

The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto, send us two new issues of the Every Child Series, **Old Stories for Young Readers** (225 pages), and **A Visit to the Farm** (130 pages), each by Laura A. Large, and beautifully illustrated and bound, and costing 40c. The purpose of the series is to broaden the child's growing interest in nature study, history, biography and the like. Miss Large gets right down to the small children in her farm and other stories. The little books will make charming Christmas or birthday gifts, and will be read and re-read eagerly.

From the same publishers, but with an eye to older children, are **Food and Health** (312 pages, profusely illustrated, 60c.), by Misses Kinne and Cooley, both high authorities in these subjects, and **Community Civics**, by Jessie Field and Professor Scott Nearing (270 pages, illustrated, 65c.). The two books are of unusual excellence and attractiveness. They are intended for use by teachers, scholars and parents in rural communities and villages. **Food and Health** goes into the details of cooking and canning, and of buying and selling of foods, as well as into food values, and how to get these values—all in the simplest and most entertaining way. The country home and country school and country community and country life generally, form the subject of **Community Civics**, which puts into most readable shape the newest and best ideas on how to get the best into, and out of, country life.

How three wholesome, fun-loving American girls, Mary, Jane and Florimel Garden, sisters, but as unlike one another as it is possible for three girls to be, welcomed and made happy and contented, in their simple

home and delightful roomy garden, the mother who had left them twelve years earlier for England to return to her beloved profession of the stage, is told in **Hollyhock House**, by Marion Ames Taggart (The Musson Book Co., 321 pages, \$1.25). The way in which Mark Walpole, the homeless youth who was rescued by the impulsive Florimel, on the same day and in much the same way as she rescues Chum, her faithful dog friend, how Mark finds not only kind friends but adopted parents in the precise little botanist, Mr. Moulton, and his prim wife, guardians of the three Garden girls, and how every one who comes in contact with the three happy girls, their splendid young "half uncle," and even their helpless little mother, is made happier, makes the story well worth the reading.

The fact that a book reaches its forty-third annual volume is testimony of the value set upon it by its constituency. **Peloubet's Select Notes** on the International Lessons (W. A. Wilde Co., Boston, 376 pages, price \$1.15 net, delivered \$1.25) is an example in point. It served a whole generation of thirty years, and is now almost half-way through another generation. And yet with the same author, the venerable Dr. F. N. Peloubet, but with a constant accession of features and suggestions from new writers, Professor Amos R. Wells is now associated with Dr. Peloubet in the editorship. This volume for 1917 is indeed as valuable and complete a book as practice and knowledge can make it. "Peloubet" is a source of information for teachers of every grade of the School. The order and arrangement of the material is such as to make it convenient for study and reference, and the illustrations and colored plates are both illuminating and beautiful.

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