

LIBRARY



Pussy Willows

I came on them yesterday (merely by chance),
Those newly born pussies, asleep on a branch;
Each curled up so tight in a fluff of a ball
That I could not see ear-points or tail-tips at all;
But I thought that I heard, when the March wind was stirring,
A soft little sound like the low note of purring.
I wonder if they would have leaped from their bow
And arched their wee backs with a frightened "Meow!"
If I had dared tell them in one warning cry
That a fierce patch of dogwood was growing close by.

—Around a Toadstool Tale, by Rowena Bastian Bennett, published by Thomas S. Rockwell Co., Chicago.

Books on Gardening

The books on gardening are now on display in the lobby of the library and easily accessible for consultation or borrowing. Garden books quickly go out of print, if you know of a particularly commendable one do not delay in notifying us.

Have you booked your passage? Shall it be Europe?

Woon. The Frantic Atlantic.
Do's and don'ts about everything from deck chairs to card sharps.

Price. Winged Sandals.
Franck. All about going abroad, with maps and a handy travel diary.

Clothing, tips, baggages, foreign railroads, air routes, etc. Everything that is of practical value.

England

Laughlin. So you're going to England! If you really are, this is an excellent, practical guide.

Brooks. Thread of English road.
France
Hueffer. French France.

Josephy. Paris is a Woman's Town.
Laughlin. So you're going to France!

Holland

Bowen. Holland.

Italy

Laughlin. So you're going to Rome!
Or shall it be a nice long cruise?

Anderson. Circling South America. What to wear, what to see, and to buy, and what to expect of the climate, scenery and people.

Wells. Let's do the Mediterranean.
Rathery. Central America and the Spanish Main.

A Few Other Suggestions

Harrigan. Traveling Light. How economical people may see the most interesting towns of Spain and Morocco in six weeks, without crowding.

Byrne. Ireland, the Rock whence I was Hewn.

Halliburton. New Worlds to conquer.

From an Egyptian Library

A recent letter from Miss Helen Flinn, a former member of the Library staff, now with the American

university at Cairo, tells of a weeks stay at Luxor, and of visits to the famous tomb of Tut-Ankh-Ahm. She writes, "It is very small and insignificant when compared with the tombs of the Pharaohs. One wonders what must have been in their tombs before the robbers did their work. The Valley of the Kings is a rocky, barren place. The tombs are cut into the solid rock, many of them with long flights of stairs leading down to the tomb room. The temples, Luxor and Karnak, as well as those on the west side of the river are so foreign to anything we are accustomed to. It is simply impossible to have the slightest conception of them in one visit."

"Hitty"

Do you know Hitty? It was impossible for the librarian to resist a visit to the city last week to get a glimpse of this little wooden doll in the small glass house resting in state on a hooked rug high up in the children's room of the Chicago Public Library. Her brief visit in Chicago made it not possible to bring her out for the boys and girls of Highland Park to see. But almost as good is the story of her first 100 years written by Rachel Field only a short time ago. We at the library are predicting that her story will receive the Newberry medal for the best book for boys and girls in 1930.

It is the memoirs of a very personal wooden doll who was carved from mountain ash wood over a 100 years ago and lived through many experiences on land and sea. Miss Field found her in an antique shop and as sometimes happens such find-

ings become as world famous as has Hitty.

The New Library Building

Plans for the long deferred library building for Highland Park are proceeding, and with an interest greatly stimulating to the library staff. Several members of the library board visited on Wednesday last the new library building at River Forest and Austin. Both of these libraries have been completed in the last six months and offered many points of interest. Most valuable suggestions were

presented to the building committee of the library board on Saturday at a conference with Mr. Jens Jensen of Ravinia and Mr. J. L. Crane, the city planner.

Great care is being exercised to provide for a building which combines beauty with utility, and one likewise adaptable for an enlarged Highland Park.

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