

THINGS SAID

SCIENCE has now reached a point at which its application, if rationally and sincerely made, could provide an adequate minimum standard of living for every human being in the world.

Professor Julian Huxley

THE most important thing in a child's life is a permanent background on which he can count. He wants a permanent continuing love from the same person or persons.

Godfrey Nicholson, M P

WHY not appoint a Children's Minister?

Thomas Scollan, M P

THE more I get in from Savings the less I shall need to get in from Taxation.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer

How much is a waterly to Quarterloo?

Season Ticket Inquirer at a S R station

The Ideal Passenger

IN these days of hurrying and rushing many bus conductors are often the victims of thoughtlessness and even abuse by passengers in a hurry to get to work or home. Although the conductor is on his feet most of the day he is usually cheerful and patient.

The London Passenger Transport Board receives many a letter praising the courtesy of conductors, but here is a case of the conductor praising the passenger.

Conductor H. Childs has written to the L P T B. that he has found the ideal passenger, Mr Henley of Finchley, "who boarded the bus during a busy period, tendered the exact fare, handed me a purse he had found on the seat, and did all he could to be helpful."

Indeed, the world would be a much happier place if, like Mr Henley, we all developed a sense of give and take.

Editor's Table

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO KNOW

If girls with a mincing gait take short cuts



GAMES bring girls out. Unless they are indoor games.

LONDON trams are to be done away with. They have been going a long time.

A HOUSEWIFE wants to know how to make fruit tart. Pick it before it is ripe.

A BOY says he can't think why people want to be tailors. Because it is fitting.

A GIRL typist is making her name as a singer. Knows all the different keys.

Education By Films

THE use of the cinema to guide the peoples of India, China, Africa, and other countries to a higher standard of civilisation was outlined recently by Mr Adolph Zukor, founder and chairman of Paramount Pictures.

Mr Zukor said that films could explain in the simplest terms how natives might improve their yield of cotton and other basic crops. Other film corporations were interested in the venture, but it was to Britain that he looked for support.

"The British Government is the only one today which realises the tremendous force of the motion picture," he declared, "and I do not think we shall have any trouble in getting it to support us."

Thousands of projectors were in the possession of the British and U S Governments, and it would be an excellent thing if they were released for the benefit of those countries in need of the guidance which films could give.

The C N has always considered that the possibilities of education by films are boundless and we are glad to learn that a great man of the film world is in agreement.

The Yearly Round

AUTUMN to winter, winter into spring.

Spring into summer, summer into fall;

So rolls the changing year and so we change,

Motion so swift we know not that we move.

Mrs Craik

A Lamp and Its Message

THE new mayor of Mossley has had a special gas lamp, bearing the town's coat-of-arms, erected in front of his house. Since 1922 every new mayor of Mossley has had such a lamp put up in front of his house and left there for his term of office. Mossley and Nelson, in Lancashire, claim to be the only towns in England where this custom is observed.

Although Mossley is, for administrative purposes, in Lancashire, parts of it are in Lancashire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire, and its three municipal wards are named after these three counties. Appropriately, Mossley's coat of arms—which are painted on the mayor's lamp—consists of a red rose for Lancashire, a white rose for Yorkshire, a corn sheaf for Cheshire, and a cotton tree symbolising the town's industry. Its motto is Floret qui Laborat (He flourishes who works)—one which many people outside Mossley might take to heart!

TROUBLE-MAKERS

WHERE no wood is, there the fire goeth out; so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Proverbs

YOUNG LADY GRIZEL TO THE RESCUE

THE memory of Lady Grizel Baillie, who died on December 6 just 200 years ago, is dear to the hearts of Scottish people for two reasons. A poet who enriched Scottish literature with one imperishable song, she also, by outstanding courage and devotion, won a high place in the ranks of Caledonia's heroines.

It was as a young girl that Lady Grizel first proved her mettle. Her father, Sir Patrick Hume, of Redbraes Castle, in Berwickshire, was unjustly accused of having had a hand in the notorious Rye House Plot of 1684, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. When the king's troops arrived at Redbraes Castle, however, Sir Patrick had disappeared. Knowing that capture meant death, he had hidden himself in the vaults of Polwarth Church, just a mile away.

The problem of supplying him with food was solved by devoted little Grizel, then only twelve. Every night for many weary weeks she threaded her way nervously but courageously through the tombstones of Polwarth churchyard with a basket of provisions for her father. In the grey light of dawn she would make her lonely way back, tap softly on her mother's door—and whisper that all was well.

To obtain enough food without arousing the suspicions of the servants Grizel used to sit at mealtimes with a napkin on her lap, transferring the contents of this or that dish as opportunity provided. Her apparently huge

appetite sometimes mystified her younger brothers and sisters.

Eventually Sir Patrick and his family escaped to Holland, remaining there till William and Mary ascended the throne of Britain in 1688. But it was while she was in Holland that Grizel began to write her poems, including the famous lyric:

*When bonnie young Johnnie
came over the sea,
He vowed he saw naething sae
lovely as me;
He gave me gowd rings, and
mony braw things—
And were na my heart light I
wad dee.*

*His kindred sought ane o' a
higher degree—
Said, Wad he wed ane that was
landless, like me?
Albeit I was bonnie, I was nae
worth Johnnie—
And were na my heart light I
wad dee.*

*O were we young now as we ance
hae been,
We should have been galloping
down on yon green,
And linking it o'er the lily-white
lea—
And were na my heart light I
wad dee.*

How to Reach the Footplate

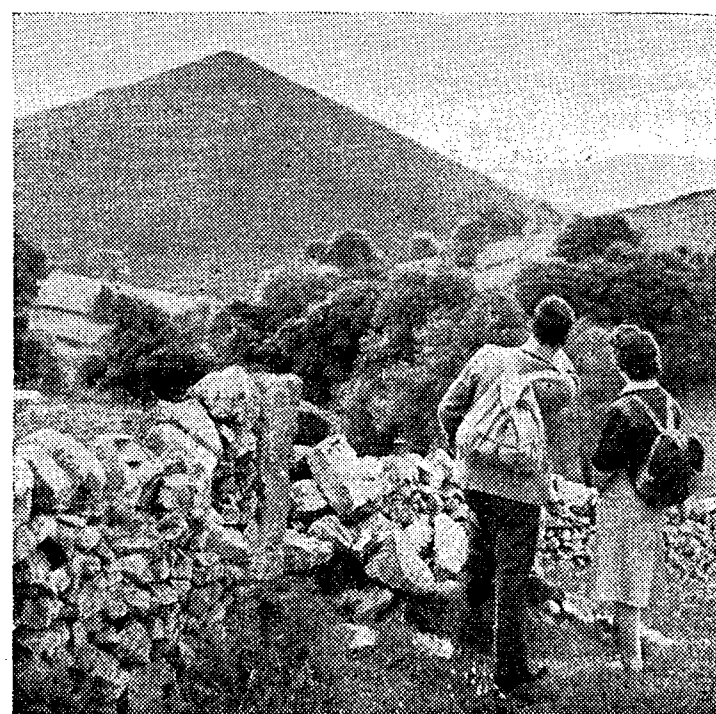
A PAMPHLET issued by the Big Four Railway Companies shows how boys can become not only engine-drivers but can begin work in any of the other departments of the railway service, and how girls, too, can enter the railways as a career.

A boy who really wants to become an engine-driver can begin when he is 16 or under as an engine cleaner at a wage of 40s 6d a week. The next step up is to be a fireman starting at

93s 6d a week. When at last he gains control of a locomotive, his wages start at 113s 6d a week.

The railways, which today employ more than 600,000 people, take boys and girls at school-leaving age, but older boys and girls are also accepted.

Full information is given in the pamphlet, Guide to Juvenile Employment which can be got from The Secretary, Railways Staff Conference, LMS Headquarters, Watford, Herts.



THIS ENGLAND

High Wheeldon, above the Dove Valley, recently given to the National Trust

Precious Jewel of Sussex

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL, which is 850 years old, is urgently in need of repair, and an appeal for £30,000 has been made.

When this appeal was launched at Brighton the other day, the Bishop of Chichester described Chichester Cathedral thus: "It is the most precious jewel among all the treasures of Sussex made by the cunning of men's hands, and it enjoys a setting of cloister, close, and palace within the beautiful grey city of Chichester which enables its light to shine even more brightly."

The City of Chichester, upon which the Norman pile looks down, had a turbulent history in ancient times. It was destroyed first by the Romans, then by the Saxons, and later by the Norsemen. In the eleventh century the Saxon bishop's seat was transferred there from Selsey.

The Potter's Wheel



The ancient art of pottery is a popular subject at the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts, where this London girl is shaping a jar.

BOY BISHOPS

IN the Church Calendar December 6 is dedicated to St Nicholas, patron saint of children.

In all our Cathedrals upon this day it was formerly the happy custom for the young choristers to elect one of their number to act as Boy Bishop from that date until Holy Innocents' Day (December 28). The boy who was chosen wore vestments suitable for his rank, and conducted all the Cathedral services except the most solemn sacraments.

On Holy Innocents' Day the Boy Bishop preached a farewell sermon, and in the records of St Paul's School it can be read how "All the children shall every Christmas Day come to Paul's Church, and there listen to the Child Bishop sermon... And each of them shall offer a penny to the Child Bishop."

St Nicholas is, of course, Santa Claus, and presents were originally given on the eve of December 6.

Though the modern child has to wait another three weeks for Christmas gifts, December 6 this year may perhaps be regarded as the date for their consideration.