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periences in an equally remote country. Leaving Moscow by rail she travelled to Kazalinsk on the Aral Sea, then by camel or donkey on to Tashkent, Issik-kal, the mountains of Tien Shan, to Samarkand, Bokhara, Khira, Chimtra back to Kazalinsk and Moscow. Nearly a year of hardship, enlivened here and there by contact with friendly peoples. Many of the descriptions given are lovely pen pictures. Crossing the Kashkassu Pass she writes: "The lakes follow each other strung together like a chaplet with great glaciers stretching down to the very water; two glaciers face each other and almost join, their steep black moraines overhanging a lake of unimaginable turquoise green in which the shimmering outline of the glaciers are mirrored. The unequalled beauty of colouring dazzles and ravishes the eye, satisfying them so wholly that they cannot tear themselves away from it. The perilous track disappears when the lake overflows, turning into the dwelling of a giant enraged, who holds in captivity an immortal creature whose snowy body undulates amid tresses of billowing wayward turquoises."

A strange and changing country through which we have had a most enjoyable and interesting journey with the author.

Away from it All: An Escapologist's Notebook. By Cedric Belfrage. In case there are any who do not clearly comprehend what is an "escapologist" let us give Mr C. Belfrage's own definition: "Like all Englishmen on the sunny side of the social fence and a large number on the rainy side, I was trained from the cradle up to be an escapologist. I would define an escapologist as a person who looks the facts of life in the back of the neck, by sheer force of imagination conjures them out of existence, or, runs away from them." Further on he says: "An English gentleman is the perfect flowering of the escapologist; he is the man with the Nelson touch, others need eau-de-cologne in varying quantities to drown a bad smell under their nose."

So there we are, satirical, cynical and ironical, at times forthright in its outspokenness, and often the flash of humour is appealing and enjoyable. One finds that the escapologist's conclusions very often harmonize with one's own.

Read this book—it is well worth while.

Flight to Hell. By Hans Bertram. This is the story of a flight where the position was lost, the directions from Darwin being either misunderstood, or faulty, with the result that the plane was blown out of the correct course over the Timor Sea, finally landing in the deserts of North Australia.

The sufferings of the airmen are graphically told and when one has read the book one will feel inclined to agree with Mr H. Bertram that a kindly Providence had a share in their final rescue.

Pacific Flight: The Story of the Lady Southern Cross. By P. G. Taylor. A book with a strong appeal to all. Mr Taylor tells the story clearly

and with such a vivid touch of reality that the reader is able to follow through the preparations, and actual flight and to share the thrills, which to those in the Lady Southern Cross were a most nerve-racking experience.

NEW BOOK BY T. E. LAWRENCE

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Headlines in the London Times on December 18 last announcing that a new book by the late T. E. Lawrence of Arabia had been published in America at the price of £100,000 per copy, made one realise that Lawrence's power to galvanise the book world did not cease with his death.

"The Mint," by "352037 A/c. Ross" has recently been published by Messrs Doubleday Doran. Under the terms of Lawrence's will the book is not to be generally published until 1950, but, in order to secure the copyright Doubleday Doran have issued an edition of twelve (12) copies, of which two are in the Congressional Library at Washington, while the other ten copies are offered for sale at the price of £100,000 per copy.

"The Mint" is a book of some 200 pages and is an account of Lawrence's life at the Royal Air Force depot at Uxbridge after his enlistment in 1922 as aircraftsman. Under two general headings, "The Raw Material" and "The Mill," the author describes his own experiences and those of his fellow recruits.

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