

## LIFE IN A MOUNTAIN CELL

### A Great Lady's New Home GLORY OF A WINDOW

We learn from Switzerland that a certain great lady, the Marchesa Vitalaschi, is going to leave the fashionable world and live in a mountain cell near the summit of Monte Generoso.

No doubt she is tired of being a slave to custom and longs for the freedom of a simple life. But it is difficult for the most sincere of us to live simply nowadays, and the Marchesa's mountain cell has cost about £750 to build.

If we are to believe the painters of saints and hermits, their mountain cells contained little besides a crucifix and a skull. There must have been a rough pallet bed and a wooden stool and a pitcher to fetch water from the brook. They lived on the bread of charity, or on berries and roots, and as the coldness of the cell was part of their penance we do not think there can have been any brazier within its sombre walls.

But the cell on the crest of Monte Generoso is fitted with electricity for lighting, cooking, and heating, and a cable will bring food from the railway station below. If Peter the Hermit had heard of such a cell he would have asked, with Juliet, "What's in a name?"

Many people will envy the Marchesa. Her cell has been built against a wall of rock 5500 feet above sea-level, and its windows look out upon the glories of the mountains, with a precipice 600 feet deep just below. No tiresome callers can interrupt, no traffic noises fret her there. Artists and authors will sigh: "What work I could do if only I could live in such a cell!"

But they would probably waste all their time looking out of the windows.

## SEE ENGLAND FIRST Some of Our Proud Corners

Little Known England. By Harold D. Eberlein. (Batsford, 12s 6d)

The England that is little known is becoming smaller every day. Mr Eberlein, in describing the little bits he loves in the Cotswolds, the Welsh Marches, and East Anglia, offers an apology for appearing to declare that they are flowers that blush unseen. There are plenty more besides.

But whoever looks again through Mr Eberlein's camera, or by the aid of his descriptive pen, at the Broad Street and the Narrow Gateway of Ludlow, or at Stokesay Castle from the west, or Burford's romantic street, will never cavil at a title. What will most rejoice them is meeting with an old friend.

Old friends again are the White Horse on its hill and Mapledurham Mill, and the cottage at Chalfont St Giles where Milton sojourned for a while. Many have seen them in the last few summers who hardly knew them by repute before the war and the motor-coach.

Nobody must grudge the invasion of the privacy of these places, or of others such as the bridge at Wiggenshall St Germans in Norfolk, or the Watersplash at Kersey in Suffolk, or the twin towers of Wymondham.

Are they little known? As admiring readers of Mr Eberlein's book we can avow that we have seen them all. But we thank him for letting us see them again, and we hope many will join him and us in going to see them again and making them still better known.

## BIRTH OF A WORD

We give elsewhere the results of searches by C.N. readers into the history of words; we note that a new one has apparently been born.

The British Society for the Study of Sex Psychology is changing its name to the British-Sexological Society.

The word is not yet in the dictionary.

## C. L. N.

### Marching On

## FIRST THOUSAND OF THE SECOND TWENTY

Number of Members—21,046

Better news than ever comes from the C.L.N. this week. In record time another thousand new members have joined us, bringing the figures up to the splendid total of 21,046.

Although there was an extra rush of new members on Armistice Day, when most of the world paused for at least two minutes to remember the war to end war, there was no sudden falling-off in the numbers afterwards, but a steady increase. We look forward confidently to a rapid rise and a coming-in of schools.

Altrincham County High School boys are not content with being merely enthusiastic for the cause of peace. With the help of one or two masters they have produced a splendid two-reel film called *The Glittering Sword*. They have made their own properties and have acted the parts themselves, taking the photographs in their own school studio and in the surrounding country.

### The Story of a Boy King

The film tells the story of a boy king in the Middle Ages who offers a great reward to anyone who can find him a mighty sword with which to conquer the world. A peasant lad sets out to find it. Some of the problems of war and peace and disarmament are made vividly apparent.

As many members of the C.L.N. will be wanting to see this school film made by schoolboys the C.L.N. has arranged special terms on which it can be shown to schools, particulars of which may be obtained on application to the London headquarters.

*Will all members please renew their subscriptions if they are due, posting their sixpences on the anniversary of joining?*

### How to Join the League

All letters should be addressed:  
**Children's League of Nations,  
15, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1.**  
*No letters should be sent to the C.N. office.*

With each application for membership should be sent sixpence in stamps for the card and badge. Please give your name and address, birthday and year, and the name of your school.

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## C.N. QUESTION BOX

Questions must be asked on postcards: one question on each card, with name and address.

### What Causes Red Rain?

Red dust, caught up by the wind from deserts in North Africa and elsewhere. Red rain occurs in Mediterranean lands and the Cape Verde Islands. It has occasionally been seen in England.

### Are There People Now Living Called Chaldeans?

No. The ancient Aramean tribes inhabiting the marsh lands bordering the Persian Gulf were called Chaldeans by the Assyrians and classical writers.

### Do I Take Nationality from My Father or the Country of My Birth?

A British subject is one born within the King's dominions; one born out of British dominions whose father is British by birth or naturalisation; or one born on a British ship. Foreign countries have different laws for their nationals.

### What is the Meaning of the SS Collar?

The SS collar is a decoration of the letter S repeated and often intermingled with other emblems such as roses, knots, and port-cullises. It was a royal badge of the House of Lancaster in the reign of Henry the Sixth and his successors. Its earliest occurrence is on a 1371 effigy in Stratton Church. It is not known what the S means, but it does not stand for Henry's motto *Soverayne* as sometimes stated. Today the Lord Chief Justice wears an SS collar.

## GEORGE FOX

### The Man Extraordinary A RIDE AND A TALK WITH CROMWELL

George Fox. By Dr Rufus Jones. (Allen and Unwin. 5s)

Those who would spend an evening with one of the most extraordinary men who ever lived may well read this book.

It is a rapidly-moving story of this rugged man of the time of Cromwell, who came before magistrates sixty times in his life and founded the most law-abiding community in the world.

George Fox was, of course, the founder of the Quakers.

### One of the Mystics

Probably few of us would like him today. We should hardly care to dine with him, and we would not greatly like his talk over coffee. A most annoying fellow he would be. Yet he has stamped his character on the life of the world for ever.

He must not be judged by our time. He must not be judged as we judge a scholar. It is his heart and not his mind with which we have to do. He belongs to the mystics; he is in the class with Joan of Arc, and Francis of Assisi, and a host of other people who will be a force in the world when far wiser and more learned men have been forgotten.

We see Fox here in many aspects and in many moods. We like the picture of him riding by Oliver Cromwell from Hyde Park to Whitehall, telling Cromwell what he thought all the way, and so impressing him that Oliver, on returning to his palace, told one of his wife's maids that he had good news for her. George Fox had come to town.

### A Thrilling Picture

We are thrilled by that picture of him setting out for America in a vessel which was so leaky that the press-gang man, out of very pity, spared two men he was taking from the crew. All the way across the Atlantic they were pumping water from the leaky boat; in one day, in two hours, she sucked in 16 inches.

But this man was unafraid. Nothing daunted him. He believed that God was with him everywhere and always, and in that spirit he went forward. Out of his work has grown the great body of Friends all over the world, and all the crusading for the Kingdom of Heaven that has been done in their name. Surely he was, as Carlyle called him, a great prophet, and we must not forget it because he was queer.

He was one of the entirely honest men who have appeared in this world and made themselves famous for all time.

## ARE HENS STUPID?

### Old Speckle is Not

Are hens stupid? The general belief is that they are duller than most animals and birds. At any rate they contrive as often as not to run into danger rather than out of it.

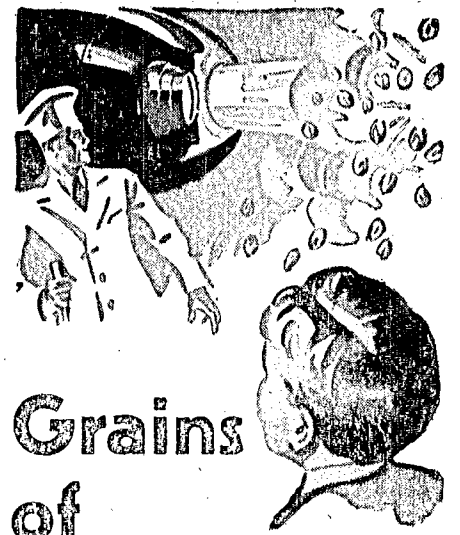
But a Durham reader has an old bantam hen that is distinctly clever. Her name is Speckle.

She chooses to live by herself rather than with other hens, and prefers to retire toward nightfall into a hut apart. But the door is sometimes closed. Then, says our correspondent, she has been known to return to the house, fly to a window-ledge, and peck at the window until she attracts notice, and then lead the way to the closed door.

The fact that she is a favourite and very tame may account for her knowledge of human helpfulness.

Over 80,000 men and women have enrolled for evening classes in London.

The new Sheriff of Bristol, who is a Quaker, has obtained the King's leave to wear Court dress without a sword.



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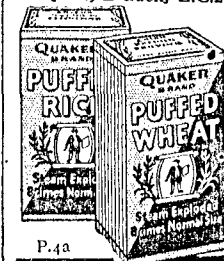
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