

**Public Library**

**A Trip to the Children's Room**

Story hour:  
Where are you going, my pretty maid,  
To the library, sir, she said;  
And what do you there, my pretty  
maid,

I listen to stories, sir, she said.

In spite of the inclement weather, the story hours on Saturday morning continue to boast a large attendance. The children are keenly interested in the morning's program of poems and stories, and assure us of their genu-

ine interest by coming back for more every week. Gradually, the fifth and sixth graders are learning that these weekly programs are not merely for the tiny folks but that they, too, in spite of their upper-grade standing are interested in the type of stories selected for telling.

The story hour is ushered in promptly at 10:30 every Saturday morning.

**Meet Pinocchio**

Pinocchio is visiting the children's room where he will be a guest for some time. Come in and meet him personally. Despite the fact that he

is carved of wood and has no ears, he will welcome everyone with open arms. Those who have read the "Adventures of Pinocchio" will want to read of his further adventures in Africa and America. Pinocchio came to America because he was told that here children are free. The Pinocchio books are now on exhibit in the children's department.

**"Find Me A Good Book"**

Every children's librarian has this statement hurled at her every library day of the year by readers of every age and taste. There are readers who

consider a dog story a good book, while others would consider it a waste of time to read an animal story. So, for the ninety-ninth time that day, perhaps, the librarian goes to the shelves with the reader in quest of the "good book." But, speaking of good books brings to mind a very fine author—

**Cornelia Meigs**

It is to be regretted that Cornelia Meigs has not been awarded, at one time or another, the Newberry medal, for her work in the field of Children's Literature is inestimable. Miss Meigs is the great granddaughter of a Commodore and her inherent love for the sea is manifest in all her books. Then too, the background of early American history with which her stories abound, is in itself a commendable feature of her work.

"Master Simon's Garden" is perhaps the best of her stories dealing with early New England life. This garden, the one bright and colorful spot in the rigid Puritan town, plays an important part in several generations of one family. In "Clearing Weather" the reader is confronted with the hard years following the Revolution where he witnesses the struggles of a young boy to maintain his uncle's ship-yard in a Massachusetts town.

The spirit of the early settlers in this country, their rugged existence, the spirit of the explorer, his courage and strength of character, all these are to be found in the works of Miss Meigs.

**"When I Was a Girl"**

A most inspiring book has recently been added to the children's collection, called "When I was a girl." Helen Ferris has collected the five stories which comprise this book, these stories being reprints from the complete autobiographies of the women represented. It has a distinct disadvantage, or perhaps it is a hidden advantage, in that the narrative ends too quickly and the reader is apt to say, "Pshaw, I wish there were more." Yet more may be had by reading the book from which these excerpts were taken. The women who here write of their girlhoods are: Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Janet Scudder, Jane Addams, Marie Curie, Etsu Sugimoto.

**Christmas Collection**

A collection of 50 books or more, all including Christmas material, has been set aside in order to facilitate the search for a Christmas poem, story or play.

**Gift Books**

**Older boys and girls:**

- Blacksmith of Vilno ..... Kelly
- Trumpeter of Krakow ..... Kelly
- Hitty ..... Field
- Courageous companions ..... Finger
- When I was a girl ..... Ferris
- Spice and the devil's cave ..... Crew
- Pran of Albania ..... Miller
- Captains courageous ..... Kipling
- Judith Lankester ..... Allee
- Bold Dragoon ..... Irving

**Not Too Old — Not Too Young**

- Pinocchio in America ..... Patri
- Wanda and Greta at Broby farm ..... Palm
- Little pilgrim to Penn's woods ..... Albert
- Indian twins ..... Perkins
- Big book of boys' hobbies ..... Hall
- Miss Katchina ..... Moon
- Hansel the Gander ..... Kuebler

**Picture Books**

- Painted Pig ..... Morrow
- Pancho and his burrow ..... Gay
- Olle's Ski Trip ..... Beskow
- ABC for every day ..... Sewell
- First picture book ..... Martin

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