

The children of today are privileged far beyond those of even a generation ago in the quality and number of books written for their pleasure and instruction. There is no excuse for the reading of trash while such books for children as "A Boy of a Thousand Years Ago" are offered to the public. Mrs. Comstock's story ran as a serial in *St. Nicholas*, which in itself is strong guarantee of its worth. The "Boy" is Alfred the Great, and his life and adventures are charmingly related in a style to please the elders as well as the child.

"In the Days of Queen Elizabeth", the third in "The Makers of England Series", is another excellent book for the young. Queen Elizabeth herself is the heroine, and under Dr. Tappan's skillful guidance the reader comes to know her well from the very cradle, and to follow her fortunes with interest. The style is pure, and the material well handled.

The average boy will find much enjoyment in "Marching on Niagara", a tale of the great struggle of England and France for North America. Dave Morris, the young American boy who falls in with the surveyor, George Washington, and afterwards experiences many thrilling adventures, has already been introduced to his boy readers by Mr. Stratemeyer.

"Brave Heart Elizabeth" is no other than Elizabeth Zane, the young American girl who, at the siege of Wheeling by the British and Simon Girty and his Indians, braved the enemy's fire to bring powder to the beleaguered blockhouse.

Miss Thompson's picture of frontier life in Ohio in the years following the Revolution will appeal to all by its accuracy, gentle humor, exciting historical incidents, and live characters.

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["A Boy of a Thousand Years Ago." By Harriet T. Comstock. 80 cents net. "In the Days of Queen Elizabeth." By Eva March Tappan. 80 cents net. "Marching on Niagara: Or the Soldier Boys of the Old Frontier." By Edward Stratemeyer. \$1.00 net. "Brave Heart Elizabeth: A Story of the Ohio Frontier." By Adele E. Thompson. \$1.00 net. Boston: Lee & Shepard.]