#### Home of the Grev Seal

On the least accessible of mist shrouded Atlantic Isles, where the foot of man may not tread from one year's end to another, the great grey seal has its home, writes Seton Gor-

Even in summer the islands of the grey seal are hard to reach; one may have to wait for months for a day ntly calm to venture across to to and landing at a grey seal nur-

But the weeks of patiently waiting a nursery is without doubt one of the most wonderful and charming sights to be seen in the British Islands, if not, indeed, in Europe.

Among some of the older Gaelicspeaking islesmen of the Hedrides the grey seal is looked upon with superstitious awe. In North Uist lived a family known as Clann Mhic Odrum of the Seals, who were supposed to have been descended from some of these ocean rovers.

After many weeks of waiting, a winter morning at length dawned when the sky was cloudless, the wind light and from the land, and the Atlantic with little swell upon the lonely, sea-drowned shore.

Soon we were sailing westward through a sun-kissed ocean, with great snow-clad hills forming the horizon. Eagerly the crew spoke among themselves in Gaelic, and when at length the island appeared low on the horizon, they excitedly discussed among themselves the possibilities of

Seals of all Ages And Sizes. Lowering our mast lest the seals should be suspicious, we rowed steadfly in-shore, and as the boat was drawn in upon the crest of a wave, leaped one by one upon the slippery

As we crept quietly round the margin of the rocky promonotory we suddenly came in sight of a golden beach. Here, the sun glittering full on them, many grey seals of all ages and sizes lay and dozed. They were "pups" not more than a week old, others a month or six weeks old, and a few old mother seals guarding their youngsters.

On seeing us the old seals endeavored to gain the shelter of the sea. A few succeeded, but others, finding us between them and the friendly water, approached us warily, uttering low moaning cries.

Then, charging us so that we scattered for safety, the great animals slitherd with astonishing speed into

On climbing to the grassy plateau above the beach a remarkable sight met our eyes. Everywhere the young grey seels lay. They were literally in hundreds; many sound asleep in the warm winter sunshine, others bleatlike sheep and eyeing us with In some of the clear rocky pools, a few of the older seals swam and dived. In each peaty-pool of a small stream they wallowed and splashed like giant salmon and disturbed the silent waters of a lonely tarn.



Little Flora is a flapper, modern culture's weirdest bet; in an oriental wrapper s h e consumes her cigaret; with her feet upon a table and a beaker by her side, she denounces as a fable every moral

WALT MASON old and tried. Youth is everything that matters, she has no respect for age, and she tears to rags and tatters all the maxims of the sage. And the jarred and rattled thinker looks upon her with dismay; "She's a corker and a clinker," sad bystanders hear him say. In that far off youth of his'n damsels followed sheltered walks, and a girl would be n prison who would talk as Flora alks. All the ancient things go smashng, all the landmarks are destroyed, and his teeth are sore from gnashing, ie is angry and annoyed. But mehinks that Flora's springing just a tarmless little bluff; as the hurried rears go winging she'll be prim and staid enough. Youth is evermore rerolting, planning some volcanic move, touth is always bent on jolting this ild planet from its groove. But the rears go speeding, speeding, and the vearied Jacks and Jills put on glasss and are reading labels on a box of fills. We old gents were once desirus of upsetting this and that, but uch matters only tire us, now that we are gray and fat. So we should re-ard the bluffing of the flapper with a mile; life will surely knock the ing from her pipe dreams in a

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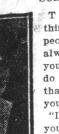
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