

A beautiful book of eight fairy stories is *The Other Side of the Sun*, all by Evelyn Sharp, with pictures in color by Nellie Syrett which are really captivating. and with a gay cover, yellow edges, and large type, so that the six-year-olds and the eight-year-olds who have just learned to read can sit down with it all by themselves and devour it to their hearts' content. But then, after all, fairy stories, no matter how good they are — and these are good — are not so good as some other kinds of reading that might be mentioned, and that we should rather the boys and girls would spend their time on. [John Lane.]

In *Our Native Birds* Mr. D. Lange, Instructor in Nature Study in the Public Schools of St. Paul, writes with intelligence, kind feeling, and good sense of various ways and means of protecting the birds and attracting them to our homes, and of his prose we have naught to say except in praise; but anything poorer in its way than the doggerel with which he illustrates his exercises for the diversion of children could hardly be conceived. It is astonishing that a man in Mr. Lange's position should have so little sense for measure and rhythm as his lines exhibit. [The Macmillan Co. \$1.00.]

Let there be the widest possible circulation for such books as William Everett Cram's *Little Beasts of Field and Wood* [Small, Maynard & Co. \$1.25], and Clarence M. Weed's *Insect World* [D. Appleton & Co. 60c.]. Both of these are intelligently written and interesting introductions to the beauties, wonders, and varied interesting features of the animal world open to the eyes of childhood, and are fitted to refine the sensibilities, humanize the tastes, and soften the sympathies of children for every form of animal life.

Two new Home Reading Books are *The Story of the Fishes*, by James N. Baskett, and *About the Weather*, by Mark W. Harrington. The one by

text and picture will inform an intelligent child, and indeed a studious older person, of the mysteries and curiosities of life in the water, and the other by the same means, in somewhat larger type and with full scientific knowledge, but in a simple style, will explain the problems and processes of the famous weather bureau. [D. Appleton & Co. 65c. and 60c.]

Mr. George Ludington Weed has written *A Life of St. Paul for the Young*, and has succeeded as well as can be expected in a task so difficult, the danger attending which is that of temptation to dress up scant facts with unwarranted fiction. [George W. Jacobs & Co. 50c.]