

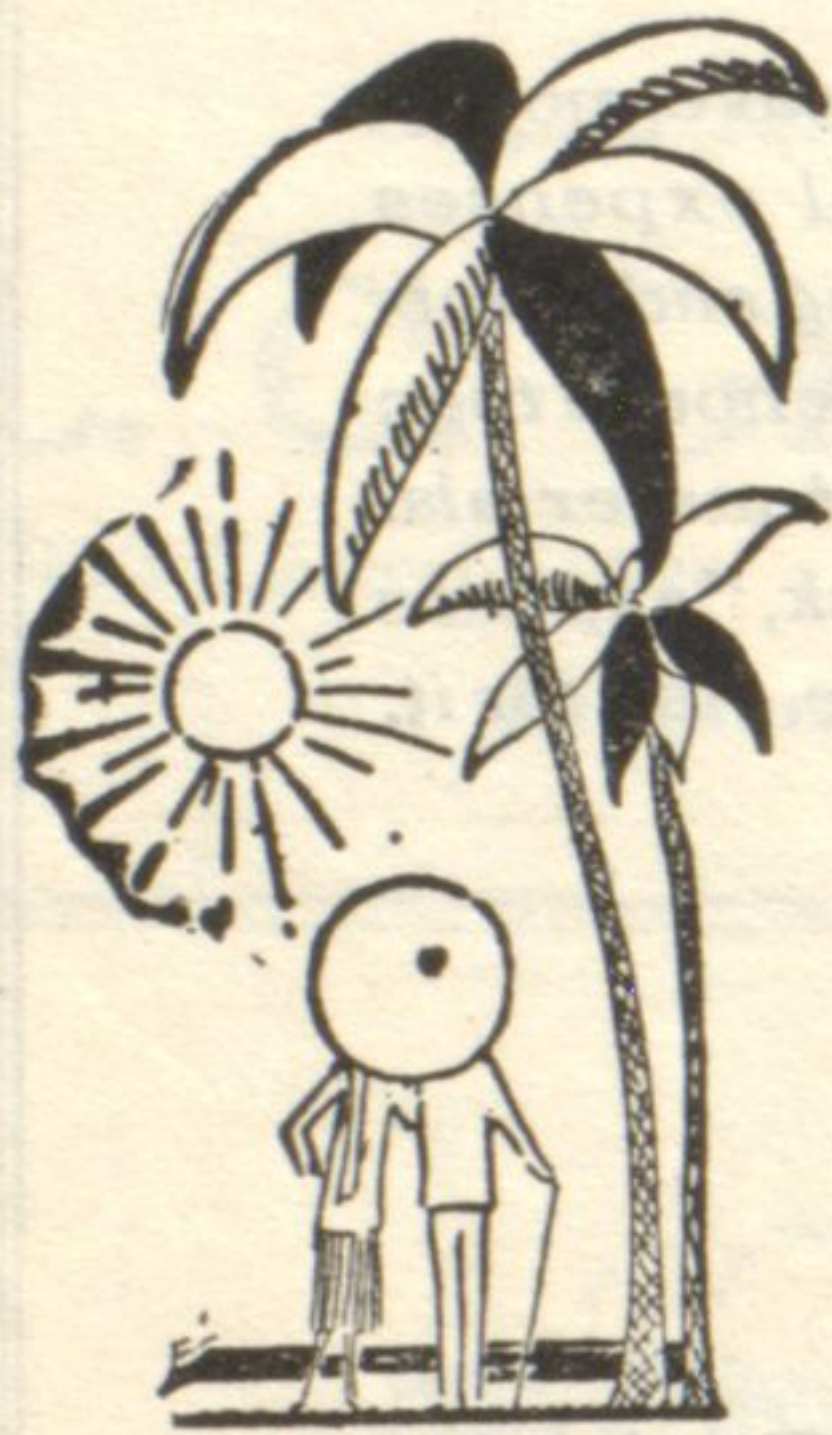
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### (A Letter from a Librarian to a Girl in Montana.)

Dear Marion—

I know that this letter is not going to be full of enthusiastic exclamation points, and that is a pity, but then I shall be home next week and I can exclaim on the ground!

One thing I must tell you about is "Our Garden Flowers" by Harriet L. Keeler. Many of my friends have gardens and most of them are fervent gardeners, not satisfied by the old fashioned flower names, but professionals registering interest only to the sound of "Euphorbia," "Lupine," "Heuchera," "Aquilegia," and so forth. Naturally in self-defense I find it necessary to memorize the Latin names as rapidly as possible, and that is one of the reasons that I bought this book. Delphiniums are no longer the only things I know.

We have recently acquired a beautifully illustrated set of Macaulay's "History of England." It is fascinating reading and in this day of "cloak and sword" romances it should be read more. Another beautifully illustrated book is "Cambridge" by Tucker and Matthieson. Matthieson has made a great many water color drawing of the colleges and their surroundings. These are as illuminating as the text and twice as charming. But of course you know my fads.

The recent coal strike in England made me extremely conscious of the romanticist in me—a Miniver Cheevy in fact. The economic situation since the war has been bad, and of course people have tried to do something, but Time seems to be the only remedy. A survey was made of American business principles and methods (are they the same?) and the results were published in a report called "The Secret of High Wages" by Austin and Lloyd. It is very good reading and it is also brief.

The twenty-sixth was George Bernard Shaw's birthday and in celebration of it I read "Arms and The Man." He always amuses me, but I am afraid that I am a skimmer because I never get excited, some people do you know. Now that I have done it I wish that I had reread "Androcles and the Lion." See you Wednesday.

Love,  
ANNEWILLIS.

W. J. Locke is writing a new novel, which will be published in the fall. The American edition will have the title, "Perella," the English being "The Old Bridge."

—o—  
"The Hounds of Spring" has just gone into its forty-eighth thousand. We wonder how it feels to be there.

### The Odyssey of the Lonely Woman

What is the life of the homeless and penniless woman in London? Where does she sleep. How does she keep body and soul together day by day? Mrs. Cecil Chesterton, the well-known writer and journalist, decided to go down into the depths and find out what happens in the City of Dreadful Night. For this purpose she left her home, cut herself off from friends, and, under an assumed name, started afresh in London, without money, change of clothes, or references. She had many adventures. She sold matches, cleaned steps, begged in the street, slept in doss-houses, shelters, and in the casual ward.

Her Odyssey of the lonely woman in the fight for existence makes an absorbing book. It is called "In Darkest London," and is published by Macmillan. (\$1.75.)

In St. Paul's Cathedral in London, at a recent meeting of five thousand of the clergy, the Bishop of London made interesting references to this book of Mrs. Chesterton's, and the volume is already in very active demand throughout Great Britain.

### New Macmillan Books for Boys and Girls

Each year the list of new Macmillan Books for Boys and Girls has some feature that piques the curiosity ahead of time. From a quaint discovery in The Little Library, to huge Pinocchio, it is full of surprises. This year, the preliminary announcements are more surprising than ever.

They show that Dorothy Lathrop and Henry Beston both have sent contributions to The Little Library. James Stephens introduces a cat story by his friend Neely McCoy. Helen Damrosch Tee-Van puts into book form the sketches and stories she gathered when working at Mr. Beebe's Tropical Research Station. The recluse, musician and poet, Hervey White of Woodstock, contributes a thrilling adventure story. Elizabeth MacKinstry has collaborated with her friend the poet and playwright Rachel Field, in a book about elves.

Hawthorne Daniel, author and editor, turns to fiction again with a medieval mystery and adventure tale. Mable Williams introduces the abridged edition of "The Alhambra" which Goble has long wanted to illustrate. Wilfred Jones, famous planner of beautiful books, has discovered the Shanamah, in an old translation; it will be issued under the title "The Epic of Kings: Hero Tales of Ancient Persia," with unusual color work and decorations.

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