

BOOKS

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of the BBC. His talks were intended to describe the life of the people of Britain under the impact of war. He lived among the people he was writing about and his stories of London during the Blitz, and of conditions in armament factories, have the stamp of authenticity that only first-hand knowledge can give. The chapters dealing with Holt's experiences as a broadcaster introduce the reader to many personalities whose names have become familiar.

It is difficult to judge the accuracy of the impression one gets of a highly successful self-made man, but for a first-rate picture of life in Britain during the war this book can be confidently recommended.

—B.C.

GOOD COMPANION

MEMORIES, by Desmond MacCarthy; MacGibbon and Kee. English price, 16/-.

THIS volume, with a foreword by Raymond Mortimer and a pen portrait by Cyril Connolly, I found delightful reading on an ocean voyage, for it enabled me to exchange the company and conversation of sheep-farmers, disappointed immigrants, sad business men (hopeful or successful in our small New Zealand way) for the society of the charming Irish critic and the numerous literary friends he introduces with so much learning and good humour. As

well as a score of essays on writers, most of them well known personally to MacCarthy, there are essays on other people as diverse as Roger Fry and Pet Marjory, and some reminiscences, among the more interesting being those of Eton and Cambridge.

—L.J.W.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A BEAUTIFULLY printed edition of *As You Like It*, with decor and costumes by Salvador Dali (Folio Society. English price 18/-), is the latest volume in the Folio Shakespeare.

PARNASSUS ON WHEELS, an amusing story by Robert Morley about a horse-drawn bookshop, which was first published in America in 1917, has now been issued in an English edition by Faber and Faber (English price, 10/6).

SOUTHERLY, Number Four, 1952, published quarterly by Angus and Robertson Ltd., Sydney (price 3/6) and edited by R. G. Howarth, contains articles about Australian literature, stories and poems.

INVITATION TO SKIING, by Fred Iselin and A. G. Spector; Allen and Unwin, English price 25/-. A manual on skiing, illustrated with diagrams and photographs.

EACH BRIGHT RIVER, by Mildred Masterson McNeilly; Shakespeare Head, Australian price 15/-. A novel of the Oregon country, fully flavoured from the frontier.

"THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

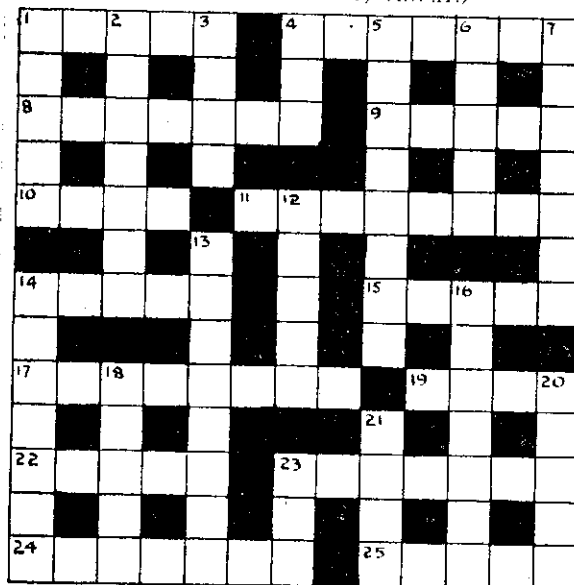
Clues Across

- Exclude from bread?
- With 3 down Pop will pop the question.
- "Now sleeps the — petal, now the white" (Tennyson).

9. Requirements.

- "The —'s at the spring, And day's at the morn" (Browning).
- Judging by the titles of his autobiographies, James Agate suffered from this.

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- Peculiar chair * to find in an unused ante-room.
- Clamour backwards in cohesion.
- Hungry.
- That is definitely not the answer.
- Common sense?
- Surround.
- Came in.
- An English article following a French one in a rotating machine.

Clues Down

- "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, Where wealth accumulates, and men —" (Goldsmith).
- This robber gives rise to a bad grin.
- "At last he —, and twitch'd his mantle blue:

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