

## BOOKS to READ



**"Looking for Trouble,"** by Virginia Cowles. This is a book by an American woman journalist and is full of incident, the author having the ability to "scent" news. She covers the Spanish war from both angles, is in Czechoslovakia when the Germans march in, and has many interesting and exciting adventures.

**"To Sing with the Angels,"** by Maurice Hindus. This novel has for its setting a small village in Czechoslovakia at the time of the German

occupation. The story centres round a local youth of German parentage who spends some months in Bavaria in search of health, during which time he becomes a follower of Hitler. He is sent back to his village as a Nazi to take charge. The reactions of the inhabitants are well portrayed. It is an excellent study of what has taken place in hundreds of European towns and villages, and it is not only

### LADY IN GREEN

*In this glade lives a great lady,  
Green-swathed the garment that she wears*

*Through summer's pleasant pageantry,  
Her nut-brown arms are stretched to give  
Protection to all living things.  
Shelter she offers, and retreat  
To every tiny one with wings.  
To burrowing moles about her feet  
She sings the summer of the years  
In muted tones. In stress of storm  
She croons and sways, and wraps strong  
arms*

*About her birds to keep them warm.*

*Secure she stands, a very queen,  
Her slender form in shining green.  
And yet, for all her vigour, she  
Is so far wed to frailty  
That any man may cast her down;  
May bring her arms, so firm and brown,  
Low as the earth, to hide her face  
For shame that she so falls from grace  
And inviolability.  
Any man may mark her place,  
And any lout can fell a tree.*

—Betty Maitland.

good for us to realise what some of our fellow-beings have been through, but after reading such a book we appreciate more fully our own good fortune to be living in a country such as ours.

**"Tobruk to Turkey,"** by Frank Clune. This is more or less a diary by an Australian who was sent to the Middle East as a Red Cross commissioner. It deals with his journeyings in the east, his visits to the battlefields, and to Jerusalem, Syria, and Egypt, and finally to Turkey where he dons civilian clothes again. The book abounds in both humour and pathos.

**"One Pair of Hands"** and **"One Pair of Feet,"** by Monica Dickens. Could a book by a descendant of Dickens be anything but interesting? In "One Pair of Hands" his great-granddaughter tells of her experiences when she decides to see life in the raw and takes a job as a cook and general rouseabout in various households. It is extremely amusing, as is "One Pair of Feet," wherein she describes wartime nursing. She is a trifle hard on the nurses, though she is full of praise for some of them.

**"Cross Creek,"** by Marjorie Rawlings. By the author of that charming novel, "The Yearling," this is an autobiography of the writer's life on her farm in Florida. Her descriptions of the scenery and native flora, and her encounters with the coloured inhabitants make for good entertainment.—**"Rahiri,"** Waikato.

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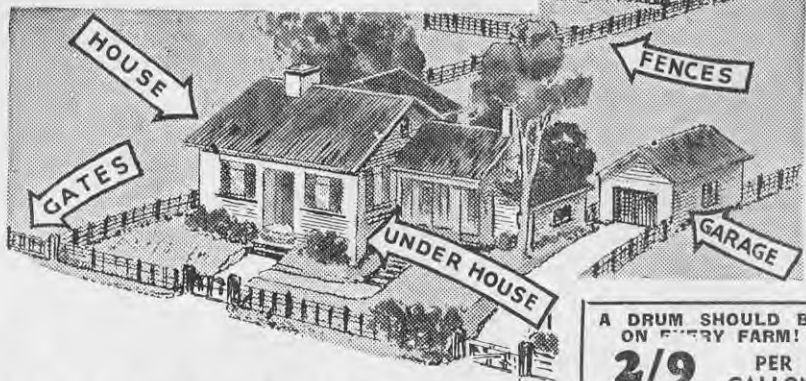
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