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LIFE still bath one romance that naught can bury—
Not Time himself who coffins Life's romances—
For still will Christmas gild the year's mischances,
If Childhood comes, as here, to make him merry.

THEODORE WATTS-DUNTON.



MIME FOR BROWNIES

STRICTLY speaking Mime is the telling of a story by action, without the accompaniment of words, and, as such, it has a long historic tradition, of which the details can only be imperfectly recovered to-day. The mime language, as such, is in the hands of experts, and can only be used by experts; but the simpler kind of mime, that in which a story is told or a song sung while the actors move silently through it, is a kind of drama which is very suitable to Brownies and younger Guides. In the first place it gives the audience a rest from the sound of children's voices; which seem delightfully fresh and clear at first, but which fall monotonously on the ear after a time. In the second place it takes rather less rehearsal than a play. It gives opportunity for decorative clothes, which need not be quite so accurate in period as clothes in a more serious drama. It gives good training in rhythm, timing and definite gesture and grouping. And, lastly, it is great fun to do.

Let us take a song which everybody knows and decide how it shall be mimed. The Raggle Taggle Gipsies is an obvious one to choose. Everyone knows it, so it may be too obvious to do; otherwise it is very suitable. It has a good, marked rhythm—the first essential in a song for miming—it is picturesque, and it tells a definite story, beginning at the beginning and going straight through, without *l'angeur* or hurry. We choose our story, find our pianist, if we have one, and our singer or choir, and then begin to work on it.

The first thing we have to decide is the period in which we are to dress it. It is important to know this, because the style of the mime will depend on the period. Looking through the words we see that, strictly speaking, it couldn't be set before Elizabethan times. "She plucked off her high heel'd shoon," indicates the 17th or 18th century. There were no heels on shoes before Elizabethan times. The Spanish leather would rather indicate 17th than 18th century. We should probably be safe in dressing it in 17th century, a very beautiful time for clothes. But it is a difficult period. Brownie uniform cannot be adapted into it; and it is a sophisticated period, calling for stately,

graceful movements and a subtle and delicate colour scheme.

The 18th century is easier, and appropriate to a fairy story like the Raggle Taggle Gipsies; but wigs are expensive to hire and difficult to make. Let us leave them, and go boldly back into the other period for a fairy story—the mediaeval. This is the easiest to dress with our uniforms; and the Brownies' brown will come in well for the gipsies. The tunics will do as the foundation for everybody's clothes except the lady's. The gipsies can wear brown hoods, and their tunics can be almost covered by rags, made by sewing jagged strips of old, bright-coloured stuff on to dark tape, and tying it round the neck and waist, so that the strips hang down.

The rags can be of mixed colours; but let one predominate—say red. The lord will wear the tunic, too, as a foundation; but he must look gaudy, even over-dressed. He can wear a tabard—the most simply made garment there is—an oblong of stuff with a hole for the head, and richly belted. This would look well in a patterned stuff, if one can get a mediaeval looking pattern, but let it pick up the chief colour in the gipsies' rags. On his head he needs a rich mediaeval headdress, a scalloped capuchin worn like a cock-

comb is perhaps the easiest, and he can wear odd stockings in bright colours if he chooses. It remains to dress the lady. She needs a steeple hat, or some other obvious and decorative headdress, and a simple dress in rust or russet, falling to the ground, with long plain sleeves, covered with a rich cloak. Now for the style.

Since we have dressed these people in bright, quaint clothes it would be rather fun to make the acting fantastic too, to suggest those quaint mediaeval tapestries, with their grotesque actions and clear design. Let us take some down and show them to the Brownies, so that they get the idea too. Set the stage. A stool to the right represents the lady's castle, where she is sitting embroidering at an imaginary frame. The scene is in profile to the audience. The gipsies, alternately kneeling and standing, are grotesquely ranged in front of her, with their mouths open to show that they are singing. In the middle of the verse, the lady drops her work, puts her hand to her ear, and leans forward, listening. At the end of the verse



Brownies Dressing up.

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Scouts on their hikes in the Australian Bush, and shared with them his intimate knowledge of the wild life of the country. In 1930-31, when he was Acting Governor-General of Australia, he was also Acting Chief Scout for the Commonwealth, and on his return to this country, he was appointed a Chief Scout's Commissioner, that is, a personal representative of the Chief Scout.

Lord Somers is also actively interested in the Boys' Club Organisation, and is Chairman of the West of England Federation of Boys' Clubs.

Lady Somers also takes an active interest in the Scout Movement, and from 1923 to 1926 held the appointment of Assistant County Commissioner for Wolf Cubs for Herefordshire.

THE GUIDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

ACCEPTED FOR THE COVER.

Miss M. BROOKE, Hull.
The Right Stuff. A jolly photograph of a Guide, happy and absorbed, in her job of washing-up.

Miss M. V. HALFORD, Birmingham.
Youth and Age. Brownies examining an old sundial.

Exploring. Five Brownies and Pack Leader out on the moors, picking out landmarks as they go.

Miss V. E. MILES, Bournemouth.
A Foretaste of Guiding. This photograph owes its charm to the complete absorption of a Brownie helping to cook a hike dinner. The camera seems to reflect the importance of the occasion!

ACCEPTED FOR INSIDE PUBLICATION.

Miss M. BARWELL, Manchester.
Discovery. Four Guides on all fours watching pond life.

Bribery. An attractive snap of a young Guide in a park holding out a tit-bit for a deer.

Miss J. BLACKWOOD.
Laying a Table. A natural snap of four young Brownies laying a table under a tree.

Miss J. M. CUBEY, Blaydon-on-Tyne.
Puzzle Find the Hedgehog. A good nature snap showing a hedgehog curled up by a prickly fir!

Miss GAISFORD, Ulverston.
Four excellent snaps of swans and cygnets at the Abbotsbury Swannery.

Miss V. M. HALFORD, Birmingham.
Three attractive Pack holiday pictures.

Miss J. KILGOUR, Singapore.
This is the Way we go to Camp. Showing a Guider in a rickshaw with all the camp kit piled round her and:

The Camp Kitchen, showing Guides at work.

Miss HEYS-JONES, Barnes, Surrey.
Supper Time. A useful camp snap.

Miss HUDSON, Malvern.
Following the Chief Scout. Two small Guides fishing.

Mrs. LADELL, Yardley, Birmingham.
Two useful snaps: filling up the lorry for camp, and the camp notice-board.

Miss MORGAN SMITH, Stevenage.
Winter Sunshine. A woodland scene with the sun filtering through the trees.

Miss D. M. PALMER, Bristol.
Day is Done. A beautiful photograph showing stormy clouds, pierced by light, over a troubled sea.

Miss D. PARGETER, Edgbaston.
Holiday Fun. Birmingham Brownies on a pack holiday in the heart of Wales.

Miss A. STEBBINGS, Aylesbury.
Oliver Twist. A Brownie asks for more at a pack holiday.

Miss M. SUTTILL, Edgware.
Three photographs accepted. Two beautiful studies of beech trees and one of two children jumping through frothy waves. The children stand out well against the background of the sea.

Miss M. WELLS, Beaconsfield.
Solitude. A beautiful picture, owing its charm to the contrast of light and shade. A dark figure silhouetted against shining water looks down on the Isles of the Sea from Easdale, Argyllshire.

Miss T. WILSON, Ealing.
Two useful snaps, one showing washing-up in camp, the other three Brownies practising knots before their next meeting.

ACTING CHIEF SCOUT APPOINTMENT

At the personal request of the Chief Scout (Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell), Lt.-Col. The Lord Somers, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., has been appointed Acting Chief Scout for this country during the absence of Lord Baden-Powell.

Lord Somers has been actively interested in the Scout Movement since 1920, when he held the appointment of District Commissioner for the Eastern District of Herefordshire.

During his years of office as Governor of Victoria, Lord Somers acted as Chief Scout for that State, and endeared himself to all members of the Movement by his practical interest. On many occasions he joined in with the



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE NEW RANGER TENDERFOOT TEST

Question 1.—Does the new Ranger Test apply to Sea Rangers and Cadets?

Answer. To Sea Rangers, yes. See Miss d'Avigdor's article in the October number of THE GUIDER.

Where Cadets are concerned the opinions of the companies are so divided as to the relative advantages and disadvantages of the new test as compared with the old, that the following conclusions have been reached:—

1. That Cadet companies in the meantime may choose whether they take the old Tests or the new.
2. That criticisms and opinions from them will be welcomed and should be sent in during December.
3. That the matter will then be discussed in the light of the information gained, and a decision published in THE GUIDER later.

Question 2.—Does the new Tenderfoot Test replace the old Tenderfoot only or the old Tenderfoot plus old Second Class?

Answer. It replaces the old Tenderfoot and the old Second Class.

Question 3.—What is going to follow on after this Test?

Answer. A new form of Ranger Star, which is on trial at the moment, as the Tenderfoot test was before it was launched.

Question 4.—Can Rangers who are already half way through the old Second Class finish it and get a badge?

Answer. Yes, anyone who has started can finish it, but any Ranger who has done the old Tenderfoot and has not started on Second Class should do the rest of the new Tenderfoot instead. For this she does not get a Second Class Badge, which except for people who have already got them, or have done part of the old Second Class Test, are now dropping out.

Question 5. Similarly, can Rangers who have, at the

moment, done part of the old Star Test finish it and get a Star to wear?

Answer. Yes.

Question 6.—Can a girl take Ranger Proficiency Badges after she has passed the first clause of the new Tenderfoot Test and been enrolled as a Guide?

Answer. A new-comer to the Movement cannot take Ranger Badges until she has been enrolled as a Ranger, that is, until she has finished the new Tenderfoot Test. If, however, she is already a First Class Guide and over 16 she can take Ranger Badges before enrolment as a Ranger.

Question 7.—May a girl, joining a Ranger company, wear a Ranger hat and the company tie when she has passed the first clause of the new Ranger Tenderfoot (i.e., Guide Tenderfoot) and is enrolled as a Guide? Otherwise, at the end of the Test, when she is enrolled as a Ranger she would have to buy a new hat and tie, and in the meantime would be different from the rest of the company?

Answer. She may wear a Ranger hat and company tie after passing the first clause, upon enrolment as a Guide. The only change when she is enrolled as a Ranger will be that the Ranger Tenderfoot Badge will be substituted for the Guide one.

Question 8.—"20 minutes exercise a day." Would it matter if this were done in two parts, e.g., 10 minutes walk to work and ten minutes back again?

Answer. Not a bit.

Question 9.—What does one do with one's present Ranger Test and Star badges, the ones one has already won?

Answer. Go on wearing them.

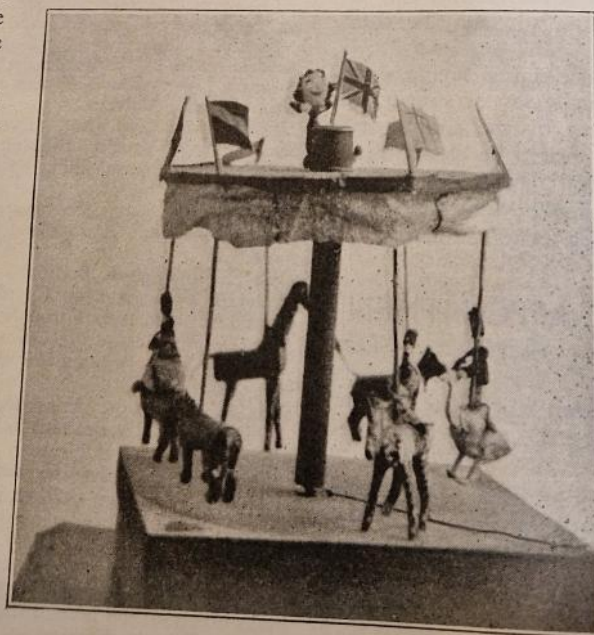
Question 10.—How many candidates should be allowed to work together to pass the map-reading and the cooking test?

Answer. It is suggested that they practise in patrols or couples but are tested individually.

Question 11.—Is the new Tenderfoot Test likely to be in the 1936 Book of Rules?

Answer. Yes.

Question 12.—How soon



"Something that worked."

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should any comments or criticisms of the Test be sent in?
In December.

Question 13.—Many feel at first glance that clause six of the Test is the most difficult—especially the carrying out of some definite undertaking for others. Many are too busy to give up an extra evening for such a job, yet the things that can be undertaken in the company are limited and won't always go round.

Answer. There is no suggestion that they should give up another night—that is not expected at all. The definite undertaking for others might be something in the company, in her home, at her work, or for a friend.

Question 14.—What happens to the Ranger who is already Second Class? Does she continue to wear her Second Class Badge and work for proficiency badges?

Answer. Yes, she continues to wear her Second Class Badge and can

(a) work for proficiency badges, or

(b) take Ranger Star in its existing form, or finish it if begun, or

(c) wait for new form of Ranger Star, which will be published in the spring.

Question 15.—Who can pass recruits for this test?

Answer. The same arrangement as for Ranger Tenderfoot and Ranger Tests holds good, i.e., the captain may pass her own Rangers, or may provide competent people to test.

These questions have all been sent in by Ranger Guiders and have been answered individually. They are printed here for the benefit of other companies who may be wondering about the same points.

S.O.S. RANGER COMPANIES!

A Ranger company is completely stuck in Local Knowledge Badge. They have come to the section "Have performed acts of civic helpfulness in the town or village at the request of some competent authority." For various reasons suitable acts of civic helpfulness are hard to find in that particular village. What have other companies done? Please send suggestions.

M. M. M.

THE ROUND-A-ABOUT.

(Costing One Shilling.)

There was much earnest discussion among the 2nd Hampstead Rangers on the subject of the toy for the Heath District Competition. We wanted something original, something exciting, and—above all—something that worked. There arose the difficulty of the age of the child to whom, we hoped, it would eventually be presented. A small girl of six would not be interested in a scientific instrument suitable for an older boy; nor would a boy of that age wax enthusiastic over such culinary utensils as would delight the heart of his young sister. Working on the process of elimination, we eventually arrived at the end of our ideas, and sat in silence, waiting for inspiration.

It was upon Lieutenant that the spark descended—and to give us our due, we seized upon her idea with enthusiasm and eagerness for action. How, when and where should we make it? Time was short and funds were lamentably low.

However, by dint of much hunting, we gathered together sundry objects which we thought adaptable to our purpose. An old gramophone engine bought from an obliging brother for threepence was the foundation of the mechanism. Waste spools from a printing machine, stuffed and shaped with a mixture of sawdust and glue,

made the bodies of the animals, while with the aid of a fretsaw, the handywomen amongst us carved the heads and legs from the odd pieces of wood left from the roof and base. With paint and glue we transformed these peculiar creatures into such animals as we thought they most resembled, and joyfully hung them from the gaily painted roof on metal skewers collected by all and sundry. A few flags from Kensitas cigarettes, stuck on cardboard, ornamented the roof, and the customers to our round-a-bout were concocted from wire and wool. A dash of enamel on the base, a piece of tinsel for the roof-edge, a brake for the engine, a placard for the edification of passengers and lo! our round-a-bout was complete!

THOSE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

By I. SHIPTON.

THERE is always a danger of fire with Christmas decorations owing to their inflammable nature, and Guiders and others in charge of Christmas parties cannot be too careful. A crowd of excited children pressing round the lighted Christmas tree may so easily turn a happy occasion into a tragedy.

It is well, therefore, to have a bucket of water and another of sand, together with an old thick blanket or rug in some accessible place, and to have the address of the nearest fire alarm and the phone number of the fire station hung up in a prominent place—though not necessarily in the room where the party is to be held!

Evergreens are particularly inflammable owing to the quantity of resin they contain, and therefore great care should be taken to see that they are put in such a position that there is no danger of their being overturned and knocked against by the children during their games. Nor should they be surrounded by inflammable draperies or placed where they are liable to a strong current of air.

Paper lanterns should be hung by wire, and some responsible person should be told off to keep an eye on them, and on the candles on the tree during the period they are lighted. Care should be taken in arranging the candles so that one is not immediately over another, as the light below may easily bend the one above, and cause it to drop and set something alight.

Flags and bunting should be kept well clear of open lights and fires, and away from electric switchboards and fuses. Tissue paper should not be used to cover electric light bulbs unless it has first been treated with a flame-proofing solution. Cotton wool also is very dangerous unless it has been specially treated, and it is better to use asbestos fibre or slag-wool. Celluloid decorations should never be used for decoration schemes.

Do not let small children—or even bigger ones—help to light the Christmas tree candles, however eager they may be to help. A steady child is just as liable to slip through over-anxiety as her opposite type through over-eagerness. I have seen it happen. During the distribution of the gifts see that it is one person's definite job to watch for danger from small children getting pressed too close against the tree in the excitement of the moment.

Such precautions are not fussy but commonsense. A dropped cigarette end, an open window letting in a current of air near a lighted candle, and—because it is no one's special business to keep an eye open for such matters—tragedy ensues. A little forethought on the occasion of the Christmas Party may save a world of anxiety and regret later.



GUIDING IN UGANDA.

IN one of the big C.M.S. Schools they have two Ranger Companies, one for the staff, and the other for the teachers in training, three Guide Companies, one in the senior and two in the junior school, and a Brownie Pack. The Guider writes that they have been very busy making a Guide Headquarters. They took over a nice little hut and put the thatch into good order, white-washed the walls and smeared the floor, and now they are very proud of having a building of their own. The Rangers have been running a women's club meeting, they cut out little garments, and have been teaching the old women to sew.

From the 1st Mengo Pack come interesting details of the "Golden Bar" ceremony. They tried to make this ceremony as African-like as possible, so they did it in the same way as when men become chiefs in Uganda. The Brownies who already had Golden Bars sat on a mat of honour, i.e., a leopard's skin, apart from the rest of the Pack. First one Tawny beat on a drum calling for silence, and explained to the Pack how Lusi had now "arrived" in her second-class test and was going to become a chief, then the other Tawny went out

and fetched Lusi and brought her to the Brown Owl, who presented her with a badge and said a few words about being a second class Brownie and then led her to the leopard's skin and set her upon it. Then everyone clapped and drummed to show how pleased they were.

One Brownie Pack is very pleased with itself because they sewed buttons on to the Bishop of Uganda's shirts—this served as a good turn as well as a test.

Lately Brownie "Taps" have been translated into Luganda, and the Brownies are very thrilled to think it is what English Brownies sing before they go home.

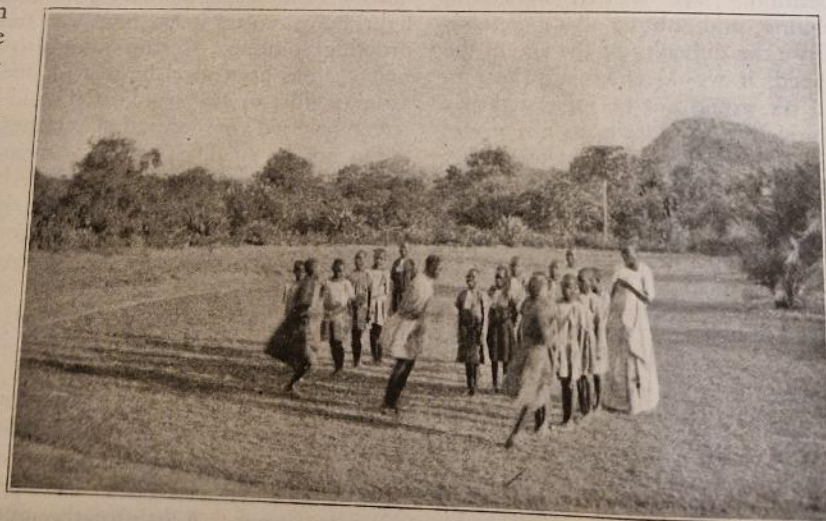
THE CHIEF GUIDE'S OVERSEAS PARTY.

Before leaving England again the Chief Guide gathered together all the Guide visitors from the Dominions and Colonies, together with some Guides from foreign countries, and welcomed them to a great party in London. Some hundred and twenty Guide people from all over the world met, drank tea and talked together. After tea the Chief Guide spoke for a few minutes of her travels, and the party ended with the Guide Orchestra playing to the guests.

The orchestra looked very nice in their special uniform of dark dresses and pea-



Uganda Guides building huts for Patrol Competitions.



Uganda Brownies playing a team game.

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cloaks, worn for the first time on this occasion. They gave a short programme which included the Minuet and Rondo from Mozart's Serenade, Gavotte and Aria from Bach's Suite in D, Rosemunde Ballet Music, No. 2, and Beethoven's Minuet. They were conducted by Miss Sharpe, and everyone was delighted with the music. The Chief Guide spoke to each member of the Orchestra, and thanked them all for helping towards the success of her party.

Post Box.

Those of us who read THE GUIDE see from time to time notices that a "pen friend" is wanted in Australia, Canada, or elsewhere, by, perhaps, an English or a Welsh Guide. This little notice sets in motion much letter writing, and friendships are formed between Guides by means of these letters. But sometimes these friendships are carried a step

further and the correspondents have a chance of meeting. Two of these meetings have happened lately. One was an English Guider who went to New Zealand, and she writes as follows:—

"Before I left England I had through the Post Box been put in touch with a Guider in New Zealand. We had corresponded for some time, each of us finding much interest in the other's news. When I arrived here we were friends. We still are, and we are both Guiders still."

The other was a Guide from South Australia. She was sixteen, and she came to visit Imperial Headquarters. There she happily announced that she did not find English "pen friend." "She was not a bit like her photographs," she said, "but we got on fine. Her father works on the railway, and she is coming out to Australia some day." This is perhaps Guiding at its simplest and most essential.



Gold Coast Guides leaving camp.

"MONTY"

An Appreciation by THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS has recently suffered an inestimable loss in the resignation from office of the General Secretary, Miss Montgomery. For the past fifteen years, "Monty"—as she is best known to those who have had the pleasure of her help and friendship—has been one of the outstanding figures of the Movement. It was in the autumn of 1921 that she first took on the immense job of General Secretary. Since then, her great fund of knowledge, and her wonderful powers of organisation and management, have been at the disposal of all branches of the Movement, not only here in Great Britain, but in all those countries of the world where Guiding exists in any form.

Monty's efforts played an important part in obtaining our present Imperial Headquarters. Much of the work and responsibility caused by the building of our official centre fell on to her shoulders; and when, on May 3rd, 1930, the foundation-stone was laid by Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, Miss Montgomery's invaluable services were recognised by the Princess presenting to her the Silver Fish. The bestowal of the highest honour Guiding has to give caused the greatest satisfaction to one and all.

As a Secretary she was exceptional, her outlook has been world-wide, and has won for her the admiration and affection of the whole Movement. To County Commissioners, in particular, she has always been "a very present help in trouble." Nothing was too big for her to tackle—no detail too small for her consideration, and no difficulty too trifling for her friendly interest and expert advice.

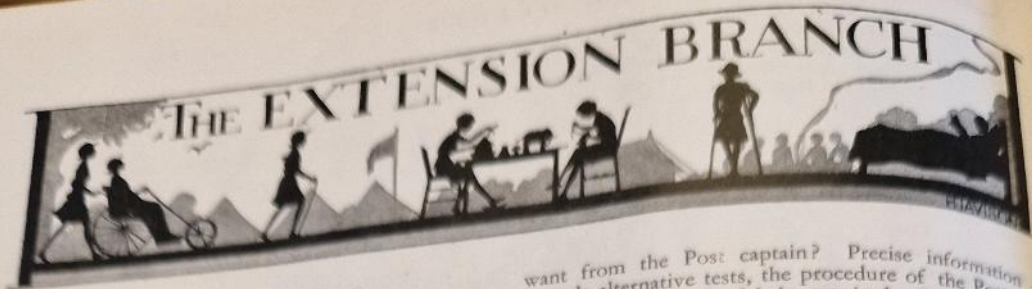
No words of mine can be eloquent enough to express the sense of loss her retirement will bring to many of those who serve on the various Headquarters Committees, to all who have known and valued her presence at Headquarters, and to all Guiders who have at any time and in any way come into contact with her. The extremely high standard of her technical work has done much to increase the efficiency of the Movement; and one had, as it were, come to look upon her as a vital part of the life of Headquarters. Guiding has indeed been fortunate in such a servant!

I, personally, shall miss her more than I can say. In my capacity as Chief Commissioner, I have, perhaps, had more opportunity than most of knowing and appreciating her qualities. To me she has always been a tower of strength, and I shall feel her loss most keenly.

I know that most of those who read these words will agree with me that Guiding owes much to Miss Montgomery for the years of splendid service she has given, and will regret her resignation, as I do, not only as General Secretary, but as a personal adviser and friend.

We all join in wishing her "God speed" and all health and happiness in the future.

Mary Birtley
Chief Commissioner.



THE OTHER HALF

THE work of a Post company can be divided into two halves, the Post captain's part and the local Guiding part. Most of the difficulties disappear when these two halves are combining well, and much good work is wasted on both sides when they fail to connect; so it might be useful to examine what is required of the "other half".

What does a Post captain want? First she would like to be certain of someone who will give her regular and accurate information about her Post Guide, her home circumstances, capabilities and progress. A Post Guider is not always able to visit her recruits very often, and through the Company Letter it will take her months to discover what the ordinary captain finds out in one meeting.

It certainly feels like setting out in the dark. The replies she will get from her Guides or their families are very scrappy. "Mary has not had much schooling so I am writing for her. Jane (her sister)." "I have not been out of the house for a year so cannot do the competition. Love from Elsie." "I have learned the promise. No one has been to see me yet. Nora." These throw a little light which set her asking questions. Is it too late for Mary to learn to write? Does her disability prevent her? Why hasn't Elsie been out? Because she is too ill? Has no one to take her? No chair? She must know the answers if she is going to make her letters meet the case, and give the right encouragement at the right time. How easy it is when the "other half" is there and able to solve the riddles, and how tiresome when dozens of letters have to be written to find someone who will do the job.

Secondly, a Post Guider wants to know that her Guide is getting as much contact with practical Guiding as her capabilities permit. This will vary with the individual, from the slightly handicapped girl who may get her introduction to Guiding through the Post company, and then, when she has gained some confidence, be keen to transfer to an active one, and the girl who is so ill that an occasional visit from a Guider is all that is practicable. Between these two lie all the many who will enjoy opportunities for practice and service, being visited or taken out by their Guide and Ranger friends.

It is, of course, ideal when there is a local company, whose captain will arrange all this part, and work in co-operation with the Post Guider, but there are captains who are "too busy" for this extra, and cases where there is no company near the Post Guide's home. Then, perhaps, any Guider, or ex-Guider in the neighbourhood could take on the job and see that the Post Guide gets all that is possible of local Guiding.

Now for the other half. What does the local Guider

want from the Post captain? Precise information as regards alternative tests, the procedure of the Post company, and the kind of help required. So often one is just vaguely asked to "look after" a Post Guide, and how does one start?

The Post Guider, from her experience, can supply ideas for work and games, handicrafts, and *warning of pitfalls!* Not to expect too much from a new recruit; a girl who has been used to an atmosphere of "you can't do this" will need a good deal of encouragement and assurance to start with. To begin cautiously and avoid making rash promises that will cause disappointment if they cannot be carried out. To space out the visits and events so that there is always something to look forward to rather than a lot of excitement in a week and then nothing for six months. While keeping an eye on her, yet to treat her as normally as possible. Too much attention will defeat the aims of making her a Guide. These are some of the points a Post Guider is apt to take for granted and the local captain does not find out till she has made the mistake!

Then, please, Post captains, remember we are busy people, and only write to us when there is something really important to be said or done; give plenty of notice of any arrangements to be made such as transport to camp. Do not fuss about your precious Guide, and avoid our rush hours if you want an immediate answer!

A clear understanding about finance and badges will save the girl falling between two stools and receiving her badges some six months after being tested!

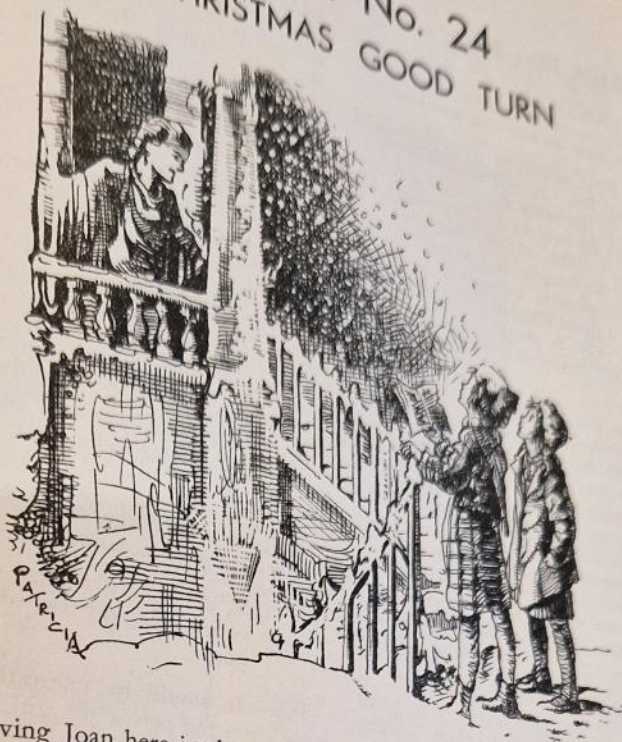
To some it may be a new idea to think of the Post Guide as anything but the concern of her Post captain, but put yourself in the Post Guide's shoes. Would not the sight of a real Guide in uniform be equal to three Company Letters? Yes, and though the Post captain puts in more work, the two halves are equally important.

M. E. PEAKE.

"MASS PRODUCTION."

The Extension Handicraft Depot has recently received the order from the British Red Cross Society to supply 50,000 mascots, representing hospital nurses, to be sold next May on Red Cross Day. This contract is by far the largest ever undertaken by the Depot; it is giving occupation to nearly fifty Post Rangers and Guides, most of whom are either too badly disabled or too unskilled to do other forms of handicraft, and if it is successfully carried through this year it may mean permanent employment for a good many of them. So next Red Cross Day you will know as you pin one of the mascots on to your coat that we have used 35 lbs. of those pins and over 100 lbs. of wool, and that in supporting the Red Cross Society you are also helping our own Extension Guides.

THE PROBLEM No. 24 THE CHRISTMAS GOOD TURN



"You are the very person I want to see, Irene."

She looked up to see Lady Saxon leaning out of her car, which was drawn up by the curb. Lady Saxon was the Guide District President and always very kind to them. She lent her garden for fêtes and rallies, and her fields for camp and took a real interest in all their doings.

"Can I give you a lift?" she asked. "You seem to have a lot of parcels and I am going your way. Then we can talk as we go."

Irene was delighted to be saved a long walk and she and her parcels were soon packed in.

"Tell me," said Lady Saxon, when the car had started, "am I wrong in thinking there is a rule that no Guide may ask for money?"

"No, of course, you are quite right," said Irene. "I do hope none of my Guides have been begging?"

"No, not begging exactly. Two evenings ago some children came round singing carols and sent in word to say they were collecting for a Guide Christmas hamper. I had them in and they told me the company was sending hampers to poor families and their patrol wanted to collect more than anyone else. They said they had no money to buy anything themselves—I must say they looked as if this was true, for they were very poorly dressed—so they were singing carols to try and get some. Their names were Rose and Louie Manders."

The captain's heart sank. What a predicament! A picture of the Manders' house rose to her mind. Always dirty, six children, a father out of work, a mother who had almost given up the struggle to keep things in any kind of order. The children never looked properly fed, and there was certainly no money for extras. At Christmas time they usually went carolling and with the money they got tried to add something to their food to make things more like real Christmas. Now they were willing to give the money to someone else. And yet it was against Guide rules, and she knew, too, how undesirable it was that they should get money like this. The temptation would be great to keep some for themselves and there would be no check on it.

What could she do? What could she say to them? Or to Lady Saxon?

COMMENTS.

Guiders, what would you have done in Irene's place? What would you have said to Lady Saxon, and what line would you have taken with the carol singers? Let us have your ideas by January 7th with name and address (not for publication).

The Court of Honour was considering Christmas plans. "What about Christmas good turns?" asked the Leader of the Robins.

"What would you like to do this year?" said Captain.

The other Leaders all spoke at once.

"My patrol wants to do farthing bundles again," said one.

"We want to send a hamper to Joan," said another.

"A secret hamper," said the third.

"One at a time, please," said Captain.

"Now Mary, what do your patrol say about farthing bundles?"

"Well, they think everyone can bring something small and we should be able to send the Settlement quite a lot of bundles this year."

"We think that after having Joan here in the summer it would be nice to send her family a Christmas hamper. I had a letter from her yesterday and her father is still out of work and the baby has been ill."

Joan, who lived in a London slum, had spent a fortnight in the country in the summer at the company's expense.

"But a secret hamper is best of all," broke in the Blue-tit Leader. "It is so exciting taking it round on Christmas Eve in the dark and only us Leaders and Captain knowing who the family is, and they thinking it is really Father Christmas. Though I always wish we could see them opening it," she added, regretfully.

"Couldn't we do them all?" boldly suggested Mary.

Captain thought this would be too great a tax on the company's resources, but the Leaders were enthusiastic.

"Let's try, anyhow," they said. "Couldn't we have a patrol competition and see which patrol brings most? After all, if we don't get enough we needn't have two hampers at the end."

After some discussion the proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously. Only Captain, in the chair, was doubtful and she promised to do her share by bringing a Christmas pudding for each hamper.

It was five days to Christmas. At the last Court of Honour the Leaders had reported that everyone had something to bring for the hampers and bundles, and there was going to be heaps for everything, they felt sure. As Captain walked through the village she was wondering how it was possible to pack puddings, sweets, fruit and toys so that they arrived at their destination, separate and intact.

PROBLEM No. 23

COMMENTS.

We have had a splendid response to our appeal for help with this problem and here are extracts from the letters we have received.

"I think it would be most unwise to try and hush up all about the Ranger's past life. It would most certainly come out sooner or later, as the other Rangers, if only out of friendly interest, would be sure to ask her where she came from. . . . I don't think, either, that the company should be told before the Ranger joins, but she should be allowed to join like anyone else, and when the others find out about it, if she is a good Ranger, they will accept her for herself and what she is at present. It is my experience that Rangers are really fair and just to one another."

"I am perfectly certain the girl must not enter the company if any question of deceit occurs, for the sake of the girl, the company and the Guider. . . . I think I would talk matters over with the girl herself at first; if she is proud of her baby, it will be almost impossible for her not to talk about him. A sense of secrecy and a fear of being found out will not enable her to be a good citizen. I think if the affair is treated on the basis of citizenship it would help her. I think the whole company should be consulted. If there are high school girls they will be of an age these days to think out matters."

"In the case of one of our Rangers some years ago, I told the company, knowing they would hear later. It gave me a chance to try and put the right view point about it at the beginning, and it certainly worked. Many of them helped her tremendously and she is back in the Ranger company and making good. . . . If the high school Rangers left, but the rest of the company stayed, would not the captain have to face up to the fact that the 'problem girl' and the others probably need Rangers more than the high school type, and have regretfully to let them go? I should tell just her Leader or all the Patrol Leaders, it does so depend on the Leaders. . . . I should not tell the girl to hush it up; the Leaders can, and will, set the tone if the company hear about it, and if they are the right sort, it will do the company no harm and the girl tremendous good. The real problem, as I see, it is not so much whom to tell, as how best whoever knows can really help without in any way condoning the moral lapse."

"I ran a Sea Ranger Company for six years, and during that time I was asked by the social service worker if I would have two of her unmarried mothers in my company. I would not decide the question myself, but took the Rangers into my confidence. . . . They agreed to give the girls their chance, so we admitted them on six months' trial before I would enrol them. That six months proved the girls were not reliable and we had to decide reluctantly that they could not stay in the company. People were refusing to allow their daughters to join and the company lost some of its good name through these two girls."

Our next answer is from a Ranger Captain who is also the head of a Rescue and Preventive Home, who says: "I must say I do not find anything which fills the need of many of these unfortunate girls as much as does Guiding and Rangering." She says she will be glad to help anyone who cares to write to her at The Women's Home, Queen's Square, Huddersfield.

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"In dealing with cases of this kind it is only fair to say that no one rule can be adopted. So much depends upon the girl herself. If she really wishes to become a Ranger, understanding all it involves for her, the matter is simplified for the Guider. Other things that have to be taken into consideration are: the average ages of the girls in the company; the size of the company; and the personal attitude of the Guiders towards this kind of case."

1. The fact that the social worker recommends this girl shows that she thinks the girl should have a fair chance.

Discuss the case with your Commissioner. If the obstacles are too great in your company she may know of another where the difficulties are not so great.

Discuss the case with your company, putting them on their honour about their repeating it.

2. If the girl is a sensible one, she will be more satisfied that the company know.

If the mothers of the high school girls object they ought to have the matter carefully put before them.

3. In any case the case will have been discussed in court of honour.

4. One would hardly refuse to take the girl unless some other company or sphere had been found for her.

P.S.—It would be interesting to know whether the lapse occurred before the girl was in the hostel company and why is she not being looked after by them at this stage."

Mrs. Crichton Miller, who is Head of the Auxiliary Branch, which includes companies in Preventive and Rescue Homes, has kindly sent us her opinion of the Problem.

"I feel very strongly that the only sound line is alternative (e), viz., take the girl as you would any other Ranger and do not look out for trouble. If it arises, you must be prepared to justify your action, but I think a great deal of harm is done in such cases by anticipating difficulties which never materialise. If the girl comes to a captain from another Ranger company in a home (which is said here to be the case) I cannot see that there is any occasion for the captain to investigate the girl's past unless she is also prepared to investigate the past of every Ranger who presents herself as a recruit. There are many Rangers and Guides in some of these rough companies who have a very queer set of antecedents. After all, the assumption is that we exist to be of use and help to girls in life. As a matter of fact I think that opinion in the country has swung so much to this point of view that it is extremely unlikely that any objection would be raised. I personally have never met any parents who made a commotion on the lines indicated. I quite believe they exist, but I do not think the number is great. If girls are removed in order that they may not be contaminated I think it is better we should lose them than have to turn out the girl with the baby, to whom we might be of considerable use and who, presumably, needs us more."

POST OFFICE SERVICES

POSTERS AND MAPS.

The Post Office issues, from time to time, sets of posters of a high standard of artistic design, dealing with the history and development of communications. They are accompanied by explanatory leaflets. Three sets have been issued, as follows:—

First Set.

Relays carrying the King's messages, 1482.
Mails for the packets arriving at Falmouth, 1833.
Loading mails at docks in London, 1934.
Loading air mails for the Empire; Croydon, 1934.

Second Set.

Map—Post Office radiotelephone services.
The International Telephone Exchange, London.
A control panel of the Post Office Wireless Station, Rugby.

Third Set.

Pheidippides, B.C. 490.
The King's Messenger, A.D. 1482.
Mail Coach, A.D. 1784.
Royal Mail, A.D. 1935.

Each poster is 20 inches high by 25 inches wide, with the exception of the map in the second set, which is 40 inches high and 50 inches wide. Copies of the posters, map and leaflets have been distributed free of charge to a large number of schools throughout the country, and are much appreciated by them. The Post Office is now prepared, so far as supplies permit, to send free copies to Guide companies which have suitable headquarters in which to display them. In order to ensure that the posters and maps are sent only to companies possessing a suitable place in which to display them advantageously, applications for sets should be made only through the Divisional Secretary.

TELEPHONE DEMONSTRATION SETS.

In addition, the



Post Office offers an interesting scheme for developing knowledge of the use of the telephone. To know how to use a public telephone call-box is a part of the new Ranger Tenderfoot Test, and for the Domestic Service Badge a Guide has to know how to use the telephone. The Post Office has for sale telephone demonstration sets, consisting of two standard telephones connected by a flexible wire, which afford a valuable means of training girls in the use of the telephone. For a small additional charge, dials may be added to the set, which, although not actually operating the telephones, allow the process of dialling to be practised. A booklet, supplied with each set, gives useful hints on how to make the best use of the set. It also contains some interesting facts about the telephone and its work. A copy will be sent free to Division Secretaries on application. Extra

copies are supplied at 1d. each (minimum 3d.).
The prices of the demonstration sets are as follows:—

With a dial on each telephone, 39s.

With a dial on one telephone, 35s.

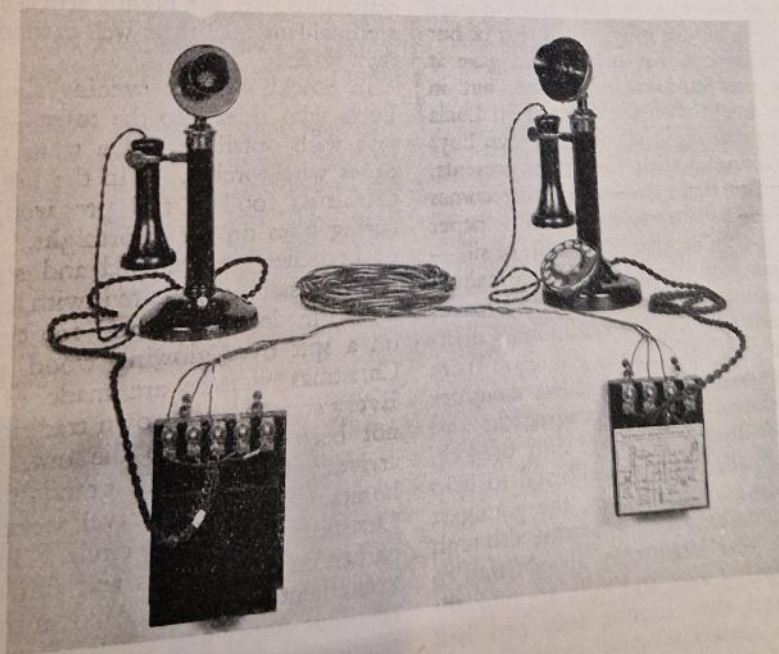
Without dials, 27s.

Divisions may care to purchase one or more sets and to lend them to various companies in their Division.

The Post Office has also a few larger demonstration sets, specially constructed in a box to facilitate transport. It is prepared to lend a set free

of charge for a short period, e.g., six months, to Divisions which can ensure fairly constant use of the set, and can arrange for its circulation in turn to various companies in the Division. The number of these sets is limited and applications may not in all cases be met immediately.

Applications for posters, leaflets and sets should be addressed to the Public Relations Department, G.P.O., London, E.C.1.



CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN

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WHEN the days draw in and November clouds obscure the sun, which, if it shines through at all, seems pale and far off, one longs for white snow and the lights of Christmas. Children run to the windows, pull up the blinds and glue their noses to the panes as soon as they are out of bed in the morning. Alas! It is only dark and grey and depressing. Then one fine day the first snow has fallen—such joy in a thousand homes! To run out of doors and touch the soft cool white snow, to make snow balls. But then comes a thaw and the snow has vanished, the darkness is still with us, but hope is alive! “If only it will snow for Christmas!” “Surely there will be snow at Christmas.” There is no *proper* Christmas without snow. The children count the days: “14,” “13,” “12” . . . From the beginning of December whole streets in the towns are decorated with flags or lanterns, or garlands made of green branches. The shop windows are flooded with light, the streets are crowded with people and the shops showing mechanical toys have queues passing slowly before them all day long. It is part of our public Christmas entertainment that one should gaze at shop windows during the Sundays in Advent, but in private our celebrations begin with the feast of St. Lucia on December 12th. On that night all over Sweden boys and girls sit up late working at their Christmas presents. They are so rushed and hurried: if their mother comes to the door they shout and hide away their stuff or paper materials under the tables—“Oh, there lays a bit of silk—fancy if she realised it was for the cushion I am making her!” There is a delicious smell of new baked loaves and gingerbread from the kitchen. The traditional Christmas polishing of copper pots and pans is going on there and in the dining room the mother and eldest daughter are sitting rubbing up the silver—the candlesticks and candelabras and big silver dishes which are only used on special occasions. The smaller girls are allowed to help with the forks and spoons. About 2 a.m. the youngest members of the family can no longer keep awake, although it is the one night of the year when they are allowed to stay up as long as they like. Cakes and milk are unavailing against sleepiness, and they tumble into bed half

asleep before they are undressed, but the older children who are nearly grown up hold out all night and chatter at their work. The boys blink and yawn over their paper knives and other wooden objects, sandpapering until the surface is as smooth as satin. At 5 o'clock the eldest girls disappear into the kitchen and just when one is beginning to shiver at dawn there is the fragrance of steaming coffee, the door opens and Lucia appears dressed in a long white night-gown with lighted candles on her head in a crown of plaited cranberry twigs and her fair hair falling over her shoulders—a vision of light and beauty in the cold darkness. She carries a tray with hot coffee and saffron buns and other Christmas cakes and delicacies. Then the procession starts on its round from room to room singing carols, waking the parents and other grown ups who no longer take part in the vigil. Hot coffee is refreshing after the night's work and at dawn the youths and maidens take their well-earned repose and sleep until they wake!

In Stockholm that evening there is a publicly chosen Lucia who rides into the town—the herald of Christmas joys with outriders and a train of attendant maids and pages with torches. In the big country houses special Christmas food is still prepared, baking, brewing and curing goes on for a fortnight. In Dalarna juniper and fir branches are chopped and strewn on the floor. In Halland salmon is cured with salt and dill. In Skane a cake made of sugar and 100 eggs is turned and turned on a spit over glowing wood ashes. In Västmanland, Christmas wreaths are made of twisted golden straw. Every county has its own traditional customs which have not been allowed to die out. At last Christmas Eve arrives. Children and grandchildren gather in the old homes. They often travel more than 24 hours to spend Christmas in the family circle. They come with mysterious parcels in their trunks and suit cases. The children feel excitement in the air. All over the house there is a rustling of tissue paper and smell of sealing wax. More or less poetical verse is written on the parcels.

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"Come and dip," the mother of the family calls, and there is a rush to the kitchen. "Happy Christmas!" "Happy Christmas!" we wish one another. The table is spread with many kinds of bread. The table is wheaten, hard and crisp, plain and spiced. There is a pile of plates. The candles are all lit. There is a go with our bread and dip it into the big cauldrons which are simmering on the hearth, fish it out when it is hot and soft and soaked in gravy, and that is the beginning of our feasting.

At dinner time the table is decked with three-branched candles and little straw rams and red elves called "Jultomar." Stockfish is handed round with mustard sauce and Christmas ale froths in the pewter tankards. Rice porridge comes next with cinnamon and burnt sugar. We all watch the dish as each takes a helping—there is a hidden almond and the one who gets it will be married within the year, or at least win on the next lottery! Birds and beasts have their share of Christmas feasting: sheaves are put out on either side of the front gates for the fowls of the air and horses, cattle, sheep and goats, and even pigs, are given extra rations. In Norrland the farmers go round themselves and repeat "To-night is Christmas Eve," as they fill the mangers and troughs. There are still places where a wooden bowl with rice porridge and milk and a pat of butter is put out for the local elf who watches over home and harvest; it still happens that one may see his little red cap disappearing round the corner if one should surprise him at his meal. The bowl is always empty when one fetches it. One cannot tell whether the cat or the dog or the elf has gobbled up the pudding.

"Are you ready, children? Then we will put out the lights," says the mother, and the children, who have been living in expectation ever since last Christmas, stand in the dark with their eyes open waiting for the doors into the big room to be flung wide. "The Christmas tree, hurrah!" The children blink, the candles flicker, the delicious fir tree scent fills the room, the children are enchanted and dazzled by the sudden brightness. "The tree has never been so beautiful as it is this year," they all think. Underneath are lying a heap of parcels all packed and sealed. There are apples and pears and other fruit on big silver trays. Red wortleberry juice and sticky golden punch in bright jugs and glasses reflect the candle light.

All together sing a Christmas hymn, and then they take hands and dance in a ring round the tree, singing. Mamma plays the tune, and papa leads the long dance in and out from room to room between the chairs and tables back to the tree again, and then they all play Christmas games. On a special table there is a pile of cakes and sweets for each and all, and behind each pile a small three-branched candle, and in the centre the parents' larger one. These are a symbol of the Holy Trinity.

There is a knock at the door. "Come in! Come in!" says mamma, and opens the door. In comes the Christmas goat with rough fur and big horns. Last Christmas it was the friendly elf who came with a big sack on his back, but this time it is the goat who fetches out the presents from under the tree and distributes them. "Pooh! I know it is papa," the youngest boy shouts, but looks shyly up at the intruder! When all the parcels have been unpacked amidst joyful shouts, the goat has disappeared and papa is sitting in his usual place and reads the

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rhyme aloud, with pauses for refreshments. The candles on the tree burn low and go out one by one. Even Christmas Eve comes to an end at last. "Thank you, kind papa and mamma, for a happy day." "Thank you, Soon there is silence in the house, but the night is short. The first service in church, but the night is 5 a.m. The churches are crammed with people, some who only come on this occasion in the whole year. There are lights lit in every window along the dark streets, and in the country one sees them twinkling in the far away lonely cottages as one drives past. The sleigh bells peal merrily from the depths of the snow-bound forests. White nets are fastened to the harness—they protect the passengers in the sleighs from the snow kicked up by the horses. The whips crack and the torch light makes strange moving shadows on the snow drifts. As more sleighs approach the church they advance slowly in a long line. The half-burnt torches are flung into a flaming, smoking bonfire at the door, the horses are unharnessed and led into the church stables. In many far away villages the peasants still wear local costumes and the old women's faces peer out from black silk kerchiefs tied under their chins. Outside the naked birch trees glitter with rime, but the low white stone church is full of candle light.

From Christmas to New Year there is feasting and merriment. On New Year's Eve the candles on the tree are lit, and again on 12th night. Christmas comes but once a year, but in Sweden it lasts longer than anywhere else.

MORAL WELFARE WORK

May I call the attention of readers of THE GUIDER to a scheme for training assistant matrons for moral welfare work?

This training lasts at least eight months, and in some cases considerably longer, according to the capacities and needs of the applicant. The trainee gives her services in return for tuition and receives pocket money, generally 5s. per week. The training for everyone includes eight months in three types of homes to gain insight into the practical side of the work. As a student she will work with the house, kitchen and laundry matron in turn, but will not have full responsibility in any department.

Where necessary a preliminary period of training is arranged. Suitable candidates may enter for a certificate of the Central Council for Women's Church Work, which entails, beside the practical training, a written examination in Old and New Testament and Apostles' Creed, for which coaching and time for study is arranged.

There is a very urgent need for trained assistant matrons in homes of various kinds: these include children's homes for assaulted or neglected children; shelters which are temporary homes till suitable employment or a vacancy in a training home can be obtained; the training home for the difficult adolescent, or the girl who has drifted into an undisciplined immoral life, sometimes wilfully, but sometimes through no fault of her own, because she has come from a bad home or been in undesirable surroundings. The maternity home, or mother and baby hostel, where the unmarried mother is nursed and cared for, and helped to realise that though a sin has been committed she can be helped to live rightly and happily in the future and care for her child. To these homes most girls come voluntarily, though some are committed through the Courts. They find a real welcome, often they have not known what real home life is, they find in the "family" a place of security, it has its traditions, they train to be honourable, to speak the truth (not at all easy at first) and to play the game. Finally, the real secret is the spiritual training, the simple daily prayers, learning something of the reality of the Love of God shown sometimes through the selflessness and endless patience of the workers who are trying to lead, not force, them to live rightly. If any readers would like to know more of the work, The Secretary, The Church of England Advisory Board for Moral Welfare Work, Morton's Tower, Lambeth Palace, S.E.1, or I, will gladly reply to any enquiries. A salaried post at the end of training (£45-£52) would be available.

The work is tremendously worth while.

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SPEJDERSKOLEN of DENMARK

by
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IN one of the loveliest parts of Denmark, among the little hills and wide woods of Fyen—the middle island of the three main pieces of land which make up Denmark—is a house called "Spejderskolen," which translated literally means "the scout school." This is a practical and modern school of household training, the centre of Guide activity, and the home of the Chief Guide of Denmark all in one.

It is run like a complete Guide company, with the Chief (Frk. Elizabeth Flagstad) as Captain, the Souschef (Countess Haugwitz) as Lieutenant, and four Patrol Leaders who are the specially qualified expert teachers in cooking and housework, dressmaking and gymnastics. All the work of a household of between twenty and thirty people is done by two teams which change places each week; one cooks and serves the food, the other cleans and launders.

Everyone wears Guide uniform, for each pupil must be a Guide while she is at the school, even if she has not previously joined. This means that a weekly supply of drill uniforms must be got up beautifully by Sunday; and not only the uniforms but also the green knotted neckerchiefs and white lanyards which all Danish "blue" Guides wear. Very amusing it is to see the laundry team searching hopefully in the uniform pockets for a forgotten pin, or one of the detachable buttons left on by mistake, for tradition has it that the culprit, whoever she may be, must go at once to "baker Hansen" and buy a specially delicious kind of cake for each of the "washerwomen" as a peace offering!

As well as household management in all its branches the pupils learn many languages, first aid, gardening, sewing, handicrafts, and various hobbies. Once a week there is always a camp fire with acting and singing; and on many days walks or cycle tours. The whole training course takes a year, which makes it like a dream come



*Guides at Work
in the Guide
School.*

true of the captain who sighs at the end of ten days camp, "If only I had them longer. Just as they are getting into things it is time to go home!"

Strange it seems to write of "camp" and remember the flower-filled rooms and pretty bedrooms, each one fitted with central heating; yet the life is as far as possible, even in winter, the free camp life that all Guides love. How can this be? The answer is first in the "stemning," as the Danes call it, a word which can only be translated clumsily in English by "atmosphere" or "Guide spirit"; and in the appreciation of outdoor things, such appreciation as drove the whole company off to the forests one January day in the middle of winter . . .

It was early morning when it was discovered the ground was buried under a great fall of snow. It covered the fields and was nailed firmly onto the branches of the trees by the hard frost which refused to yield even to the sunshine of a glorious day. Eyes strayed through the windows of Spejderskolen to where the far fir forests could be seen stiffly holding their white burdens. Looking was not sufficient—at any rate, all the house jobs were finished at half-past nine! And the cooks prepared nothing but a vast hunters stew to be left simmering on the fire, while the house was abandoned for the day.

Out towards the sea, and back by the forest paths, on

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is or in great boots, went pupils and staff (or more truly leaders and Patrols) to crunch in the snow, to explore where it was balanced overhead like puffs of cotton wool; to voyage through the long white glades where they would come to find the first anemones of spring; and to return home at last across the low hills set about with thatched and timbered farms; to devour that wonderful stew! This was a true camp day, even though the ground was frozen hard and the ruddy winter sun dipped its colours almost before there was time to give him a salute; and ever at Spejderskolen is this feeling of camp freedom, in spite of the efficiency of a most practical training course.

Spejderskolen is in Denmark but international in character. It has the warmest welcome for folk of other lands (as I have proved coming from far Tasmania and being privileged to help in the school for many months). At present it numbers pupils not only from the other Scandinavian countries, but from England, Siam, and the West Indian Isle of St. Thomas. An English Guide feels at once at home, for though she may know no word of Danish, she soon discovers that most Danes speak English, and many of them fluently.

So much more could be told about Spejderskolen than space allows. I can only conclude by advising any Guide to go there who wants to gain a real grasp of practical household knowledge, combined with all the fun of Guide activities. She will discover a wealth of new interests and the joy of practical help and delightful comradeship. The same words might be written over the door of Spejderskolen as over the entrance to Foxlease:—

"Not chance of birth or place has made us friends,
Being oftentimes of different tongues and nations;
But the endeavour for the selfsame ends
With the same hopes and fears and aspirations."

TURNING PHOTOGRAPHY INTO A HOBBY

(8) MAKING YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

By JOHN J. CURTIS.

WELL, here you are with the December issue of THE GUIDER in your possession, which means that the most wonderful season of the year is fast approaching. It is the time when everything seems bright and everybody seems happy, and I love to think that this is because we are all striving to do some really good turn, putting aside all thoughts of self and thinking of what we can do for others, therefore we send out presents and greetings to our friends, many of whom, perhaps, we have not seen for quite a long time, but we do not want them to think that we have forgotten them.

Perhaps some of those friends were with you in camp or hiking, it would be fun to send them a little reminder of those days. You hunt through the holiday negatives

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again to see if there is not one that will bring back to their minds those warm sunny days on the beach, bathing or playing, or the hike in the woods, or even that group of the Guides in front of the marquee.

Yes, let us get some gaslight prints made, we can easily do them by reading again the article in the June issue of THE GUIDER, "Making Your Own Prints." We have had so much to do since we made some prints that we might make a mistake and it won't hurt us to re-read the instructions.

There is a wonderful selection of Christmas mounts in most of the dealers' shops, and they are not at all expensive, but I only recommend these to those of my readers who cannot spare the time to make their own mounts. I much prefer to do the whole thing myself, to buy some full-size sheets of, say, two different tints of brown or grey, one to be a lighter colour than the other and thinner, in fact the light colour should be on thin paper and the darker should be a fairly thick card. The grey is for your black and white and the brown for those prints which you have toned a sepia colour.

Let us assume that we are going to mount a sepia print and the size of it is 3 in. by 2 in. upright: cut a piece of the card 6 in. by 3½ in.; now cut a piece of the thin paper 3½ in. by 2½ in. and mount your print on this so that you have ¼ in. of the paper showing on all sides. Now carefully lay this on the piece of card in such a position that you will have ¾ in. at the top, ½ in. on each side, and 1½ in. at the bottom; when you see this I am sure you will like the style, because it leaves a space sufficient for a title or greeting; there is no reason why you should not have a bigger card if you so wish, or if you desire to write a verse or couplet underneath the print, but try to keep more or less to the proportions which I have given, whether you are using small or large pictures. In the case of horizontal, or as they are sometimes termed, landscape shape prints, it is a good plan to have the top margin about half the depth of the bottom and the side ones three-quarters the depth of the bottom. You will quickly recognise that there is a correct balance in these margins which, if followed, will add to the charm of the picture, but remember, never mount the print exactly in the centre because it will have the appearance of falling out at the bottom. All this, however, will alter if it is your intention to mount a small calendar at the foot, for then you must have a bigger card to start with and have more space at the bottom.

Have you ever tried to write a title with white ink? Well, if not, just get a bottle of Johnson's from a dealer and try it with an ordinary pen nib or a fine brush, it is admirable stuff for your cards and very pretty little designs can be made with it, but do not attempt anything big or elaborate in the way of design, always keep to the simple, then you will not detract from the actual picture, which after all is the main point of interest. A few straight lines ruled in varying thicknesses will suffice with many prints, and a seascape is greatly improved by one or two wavy lines drawn just beneath the print.

I am sorry that space will not permit me to go further with this most interesting subject, but there is one other piece of advice which I must give you, and that is, do not use any ordinary kind of paste in your photographic work; do buy a proper photographic mountant and then you can be sure that your pictures will always keep their colour and remain good.

"TYRLEY TYRLOW"*

* The Oxford Carol Book notes that this should be pronounced "Tyrol-y"

CAROLS AND CAROL SINGING

EVERYONE loves singing Carols, but there are still all sorts of mistakes and vague ideas about the whole subject, and a good way to find out what a Carol really is, is to think over how Carols, i.e., definitely Christmas Carols, came into being.

Hundreds of years ago St. Francis of Assisi was going to a little Italian village for Christmas. On his way there he was worrying about a new idea which was creeping into the Christian Church, that everything material was wrong and only things of the spirit could be right. As he travelled along he had a very bright idea, and when he arrived at Assisi he arranged for an ox and an ass and a manger and everything that was necessary to show a living picture of the first Christmas, to be arranged in the church, so that when the villagers came on Christmas morning they would actually see the scene of the Christmas story there before their eyes.

This was a great success and was the beginning of the Christmas crib which is seen in many of our churches to-day at Christmas time. Here, too, were sung the first Christmas Carols, for we are told that the villagers and monks lifted up their voices in spontaneous and joyful thankfulness for the wonderful Christmas happenings which they now saw so plainly before their eyes.

Out of this simple tableau grew the popular Mystery Plays dealing with the events of Christmas.

They were performed on travelling stages like those of the modern Punch and Judy show, only, of course, very much larger and lower, but still divided in the middle by the stage under which, covered by a curtain, the performers dressed. The Punch and Judy of to-day are said to be the relics of the Pontius Pilate and Judas Iscariot of the old Miracle Plays.

At these performances, between the scenes, the players went backwards and forwards across their stage singing Carols which had some bearing on what had just gone before. Sometimes they mingled with the audience and led it out into the road singing and praising God.

These Carols became very popular indeed and it is said that an audience beat the players because there were not enough Carols to please them.

Carols eventually came to be sung without the plays and have been so sung ever since, except during a sad time in the seventeenth century when all Carol singing was forbidden and when even Christmas Day was ordered to be kept as a fast day if it fell upon a Friday. In fact, Christmas Day was at one time forbidden to be celebrated at all, so naturally Carol singing did not flourish. Later, Carols gradually came into their own again and in recent years there has been a great revival of the art.

People forgot that the word *carol* was connected with dancing as well as singing, and therefore they often fail to grasp the correct pace and style of some Carols. Dancing has always been connected with singing, in church as elsewhere.

It is easy to see that Carols are something quite apart from the ordinary Christmas hymn and from the ordinary part song. Sung at first by simple village folk who had been touched and made joyful by the scenes of the Mystery Plays, the real Carol has a curiously beautiful freshness and reality about it and real Carols through the ages have kept a spirit of simplicity and joy. It is easy to see from some of them how quite everyday homely scenes were used by the people to express their love and thankfulness. Three ships, the holly and ivy, the moon, all the natural things of everyday life were taken and made to express the Christmas joy.

Guides are not allowed to make up Carol singing parties for door to door collections. It would be a pity, however, not to sing any Carols together, but wherever you sing them do see that they are suitable in every way. Do not choose one which must be sung in full harmony to be really effective, though a real Carol should be complete in its melody alone. One would not, for instance, choose quite the same Carols for a service in church as one might for a Guide party. Terrible things are done in the name of some Carol parties; they are not properly prepared, really bad Carols of the sentimental, mawkish part-song type are often sung (this kind are often very difficult and not worth the time spent on them), and things are so often not reverently done. We can all think of horrors we have endured in this connection.

Some of the old Carols may seem strange at first because the melodies are in the old modes or scales, of which there are eight, and these are not much like our major and minor scales of to-day. If old tunes seem strange at first they grow upon one and the more one sings and plays them the more one understands and loves them. Bad tunes played again and again always sicken one in the end. Many of the old Carol tunes we already know as folk dances.

In THE GUIDER of December, 1931, there is a detailed description of a successful Carol Rally which was carried out in Lancashire some time ago, when every company in a Division learnt a Carol to be sung by that company only, and also some others which were to be sung by the whole Division. A District is just as good, perhaps better.

Having chosen your Carols give each captain, as early as possible, a copy of both words and music of everything her company is to sing. They can then practise them at company meetings. The conductor-to-be could then go round once to each company to explain the general idea and to give a few hints on the rendering of the Carols. Nearer the time, much larger practices of several companies together could be held. These would be, as far as possible, exact rehearsals of what was really to happen on the day, so that everything should go smoothly at the rally. It is generally possible to find or hire cheaply a hall large enough to hold the District and its parents and friends.

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It would be well for the conductor to give a short
 possible on the Carols and what Carols really are.
 a bird's-eye view of the subject and enough to set
 ideas moving and to convince the audience that
 they may hear in the name of Carol is very far from
 programme Carols which will stand criticism and give
 nothing which is not in the nature of a true Carol.
 It would be interesting to have, if possible, one Carol
 peculiar to the county.

It is better to provide printed papers of the words for
 the night itself because it is much nicer if the audience
 can take part, but be sure to obtain permission from all
 owners of copyright to reprint. The printing is usually
 an inexpensive matter and both this and the cost
 of the hall could almost certainly be paid for by every
 guide paying one penny into a general fund for this
 purpose.

To suggest a more Guide-like plan, why not have a
 collection at the rally (to be announced before-hand), the
 proceeds of which would go to some deserving charity,
 or Carol singers for help for blinded soldiers and has
 founded a Carol League for this purpose.

Above all, do not make it a matter of competition
 amongst the companies, e.g., a prize for the best sung
 Carol; and leave company and District funds out of the
 running, too. Let it be a real rally according to the
 right definition; a re-uniting, a pulling together of the
 whole District in the achieving of something beautiful
 and worth doing with no thought of ourselves whatever.

SUITABLE COLLECTIONS.

- New Carol Leaflet published at H.Q. Price 3d.
- Oxford Carol Book. Oxford University Press. 6s.
- Words only 1s. 6d. Most carols in this book can be
 bought separately at 1½d. each.
- English Carol Book. Books 1 and 2. Mowbray, Ltd.
 2s. 6d. each.
- Cowley Carol Books. Mowbray, Ltd. Books 1 and 2.
 2s. each.
- Cambridge Carol Book. S.P.C.K. 3s. 6d.

M. A. SIMS.

VERONICA ERSKINE

VERONICA ERSKINE died on Sunday, November
 17th. And with the thought of her have come
 persistently those words from the Book of Wisdom :
*"The just shall shine, and shall run to and fro like sparks
 among the reeds."*

An ardent, alive personality; eager to seize an idea, to
 set out on an adventure, ready to lead others to the
 Something that held romance for her—that must have been
 the young Veronica, Patrol Leader in Scotland's first
 company of Girl Guides. That was before we knew her,
 but she used to speak of those early days before Guiding
 became an "Organisation."

Captain; Commissioner; Member of the Catholic Girl
 Guides Advisory Committee; the first Head of Sea Guides
 (this was after her period of War Service as an Officer
 in the W.R.N.S.); Diploma'd Guider; and one of the

most brilliant speakers in the Movement—we have seen
 Veronica in all these roles. To her they were merely a
 means of serving others, and she gave her whole energy
 to each work as it came along, never making herself an
 official, but always keeping the human relationship between
 herself and those who came her way, from the children
 in her companies, to the oldest of her Commissioners.
 But the secret of her success—and by success I do not
 mean as the World counts success, but the power she
 undoubtedly possessed of giving inspiration and encour-
 agement in her individual dealing with others—the secret
 of that lay in the motive behind all her work.

She would say sometimes that the "Service" of itself
 was nothing, a barren thing. It was the *motive* behind the
 Service that mattered.

Her faith shone through everything she did. And it
 was *there* she found the motive she had sought for long
 ago in her eager way—the motive of the Love of God.
 People felt it, not knowing why they felt it. But when
 someone was wanted to speak on the "first Guide
 Promise" of "duty to God," it was "Miss Erskine"
 who would be asked; and she never failed to give the
 inspiration needed; or to show in her clear, definite way
 that First Things must come first.

It was the same motive that gave her an extraordinary
 courage in face of bad health and physical pain. It is
 perhaps too intimate a subject to write of here—enough
 to say that under the light-hearted exterior of one who
 never lost her youthful joy in things, lay a soul whose
 faith had taught her how to suffer.

Veronica gave up her Commissionership in the Guides
 only this year. She had kept it through the difficult
 time of London reorganisation, so that all might be
 handed over in good order to her successor. But for
 some years there had been a work which drew her more
 than Guiding. She had attached herself to a certain
 Catholic hostel which takes in women in desperate need,
 ex-prisoners and others—whatever their creed.

The last time I saw her she told me that she had been
 appointed Catholic visitor to the Women's Prison at
 Holloway. It had been the height of her ambition.

God has surely accepted the will for the deed. . . .

FFLORENS ROCH.

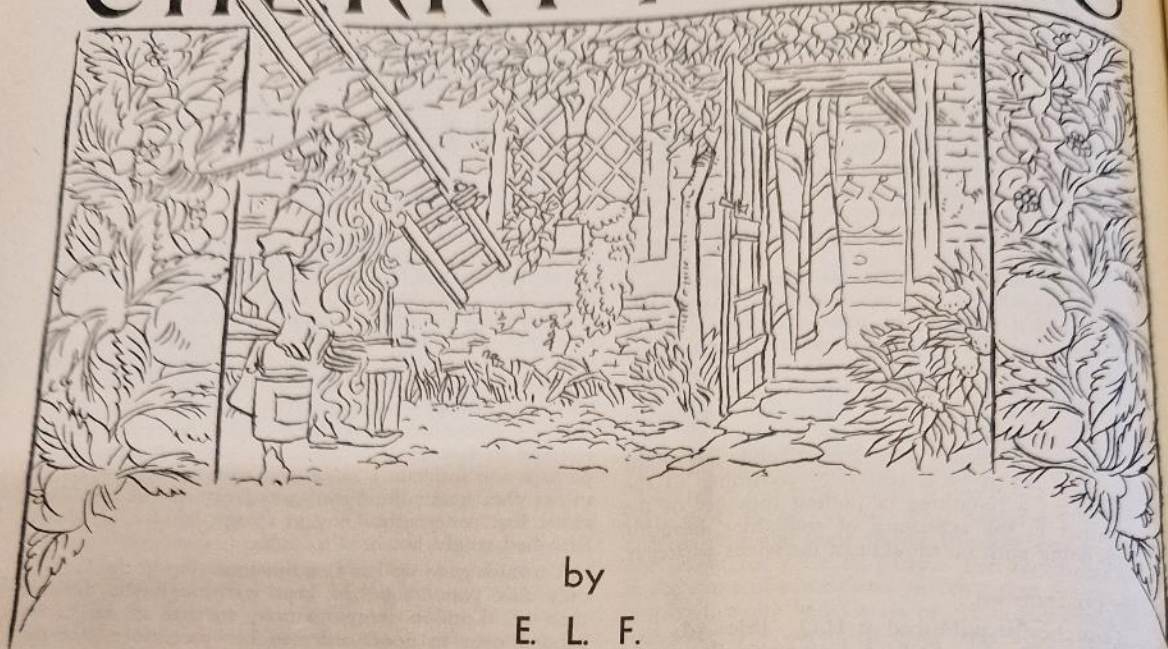
VIGNETTE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

By FLORENCE RIPLEY MASTIN.

Now when the leaf is etched upon the pane
 In exquisite remembrance of green days
 And, pricked with frost, the shriveled apple lays
 Its dark branch on the roof against the rain;
 When lighted candles lift their golden peaks
 Into the shadows of the ancient house
 Where creeps for carnival the meadow mouse,
 And in the rising wind a shutter creaks,—

It is most welcome to the traveller
 In time and space, to close and bar the door,
 Only to see the hearth fire shift and stir,
 Only to hear the cricket in the floor,—
 And honeysuckle at the window blowing
 A fainter music now that it is snowing.

CHERRY-APPLES



by
E. L. F.

ONCE upon a time there was a Gnome, a cheery little man with long white beard, rosy cheeks and two blue eyes brim-full of laughter. He had built a little house in a dell all among the ivy and ferns. Just below it there ran a mountain stream. Softly it sang to him all the summer and he loved to sit and listen after his day's work was done. Even in the winter, when the stream was inclined to get rough and noisy, he was never afraid, as his little house stood well above the flood line. For many years he had lived alone, a busy, useful life, but he wanted to settle down and he determined to find a wife.

He thought about her a great deal, as he sat in the evenings listening to the singing stream. She must be small as himself, with rosy cheeks to match his. He hoped she would wear a nice stiff white apron and perhaps a little white cap, with frilly bits all round her face.

Now the dell where the Gnome had his house was on the direct air-route between the palace and the town. When he wanted stores he would hang out a little red lantern, and the dragonfly would hover for a minute as it flew over, take the message and bring the order on the return flight. Sometimes he did jobs for the palace: nothing was too difficult, nor too much trouble. He would mend umbrellas, sole shoes, thread beads, cane chairs and even fetch magic possets and potions from the wise-woman-who-lived-further-up-the-dell. The dragonfly left the job as he passed and when it was ready the Gnome would hang out the lantern.

Now sometimes there were passengers on the air-mail! So as soon as he had decided to settle down with a wife, the Gnome put out his red lantern and waited. When the dragonfly arrived he hurried out to look at the passengers, but the first day there were none, so he gave a small order and went in again. Day after day he stopped the mail to look for a wife, but without success. Many very pretty airy, fairy folk he saw, but none of them for him.

He became so saddened by his repeated disappointments that the laughter went out of his eyes, and his work was no longer a pleasure to him. At last he went, on his own account, to the wise-woman-who-lived-further-up-the-dell. She was very pleased to see him and listened to his tale of woe. Not one word did she say, but she went to a dark corner and opened a cupboard and brought him one small pip.

"Plant this, three paces to the south of your house," she said. "Then think no more about it. Occupy your mind and hands in other matters. Remember, never let anything lie wasting."

The Gnome took the pip and thanked her very much and went home exceedingly puzzled. Of course, he planted the pip at once, just as he had been told to do, "three paces to the south of the house," and then he couldn't think what to do with himself. His eyes and his thoughts kept wandering to the spot where lay his newly planted pip. He went to bed at his usual hour,

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but could not get to sleep. As he lay awake he made up his mind that he would paint the whole of his house inside and out, so that it should be ready for his wife, and he fell asleep, thinking out his order for the air-mail.

Very early next morning the Gnome was up. He wrote out an order for paints and brushes, lighted his lantern and put it out for the dragon-fly. It was then he noticed a little seedling where he had planted the pip. All that morning the Gnome found it very hard not to watch the little seedling, as he had nothing to do until the paints arrived. At lunch he decided to wash down the wood-work before he put on the new paint. He was soon busy with water and flannel and was quite surprised when the mail arrived with his order. It was then he noticed that his seedling had grown into a tiny tree, with baby buds on it nearly ready to open. Long on his painting and the inside was nearly done before the tree was a mass of lovely pink flowers. He finished the indoor painting and went to bed very late and slept very well indeed that night.

Next morning he took all the painting things outside to do the doors and windows. It was then that he noticed the tree had lost all the pink flowers and was covered with little round red cherry-apples.

The Gnome worked hard with the outside painting and it was all finished by tea-time. So he took in the tins and cleaned the brushes, and put all the things away neatly. Then he put on the kettle for a cup of tea. It was then that he noticed all the lovely little red cherry-apples lying on the ground at the foot of the tree. He was terribly distressed, as he had so hoped that his wife would have seen them. Then he remembered the wise-woman had said: "Never let anything lie wasting." So he went in and took a white basin off his new painted shelf, and he picked up all the little apples and brought them in, saying to himself, "I will make some cherry-apple jelly for my wife."

As the kettle was boiling he put the basin of apples on the table, made his tea and then pulled up one of the big arm-chairs to the fire, filled and lighted his pipe and very soon dropped off to sleep!

Nobody knows how long he slept. He woke up from a beautiful dream to find the fire crackling merrily in the grate, the lamp lighted on the table and the

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dearest, littlest old woman, with rosy cheeks and a stiff white apron, and a dear little white cap with frilly bits all round her face, asking him if he was ready for his supper. He was so pleased that he jumped up and gave her two big kisses, one for each rosy cheek. Then they sat down to supper and have lived happily ever since.



They had to buy a new white basin because the one with the apples had vanished away and the wise-woman-who-lived-further-up-the-dell has never been seen up there since.

THE LONDON SWIMMING GALA

Another All London Swimming Gala is over! Saturday, October 26th, proved as successful and entertaining as in previous years.

The only great disappointment was not having our new County President, The Marchioness of Reading, with us to present the Mark Kerr, was not able to be present, but our County Commissioner, Mrs. the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, stepped in, and judging by the tremendous reception she received, her presence was much appreciated and welcomed.

London Rangers formed a Guard of Honour, and many distinguished guests came, including Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, Mrs. Paget, Miss Lee Baker and Mrs. Janson Potts. We especially welcomed our Overseas Sister Guides, many came to spend the evening with us, amongst them Mlle. Yvonne Quénod, Assistant to the Guider-in-charge of "Our Chalet."

At the end we received a most inspiring message from our County Commissioner, saying how sorry she was not to be there, as she was then abroad, and wishing us all success.

Our President also sent a delightful letter which was read to us. Our thoughts were full of sympathy when we knew that her absence was caused through the illness of Lord Reading. She said how pleased she was to be the President of London and how much she wished she could show her interest in Guiding by being present. A message of regret and sympathy was sent to her from everyone.

Mrs. Tufton spoke to us and thanked all the people on whom the success of the Gala depended, and in giving praise to the winning Divisions she also gave great encouragement to the less successful ones. She then asked Miss Baden-Powell to give away the trophies.

The judges, timekeepers and the London Swimming Committee deserve a special word of thanks for a gala which went through without a single hitch.

If there is anything which is packed tighter than sardines it would describe the gallery at the Westminster Baths on Saturday, October 26th, 1935! However, that did anything but damp the ardour of the audience, and if wild applause means anything, we judge that the evening must have been a great success!

The results were as follows:—

GUIDE CUP.—1st, Ilford; 2nd, East Central; 3rd, Lewisham; 4th, Shoreditch.
RANGER CUP.—1st, Walthamstow; 2nd, West Wandsworth; 3rd, East Central; 4th, Hampstead.
GUIDERS' CUP.—1st, East Central; 2nd, Hammersmith; 3rd, Lewisham; 4th, St. Pancras.

J. M. R.

A YARN

FORTY miles from London, one mile from a town, and a quarter-of-a-mile from the main road, a lake that seems to have been transplanted whole and complete from some remote part of Canada.

The following is a true account of what took place during two consecutive mornings on the shores of this water, which is not half-an-hour's walk from—but never mind where, just yet.

The lake is thickly weed-grown at the edges and large tracks of reed and rush reach far across it, but there are big spaces of open water and many little creeks and flashets which make wonderful hiding places for duck.

The other day on my way to the lake I met the keeper and he told me, amongst other things, that grey squirrel were fewer, the foxes and the badger were still there, and lately a wild deer had been seen.

I approached my favourite part of the shore quietly. One leaves the track, walks through tall bracken, then a belt of high overgrown rhododendrons, and reaches a little clearing at the water's edge. Rhododendrons all round, thick sphagnum moss underfoot, a little birch tree to the right drooping over the water, and a fringe of reed. Yellow loose-trife and marsh, St. John's wort in profusion.

I had not very long settled down when I heard a splash close by. Almost at once another splash and there was a kingfisher flying away over the lake. He turned in a wide curve and came straight towards me, perched a few feet away on a low bough of the little birch, and began a busy preening of his feathers! Soon he flew off, hovered over the water, fell with a splash to catch a fish, and flew off towards the end of the lake. I have never been so near a kingfisher before and never expect to be again.

A pair of carrion crows were making a noise and squirrels were chattering when I heard a peculiar whirring sound and something fell close beside me. It rose with another whirr and settled on a leaf. It was a red dragonfly in the act of changing its skin! Its tail was just emerging from the old skin's head while the rest of the discarded skin was held between the legs of the dragonfly. The old skin's wings were still perfect, how *do* the new wings emerge? The dragonfly exercised them slowly up and down, and presently flew off, still clinging to its discarded skin and looking like a dragonfly and its tangible reflection flying about together!

On the way home I walked right round the lake past the foxes earth and through bracken eight feet tall, keeping a look-out for deer tracks, but none were found.

Next day I started down to the lake earlier than usual. I approached the water quietly and immediately caught sight of a brown form on the far side of the lake about 150 yards away. It raised its head and flicked its ears, a deer! When it resumed feeding, swiftly and quietly I went on to my usual observation post, crept between the bushes, crouching low. There opposite me, feeding in the reeds, were two deer, the stag and doe! I watched them for half-an-hour. They occasionally raised their heads and looked round, then continued to feed, moving further out towards the middle of the lake as they went through the reeds. The stag decided it was time to go

and turned towards the shore followed by the doe. They moved through the rhododendrons bordering the lake and vanished. I followed the trail with my eyes a little way, but all to be seen was faintly nodding bracken tips to say "Thus was —"

Then a heron rose (that must have been there all the time!) and flew away.

The kingfisher sped up and down past me all the morning and fish jumped and the crows flew over, doing gymnastics in the air as they went along.

But after that the lake seemed empty, big clouds and a changing light made patterns on the water and the quite was intense.

Time to go home, and I walked slowly towards the head of the lake. Just where the path turns away and really leaves this enchanted spot, I heard the kingfisher's whistle, close by. There he came calling as he flew, hovered, fell, caught a fish, and again flew to a branch quite near me. The fish swallowed, an elaborate toilet was gone through again before the next long flight. Is this particular kingfisher unshy or only unobservant, I wondered as I made my way homewards.

What a morning!

And all this happened on two consecutive mornings in September, 1935, not half-a-mile away from—but can you guess?

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING TRAILS AND "THE GUIDE"

There are only a few days left now before the Christmas Stocking Trails on December 7th, and I expect many of the Guiders who read this letter will be absolutely "up to the eyes" in preparations. Thank you, one and all, for the work you have put in.

The routes of many of the Trails have appeared in *THE GUIDE* of November 23rd and 30th, but judging by the many rumours I have heard there are many more Trails taking place besides those mentioned in the paper. I do admit that I am very sorry that *all* organisers have not sent in their trail routes for publication. I think they would if they realised how thrilled the children are to see themselves in print. After all, these trails are very particularly the children's effort, though we make the preparations, and we can all remember that when we were young we should have been bitterly disappointed to see what someone else was going to do printed in our very own paper, and no mention of ourselves though we were making just as big an effort to do the nice thing and do it well.

Through *THE GUIDE* we can turn all the separate Trails into one great big one in the children's minds, which is so very much more exciting than lots of separate, individual ones, but there are a lot of missing links this year.

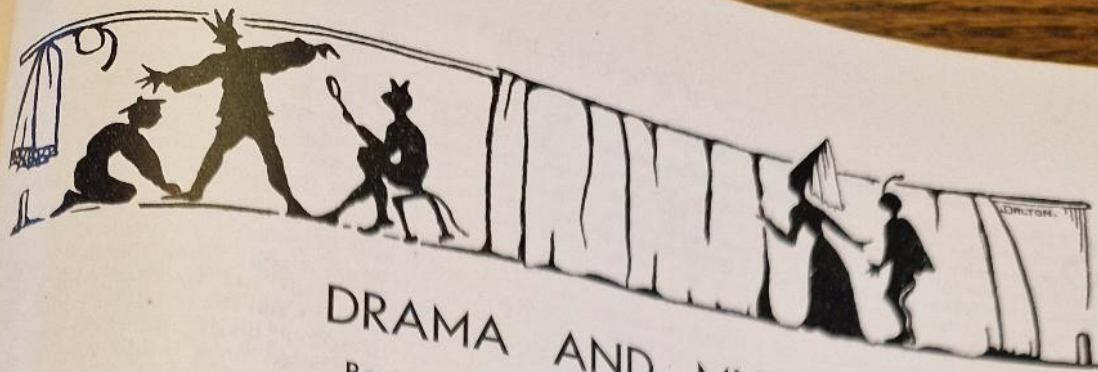
May I ask you all to keep more closely in touch with the paper your Brownies, Guides and Rangers read? It really will be worth your while for your sake as well as your company or pack. There are so many jolly things happening *because* of *THE GUIDE* and so many useful things *in* *THE GUIDE*.

Did you, for instance, collect the sets for the "Distinguishing Marks" game which appeared in June, July, and August; the Test Game which followed on after that, and are you collecting the pictures of uniforms for the International Game which are appearing every week at the present time? All these games are very much used and strongly recommended by the Trainers.

Are you bringing your Guides to the Christmas "Ring of Adventurers" on December 14th? Space is limited so only those Guides who have received a ticket of admittance by applying for it from *THE GUIDE* will be able to come. There *may* still be a very few tickets left when you see this letter, so if you want to come and bring your Guides, write *at once*.

With all good wishes for Christmas.

"CAPTAIN" OF *THE GUIDE*.



DRAMA AND MUSIC

Reviewed by Mrs. ERIC STREATFEILD

English Costume of the Later Middle Ages. Miss Brooke. (A. & C. Black, Ltd. 6s.) Drawn and described by

Miss Brooke's new book on costume is as attractive and interesting as her others, now to be found in libraries of most play-producers, artists and writers who want reliable and vivid information on the subject. Teachers of history, too, will find them useful, for much of the economic and social history of England is expressed in an amusing and interesting way by dress.

The beginning of the fourteenth century saw the feudal system at its strongest, with noble and serf, totally differently arrayed, at either end of the social scale. In those days a man's position in life was easily placed by his clothes. Towards the end of the century, however, the gradual decay of the system began, and with it the slow disintegration of class distinctions in dress, a process which has not ceased to this day. The tailor and dressmaker were then, as they are now, as sensitive as weathercocks to the nation's fortunes.

The gay coloured illustrations, which are many, are carefully and distinctly drawn from the point of view of the costume maker, but they are also portraits of live people, and would therefore be helpful to an unusual degree in making young actors realise and live their parts. The book is beautifully produced and cheap at 6s.

Uniform with this:—

English Costume of the Age of Elizabeth.

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English Costume of the 17th, 18th, 19th Century. (Three volumes.)

The Amateur Actor. By Frances Mackenzie. (Nelson. 2s. 6d.)

The author of this book will be known to many Guiders for she is the organising director of the Drama Schools of the British Drama League which many of us attend in different parts of England.

The book is full of sound commonsense and practical advice. Miss Mackenzie has worked amongst professionals; she knows the immense energy and hard work that lies behind the apparently casual performances one sees in the real theatre; but she knows also that the acting of amateurs has a value and freshness of its own, and that a great deal of the essential technique can be self-taught. She gives a set of exercises at the end of the book that should be amusing and useful, and for us, an excellent way to discover talent in the company. "The amateur must work harder," she very rightly says; that is where he should imitate the professional rather than in the superficial tricks of the trade.

An excellent and cheap book, strongly recommended to Guiders and Rangers.

Practical Miming. By M. Gertrude Pickersgill. (Pitman. 5s.)

Many Guiders are finding in mime a form of acting that the shyest and most tongue-tied member of a company can enjoy, and, properly dressed and produced, that she can make an audience enjoy. This book by an experienced producer is written in simple language, with diagrams and illustrations that do not discourage by their elaboration. It is the fashion to dramatise lessons; to act the history, the geography, even the sums. It certainly is a good way to vitalize a dry fact and implant it in the memory. But apart from its educational value mime

is a delightful way to use the ballads, stories, legends and fables that are to be found in our literature. A mime is a useful acting game and at the same time it can be elaborated to a charming and popular item in a concert.

Guiders when trying their hand at this particular form of dramatic art would do well to read this book.

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Our Empire's Story Told in Pictures.

Woolworth. 3d. each.

These remarkably cheap and reliable little books are invaluable to the producers of period plays and pageants. The costumes are correct; the antiquities are reproduced by the kind permission of the Trustees of the British Museum.

Adventures in Music Land. By Beatrice M. Baird. (MacMillan. 3s. 6d.)

This nicely produced and well illustrated book is designed to help a small child to learn the rather dull and difficult names and laws and signs that go to make up the theory of music.

Round the Camp Fire. Words by Mafe Haughton, music by Charles Vale. (Price 2d.)

People who enjoyed the Ulster International Camp will remember this song first sung at the camp fire. It can now be obtained from Imperial Headquarters.

"Round the camp fires of the ages,
Sate the warriors of old. . . ."

Sister Guides of all the nations
Seated round your own camp fire
See within its flickering embers
Deeds and aims which acts inspire."

The Encore Song. Unison Song. Words by F. Maynard Bridge. Music by W. H. Harris. (Year Book Press. 3d.)

This is, as its title says, an encore song, to be given when the audience, delighted with what they have already had, still wants more. A jolly, amusing end to an entertainment.

AN ANTHOLOGY.

Shepherd's Pie. By H. R. L. Sheppard. (Cassell. 3s. 6d.)

"This is a very tough shepherd," said Punch's little girl, eating her nursery dinner; but, grown rather older, she will find here a pie tender and delicious and beautifully to her taste. An anthology such as this, chosen by a discriminating and generous mind with a perfect understanding and kindly tolerance of ordinary human beings, is the best of introductions to poetry. The contents are the choice of a realist. The poetry and scraps of prose bear on life, not a theory of life, on the real needs, desires, hopes and failures of real people, not celluloid or paper substitutes. The need of poetry, magic in some form or other is a necessary ingredient in the mixture we call human nature; here is a trip to the stars for three-and-six.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' HARD

SHE is just a little old lady, undisguised by any mask of artificial youth. In her Victorian girlhood powder and lipstick were equally taboo, and since then I think she has been too busy to bother about them. She has never even bobbed or shingled. I doubt whether she has ever smoked a cigarette. And yet hers is the secret of perpetual youth.

The younger generation hail her as a friend on equal terms, though with just a tinge of underlying reverence, half laughing, wholly tender. Perhaps part of the secret lies in the fact that she has been in constant touch with young life ever since she was a girl herself. But it is during the last quarter of a century that she has become a modern of the moderns, continually and progressively "in the swim."

Her first half-century might be said to have run in a groove, though I fancy she herself would disapprove of the description, for however conventional and dull her groove might have looked from the outside it was always full of lively interest to her. Perhaps there was an initial disappointment when she left school that her parents could not afford to send her to college. To go up to Girton or Newnham was an adventure in those days, and she was always ready for adventure. But since this might not be she settled down quite contentedly as a teacher in a suburban private school.

At fifty or thereabouts she became a retired school-ma'am with a modest—very modest—income, and life . . . behind or before her? That is the question which every woman of fifty has to face. If the answer is in the negative, the back number must find such consolation as she may in bridge and small talk. But in this case there were various possibilities ahead. She might supplement her income by private coaching, or . . . then as now there was plenty of "voluntary work" crying out to be done. It was the "voluntary" that got her, and has held her ever since, through five-and-twenty years of hard labour.

First she became superintendent of a large Sunday School in a poor neighbourhood; and this for my little lady meant something very different from presiding over an hour of pious turbulence on Sunday afternoon. Before long she knew almost as much about her scholars' lives in the week as on Sundays. When one day she was asked to become a council school manager in that same district she consented—and the rapids caught her.

In the opening years of the twentieth century English elementary education was in a state of transition, passing, one might say, from a retarded childhood into a lively adolescence. To-day it is difficult to realise that not until 1876 (following on the preparatory Bill of 1870) had there been any compulsion on British parents to send their children to school. Only in 1891 did free elementary education become general, while not until 1918 was the age-limit for whole-time compulsory education raised to 14. The training and status of teachers had passed through equally revolutionary developments in the last half of the nineteenth century, "normal schools" for pupil-teachers giving place to increasingly efficient and attractive training colleges. In 1899 the Board of Education Act recognised national responsibility for the training of the nation's children, and in 1902-3 the old local school

boards were abolished giving place to county borough councils.

The schools were not arranged in groups, and after two years' work the new manager was asked, very much to her own astonishment, to act as "Chairman of Managers" to the C— group of schools, situated in a populous and growing district on the borders of greater London.

As yet "school care committees" were not, but school care work was already beginning; inevitable birth of the developments just summarised. Bring together children with crying physical needs and teachers with trained minds as well as big hearts and the results of contact will not be confined to school hours and classrooms. If Tommy, quickest of scholars on a bright summer day, sinks to the bottom of the class in winter blue with cold for want of sufficient clothes and faint for lack of nourishing food; if Molly who ought to be the most seductive of blue-eyed, curly-haired infants proves "untouchable" for lack of soap and water—something must be done about it.

My little lady is one who makes friends quickly. From the beginning she was in the teachers' confidence. When the early spontaneous efforts to help little bodies as well as minds were organised and enlarged, she became almost as a matter of course "chairman" of the newly-appointed School Care Committee for Group —.

A quarter of a century has passed since then, and she and the work have, as she says, grown up together. Of its gradually evolved technique she is past-master. Blue cards, yellow cards, pink or white cards, files, vouchers, and mystic collections of initials have no mysteries for her. But it is on the importance of the "personal touch" that she insists most emphatically. To her the children have never been lists of names in carefully filed indexes, but always real, live children. If one tried to count the friends—teachers, parents and children—which her work has won her, I suppose they would run into hundreds, and often individual needs have led to far-reaching developments.

During these five-and-twenty years many revolutions have taken place, silent as well as noisy, in London slums as well as in European governments and dynasties. As the "care committee lady" has gone about her varied work—now presiding at medical inspections, now visiting from house to house in mean streets, now acting as unofficial deputation from worried teachers to Olympian L.C.C. officials—she has watched such a revolution taking place stage by stage, and borne her part with countless other quiet, faithful, unrecognised workers in bringing it about.

At the earlier medical inspections rags and grime were commonplaces. One day her attention was called to a shivering mite with bare feet tied up in two old bits of cloth. Sometimes children would appear sewn into their clothes for the winter, and their parents were naturally resentful of new-fangled criticism of these good old fashions.

Now all these things are memories of the past. Clean skins and underclothing at least at medical inspections are the rule, not the exception. Parents, though they may often be casual and happy-go-lucky, are for the most part appreciative and responsive, often as keen to learn and do anything that may be for the children's good as

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Doctors and visitors are to teach them; so at least my friend declares, and she ought to know. But the need for more voluntary workers has not passed; indeed, it might be said to be increasing. To relax effort in this strenuous world is always to lose ground, and it is always easier to lose than to gain. Year after year fresh hordes of children pour into the schools. The rapid growth of new housing estates, many of which are inhabited entirely by working people, increases the need for visitors from more leisured neighbourhoods. Our little old lady, well on in the seventies now, is no longer working full time, but she still does more than many who might call her granny. "You really ought not to go out like this in all weathers!" a friend exclaimed lately. "If I didn't, the work wouldn't get done," was the brisk retort, "I've no understudy!" get certainly between youth and age, who would gladly act as understudies on this intriguing stage. The actors' reward does not take the form of currency notes, but it is a rich reward all the same. Over my little lady's writing-table there hangs an illuminated address, presented to her when she resigned from her position as chairman of managers, in recognition of those long years of "loyalty . . . unselfish work . . . unfailing service . . . ready sympathy." Beneath it lies a beautifully hand-bound manuscript book, "all done for love, no hireling hand went to the making of it," she tells you proudly, containing some two hundred signatures. A tribute worth prizing . . . worth earning. Who follows on?

LILIAN DALTON.

THE KNITTING AND CROCHETING COMPETITION

The following are answers to further enquiries concerning the Knitting Competition:

1. A child's outfit may consist of—hat, coat and overalls, or dress (with sleeves) and short jacket to match, or dress (with sleeves) and knickers, or jersey and knickers for a boy.
2. The jersey or jumper referred to in Group III should be for a grown-up, not a child.
3. Crocheted or embroidered edgings, etc., are permitted.
4. The Competition is open to Guides everywhere, and contributions from those overseas will be specially welcome provided difficulties in connection with Customs duties may be overcome.

You have now only three months during which to work, if you have not already started, so don't lose any time. If you are undecided what to suggest to your very best aunts as suitable Christmas presents for yourselves—why not ask for the necessary amount of wool for your competition entry? We feel the very best aunt will be overjoyed at the prospect of a share in the BEST COMPETITION ENTRY!

AMBULANCE AND SICK NURSE BADGES

THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

With reference to the article in the September GUIDER concerning the British Red Cross Primary and Junior Courses in First Aid and Home Nursing, the St. John Ambulance Association would like to make it clear that

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an Instructor's Certificate is not required for those wishing to teach Guides for the St. John Preliminary Certificates in First Aid and Home Nursing.

INSTRUCTION.

The St. John Ambulance Association do not stipulate that the instructor should have any particular qualifications for the Preliminary Courses, so long as the Guides are presented as fit for examination.

EXAMINATION.

The Examination must be taken by a doctor, who may be obtained through the Chief Secretary of the St. John's Ambulance Association (St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.1), or, if preferred, the Guide authorities concerned, or the person responsible for the class, may obtain the services of a local doctor who would be willing to examine. If appointed by the Chief Secretary, the examiner's fee and expenses are payable through the Head Office and formal application must be made on form Ref. "A/E"; if approached locally the class secretary (or Guider) will arrange with the Examiner as to the amount of his fee (if any) and will forward his name and address on form Ref. "A/E" to the Chief Secretary, before the examination takes place, so that the appropriate report form may be forwarded to him.

RENEWALS.

The Preliminary Certificate Course in First Aid or Home Nursing should be taken by those Guides renewing their Ambulance or Sick Nurse Badge.

ADULT COURSES.

Guiders may appoint their own lecturers for the St. John Adult Courses, but they must be as follows:—

First Aid—a doctor.

Home Nursing—a doctor or a trained nurse.

Only the St. John Ambulance Association may appoint examiners for the Adult Courses.

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FIRST AID.

The Objects of First Aid. Shock.
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Respiration (breathing). Artificial Respiration.
Insensibility. Sunstroke.
Transport of Injured Persons.

HOME NURSING.

The Human Skeleton. Muscles. Nerves.
The Blood and its Circulation.
Qualifications of a Nurse. The Sick Room.
Respiration. Ventilation.
Bed Making. Changing Sheets.
Reading Thermometers. Taking a Temperature.
Counting the Pulse and Respirations.
Digestion. Food. Measuring Medicines.
Making Poultices and Fomentations.
Bandaging.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Will Guiders please note that when making application on Form J.S.8 for Junior Red Cross Vouchers, the subject should be stated as: "First Aid—Primary Course" or "Home Nursing—Primary Course," otherwise the application is apt to be confused with other courses.

molars. More grunts and continual gnawing, then from below the bank and under the untidy pile came more insistent squeaks, the kits regretfully shambled to the water edge, noiselessly slipped in, and somehow found their front door. It was an excitement and thrill for us, and from that time on many were the evenings we'd go off, waiting, watching, and listening to these most fascinating and clever animals.

But alas, time slipped by and our holiday was over just as we were getting used to the forest sounds and smells and ways of living, and our eyes were quickening in the observations of all around.

Sadly we portaged our last trail and paddled over the last lake that led us back to the Gunflint Trail. Filled with keener senses, with strengthened minds and bodies, we started our eighteen hundred miles drive back to our busy over-rushed civilisation, forever thankful that we had had this wonderful chance of living in the woods and thereby learning more of its many lessons and simple truths.

GREY OWL

LECTURE TO LONDON GUIDES.

Most Guiders have, by now, heard of Grey Owl, the Red Indian who, arriving in England in October, took London, and now most of England, by storm. And what Guider has not longed to bring her own company to hear one of his lectures and see his film?

It is with the greatest pleasure that we have to announce that the London Girl Guides Association has arranged for Grey Owl to lecture and show his film to London Guides on Saturday, January 4th, 1936.

Tickets, price 2s., 1s. and 6d., are obtainable *only* from the Secretary, Imperial Headquarters, 17-19, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. The Box Office is open from December 1st.

The lecture will be held at the Queen Mary Hall, Y.W.C.A. Central Club, Great Russell Street (Terrace entrance), at 3.30 p.m.

It is very much to be regretted that, as the hall will only accommodate five hundred, the lecture has had to be confined to London Guides *only*.

The idea of a lecture for Guides was first born in the minds of two Guiders lunching at Headquarters. One of them had just seen and heard Grey Owl and she described vividly the man who, since his arrival in England, has been called "a second St. Francis."

"If *only* Guides could hear him!" she said, "we should never have any more difficulty in making the town child keen on nature. He's the very spirit of Woodcraft. No child could fail to be thrilled by his Red Indian dress, and the imagination of even the most stolid would be fired by his stories and by his gentle humorous voice. It's the greatest tragedy that the children can't hear him!"

"But why shouldn't they?"

"None of his lectures is at a time when the children would be free."

"Well, but why not arrange one on a Saturday afternoon for Guides *only*?"

That was how it began and things moved quickly after that. Grey Owl's publishers were approached and they replied that, as Grey Owl was particularly anxious to lecture to children, a concession would be made and his

fees would be reduced for the Guide lecture. The organisers at Headquarters began to get thrilled—it was still going to be an expensive business, but it was within the bounds of possibility.

Then Mrs. Tufton heard of it, and through her enthusiastic support and co-operation the dream became a reality. It only remained to book the hall and fix the price of tickets.

The only disappointment lay in the fact that, to meet expenses, the tickets had to be fixed at higher prices than had, at first, been meant. It was impossible to keep them lower. Had we done so, we could not have paid expenses.

This is where we appeal to Guiders to help us. It would be tragic if, having arranged the lecture, its original aim were lost, and the London child from the poorer districts should be denied the joy of seeing a real Red Indian and hearing him talk.

Therefore we appeal to all London Guiders to enthuse their Guides, to inspire them to save up—they have a month in which to do so—and, wherever possible, to book the more expensive seats. Remember that there are countless children who simply cannot afford more than sixpence, and there are only a limited number of seats available at this price.

If all else fails, make this the company's Christmas treat and take the money from company funds. It is well worth it. Come and bring the Guides—but don't come without them, even if you can only bring a few.

THE BOOKSHOP BROWSE

A Games Book for Guiders and Guides, by H. B. Davidson, 6d., has just been revised and a whole new chapter added on outdoor adventure games. These new games—"especially useful for getting the real thrill of adventure into ordinary company evenings"—are sure to prove popular with the company. The other chapters include: Badge games, team games, General Test games, and adapting games.

The Play List, compiled by the Commissioner for Music and Drama, has been revised and enlarged. It includes new recommended plays for Rangers, Guides and Brownies—and is sent free on receipt of ½d. stamp.

The Boy Scouts Association has published in leaflet form at 2d. an address by Mr. J. S. Wilson, Camp Chief, at the recent Manchester Conference, on *Duty to the King*. Many Guiders must have wondered how they could interpret this second part of the First Promise. Mr. Wilson says the Chief Scout gives us a clear ruling: "The Scout (or Guide) promise of loyalty to the King means loyalty to the constituted authority of the State." Mr. Wilson goes on to suggest how this ruling can be applied. There are sections on the explanation of this part of the Promise for Wolf Cubs, Scouts and Rovers which can be adapted for the Guide Movement.

The concluding paragraphs might well be used as the basis of a company prayer for the King: "Let us remember and be very thankful that we have a King who is himself the perfect example of a Christian gentleman . . . and let us pray that for many years more we shall enjoy the leadership of a King who is human and gentle, who loves children and animals, a King who is a countryman and loves all the little sights and sounds and smells of the country that we ourselves love."

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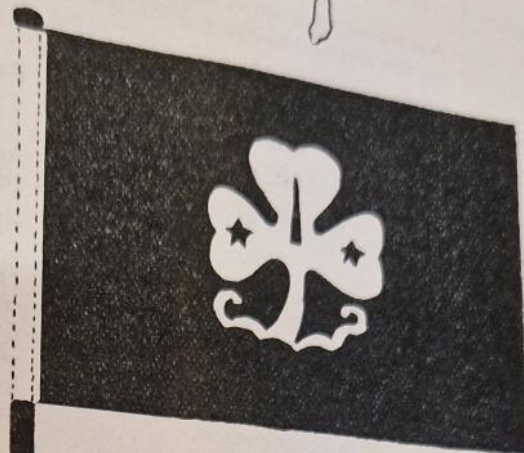
SCRAP BOOK

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PINE WOOD.

The Pines, with their needles always in bunches, and the Spruces, with their sharp needles always singly arranged on the branches, offer a good chance of supplying one's friends with "different" gifts this Christmas; it is the fruit, or cone, that will be used this time, so it will be wise to locate trees that are well laden with cones. They must be last year's cones—dead, dry and brown. This year's cones will still be green. The longest cones will be found on the White Pine, the only one of the pine family whose needles are in bunches of five. The cones are from four to six inches long. The same length is attained by the cones of the Norway Spruce. Other pine and spruce cones vary from one to three inches in length, and may be added to give variety to the fire bags.

Get red and green mosquito netting. Make bags about 14 inches by 18 inches, and fill them a little more than half full of mixed cones. Then tie a big bow of the contrasting colour at the top of the bag to close it.

If cones are well cleaned, and soaked in a solution of 8 ounces of salt petre in a quart of water for 12 cones, and then thoroughly dried, they will burn with pretty blue sparkly flames. Ask your chemist for other formulae of like nature. A friend with an open fireplace will welcome "warmly" a gift of several of these bags.



THE WORLD FLAG

Explanation of the Symbols :

1. The stars in the two leaves of the trefoil mean the leading stars which we will always keep before us—THE PROMISE and the GIRL GUIDE AND GIRL SCOUT LAW.
2. The vein or line is the compass needle which will always give us the right course or way in Guiding.
3. The base of the stalk is an exact copy of the heraldic "feu" and represents the FLAME OF THE LOVE OF MANKIND. It will always burn high, brightly, and intensively in the hearts of all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
4. The golden trefoil represents the sun shining in a blue sky which is over all the Guides and Girl Scouts of the world.

SOME OBSERVATIONS.

Drawing attention to the extreme youth of most of the victims of road accidents, the report of the National Safety First Association states that greater foresight on the part of drivers, and closer supervision on the part of parents and guardians, are essential if there is to be any considerable improvement in the statistics.

It is suggested that older children should be given more safe cycling instruction; also that it is not wise to teach children to "cross quickly," as it tends to make them run across the road, which is a dominant factor in accidents to children.

A suggestion that child fatalities might be specially investigated is made in the following paragraph taken from the report :

"If the typical child fatality is not to be accepted as inevitable under modern traffic conditions, then an entirely different outlook must be cultivated. If child fatalities were officially enquired into by experts with the same thoroughness as are, for example, accidents to the public or to the staff on railways, no doubt many improvements would be suggested which would assist in educating public opinion."

BROWNIE : "I've cleaned my nails, and washed my knees, and polished my badge—and then you inspect handkerchiefs, Brown Owl!"

CARD OF THE WORLD FLAG.

This card was published by the World Bureau as a result of a request from outside, as there seemed to be a great need for it, and we think that many Brownies and Guides, as well as Rangers, in all countries, may like the chance of buying this card.

You will notice that the base of the Trefoil has been a little changed. Miss Karl Aas, who made the original design, made the correction by request of the World Committee.

No country need adopt the change unless they wish to do so, of course.

The cards are stocked at Imperial Headquarters, 17, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1, at 1/2d. each.

ANNIVERSARIES.

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| 1st | Queen Alexandra born, 1844. |
| 3rd | R. L. Stevenson died, 1894. |
| 5th | Mozart died, 1791. |
| 16th | Dingaan's Day. |
| 21st | St. Thomas. |
| 22nd | Shortest day. |
| 24th | Christmas Eve. |
| 25th | Christmas Day. |
| 26th | St. Stephen. |
| 27th | St. John. |
| 28th | Innocents' Day. |

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A tale of smugglers and adventures on the Cornish coast.

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Three excellent and interesting books for Brownies themselves to read.

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A story where Gnomes and Fairies are not mythical beings, but "real people doing real things."

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By ROSE KERR.

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Every Guide should read this story of the Pioneer Days of the Girl Guide Movement.

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Adapted by Rachel Field from the translation by M. Saunders.

Price 3/6 Postage 4½d.

This book, which is specially recommended by the Junior Book Club, tells of the many adventures of a family who were forced to live in a caravan after their home had been burnt to the ground.



SEA RANGERS ALL

By ETHEL TALBOT.

Price 2/- Postage 6d.

The exciting adventures which befell a Sea Ranger Crew are admirably told in this story.

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LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. PANCRAS

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GREY OWL AND THE BEAVER

By HARPER CORY and GREY OWL

Price 2/6 Postage 6d.

This book is written in a manner which will appeal to Guiders and Rangers. It tells of the varied and many interesting experiences of Grey Owl amongst his Beaver friends.

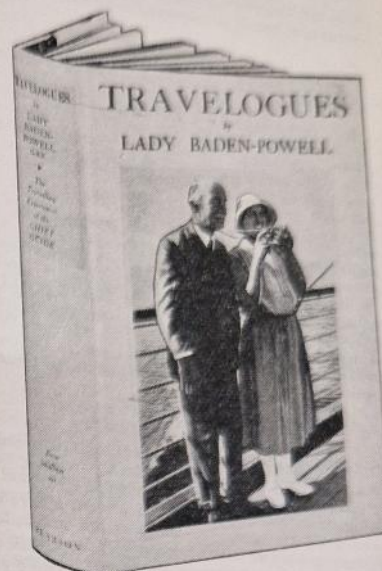


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Price 12/6 Postage 6d.

This edition contains a special preface by Grey Owl to his English readers.



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The travels of the Chief Guide as described by herself, are bound to hold all readers with their enthusiastic gaiety.

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The Chief Scout's Autobiography.

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By LORD BADEN-POWELL.

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17-19, Buckingham Palace Rd., London, S.W.1

We regret we are unable to print more than a selection from the letters that reach us each month. Correspondents are therefore asked to make their remarks as briefly as they reasonably can.



They are reminded that in no case can letters be printed unless accompanied (not necessarily for publication) by the name and address of the sender.

LET'S STOP TINKERING.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Why all this worry about uniform? Let us beware lest "While polishing the knobs on the front door, the Guides slip out at the back!" (from *Story of the Girl Guides*).

If encouragement was given to Guiders (and Guides) to read Scout publications, particularly the Chief's books, of which *Scouting for Boys* should come first, we would recover the romance of Guiding. I joined the Movement six years ago—at the age of 17—but quickly realised that adventure was not in Guiding alone, one had to go to Scouting to get it!—Yours in the Great Game,

O. C.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—As one who has been a Commissioner for a number of years, but who is, for the moment, "resting," may I add a word to the correspondence on "Tinkering"?

Being outside the Movement at present I have perhaps an unprejudiced eye! It seems to me that we are indeed in danger of sacrificing the spirit to the letter. A wise man said to me once: "All women's organisations eventually become tied up with red tape." (I did not agree then.) Are we not losing the first fine rapture with which we ourselves joined the Movement? Do we not regret having to initiate our hardly-caught new Guiders into the intricacies of forms, tests and rules—when in the old days it was inspiration and not regulation that was indeed at the start?

Surely we are frightening away those who might help, but who feel they could never give the time required for such work. Do let us above all things guard our "amateur status." Guiding may be led by the experts, but we ordinary people have to put it into practice, and many of us to whom it can only be a part-time job are beginning to feel we cannot cope with it all. A Commissioner whose experience ranges from a family of her own and a large household, to J.P. courts and County Council work, told me that she may have to give up Guiding since it is becoming so heavy a burden. How many others feel the same? The experts (all honour to them) who give their lives to it should remember that a company marches at the pace of the slowest. Let mercy be shown to Commissioners and Secretaries (especially Secretaries) who have to act as buffers between the flood of recommendations, etc., from the powers-that-be, and their hard-worked Guiders who cannot be asked to undertake more than they are doing already.

Let rules be sufficient for safety and easy running of the wheels—but not more. Many public bodies which used to give their services are now paid, because of the time and work required of them. Let us be warned, therefore, of the dangers of over-working the members of a voluntary organisation. Guiding is a game: and the children whose lives are so full of the struggle of competition would be glad to keep it so.

As I do not want to appear to criticise my own county (which I believe to be one of the least offenders in respect of "tinkering") may I subscribe myself simply

"A WOMAN OF THE WORLD."

GIFTS FOR OUR CHALET.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I wonder whether there are people who will give ski-ing suits, boots, etc., to the Chalet this year? If so, there is a party of Guiders going out from Westminster on January 3rd who

will be very pleased to take out any equipment that may be given. If anybody has anything they would like to give the Chalet in this way, will they send it to Miss Hamilton, 30, Lower Sloane Street, S.W.1?—Yours, etc.,

CATHERINE MORDAUNT.

CHOICE.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—Have the writers who suggested in last month's GUIDER that Guiders should nominate or elect their own Commissioners read carefully the Founder's scheme of organisation in GIRL GUIDING? May I quote the section to which I refer?

"The Girl Guides are a Sisterhood. This means that members of it, from top to bottom, are working together as sisters—elder and younger sisters—from joy of the work. It is not a small army composed of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates in their respective grades directing or directed under imposed instruction. . . ."

Do we sometimes forget that the Founder sees us all "from top to bottom . . . as members working together from joy of the work"?

The Chief Scout says: "Administration is decentralised as far as possible and the Headquarters Executive are represented in the counties by Commissioners appointed by them." That is to say, the Executive Committee appoints the Chief Commissioner who, in her turn, recommends the County Commissioners for appointment. A Division Commissioner is appointed on the recommendation of her County Commissioner and a District Commissioner on the recommendation of her Division Commissioner.

Your correspondents write that the "power of election would prevent an unpopular leader from being unwittingly pressed upon a district, division or county." But surely each Commissioner recommends, to the best of her ability, the people whom she thinks will make the best leaders. To be on the look out for new leaders is part of a Commissioner's job.

It would be interesting to know whether others share these views.—Yours, etc.,

T. SILLAW.

THE CHURCH AND YOUTH.

To the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR,—I am wondering if your readers (more especially your Ranger and Ranger Guider readers) have come across a leaflet called *The Church and Youth* published by The Industrial Christian Fellowship, Fellowship House, 4, The Sanctuary, Westminster. It has been compiled by two women and three men who "represent different types of churchmanship and who claim to be young and in close touch with youth."

It contains the plea that the essential qualities of youth—intense vitality, sincerity, capacity for sheer enjoyment, a readiness to respond to the appeal of ideals with a longing to give them practical expression and above all, a spirit of revolt—may be used to enrich the Church.

There are practical suggestions for forming a Fellowship of Youth where any subject connected with life and its problems may be discussed. The suggestion is also put forward that Church services should be arranged at a time to allow of full recreation and exercise on Sunday—"the two must not be antagonistic but complementary."—Yours, etc.,

SURREY GUIDER.

BOOKS FOR GUIDES AND BROWNIES

The Children's Sinbad, The Children's Water Babies, The Children's King Arthur, The Children's Gulliver. (Harrap, 9d. each.) These four little books are remarkably good value for the small price of ninepence. The old favourites are of necessity very much

The illustrations are photographs taken by the author; they are jolly, but sometimes the uniform is a little out of date. The days are gone when Guides have to wear stockings to cover the dinner and keep their sleeves buttoned to the wrist.

T. W. M.

The Princess Elizabeth Gift Book. Edited by Cynthia Asquith and Eileen Bigland. (Hodder & Stoughton, 5s.) Please will you tell all your friends to buy a copy so that we may get our wonderful new hospital as quickly as ever we can? A plea from the children in the Princess Elizabeth Hospital in Shadwell who are waiting to move to their new hospital in Surrey. All the proceeds of this book are devoted to this cause—surely they will be large when you hear of the authors and artists who have contributed to this delightful Gift Book. There is a new "Just So" story from Rudyard Kipling; another story about "Mr. Chips" by James Hilton; an historical play by Margaret Irwin; a Pip, Squeak and Wilfrid story by "Uncle Dick"; a fairy story by Compton Mackenzie, and many other stories and poems besides. "If we cannot always be gay we can always make pretend," says Sir James Barrie of the children who are waiting for you to help them to move to the country.

The Brownie Village. By H. B. Davidson. (Religious Tract Society, 1s. 6d.)

The Brown Owl who does not give this book to the pack this Christmas is missing a wonderful opportunity. It is unusual, in that nothing unusual or impossibly thrilling happens throughout the story. There are none of the well-known rescues, which inevitably result in the presentation of an award. There is no priggish heroine, no saintly Guider and no sticky sentimentality.

This is simply the story of an attractive lot of little girls, collected into a pack by a sensible Brown Owl with a real understanding of small girls. Jenny, the "heroine" is quite an ordinary nice child, who, not being allowed to join the pack yet proves that the Brownie Law and Promise can be kept even if one may not wear the uniform. She is very human, however, and has her moments of failure, but everything comes right in the end.

If there were more people like Miss Davidson, who writes Guide fiction with no heroic, priggish embroideries, we might have less of a leakage in the Movement.

M. T.

The Tail of a Guinea Pig. By Cicely Englefield. (John Murray, 2s.)

Clara and Charles were brother and sister. They were guinea pigs and they lived together in a pleasant house in a grassy garden. Charles was cheerful and round and fat, and he had no tail—but that didn't worry Charles.

Clara was different. She was a very determined guinea pig and she wanted a tail.

How she found a tail and then lost it again, is told in Miss Englefield's most attractive little book. Her illustrations are well known to Guiders, who will remember *Billy Winks*, the story of a Lizard, which was reviewed last Christmas in THE GUIDER.

M. T.

abridged, but these cheap and shortened editions make it possible for many children who otherwise might be denied the joy of a classical story, to read and enjoy good writing.

The books are well illustrated, and the illustrations are not of the shoddy type which usually grace the cheap edition.

M. T.

Peter and Veronica Growing Up. By Margaret Beech. (Herbert Jenkins, 2s. 6d.)

Peter and Veronica Growing Up will be welcomed by all who read "Peter and Veronica." The same children who, in the earlier book, through their interest in plants and animals, have now reached their teens and are aware of new problems. They are pleasant natural people who want to know about everything and have a healthy horror of "soft-stuff words." In their country rambles and talks with a wise and friendly uncle they become deeply absorbed in the workings of instinct and reason in the animal and insect world. From this it is but a short step to begin wondering and asking about human psychology, and in their uncle's straightforward explanations the children find answers to some of the questions about human life that confront the fifteen-year old.

P. M. B.

Turf Fire Tales. By Mary F. Patton. (MacMillan, 6s.)

Here is the perfect Christmas present for a Brownie with imagination.

Miss Patton has provided us with six short stories which will hold the eight year old spellbound. They are written with charm and humour—who will not sympathise with the Lobster whose wife bade him think of names for eighteen thousand children?

The stories have originality and are delightfully illustrated in black and white by H. R. Millar.

I heartily recommend this book to all Brown Owls who are searching for a Christmas present for the pack. It would be a splendid addition.

M. T.

Lieutenant. By Mrs. Osborn Hann. (Religious Tract Society, 2s.) Stocked at Headquarters.

Young Guides will enjoy this new story about camp. They will meet many of the friends—Pip, Jumbo and Topsy—they had made in *Captain*. There are plenty of adventures, too, but they are the possible ones that make up the life of an ordinary camp. Perhaps it is a pity Mrs. Hann draws such a black picture of the next-door camp. It is not good propaganda for the Movement for Guides to read the C.A.'s remark: "A nice sort of captain to put up a place like this."



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Mary Plain in Town. By Gwynedd Rae. (Cobden - Sanderson. 3s. 6d.)

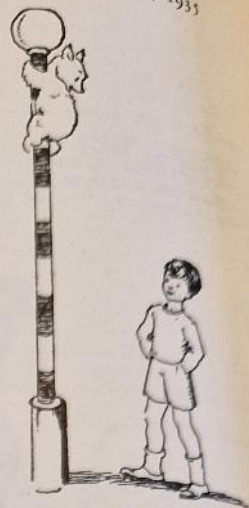
Mary Plain will soon be as big a favourite as Winnie the Pooh. Brownies who have read *Mostly Mary* and *All Mary* will be sure to enjoy this third instalment of the Swiss bear's adventures.

They are most up-to-date adventures, too, because Mary chooses to come to London during the Jubilee celebrations. Mary got so excited when the King and Queen went by that in her own words she "over-hurrahed myself off the bar" and dived head foremost into the people two rows ahead!

Mary also gets an invitation to broadcast in the Children's Hour at the B.B.C. Even Mary's self-confidence deserts her just before her turn at the microphone, but the Owl Man gives the necessary tonic by reminding her how jealous all the other bears from Berne will be!

The illustrations by Irene Williamson add to the attraction of this amusing book.

T. W. M.



The Night before Christmas. By Clement C. Moore. Illustrated by Arthur Rackham. (Harrap. 2s. 6d.) (Stocked at Headquarters.)

Dr. Clement C. Moore, author of these verses, was born in New York in 1779.

He contributed many learned works to literature, yet strangely enough his fame to-day rests almost solely on this poem, which he wrote for his children.

It has a quaint old-fashioned charm which will appeal to all children, and is, perhaps, the most "Christmasy" book which has appeared this year. Hours could be spent in examining Arthur Rackham's beautiful illustrations, and delighting in the imps and gnomes which will poke their heads out of the most unexpected corners.

M. T.

Wise Owl's Story. By Alison Uttley. (Collins, 48, Pall Mall, London. 2s. 6d.) (Stocked at Headquarters.)

This is a charming book for young Brownies. They will appreciate all the little details about Wise Owl's home. "Sometimes bits of tree fell into the soup when Wise Owl was cooking, but he was too wise a bird to mind and he stirred them about with a wooden spoon, murmuring 'A morsel of a house which has lasted since Queen Elizabeth's time gives a tasty flavour to the broth!'"

Wise Owl loses his home in a storm and little Grey Rabbit, Squirrel and Hare undertake to find him a new one. The characters of each animal are strongly enough sketched to hold the interest of a child. The pictures by Margaret Tempest are a fitting compliment to Alison Uttley's delicately written story.

T. W. M.

The Magic Glasses. By E. S. Duffin. (The Quota Press, Belfast. 2s. 6d.)

The heroine of this story is a governess—"a shy, quiet, rather shabby little lady"—who had never been a very good teacher, because she was too vague and forgetful, and too gentle to keep her pupils in order. Then one day Miss Peel lost her way in a London fog and started having adventures. An unknown friend gave her a pair of magic glasses and she enjoyed second sight. She found her way to Fairy Forest, helped to rescue a little girl who had been kidnapped by the fairies, danced with the gypsies and tried to teach the mermaids spelling.

This is a well written story and Brownies will enjoy the blend of fact and fantasy.

T. W. M.

The House that was Forgotten. By G. Denis Roberts. (Lovat Dickson. 5s.)

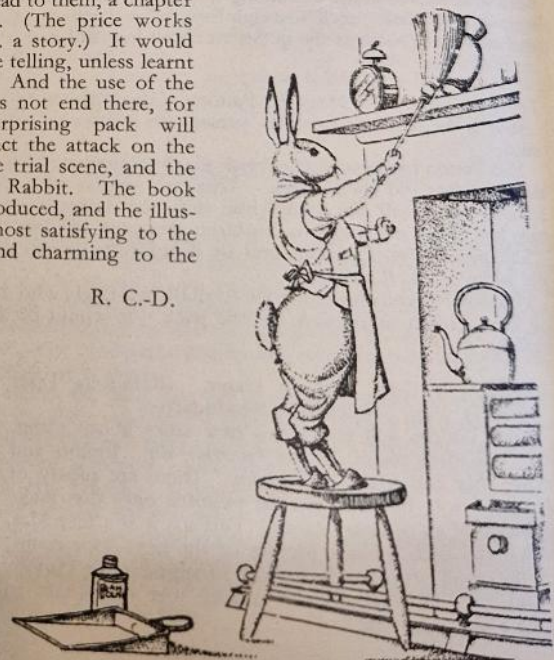
There are some books which, appealing to both old and young, do so for quite different reasons. The children do not seem to notice what is, to their elders, the outstanding thing about the story.

The 9-13 year old will find in *The House that was Forgotten* an exciting, sensible and straightforward story. The characters speak to the point, and while there is no useless dallying over unessentials, the author tells you what you want to know. (The description of the picnic supper is entirely adequate.) The older reader will enjoy the humour and the profound truths contained in the matter-of-fact utterances of Heron, Cat and Rabbit.

These three discover the house by the sea and take up their abode in self-contained flats, little thinking that this happy arrangement will lead the hapless Rabbit into the clutches of the law. Luckily Cat is progressive and owns a seaplane, so all ends well.

Brownies would enjoy having this read to them, a chapter at a time. (The price works out at 6d. a story.) It would lose in the telling, unless learnt by heart. And the use of the book does not end there, for any enterprising pack will want to act the attack on the house, the trial scene, and the rescue of Rabbit. The book is well produced, and the illustrations most satisfying to the young, and charming to the old.

R. C.-D.



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The Easter Holidays. By Kitty Barne. (Heinemann. 6s.) Stocked at Headquarters.

It is difficult in these days to write a book for children about children. Nearly everything has already been "done," and it is easy to become pompous, prosy and priggish—all bad things beginning with a P. But our Kitty Barne, who under her married name of Kitty Sneathfield does so much for the Guide Movement, is none of these things. *The Easter Holidays* is a very good detective story, in which the sleuthing is done by a very real and amusing family of children.

The story has an opening gambit which must have been used many thousand times: the mother, torn by conjugal duty to a remote part of the Empire, breaks to her children that they are left to the mercies of the grandfather who has cut his son off with a sixpence for a marriage of which he disapproved. But the story then becomes "different," the mother is not the conventional mother of fiction but a much more amusing creature—the grandfather is no ogre, and the children get on with him from the first.

This book will be a good Christmas present for older Brownies and younger Guides, and is well worth a place in the company library.

R. K.

Jac and Colette on the Seashore. By Vera Barclay.

Jac and Colette at the Natural History Museum. By Vera Barclay. (Burns, Oates and Washbourne. 3s. 6d.)

These are amusing lively stories of a family of children on their holidays. In summer in the Isle of Wight they spend their time exploring the shore and fortunately meet a grown-up who can tell them all about the creatures they find in the pools, the seaweeds, tides and a great deal more.

In their winter holidays they explore the South Kensington Natural History Museum and find out all kinds of extraordinary and interesting facts about the creatures in it. The books are full of information well mixed with fun, and the escapades of the villainous Jane who is always in hot water.

P. M. B.

The Happy Mariners. By Gerald Bullett. (Dent. 5s.)

This is an old favourite, having been published for the first time eight years ago, under the name of *The Spanish Caravel*. The title has been changed for this new and revised edition, as it was found that a number of readers had difficulty over the word "Caravel."

The author and publishers have shown great wisdom in republishing the book, for it is one of those which will live forever, being a veritable treasure chest containing everything that delights the heart of childhood. No child could fail to be thrilled by the adventures of the Robinson children—adventures which most children create for themselves at some time or other.

The children who loved the book eight years ago have now grown up and the spell of pirates, cannibals, and treasure, is broken for them. Nevertheless, these will always bewitch the child mind—and the child of 1935 who receives this book for Christmas will realise a cherished dream.

M. T.

Three's a Company. By Patience Gilmour. (Religious Tract Society. 2s.)

This story needed writing, for in other books Lone Guiding is ignored or present only as a ghost. The author knows her subject (but has not the "L" been dropped from most Lone Guide badges?). Perhaps the description of Laurie's natural feelings on being stranded in the South of France would have been as poignant if more brief. We are annoyed by her calling her stepmother "Beautiful," though the stepmother would swallow it; and does one Guide address another as "child"? However, once we pass the first chapters, things get going. Small weaknesses in the early style vanish. Laurie comes across Frances, whose exterior hardness is well suggested, and Anne, then supposed to be permanently a cripple. Cheery Ranger Dorothy tackles the financial crisis, and is "a sister to every other Guide"



From *The Happy Mariners*. (Dent. 5s.)

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in an unusual way. There follow a really exciting car race, unexpected developments which expand rather than abandon the Lone idea, and a satisfactory finish. *Three's a Company* shows the Lone ghost to be flesh and blood, and deserves a more interesting title. K. M. R.

Snow Baby. By Marie Ahnighito Peary. (Routledge. 6s.) Stocked at Headquarters.

I set out to review this book for Rangers and Guides, but I would like to begin by saying that any girl with the spirit of adventure should read it. It would be wicked to deprive a girl of Guide age of the joy of reading *Snow Baby*, by labelling it for Rangers and Guides. For in the publication of *Snow Baby*, Messrs. Routledge have given us a thing we have long been needing, a biography written in such a way that a child will turn, even from the best of the conventional school stories, and become enthralled by the living romance of this story of Arctic exploration.

Marie Ahnighito Peary, daughter of the great Arctic explorer Peary, was born in Greenland, 77° 44' North Latitude, further north than any other white person. The Eskimos called her Snow Baby, refusing to believe that anything so white was really alive.

The book is published as a life of Peary, it is, actually, a record of his daughter's experiences during what must have been a very thrilling, and very hard childhood.

It is a book which will appeal very greatly to the Guide Movement, recording as it does, quietly and unostentatiously, the heroism of the author's mother and the wonderful way in which she stood by her husband. The chapter describing how Mrs. Peary created Christmas presents for the Eskimos and the crew, and even a Christmas tree for her small daughter, in a land where no trees grow, is a masterpiece.

The book claims to be the life of a great man—it is more than that. It is also the record of a woman's triumph over hardship and anxiety, and the story of the childhood of a very charming little girl.

M. T.

Lis Sails the Atlantic. By Lis Andersen. (Routledge. 6s.) Stocked at Headquarters.

Lis Andersen was eleven years old when her father grew tired of the stereotyped life he was leading in a Copenhagen shipping office. He sold his house and goods, bought a rickety old ketch, and sailed the Atlantic for a year together with his wife, three children, and a crew of three.

Lis, his daughter, the eldest of his children, tells the story of their adventures. She writes, at the age of twelve, without affectation, and with an easy simple style well seasoned with humour.

In recommending this book to readers of *THE GUIDER* I cannot do better than quote Eleanor Graham's introduction where she says: "... It is plain to the reader that her ingeniousness has never been exploited. She writes with the vividness and spontaneity of a child's spoken word, delighted to have climbed the rigging a little higher to-day than yesterday, thrilled at her first sight of whales and the ultimate capture of one. . . . Her personality emerges from the book with the cohesiveness and consistency of a skilfully constructed character in a novel. She reveals herself artlessly by her forthrightness."

This, definitely, is a book for Guides. It is a splendid adventure story with the additional merit of being true. It is a breakaway from the too familiar school story and it opens the eyes of the reader to that wider world into which the author sailed.

Messrs. Routledge have done good work for young readers this year, in the publication of *Snow Baby* and *Lis Sails the Atlantic*. Either, or both of these books may prove the open sesame to the world of biography for many who have not yet had the courage to venture therein.

M. T.

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It is a good book to read, a better book to own, and perhaps best of all to give as a Christmas present.

M. M. M.

Shakespeare with the Pets. By Persis Kirmse. (Methuen. 6s.)

This is the ideal gift book for animal lovers. Miss Kirmse gives us over fifty delightful studies of cats and dogs, and under each is an apt quotation from Shakespeare: "He must needs go that the devil drives," illustrates a Sealyham retreating—with dignity, let it be added—before the hisses and snarls of a Siamese! T. W. M.

Victories of Peace. By D. M. Gill and A. M. Pullen. (Student Christian Movement Press. 2s. 6d.)

Here we have a collection of ten stories, showing that heroic courage is to be found in the service of peace and goodwill as well as on the battlefield. They are true stories of brave men and women who have all, with one exception, lived and worked within quite recent years in the cause of peace. Their adventures take us into many lands, Finland, South Africa, India, the bleak wastes of North Canada, Austria, Persia, Russia and China.

Guiders in search of thrilling true yarns will find splendid material here. The stories are told simply and directly, each one short enough for a single yarn. Rangers will want to possess the book, and read the yarns over and over again. Further information about the lives of these gallant men and women is given in the notes at the end of the book, and many Rangers will, we hope, probe deeper into stories of peaceful heroism by reading the books mentioned there.

We quote from the last story, "A Challenge from Chengtu": "The answer rests with youth to-day. Not only through China but throughout the whole world rings his (Dr. Clifford Stubbs) challenge:—'To suffer, if need be, rather than deny the way of love, which we believe to be right, and in the end more powerful than the way of force!'"

M. M. W.

Scouting Round the World. By Lord Baden-Powell. (Herbert Jenkins. 2s. 6d.) (Stocked by Headquarters.)

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One of the best descriptions is about a visit to an underground river at Waitomo, New Zealand. "It wasn't dark . . . for

overhead a mass of millions of little stars was shining down upon us. These stars were glow-worms all over the roof of the cavern, packed as closely as they could be. We wandered along this marvellous grotto with its overhead lighting reflected in the dark, still waters, so that it seemed as if myriads of diamonds were shining above and below us."

The book is illustrated by the Chief Scout himself. It has appeared just in time to solve the Christmas present problem.

T. W. M.

Birds and the Sea. By Frances Pitt. (Longmans Green & Co. 6s.)

One always opens a new book by Miss Frances Pitt with the certain prospect of enjoyment. In *Birds and the Sea* she has gathered together some of her observations and excellent photographs of the less common cliff and sea loving birds. Even as one sits indoors on a winter evening her vivid descriptions bring before one the flash of white wings over glass green water, and the raucous cries of sea birds passing overhead. But Miss Pitt is not a fine weather naturalist, her book tells of night watching for the shearwater, dawn at sea with the geese, difficult landings on the Orkneys, for most of her observations have been made on those unfrequented, inhospitable islands such as Grassholm, Skokholm and the Farnes, which the birds have made their own.

P. M. B.

All about Reptiles. By W. S. Berridge. (G. Harrap. 7s. 6d.)

It is not in human nature to feel any great affection for reptiles, nevertheless Mr. Berridge forces from us wonder and admiration at the amazing varieties and adaptations of these cold-blooded creatures. Perhaps after considering (at a re-assuring distance) the marvels of snakes that swallow goats, snakes that spit poison fifteen feet, and snakes that make a noise like a soda-water syphon, most of us will feel a certain relief that the British Islands can boast but a meagre four species.

Batrachians find a place too in this book: frogs, salamanders, newts, tortoises and crocodiles, in fact all the more grotesque performers in the pageant of life.

The numerous illustrations are of the same excellent quality that we have enjoyed in the author's previous volumes, "All about Birds" and "All about Fish."

P. M. B.

Birds in an Eton Garden. By H. M. Bland. (Dent and Sons. 7s. 6d.)

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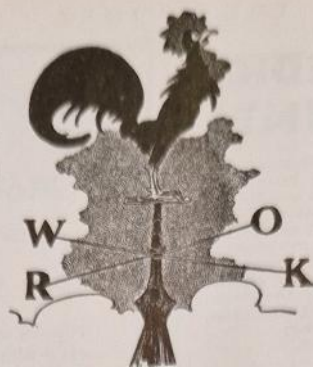
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Correspondents are invited to write for help and advice to our Careers Adviser, who will answer questions on this page free of charge.

The name and address of correspondents



should be enclosed as a guarantee of good faith.

Questions should, if possible, be sent in three weeks before the 1st of the month, if the answer is to appear in the next number.

COLUMBUS.

Columbus is 18 and wants to know what career will take her round the world. She does not mind what she does, but would like it to be adventurous. We are afraid Columbus will be surprised and perhaps pained when we tell her that hospital nursing and nursery nursing are the professions which at present are most likely to lead to foreign travel. Stewardesses are very often appointed from women having some connection with the shipping company concerned—i.e., widows or daughters of employees. The age preferred is 30-35, and preference is given to trained nurses and those with languages among those chosen from outside applicants. Some liners also carry women as hairdressers or in charge of the shops to be found on the big liners. For all these posts application should be made to the shipping company concerned, and we believe that most have a long waiting list. Also, it is unlikely that they would engage anyone as

young as 18. Apart from the better chance of being engaged as a stewardess, an efficient hospital nurse has opportunities to travel abroad with invalids and to obtain work in other countries, especially in the nursing of her fellow countrymen. Children's nurses trained at well-known nursery training colleges are also in demand for English people living abroad, and sometimes for families of other nationalities who wish their children to learn English in the

nursery. A girl with good all-round domestic ability who is not afraid of taking responsibility can usually get work in any of the British Dominions, especially if she has relatives or friends with whom she can stay on her arrival while looking for work. From these varied hints, Columbus will see that the girl who is well-equipped to deal with the basic necessities of life can usually find work that will keep her, at home or abroad, and that training in these careers is the best investment if she wishes to travel abroad and try to go round the world.

AUNTIE.

Auntie asks for particulars of the duties and training of a *School Matron* on behalf of her niece. The latter is 16 years of age and is remaining at school for another year to take the *School Certificate Examination*. She is particularly fond of children and all branches of domestic work.

The duties of the *School Matron* vary so greatly that it is difficult to describe them shortly. They comprise such things as the supervision of dormitories and the personal hygiene of the younger children, the care of clothes and linen, mending, packing, supervision of maids and often the charge of the children in their leisure time. Sometimes the *Matron* is responsible for the catering and service at meals as well as the general supervision of the health of the children.

The best preparation for a *School Matron* is a domestic science training, which for the younger girl should take about two years and should include, amongst other subjects, the study of cookery, dietetics and food values, catering, needlework and upholstery, laundry work, hygiene and sanitation, and book-keeping. This training should be followed by a short course of six months or a year in the children's ward of a hospital. There is a very strong tendency at present, however, to insist that the *Chief Matron* of



a *Public School* should have had a full nurse's training and be a *State Registered Nurse*.

The cost of the training varies from about £30 to £60 per annum non-resident, and salaries also vary from about £50 per annum with residence for the *Assistant Matron* to £150 or £200 for the *Chief Matron*.

ADVENTURER.

Adventurer asks us what prospects there would be for her in Canada in *Dairy Work* or *Poultry Farming*. She wishes to join her brother there. She has had a *Secondary School* education, has matriculated and has had training in dairy work and the care of poultry. She is now manageress of a poultry farm.

We should advise *Adventurer* to write to The Secretary, Society for the Oversea Settlement of British Women, Caxton House, Tothill Street, S.W.1, as she will be able to give her the most up-to-date information about prospects in Canada. As *Adventurer* is also domesticated we think she will be fairly certain to get work there.

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We think she should be overhauled by a doctor as soon as possible so that the back strain of which she tells us may be put right.

CAPTAIN.

Captain asks what are the duties of a *Health Visitor*, and also how a girl in whom she is interested can be trained to become one.

The duties of a *Health Visitor* vary according to the district in which she is employed. Her primary duty consists in the home visiting and general supervision of children under school age in her district; she also usually advises mothers as to the health of themselves and their children and attends maternity and child welfare centres. Her duties frequently also include school nursing.

There are two different methods of training for this work:—

- To take a full training in General Nursing and become a *State Registered Nurse*; to follow this by a training in Midwifery for the certificate of the Central Midwives Board. It is then necessary to take an approved course in public health work lasting for at least six months.
- To take an approved course of training in public health work lasting for two years, have six months' training in a hospital, and obtain the certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

There is a tendency to prefer women who have had the first of these trainings as it is felt that it is advisable that a *Health Visitor* should have a full hospital training.

Grants in aid of both forms of training are given by the Ministry of Health. No one is accepted for training before the age of 18 and many hospitals do not admit probationers before the age of 19 or 20. A *Secondary School* education is usually required.

CAREERS ADVISER.

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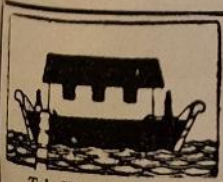
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WADDOW

DATES.

November 29—December 6. Guide Training.

January 3-6. Brownie Training. (Week-end.)

January 8-14. Brownie Instructors and Prospective Eagle Owls and Instructors. (See special notice.)

January 17-24. Guide Training.

January 28—February 4. General Training.

February 4-21. Spring Cleaning.

February 28—March 3. Ranger Guiders Training. (Week-end.)

March 6-9. London Guiders' Week-end.

March 17-24. General Training.

March 27—April 3. Guide Training.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

TRAINING WEEK FOR BROWNIE INSTRUCTORS AND PROSPECTIVE EAGLE OWLS AND INSTRUCTORS.

There will be an inclusive charge of £3 per head, which will include travel by rail or road.

Owls already on the Panel of Instructors should apply immediately direct to the Secretary, Foxlease, enclosing 5s. deposit. As there will be some vacancies, Commissioners are asked to send Owls whom they think might eventually take either the Eagle Owl or Instructor test. A recommendation to take one of these tests will be given at the end of the week to any Owl who is considered suitable.

These applications should be made through the County Secretary and forwarded at once to the Secretary, Foxlease, with the usual 5s. deposit.

DATES.

January 31-February 4. Brownie Week-end.

February 7-11. Guide Week-end.

February 14-18. Guide Week-end.

February 21-25. Ranger Week-end.

February 28—March 6. Guide Week.

March 10-17. Brownie Week.

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It has been arranged that three vacancies should be reserved for Scotland for all training weeks until the 20th of the month in which the dates are first published above the line in THE GUIDER. Scottish Guiders are therefore requested to send in their applications, including the 5s. deposit, to the Secretary, Girl Guide Headquarters, 12, Melville Street, Edinburgh.

Further information applicable to both Schools will be found on p. 534.

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GUIDERS, PLEASE NOTE.

Will Guiders please note that free places are available at both Foxlease and Waddow between October and April. Application should be made through the County Secretary, to the Secretary.

GRANTS ON RAILWAY FARES.

(a) Where a Guider finds difficulty in attending a training course at Foxlease or Waddow on account of train fare, the following reductions may be obtained:—

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(b) In cases where a Guider, who wants to go to a particular type of training week, finds that no such week is available at a time possible for her at the training centre nearest to her home, but is available at the other training centre, the difference between the two fares may be refunded by Headquarters.

In either case the application for rebate should be made through the Guider's Commissioner direct to Foxlease or Waddow.

FOXLEASE COTTAGES.

The two cottages at Foxlease are to be let by the week to Guiders requiring a rest or a holiday. The larger one contains two double bedrooms and one single sitting-room furnished by Canada, a bathroom and a kitchen. The charge for the cottage is 3½ guineas per week in summer, and 3 guineas per week from October to March.

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These charges include light, coal and oil. Guiders cook and cater for themselves entirely, although, if necessary, a woman can be engaged to cater, cook and clean at the rate of 30s. per head per week, or merely to cook and clean at the rate of 9d. per hour, in addition to the above charges.

A charge of 5s. deposit fee is made for booking the cottages, and this is forfeited should the booking be cancelled. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Foxlease by arrangement, at a charge of 5s. per week, or 1s. per night.

It is not necessary for Guiders staying at the Cottages to wear uniform. Any enquiries should be sent to the Secretary, Foxlease.

WADDOW FARM.

The cottage at Waddow will be let by the week to Guiders requiring a holiday. It contains two double bedrooms and two single, a sitting-room, two bathrooms and kitchen. The charge for two people is £2 2s. a week (for one bathroom, sitting room, kitchen and two bedrooms). For three or more Guiders, £3 13s. 6d. a week and for others £4 4s. a week. The week-end charges are £1 5s. for two people and £2 2s. for three or more.

These charges include light and coal. Guiders cater and cook for themselves, but the gardener's wife is willing to board them for about 30s. per head if required. Applications, with 5s. deposit, should be made to the Secretary. Guiders wishing to bring their cars can garage them at Waddow by arrangement, at a charge of 5s. per week, or 1s. per night.

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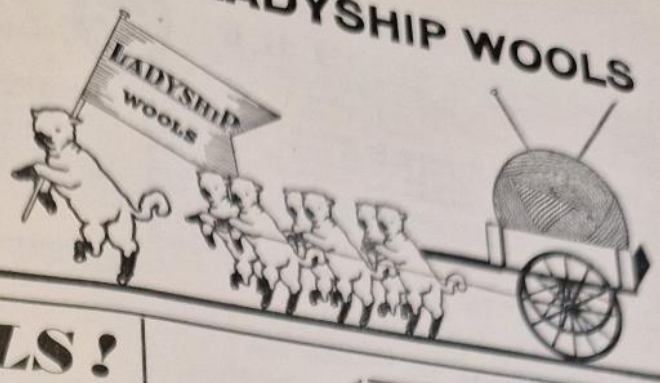
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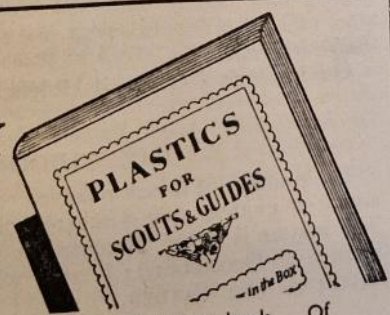
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MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 19th November, 1935.

PRESENT:—

Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, G.B.E. (Chair.)
Mrs. Percy Birley.
Mrs. Arthur Bowlby.
Mrs. W. A. Cadbury.
Sir Percy Everett.
Mrs. St. John Atkinson.
Lady Thomas.
The Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, O.B.E.

By Invitation.

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Mrs. Mark Kerr.
Miss Knight.
Mrs. Monteith.
The Lady Delia Peel.
The Viscountess Powerscourt.
Lady Read.
Mrs. Sampson.
Mrs. Streatfeild.

Reference was made to the great regret felt at the resignation of Miss Montgomery and appreciation expressed in regard to the admirable work she had done for Guiding during the past fifteen years. The arrangements with regard to a pension were unanimously confirmed.

The following appointments were made:—

Mrs. Combe as Secretary to the Deaf Section in the place of Mrs. Thompson (resigned).

Mrs. Desch as Assistant Commissioner for Kindred Societies.

Miss Southgate as Diocesan Head of G.F.S. Guides for the Rochester Diocese in the place of Miss Stephens (resigned).

A Nominations Committee was appointed.

It was agreed that an Extension Instructors' Certificate be instituted.

The report of the expenditure of the Pilgrim Trust Grant for camping was submitted and approved.

It was agreed that only the holder of an endorsed Holiday Permit should be allowed to take any Extension Brownie for a Pack Holiday and that a note be added to "Pack Holidays," Note 5, page 37, and to "Camping," para f, page 111, BOOK OF RULES.

It was agreed that the following alteration be made to the alternative for the Ranger Pre-Enrolment Test, section 4, in order to meet the requirements of the Deaf Section:—"Know how to send urgent messages other than by telephone," substitute "know at least six ways of sending urgent messages."

The design for a new lightweight belt was submitted and approved.

The Report from the Training and Camping Committee was submitted and approved.

Routine and financial business was transacted.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, December 10th, at 2.30 p.m.

CORRECTION.

In the notices published in the November GUIDER, "... A Mental Health Section in the Extensions Branch was approved with

Dr. Margaret Grant a Secretary to the Section . . . " should read: "... A Mental Hospital Section . . . " . . .

AWARDS

For Gallantry.

Medal of Merit.

Brownie Sixer Margaret How, 2nd Leighton Buzzard Pack.

Margaret was playing by the brook with her brother and a three year old boy, Donald Kent. Donald ran on to the plank bridge and fell in. Margaret immediately jumped into the water and pulled him out as he was sinking for the second time.

The brook is about six feet wide deepening suddenly in places, which makes it very dangerous.

Margaret could not swim, but she got Donald to the bank and then took him to her father, when he was taken home to bed.

Margaret was not in any danger, but she showed great pluck in her quick action which definitely saved Donald's life.

Red Cord Diploma.

Miss I. H. Meek, of New South Wales.

Blue Cord Diploma.

Miss A. Redman, of Scotland.

Gold Cords.

Patrol Leader Joan Caddy, 1st Ealing Company.

Patrol Leader Christine Hipkin, 1st Ealing Company.

Patrol Leader Margaret Shooto, 13th Cambridge Company.

Patrol Leader Patricia Woods, 1st North Stifford (Essex) Company.

Ranger Patrol Leader Eileen Pickett, Catford District Rangers.

Ranger Ruby Akers, 9th Harlesden Rangers.

Ranger Jean Bassford, 11th Leytonstone Rangers.

Company Leader Joan Browne, 12th Lowestoft Company.

Company Leader Phyllis Carr, 6th Lincoln Epworth Company.

Patrol Leader Christine Bryson, 1st Strathaven (Lanarkshire) Company.

Patrol Leader Joan Clarke, 24th Halifax Company.

Patrol Leader Maud Cuthbert, 14th Perth Company.

Patrol Leader Winnie Edgar, 187th Glasgow Company.

Patrol Leader Ethel Gale, 11th Harlesden Company.

Patrol Leader Margaret Maillie, 87th Glasgow Company.

Pack Leader Phyllis Chytracns, 1st Ealing Company.

Pack Leader Isobel Finlayson, 2nd Airdrie (Lanarkshire) Company.

Badge of Fortitude.

Guide Doris Jones, 3rd Holyhead Company.

THE GUIDONS SCHEME.

The number of letters received recently has been most encouraging and it is evident that a scheme of this sort would fill a real need. The matter is being discussed at the County Commissioners' Conference on December 11th, after which it is hoped to publish further details in THE GUIDER.

BROWNIE INSTRUCTORS.

Will Guiders please note that the following names should be deleted from the list of Brownie Instructors published in the October GUIDER:—

Miss M. O. Brown, 7, Westbourne Crescent, London, W.2.

Miss M. Maxwell, 4, Cowley Road, Ilford, Essex.

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CLOSED MONTH FOR CAMPING CORRESPONDENCE.
Guiders are asked to regard December as an off-duty time for Camp Advisers, and to refrain from corresponding with them during this month.
For the Commissioners for Camping and the Area Assistants, January (not December) is the closed month for correspondence.

HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY.
The Library will be closed from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday December 11th.

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GENERAL NOTICES

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THE GUIDER wishes its Readers a very happy Christmas and New Year. Will you help to give the Editorial Staff a happy Christmas by renewing your subscriptions early, thus lightening their work and sending the circulation up at the same time?

THE GUIDER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

The Competition closed on November 10th. We thank all Guiders and Rangers who have supported it. May we take this opportunity of reminding all our readers how pleased we are to receive at any time photographs illustrating the various activities of the Movement? *If you have a good photograph it is a definite good turn to send it to Headquarters* for possible use in *THE GUIDER* or other publications.

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LONDON GARDENS BULB COMPETITION.

We are asked to state that the above competition is not, as at first inferred, open only to London Guides. So many applications for particulars have been received from all over the country, that the Committee of the London Gardens Society have agreed to take no action which would limit the scope of the competition.

THE GUIDER

Called to Higher Service
ELITE GIRLS, on September 19th, 1935, after more than twenty years of Guide service. Captain, 21st Hampshire Company (originally 1st Nottingham Hill), in which she had served as Guide, Patrol Leader and Ranger. One time Ranger in 19th Division and 9th Kensington Ranger Companies.

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Appointments and Resignations

Approved by the Executive Committee, November, 1935.

- HUNGERFORD.**—Dist. C., Miss E. M. Pinckney, Hidden Cottage, Hungerford.
- BERKSHIRE.**
Erdington North and South Districts have been amalgamated at Eddington. The District of Kingstanding will in future be known as *Penny Bury*.
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