

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

## "DOCTOR DOLITTLE'S ZOO"

By Hugh Lofting  
Frederick A. Stokes Co.

It was not only the broken animals waiting to be mended who were glad to have Dr. Dolittle return from his three years' travels and settle down in another book. A season without the Doctor would be like a Christmas without snow.

Everything was in readiness for the great man's return. Dab Dab had a secretive air until the door to the seldom used dining room was thrown open, disclosing a scene gay with decorations of ribbon and evergreen, with all of the family dressed in fancy costumes reminiscent of the days of the Doctor's circus. After the elaborate dinner, an excellent entertainment was given at which Gub-Gub recited one of his favorite poems, "The Wilted Cauliflower," and each of the animals contributed a stunt to add to the merriment, and the Doctor told of his travels till after midnight.

Soon began the working out of the Doctor's latest plan, that of making a zoo in the garden, which instead of being a prison for animals should be a home. Clubs, stores, playgrounds, all are provided. The rush of animals making application for residence is terrific. As with any fashionable club, all they could do was to put the remaining names on a waiting list and take in their owners when members died or resigned.

"Dr. Dolittle's Zoo" is a book for children or adults. Anyone—and it is nearly everyone—who knows Hugh Lofting's humor and imagination, both in stories and illustrations, need only be told that this is worthy of him.

## "THE YOUNG FOLKS BOOK OF DISCOVERY"

By T. C. Bridges

## "THE YOUNG FOLKS BOOK OF THE HEAVENS"

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Starting with the ancient Phoenicians who left only the most incidental record of their amazing voyages made on the uncharted seas, we sail with Norsemen and Spaniards, and travel eastward with Marco Polo. Those ages before adventures were abolished were great ones, to which not only children sometimes thankfully return.

"The Young Folks Book of the Heavens" is the kind of story guaranteed to take the conceit out of anyone. What a chastening effect it has to read again the familiar figures "a cannon ball moving at the rate of 1700 feet a second would require nine years for the journey"; "If a tunnel could be made through the sun there would be ample room in this for 109 globes the size of our planet." The book describes comets, and meteors, the mysterious sunspots, the glorious corona visible during an eclipse of the sun, in short it gives a very readable and instructive story of the celestial universe.

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Mrs. Arthur Dean of Willow road was called East last week on account of the severe illness of her son, Fuller, who is a freshman at Harvard university, and who underwent an operation for appendicitis. He is now much improved. Mrs. Dean expects to return home this week-end.

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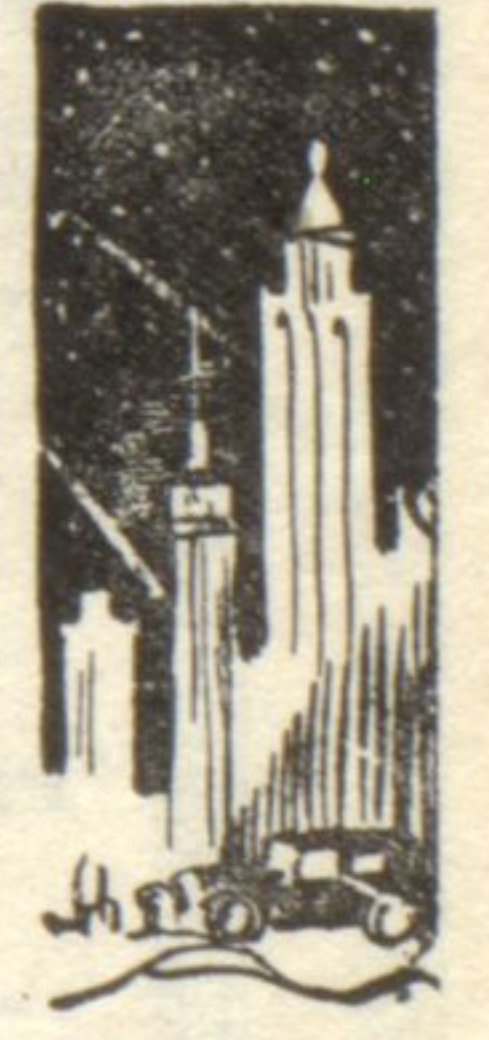


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