

*A Charming Book.*

*The "County Gentleman."*---

This is a charming book, written in a fresh, unconventional, unsophisticated style, quite free from affectation, and full of interesting and picturesque, though not unduly florid; passages of word-painting and description. The authoress has couched her work in the form of a semi-domestic narrative, purporting to detail the experiences of the Le Ford family, whilst camping out at Boundary Bay, on the United States frontier, near New Westminster in British Columbia. Miss Herring has certainly endowed with vitality Mr. Le Ford, of Anglo-Canadian parentage, his ailing wife, of German extraction, their twin elder daughters, Bess and Josie, the various younger members of the family, their Chinese servant Ke Tan, their English friends Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth, and the latter's widowed cousin, Tom Templeton, who saves two of the children from being caught by the tide, and eventually marries Bess, Josie falling to the lot of a young clergyman from New Westminsner, Mr. Wilbert. We should also mention Templeton's little daughter Dolly, whose mother, Nanette, had been a rancher's half-breed child, and that is all of Miss

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