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Artists and Authors

Don't you often wonder about authors and illustrators of children's books? Did they know from the very beginning they were going to make pictures for juveniles or did they just happen into the field? By reading extracts about them it appears that many of them prepared for professions or vocations utterly foreign to illustrating before they found where their deep love lay.

So it has been with Kurt Wiese, a well-known illustrator of children's books, whose popularity is ever in the ascendancy. He was born in Minden, Germany and in his early years was sent to Hamburg to learn the export trade to China. Later he was actually sent to that country but arrived there in the midst of a revolution. He was captured by the Japanese and sent to Australia, where their deep love lay.

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Australia, where he lived for five years as a prisoner of war.

From him we learn, "these years gave me the courage to throw the whole Chinese trade into the Australian dust and to do just the things I liked to do. Thus I began to draw." Then followed a life of wandering, first in Germany where he met with success, then to Brazil and finally to New York. "I landed in New York on a gray winter morning at a snow-covered pier in Hoboken, was taken to Ellis Island for a glass of milk and sandwich and then came the long weeks of traveling through the canyons of Manhattan with the collection under my arm. . . I have a telephone and a little farm on the Delaware river."

Mr. Wiese is an author as well as an artist and has written and illustrated the following juveniles:

Liang and Lo, The Chinese Ink Stick, Karoo the Kangaroo, and Wallie the Walrus. He excels in the field of animal drawing and in the early fall there will be published a new edition of Kipling's Jungle Book with illustrations by this artist.

Learn to Glide

No, no, it is not our intention to teach the latest dance step, for we are referring here to the latest development in flying. In response to requests for books on gliders and how to make them, two very excellent ones were purchased and are available for any who are interested in this intriguing sport.

Gliding and Soaring by White is a very thorough book on this subject. It gives a history of gliders, the qualifications of a pilot, a bit about reading the weather signs, then plunges into the actual pro-

cess of gliding with its take offs, stalls, turns, landings, etc. There are specific instructions on how to build gliders, with clear-cut diagrams, and also the materials and accessories that are necessary.

Book of Gliders by Teale, also gives instructions on the making of gliders and information on judging wind direction and reading clouds. In addition the author tells how to organize a glider club, hold a glider meet and gives a list of glider words and their meaning.

Around the World

Our travellers are still taking extended tours via books. With the close of the travel club rapidly approaching, the friendly rivalry among readers has become somewhat accelerated, while the search for books on travel tickets becomes ever and ever more intricate. "Will that book never come in," or "I need just one more book to finish this trip," are a few of the war cries for travel books. Among the countries visited are India, Africa, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Mexico.

What Dessert Today?

Isn't it a happy experience to have something you have baked turn out just right? Yet how much more whether it be pie, cake or cinnamon rolls. Now is a splendid time to practice cooking and baking for there is no studying to be done, and all the time in the world in which to experiment with recipes. There are quite a number of books on cooking and baking in the department for girls. Some are for those who are just beginning and contain very simple recipes with simple instructions. Others are for girls with some experience.

My, my, you should see the lists of desserts you could try out on the family, to say nothing of candies, salads and soups. The favorites with younger girls are:

When mother lets us cook—Johnson.

Little cook book for a little girl—Burrell.

When mother lets us make candy—Bache.

For the more experienced we have in this department:

Fun of cooking—Burrell.

Housekeeping, cookery and sewing—Foster.

Home candy-making—Rorer.

Junior cook book—Judson.

J. A. Wilder's Jack Knife Cookery is a book on outdoor cooking and outdoor life which every boy will find entertaining as well as useful. The author mentions the various things that can be accomplished on a desert isle with a simple jack-

knife and also gives a scale of measurements to be used when measuring cups are absent. For instance, one fistful equals one-half cup. He explains, also, the art of camping and pitching tents, and what to do in case of accidents.

However, the humorous line drawings with which the author accompanies his information and which literally dot the pages, make the book delightfully entertaining.

Why Not Read

- Candle in the mist—Means.
- Shadow of the sword—Daniel.
- Dark star of Itza—Malkus.
- Java Ho!—Fabricius.
- Waterless mountain—Armer.

Selling Eclipse of Sun Down East Now

They are selling the August 31 eclipse of the sun to vacationists in the New England summer resorts.

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