

ABOUT BOOKS AND THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE THEM

Five Good Books for Children
"THE WAY OF POETRY"

Compiled by John Drinkwater
"KNOWING BIRDS THROUGH STORIES" By Floyd Brailliar
"THE STORY OF GRENFELL OF LABRADOR" By Dillon Wallace
"BAB HASKINS IN SOUTHERN SEAS"

By Captain Charlton Lyman Smith
"INCLUDING MOTHER"
By Margaret Ashmun
Publisher: The Macmillan Company
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Reviewed by Leila E. Bracy
Reviewer for The Detroit Free Press

Mr. Drinkwater's faultless taste and his sympathetic instinct for selecting those poems which will appeal to young readers have guided this compilation. Nursery rhymes, whimsical and fantastic poetry and the great and beautiful are included, from "The Frog Who Would A-Wooing Go," to Rupert Brooke's "The Soldier". Including poets from pre-Elizabethans to the moderns, this book is suitable for readers of any age.

Dillon Wallace has himself braved the hardships and perils of the Labrador country. He tells of Dr. Grenfell's work among people who were little better than serfs and of the establishment of schools, hospitals and co-operative stores. This book should appeal especially to boys.

When Floyd Brailliar was a boy, a 10-acre grove was set aside on his father's farm which he turned into a bird sanctuary. Hawks, crows and guns were barred. Years of observation and study have resulted in "Knowing Birds Through Stories". The birds selected as subjects represent the important families in the United States and the author's aim has been to identify these families so that the reader may recognize or at least roughly classify any bird he may encounter.

"Bab Haskins in Southern Seas" is a live book and not cluttered up with conventional sops to recommend it to "fond parents or a prudish aunt". Joseph C. Lincoln contributes a hearty introduction. Captain Smith has been a sailor on a square-rigger and many of the characters are taken from actual life. The hero and his family, of course, are straight fiction.

Miss Ashmun contrives to get away from beaten paths in "Including Mother". A charming, temperamental widow and her two daughters offer opportunities for clever character studies. Shirley has to be the man of the family while the thoughtlessness and selfishness of the mother and sister and their consequences furnish the material of the plot.

The Earlier Sinclair Lewis Works
"THE JOB"
"OUR MR. WRENN"
"THE TRAIL OF THE HAWK"

By Sinclair Lewis
Messrs. Harcourt, Brace & Company are putting out a uniform edition of the works of Sinclair Lewis, of which these three volumes are the first to appear. They form an interesting comparison with "Main Street" and "Babbitt", by which two books Mr. Lewis is generally known.

These three treat of life as it is today—or rather as it was in the early nineteenth-hundreds—and show the same insight into human character and motives that appears in the later works. The writing is not up to the latest standard, but when one considers that the earliest of these three appeared in 1910 one cannot justly complain that the workmanship is not equal to 1922. Admirers of Sinclair Lewis are urged to add these books to their collections; those who do not like him are referred to them as ex-

amples of earlier work and perhaps of a more cheerful viewpoint—especially in "The Trail of the Hawk"—than he perhaps displays in his most famous books. In any case they furnish a fine example of the progress of a figure who has lately become unquestionably one of the foremost of American literary landmarks.

Sinclair Lewis has stirred up considerable discussion, and his last two books have been read in perhaps too great a spirit of controversy as to whether or not they reflected actual conditions to allow of calm judgment as to his merits as an author. The acquisition of these first three of his books would give a real opportunity of passing judgment without the smoke and dust of controversy.

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NORMA'S NEXT PICTURE

"Dust of Desire" will be Norma Talmadge's next picture, after "Ashes of Vengeance." Norma plays the part of an Arab dancing girl, the tool of a band of Arabs plotting the overthrow of French rule in Algeria. It is an entirely new type of role for her. Joseph Schildkraut heads the supporting cast.

Kenilworth Happenings

Mr. Charles LeVeniss, of Baltimore, Mr. Hubter Goodrich, of Milwaukee, and Mr. Turk Serrill, of Duluth, all Princeton men, were the guests of Miss Helen Cresap and Miss Eleanor Eckhart last week when they stopped in Kenilworth on a motor trip.

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Stolp, 336 Warwick road, have left for the East to drive home with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allen, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Slater, in Boston.

Mrs. Shane, of Cleveland, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Y. Ball, 207 Woodstock avenue, left Friday for her home.

Mrs. R. C. Stirton, Sheridan road, celebrated her birthday anniversary on Saturday evening with a bridge and mah-jong party at her home.

Mrs. Sidney Y. Ball, 207 Woodstock avenue, entertained for her mother, Mrs. Shane, of Cleveland, at a luncheon on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Elizabeth Hannah, 256 Woodstock avenue, is the guest of Miss Eleanor Clements, of Inlet, N. Y., at a house-party in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Keith, 515 Cumnor road, and their family, who have been spending the summer at their home on Big Lake, Wis., have returned.

John and Elbridge Keith, 515 Cumnor road, arrived in New York September 1, after a summer in Europe.

Mr. Robert Olmstead, of Omega, is the guest of Mrs. B. G. McCloud, 416 Cumnor road.

Miss Dorothy Bailey, of Princeton, Ill., is the guest of Miss Jeanette Cherry, 422 Abbottsford road.

Mrs. P. D. Rathbone and her grandson, Jack, have returned from Europe where they spent the summer.

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Miss Sallie S. Keehn, of Redding, Penn., is visiting her brother, Mr. George W. Keehn, 312 Essex road.

Miss Mary Hannah, 256 Woodstock avenue, is visiting her roommate, Miss Jane Wood Johnson, at Springfield, O.

Mrs. Charles Baxter, of Toledo, is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Roy Hulbert, 528 Abbottsford road.

Mrs. Merritt H. Dement, 337 Abbottsford road, entertained at cards at Skokie Country club on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Joyce, 531 Essex road, have returned from a motor trip to Lake Geneva.

Miss Mary Louise Owen, 205 Essex road, has returned from La Grange, where she has been visiting Miss Jane Taylor.

Miss Jane Adair, 320 Melrose avenue, has returned from Camp Kechewa, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor, of South Bend, have moved to Indianapolis.

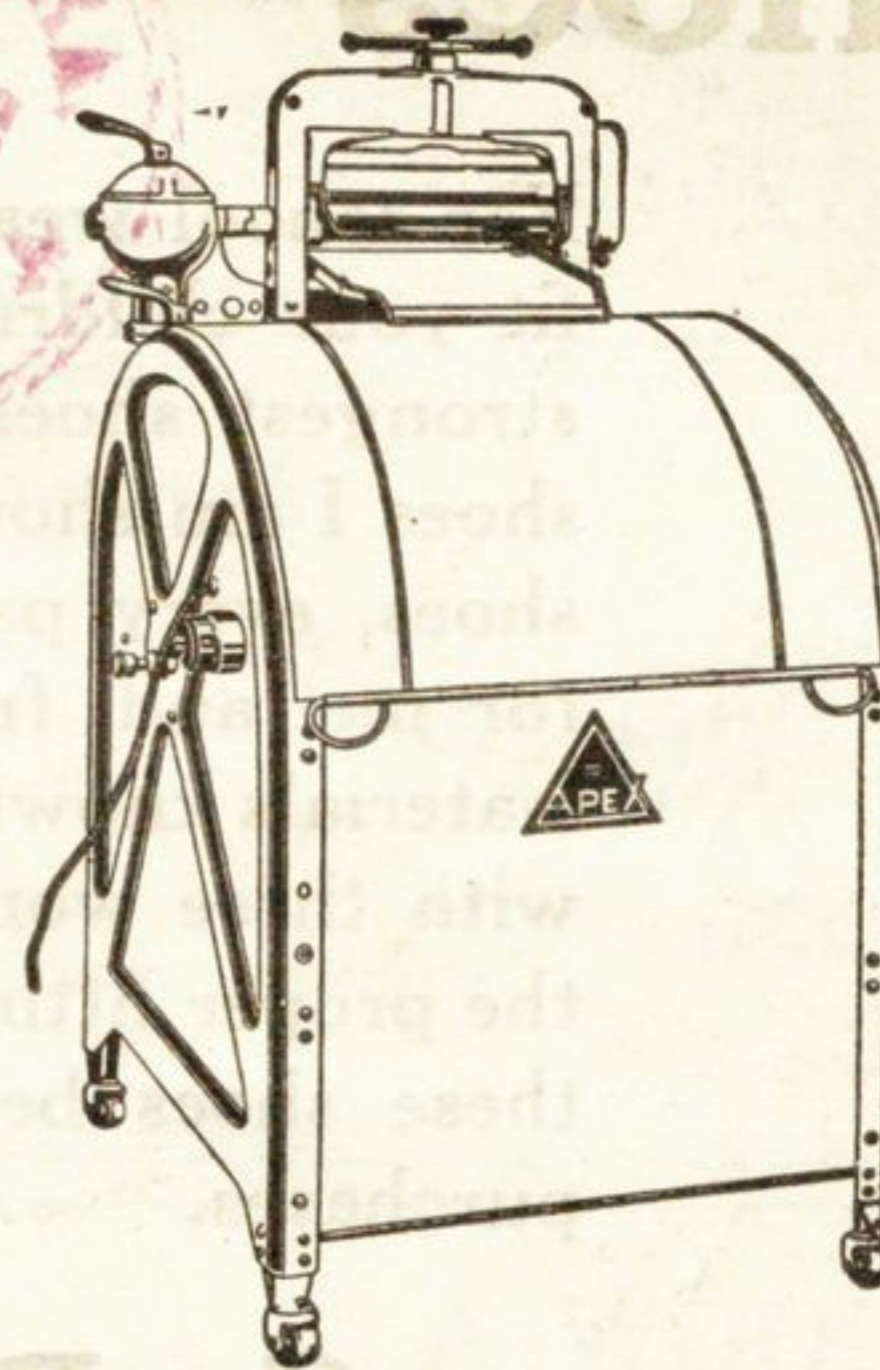
Mrs. B. C. Hawkes, 157 Kenilworth avenue, entertained at a luncheon at her home on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. W. Wheelock, Cumnor road, left Friday to attend a wedding in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. John Howard Jones, 344 Woodstock avenue, has returned from a visit in Champaign, Ill.

Mrs. George W. Keehn, 312 Essex road, entertained at luncheon and bridge on Friday afternoon.

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REST CURE FOR THE RAILROADS: The railroads have helped to make the United States great. They should receive fair treatment at the hands of the Government and its various commissions which control their activities. A "railroad legislative holiday" should be proclaimed throughout the United States. The fact that for many years the railroads have received, as net income, less than is now recognized as a fair interest upon their property value, is a challenge to our form of regulation. Notwithstanding increases in rates since 1917, the railroads are now and have been for some time, handling freight at the lowest rates in the world.

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