Annotations of Annabel

DEAREST:

ings stuffed, and Santa Claus has or full-blown. waved wistful farewell.

ON the heels of the storm comes yclept a permanent wave.

themselves beyond these voices and whisper noble secrets to the stars.

MY only incursion into realms of youth in the form of end-of-the year entertainment was at that given by the merry maidens of Chilton St. James, at Lower Hutt. Accompanied by the fluent and accomplished Juliet, we agreed this was a clever, witty and charming show.

was bent combined energy of clever girls, big and little, who utilised fresh voices, delightful articulation, and considerable talent to ex-latest essay in verse. Dramatist and

Cassowary" is a fantastic medley of ish doggerel, and in "All About Me" The year draws to a close amid delicious nonsense, charming enough it would seem that, in the vernacular, brave summer days and the clear and to ensure for it a long life, and 'twill he has once more "got across." Of cool atmosphere of our levely land, be no matter of surprise if in future an astonishing versatility, Mr. Drink-Annual scrimmage in seething shops it is sought for its quaintness, origin- water writes with equal ease of Oliver is over, last calendar posted, stock- ality, and scope for talent, budding Cromwell's austerity, analyses melo-

calm, we welcome port after village mayde, who glimmered daint. How amusing and idiotic he isstormy seas, and still small voice fol- ily in and out of the limelight. lowing tempest with the whisper that Also very capably played was the we have leisure at last. So, twisting calculating young plutocrat, her tired selves, lissom or lengthy or in- rival for place and power as queen of clining to embonpoint, in deck chair the revels; while the Poisoner was a or hammock, we abjure madding thrilling and majestic figure of fun. crowd and silly season, and ponder The splendid voice of this young problems of life and love and whether treader of the boards, was heard to we shall tackle that form of torture advantage as majestically she declaimed value of her diabolic stockin-trade. Many and varied were the come true, even in this plain world. DISTINGUISHED visitors flock for performers in this rosebud garden of That wise moralist, Ralph Waldo fishing, crowding in on our lakes girls, and all of them, from Cassim Emerson, was of the same opinion, and rivers. Lucky people are en to Cupid, were good; but, imposing and wrote dignified caution against route for flushed sunlit loveliness of height and bearing garbed in flowing crying for the wrong moon, so to Mount Cook, the rose-mooded memory black draperies, with cabalistic em- speak, and hitching wagon to undeof which brings sudden sharp pang broideries, perhaps the exponent of sirable star. "What you wish for of longing for high hills that lift the execrable Guleesh was most mem- you shall find," said he, or something orable.

THE lilting music was delightful, and lyric and libretto witty indeed. As for that feathered fowl of destiny, the Cassowary himself, he proved thrilling as the Ancient Mariner's albatross, appearing at inauspicious moments with enviable aplomb. I feel sure that if Mr. A. A. Milne could witness the gyrations of that brave bird, he would make a THE play was the thing upon which poem about it for Christopher Robin.

> WHICH reminds me of the accomplished Mr. John Drinkwater's

cellent purpose. "The Quest of the poet, he now tries his hand at childdious beauty of the Victorian school of poetry, creates an amusing comedy JULIET waxed enthusiastic anent like "Bird in Hand," and now proves the dark-eyed Gerda, that sweet he can steal away the heart of a child.

Mr. Smith had quite a lot of daugh-

Who went to Bath each year to take the waters.

Mr. Brown had quite a lot of sons, Who went to Bath to take the buns.

A LTHOUGH no visionary, firmly I hold conviction that dreams like it. So when

The New Year blithe and bold, my friend.

Comes up to take his own,

clutch the sometimes forlorn hope that recurrent morning of the months will bring along our heart's desire. And it may be that thus we shall go on until, the last page turned, we find

In heaven, perchance, new chances, One more chance!

Your

ANNABEL LEE.

ful to every half-pint of water is a obtained from pure coffee. A simple

good proportion. and when purchasing always choose float on the surface, while chicory will hard, pale-roasted beans. When beans sink quickly and colour the water. are dark they have been over-roasted, which is detrimental to the flavour. fee is to measure the required amount The best results are obtained from of coffee and place in a saucepan. freshly-ground berries, as the strong Pour boiling water over it, and allow aroma quickly disappears. A small to simmer for three or four minutes, the beans should be freshly ground at and water. Add a pinch of salt and a where coffee is roasted each day and off into a coffee-pot, and serve. ground to order. Buy only a small quantity at a time, and store it in an airtight tin.

The best coffee is that which has no chicory added to it. Although some people prefer the slightly bitter flavour of the chicory, the best results are

test of pure coffee is to drop a little in Only the best brands Liould be used, a glass of water. Coffee will always

An easy method of making good cofcoffee mill is a good investment, and stirring all the time to mix the coffee home as wanted. If a grinding mach- little cold water to settle the grounds. ine is not obtainable, choose a shop Allow to stand a few minutes, strain

Many of the coffee-pots on the market are fitted with a percolator, when the coffee is placed in a container and the water boils over it. The pot should be kept over a medium heat, and the process continued until the coffee is the required strength.

Books.

MR. HODGE AND MR. HAZARD. (Elinor Wylie.)

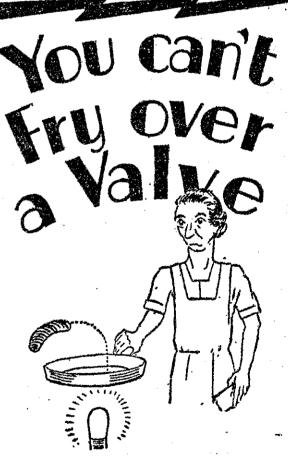
MISS WYLIE'S latest novel is a delightful work, subtle and distinguished in phraseology, and acutely observant and analytic in character.

Quite episodic, it is merely a narration of some months in the life of a middle-aged poet, who, about the year 1840, returned from abroad to live for a short space in his native land, finding solace for racked body and frayed nerves amid blossoming trees and lowlying valleys of the English countryside.

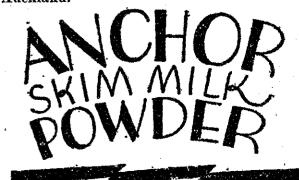
Here he meets a Watteau-like beauty, who is the lucky possessor of eyes that are sapphire and a heart that is crystal kind. In spiritual adoration of her the tempest-torn heart of the poet finds temporary healing; and also he delights in the lovely laughing nymphs who are Lady Clara's daughters, and answer to the musical and Miltonic names of Allegra and Penserosa.

When reading this charming fantasy one's attention is enchained by perfection of word painting, and a rare and acute consciousness of nuances of the spiritual life, those shallows and heights and depths that go to make up the manifestations of what is loosely and generally known as the artistic temperament.

The story is subtle and slight, merely an exquisite chronicling of picnic and play hours of a rebel and a dreamer with the lovely ladies of his heart; whom, true to his cult, he deifies into gracious goddesses of misty romance.—R.U.R.



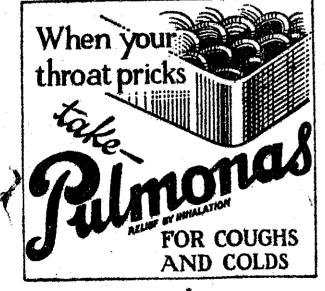
But a Radio Set can be a great help to the cook for all that. The other night's Broadcast suggested that housewives should send for the new "Anchor" Recipe Simply write "Anchor," Box 844, Folder. Auckland.



Some Timely Hints

Making Good Coffee

A LTHOUGH coffee is one of the most popular drinks in this country, it is surprising how very few people know how to make a really good cup of coffee. A common failing is to make it too weak. At least one tablespoon-



onking's Linseed Emulsion

Certain Cure for Coughs and Colds