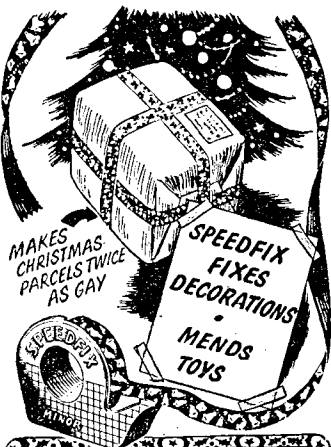


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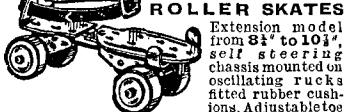
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A delightful volume consisting of the work of artists and writers aged seven to 14 lies on our desk. It is called *Fantasy and Fun* (Forbes Robertson, 12s. 6d.), and it contains poems, prose, and pictures by about 60 children who attend the same school, which, like the compiler, remains anonymous.

Most of the contributions have a delightful freshness about them, and to give some idea of their quality we can but quote.

One 12-year-old humorist, Ross Johnston, has a typical schoolboy approach to the subject of Books: "If there were not any books," he writes, "we could not learn French Grammar from books (which would, however, be a very good thing for me, at any rate)."

Another 12-year-old, P. R. Dixon, reveals himself as a poet of the countryside.

*High hills, not rolling plains,
That's the kind of place for me;
Country lanes, not railway trains;
That is what I want to see.
Walks o'er the hills to other places,
Not just rows and rows of faces.*

An even younger poet, nine-year-old A. M. H. Sarafian, grows lyrical on the subject of Bedtime:

*The cows are sleeping peacefully
In the meadow beyond the ilex tree.
Now thoughtfully I go to bed
With the stars going round in my head.*

*And there I dream of pretty things:
Jewels, and silver, and golden rings,
And waterfalls
Where the Kingfisher calls.*

As a final sample of this anthology of youthful aspirations, we give these lines on Shadows, written by another nine-year-old, E. S. Gropper:

*They are made by posts,
And look like ghosts.
They follow cars as they pass by,
And even pigeons as they fly.*

*They come from houses dark and tall,
Blackening the street from wall to wall.*

*They come from you, when the sun's up;
And, at teatime, even from your cup.*

Almost worthy of Robert Louis Stevenson himself, some of us may think.

BOYS' CLUB FESTIVALS

Some 200 boys' clubs throughout England have been taking part in Arts Festivals organised by the National Association of Boys' Clubs this year. First held five years ago, these festivals are increasing in popularity; this year there were again record entries in the Music and Arts and Crafts sections.

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