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We wish to apologize for the late appearance of the December Service Bulletin. It "went to press" on December 2nd but due to the Christmas rush, the end of winter term, etc. it was "unavoidably detained" in the mimeographing department. We shall try to avoid a similar recurrence in the future.

CURRENT TITLES

Adams, George A. First things; a picture book in natural color photographs; designed by George A. Adams; photographed by Paul Henning. Platt & Munk, c1947. 48 p. \$1.00 4-6 yrs.

A picture book of familiar objects. The pictures which are color photographs are unusually clear. In fact the book would have value for any groups studying design and photography. Substantial binding and good quality of paper.

Adams, George A. ABC picture book in natural color photographs; designed by George A. Adams; photographed by Paul Henning. Platt & Munk, c1947. 52 p. \$1.00 4-6 yrs.

Not quite as satisfactory as First things. The photography is good but the choice of items is not always the best. For example the picture for X-ray will have to be explained to the young child.

Bertail, Inez, ed. Complete nursery song book; edited and arranged by Inez Bertail; illus. by Walt Kelly. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, c1947. 152 p. \$3.00 Pre-school.

A collection of 170 favorite nursery rhymes with simple piano accompaniments. Amusing illustrations give a new interpretation to some of the verses.

Caudill, Rebecca. Happy little family; illus. by Decie Merwin. Winston, c1947. 116 p. \$2.00. Gr. 1-4

V - Older-younger child relations; family life; self-reliance.

The heroine of this charming story of a family group is 4 year old Bonnie, the youngest member. In a series of episodes it shows how she struggles for and develops self-reliance and assumes a position on a par with older children. The author shows real insight into small-child psychology. As one mother who read it with her 4 1/2 year old daughter wrote, "It is so true-to-life and presents with such understanding a little child's attempts to use her wings..." The illustrations suit the text excellently and are among Decie Merwin's best.

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Clymer, Eleanor Lowenton. The country kittens; with pictures by Jeanne Bendick. McBride, c1947. 108 p. Gr. 3-5 \$2.00.

The peregrinations of two country kittens through a metropolitan area where they have to shift for themselves. They become "educated" by means of the backs of meat and fish shops, the museum of natural history, Central park and the zoo. Particularly they learn human nature and that they prefer the country. An amusing story that does not lose sight of cat "nature."

Creekmore, Raymond. Little Fu; story and lithographs by Raymond Creekmore. Macmillan, c1947. 40 p. \$2.00.

Story not sufficiently interesting to overcome use of first person. The style is rather pedestrian and two sentences are very poor grammar - p. 18 "... everyone except the man at the stern puts away their(!) oars and took up chop sticks." p. 23 "Before we knew it we were in calm water and all but the steersman fall down on deck to rest."

Elms, Francis Raymond. Stories of neighbor nations; stories and pictures of the countries of the Western Hemisphere. Whitman, c1947. 80 p. Gr. 4-6. \$2.00.

Brief three-page encyclopedic accounts of Canada, Central America, certain island countries and 10 of the South American countries. (The Guianas are omitted.) Extremely simple facts of history and geography are included; e.g. products and top industries. A Canadian evaluating the section on his country felt that manufacturing, which was not mentioned, should have ranked with agriculture as a chief industry. Each chapter is accompanied by an outline map and line drawings. For color and a real "feel" for each country, this book needs to be supplemented. It supplies only the bare facts.

Fitch, Florence Mary. Their search for God; ways of worship in the Orient.

Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, c1947. 160 p. \$3.00 Gr. 5-9.

Companion volume to One God. This book deals with the ancient religions of the Orient -- Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, and Buddhism. Written with understanding and appreciation for these ways of worship. Illustrated with photographs.

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Hader, Berta (Hoerner) Big city; by Berta and Elmer Hader. Macmillan, c1947. 74 p. \$2.50 Gr. 1-3.

This is a book through which children will enjoy exploring a large city. In clear pictures and simple text the child goes on a sight-seeing tour with the Day family and Cousin Jim. In attempting to give an impression of the height of the buildings the artist has, in two of the pictures, come closer to picturing an earthquake. These are a minor irritation, however, in view of the superb work in the rest of the book.

Hawkins, Quail. Mark, Mark, shut the door! illus. by Raffaello Busoni. Holiday, c1947. 28 p. \$1.50 Gr. 2-4.

Like most children Mark had too many things on his mind to remember to shut the door. Then came a memorable afternoon when Mother was away and Mark learned the troubles that can come through open doors. Mark doesn't reform over night but the reader is left with the feeling that he is on the right track. Good print, simplified language, and a universal experience should make this a popular story for beginning readers. Board binding.

Hess, Fjeril. Fly away home. Macmillan, c1947. 241 p. j & s h s \$2.25.

This book and "Saddle and bridle" are companion pieces. In the latter a New Yorker discovers the beauties of Colorado whereas this new book takes "Petey" from her Colorado ranch to New York. The major virtue of this new book is in its picture of the human qualities of a great city -- the different nationalities and races which people it, the seasonal customs and little-known bits of local history. The story itself is not noteworthy but books of this type which compare and contrast living in various parts of our country are useful. A book with a similar value is Bird's "Granite Harbor" (Macmillan) which treats of Texas and Minnesota.

Hubbard, Margaret Ann. Captain Juniper. Macmillan, c1947. 257 p. \$2.50 Gr. 6-8.

A vivid picture of life in Duluth when it was little more than a village on the shore of Lake Superior. The growing pangs of the country are seen in the struggle with the lake pirates. Dave and Fritz have their share in this struggle despite the fact that both are school-boys and Dave has only one leg. The way in which Dave overcomes his handicap should offer encouragement to any present day boy similarly handicapped. V = Handicaps, Adjustment to Lameness.

Lang, Andrew, ed. Crimson fairy book; illus. by Ben Kutcher; with a foreword by Mary Gould Davis. Longmans Green, c1947. 233 p. \$2.50 Gr. 4-6.

Violet fairy book; illus. by Dorothy Lake Gregory. 233 p.

Gr. 4-6.

Reprints of the Lang "color" fairy books. Reset in large, clear type with new illustrations. Some of the less popular tales have been omitted, but the favorites are here in a most attractive edition. It is to be hoped the other titles will follow -- especially the Blue Fairy Book.

Larom, Henry B. Mountain pony and the pinto colt; illus. by Ross Santee.

McGraw-Hill, c1947. 202 p. \$2.00 Gr. 5-8.

Sequel to Mountain Pony. Andy returns to his uncle's ranch for the summer and in a series of exciting adventures saves the pinto colt -- and others -- from horse thieves and the cannery. Although the incidents of the story stretch probability much too far, the writing is good and no boy is going to object to an overdose of excitement.

Lippincott, Joseph Wharton. Black Wings, the unbeatable crow; with illus. by

Lynn Bogue Hunt. Lippincott, c1947. 144 p. \$2.50 Gr. 5-7.

A well-written, fascinating story of a crow. Based on actual facts and observation, the life of Caw-Caw is shown as he grew up -- a pet on the Adam's farm -- and when he returned to his natural habitat and the normal life of a crow. The author has created a character that is real and likeable, and he has done this without having to resort to the anthropomorphic approach that so many writers feel is necessary.

MacGregor, Ellen. Tommy and the telephone; illus. by Zabeth Selover. Whitman, c1947. 30 p. \$1.25 4-7 yrs.

A very satisfying and human story of a small boy who wants to receive a telephone call like grown-ups. In the course of having his desire satisfied, the reader sees all of the normal activities and friendliness of a small community. Illustrations are in clear, bright primary colors.

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McNally, E. Evalyn Grumbine. This is Mexico; by E. Evalyn Grumbine and Dr. Andrew McNally; maps by Valdemar Paulsen. Dodd, Mead, c1947. 216 p. \$4.00 Gr. 3-

An account in text and pictures of the McNally's trip to Mexico. Legends and history of the country are interspersed with description of modern life. The sections on children and schools will be of especial interest to young readers. Lack of an index plus the price will limit the book to large collections which can afford an occasional luxury item. Excellent photographs.

McNeer, May Yonge. The story of Florida; lithographs by C. H. DeWitt. Harper, c1947. 30 p. \$1.50 Gr. 4-7.

This book continues the fine tradition of "The regions of America" series and is well worth purchasing. There is so little on Florida for the young reader! DeWitt's lithographs are especially fine and contain all the warmth, sunshine and atmosphere of Florida of yesterday and today. The text gives historical facts, curious legends, industries and the background of the various people who have made Florida as she is today.

Martin, Bernard. Red treasure. Viking, c1947. 188 p. \$2.00 j & s h s

Two boys and their Chinese servant search for a hidden treasure in the vicinity of Burma with the aid of an old letter. Told in the first person this is written in the tradition of "Treasure Island." Quests for treasure will always appeal to boy readers but I believe that this story is inconclusive and will leave a boy dissatisfied at the end. There are blood and death a-plenty, (possibly too much) some remarkable and remarkably repulsive characters and the treasure is found, only to sink into a boiling morass along with a mad sea captain. But what becomes of the other characters, -- how our young heroes rescued themselves is all left to speculation. A boy wants to be told these things!

Mulder, Arnold. Americans from Holland. Lippincott, c1947. 320 p. \$5.00.

(The peoples of America series, edited by Louis Adamic) s h s

First in a series of books showing the growth of America through the peoples who have settled the country. The treatment is adult and the book will have its greatest use as source material. Extremely fine print makes difficult reading.

Norton, Alice May. Rogue Reynard; being a tale of the fortune and misfortunes and diverse misdeeds of that great villain, Baron Reynard, the Fox, and how he was served with King Lion's justice. Based upon the Beast saga; written by André Norton, (pseud.) and pictures by Laura Bannon. Houghton Mifflin, c1947. 96 p. \$2.50 Gr. 5-6.

A retelling of the old beast saga that retains the flavor of the old style without the use of archaic language. Illustrations quite in keeping with the text.

Yomen, Ben. Roberto, the Mexican boy. Whitman, c1947. 30 p. K-Gr. 2 \$1.50.

A little Mexican boy proves that he is old enough to assume responsibility for selling his father's pottery when his father falls ill. Principally through the colorful pictures does one see life typical of Mexico.

HELPS FOR ADULTS

Becker, M. L. ed. First adventures in reading. Lippincott, 1947, c1936. 286 p. \$2.25.

A 1947 reprint with new titles added in the bibliographies. Not needed if library has earlier printing as other lists can be used with it.

Douglas, Mary Peacock and Jeffrey, Betty Gosnold. Book displays, January to December. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N. C. 1947. (Publ 261).

Effective displays requiring a minimum of time and materials. Good calendar of events and list of materials.

Fisk, University and Geneseo (N. Y.) State teachers College. Departments of library education. Toward one world; a list of readings for adults and young people sel. on the basis of their possible contribution to intercultural unity. Geneseo (N. Y.) S.T.C. 1947 25¢.

Joint committee of the A. L. A., N. E. A., and N. C. T. E. By way of introduction; a book list for young people; revised edition. American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, 1947. 142 p.

Approximately 350 titles from old edition and over 725 new titles from juvenile and adult literature are included in this list of recreational reading for young people of high school age. Annotations designed "to introduce" the books to the young people themselves.

Minneapolis (Minn) Public Schools. Board of Education library. Developmental values gained from reading; a bibliography. Gr. 1-6. Author, 1947. 16 p. Min.

Compiles by a sub-committee on Library Service for Child Development "to provide teachers with materials through which they may aid maladjusted children in meeting their developmental task and adjustment problems."

N. Y. Public Library. Branch library book news. 10¢ per issue. Order from Public Relations, N.Y.P.L. 5th Avenue and 42nd street, N.Y.C. 18.

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Wofford, Azile. Standards for choosing books about other countries. Elementary English. November, 1947. pp. 469-73, 94.

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