

the animals, he is interested in the archaeology, the geology, the human beings, the prehistoric remains; and whatever he sees or whatever happens touches a spring in his mind which sets him to thinking, remembering, feeling; and his readers get the benefit. Three chapters are concerned with experiences in South America. The longest of the papers is a study of primitive man, archaeological and modern, in his relations with the horse, the lion and the elephant. *Books for Holidays in the Open*, the author frankly says, is a confession as to his own likes in reading and it reveals him as a wide-ranging reader of omnivorous tastes.

"A BOOK-LOVER'S HOLIDAYS IN THE OPEN"

"The joy of living is his who has the heart to demand it," says Colonel Roosevelt, summing up at the end of his somewhat impassioned "Foreword" the ideas with which in the course of its four pages he has been endeavouring to show what physical and spiritual uplift, what splendid enjoyment, what exalted satisfaction are his who has strength and courage for hardy adventure in the wild places of the earth. The book describes a number and variety of such joys that have given zest to his own life. It shows also, partly by implication and partly by open evidence, how much any man of intelligence can increase the pleasures which the wild places afford by the habit of study and wide reading.

Three of the papers deal with holiday activities in the Southwest—hunting, riding, camping, observing, on the rim of the Grand Canyon, across the Navajo desert, at a Hopi snake-dance. That Colonel Roosevelt has such wide and varied interests enhances the pleasure of his readers almost as much as it does his own enjoyment of a holiday journey. He knows the flowers, he has studied