat."

Another of the favorites for this age to which ones attention need only be called is a new Hugh Lofting "Doctor Dolittle in the Moon" in which this intrepid man goes in the interests of science to the moon and there learns the language of the vegetables. There are books on countless unusual subjects for the entertainment of children, as the book "Cork Ships and How to Make Them" by a sailor, Peter Adams.

Another attractive book not to be forgotten is "Ghond, the Hunter" by last year's Newberry Prize winner, Dhan Mukerji.

For children old enough to enjoy history and adventure one of the very best of this year's offerings is "The Swords of the Vikings" by Julia Davis Adams, daughter of John E. Davis. These are stories of stirring adventure translated directly from the Danish Saxo Grammaticus. A book of American adventure is "On Sweet Water Trail" by Sabra Connor, a fascinating story of scouting with Kit Carson. For history there is nothing better being offered this year than James Boyd's "Drums" a

MAKE WINTER FLOWERS HARMONIZE WITH ROOM

With bright, harmonizing colors now the rage for brightening up homes, housewives are urged to make their winter flowers harmonize with the color schemes of their rooms by decorating experts.

Warren Wilmer Brown writing in Farm & Fireside suggests also that housekeepers who are buying new curtains, wall paper and other decorations buy them to fit the flowers that are to be kept indoors all winter.

Golden callas and narcissi are recommended for a blue room. White narcissi, hyacinths and freesias are for a room with a pale green color scheme. Salmon, shrimp, orange and red fittings call for sultanias, cyclamens, primroses, geraniums, amaryllis and caeti. "Instead of using plants merely as finishing touches, they should have a definite place in the decoration of a home," says the writer. "Those prized for their foliage are as important as those that bear flowers." Heretofore he concludes, people have been too prone to keep flowers merely as flowers, without regard to their harmonizing colors.

story of the Revolution with Scribner has just added to its illustrated Classics Series. Another historical novel of the West is Alice MacGowan's "The Trail of the Little Wagon," the story of a trip across the continent in a covered wagon in 1870.

Older boys would be interested in the story of Indian childhood by an Indian, "Long Lance." Another book which should not be overlooked for older boys is "Theodore Roosevelt's Diaries of Boyhood and Youth," an interesting companion volume too, to the "Letters to His Children." For all older children let me recall again the excellent guide to reading by May Lamberton Becker, called "Adventures in Reading" published last year. In it is the germ for the building up of a discriminating taste in reading. This is only a very small portion of the wonderful children's books for the year but they must suffice because of the limitations of time and space!

It reads like a fairy tale

Susan B. Anthony

The woman who changed the mind of a nation

by RHETA CHILDE DORR

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By D. B. Wyndham Lewis Author of FRANCOIS VILLON \$3.00

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By Charles Barry The Dutton Mystery for November

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POSTMASTER GIVES FOREIGN MAIL DATES

Christmas Packages to Go Abroad Must Go Early; Time Limit for Various Countries

Postmaster Hugo L. Schneider issues a schedule of mailing dates for packages to be sent to foreign countries, so that local people who plan to send Christmas gifts abroad may know the time limits in each instance. The postmaster says that it is time to prepare parcel post shipment now, as it is not practicable to state when parcel post packages may be delivered because of the customs formalities that must, in most cases, be complied with by addressees before actual delivery is made. The list

shows the approximate latest dates of dispatch from Highland Park:

Aden, Dec. 3; Argentina, Nov. 29; Australia, Nov. 3; Austria (Sydney only), Nov. 23; Austria, Dec. 6; Azores Islands, Dec. 2; Bahamas, Dec. 13; Barbados, Dec. 14; Belgium, Dec. 13; Bermuda, Dec. 29; Bolivia, Dec. 4; Brazil, Dec. 6; Bulgaria, Dec. 8; Ceylon, Nov. 26; Chile, Nov. 27; China (Hong Kong), Nov. 24; China (Shanghai), Nov. 26; Columbia, Dec. 11; Costa Rica, Dec. 10; Cuba, Dec. 29; Czechoslovakia, Dec. 10; Danzig, Dec. 10; Denmark, Dec. 10; Dominican Republic, Dec. 13; Egypt, Dec. 8; Ecuador, Dec. 12; Estonia, Dec. 6; Finland, Dec. 6; France, Dec. 12; Germany, Dec. 12; Greece, Dec. 6; Grenada, Dec. 13; Guadeloupe, Dec. 4; Guatemala, Dec. 16; Guinea, British and French Dec. 5, Dutch, Nov. 29; Hungary, Dec. 10; India (British), Nov. 19; India (Bombay only), Nov. 25; Ireland, northern, Dec. 12; Irish Free States, Dec. 12; Italy, Dec. 9; Japan, Nov. 30; Latvia, Dec. 6; Lithuania, Dec. 6; Liberia, Nov. 15; Luxembourg, Dec. 10; Madeira, Dec. 3; Malia, Dec. 9; Manchuria (Harbin), Nov. 16; Netherlands, Nov. 12; Netherlands East Indies, Nov. 12; New Zealand, Nov. 21; Norway, Dec. 6; Palestine, Dec. 3; Panama, Dec. 13; Persia, Nov. 15; Peru, Dec. 4; Philippine

Islands, Nov. 24; Poland, Dec. 6; Porto Rico, Dec. 15; Rumania, Dec. 3; Russia, Dec. 6; Scotland, Dec. 12; South Africa, Nov. 13; Spain, Dec. 10; Sweden, Dec. 6; Switzerland, Dec. 12; Turkey, Dec. 6; Venezuela, Dec. 10; Virgin Islands (U. S.), Dec. 13; Yugoslavia, Dec. 5.

LONGEST TELEPHONE DISTANCE COVERED

From Holland to Island Java Distance of 8,449 Miles; Mail in 30 Days

The longest distance ever spanned by oral communication, a telephone conversation covering 8,449 miles, was reported recently. It was accomplished by means of a telephone and radio hook-up between The Hague in Holland and Batavia, Java. V. A. Davidson, managing director

of the N. V. General Motors, Java, and Ivan Dresser, advertising manager of General Motors Continental at Antwerp, were the parties brought into communication.

At the time of the conversation it was eleven o'clock at night in Batavia while at The Hague it was four o'clock in the afternoon. It would require thirty days to transmit a written confirmation of the conversation.

How Many Radios?

There are eighteen million radio receiving sets in use now and when everybody within broadcasting distance is adequately supplied, there will be two hundred million.—Woman's Home Companion.

\$100 in PRIZES for a New Name

In order to eliminate a certain amount of confusion, which has been caused by the similarity in the name of this store and another radio shop in Highland Park, we have decided to change the name of ours. We wish to give it the best and most appropriate name possible. We are therefore calling on the community for suggestions.

THIS IS YOUR STORE—GET YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN
To make the contest more interesting we are offering one hundred dollars in prizes. There is no limit to the number of entries one person can make.

- First Prize.....\$50
 - Second Prize....\$25
 - Third Prize.....\$15
 - 10 Prizes each \$1
- (Prizes in merchandise to be selected by winners)

The Contest is On! Get Your Entries In! The More the Merrier!

Entries should be in the form of letters — Mail them or bring them in to our store.



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