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ISABEL CROMBIE

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My name is Trudi, and I live in one of the beautiful valleys high up in the mountains.

In spring, when the snow in the valleys has melted, the fruit trees are full of blossom. Hay is grown in the fields and meadows round the farms, and sometimes on the mountain-sides.

Above the hayfields and the fruit trees are pine forests. Above the pine forests are cow pastures, and above them are the rocky mountains and snow-capped peaks.

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Snow covers the mountains and valleys in winter, and even in summer there is still snow on the high peaks.

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The picture shows me helping my mother to get water for washing day.

We live in a little wooden house called a chalet, with geraniums growing on the window sills and the balconies.

My brother Hans is nine years old; we help our parents to look after the cattle, for my father is a herder.

In early summer, when the snow has melted, we take the cows up to the high pastures where the grass is fresh and green. This is a Festival day. The cows are hung with bells and flowers, and we have a holiday from school.

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When he is working in the high pastures, my father lives in a wooden hut. Here he stores the hay needed for the cattle during the winter. Every day he milks the cows and goats and looks after his few pigs.

Sometimes in the evenings when his work is finished, and often on Sunday mornings, my father blows a long alp-horn to greet herders in other valleys. They answer on their alp-horns, and the notes echo round and round the mountains.

In October, when the snow falls again, and it gets cold, we bring the cattle back to our valley.



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In summer time, Hans and I love to climb about the mountain-sides in the clean fresh air and clear sunshine.

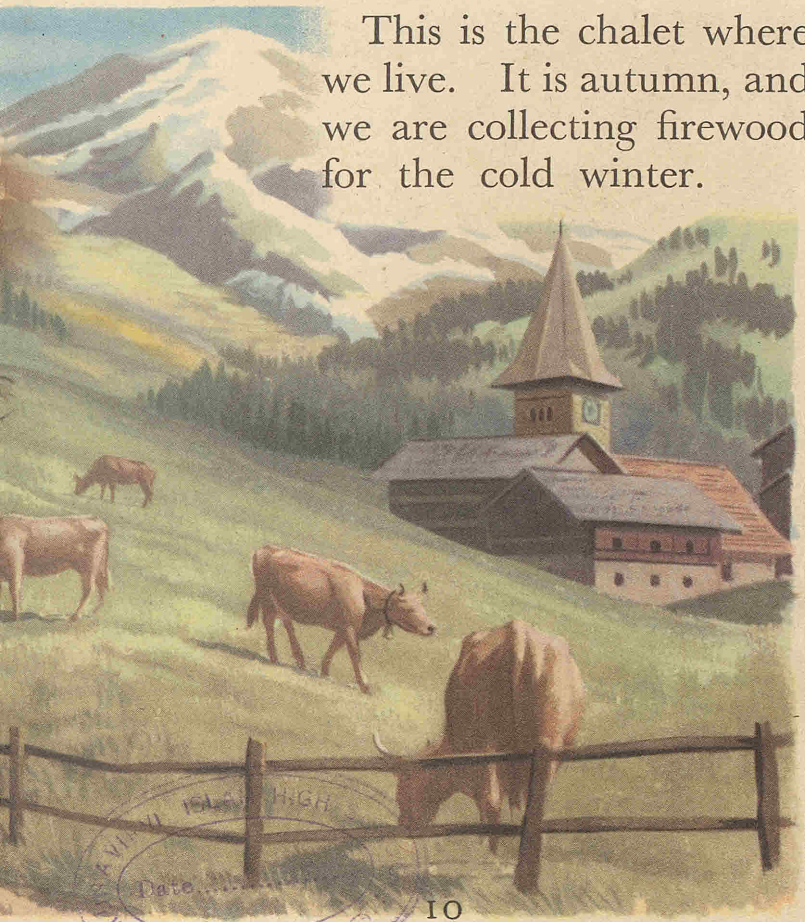
We sometimes take off our shoes, and run about with bare feet in the cool grass. We grow strong and get tanned by the sun.

The valleys are full of hundreds of different kinds of flowers. Up in the high pastures we often find lovely blue gentians, and rusty-red alpine roses.

Sometimes, when we climb high enough, we find a beautiful white flower called Edelweiss.







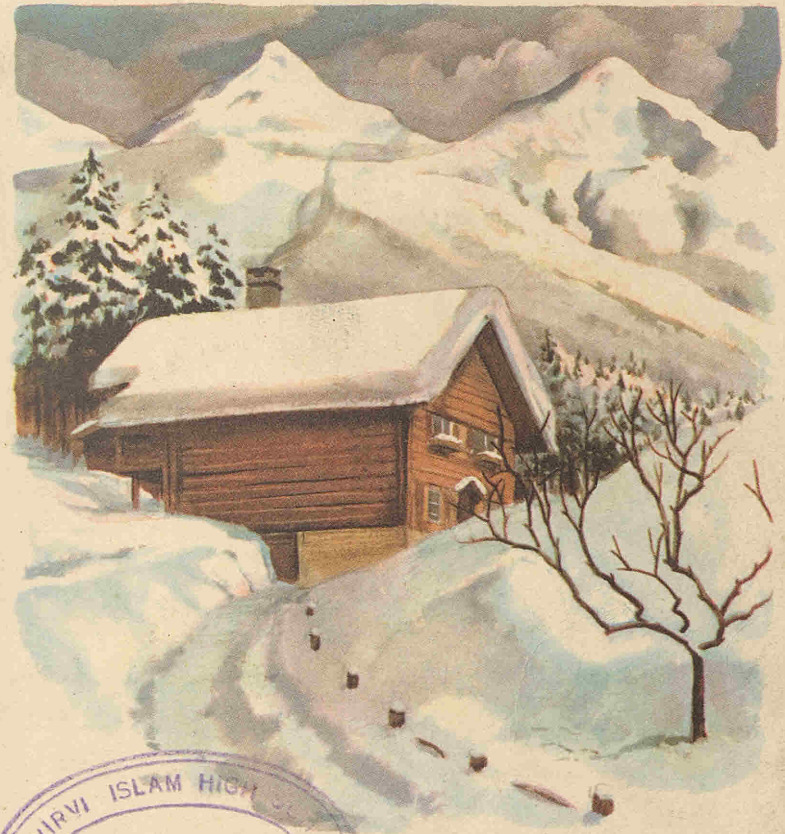
This is the chalet where we live. It is autumn, and we are collecting firewood for the cold winter.

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Here is a picture of our chalet in the winter time. Snow is everywhere. Everything is hushed and quiet. The cows are safely inside the chalet. They live on the ground floor and help to keep the chalet warm.

In winter my father is very busy chopping wood in the pine forests. He feeds the cattle with hay and milks the cows and goats. Hans and I help our parents to make butter and cheese.

Many visitors come to Switzerland from other countries. In winter they come for winter sports, and in summer to walk on the mountains and sometimes to climb the high peaks.



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In this picture I am ski-ing to school. The snow is too deep and soft to walk on.

You can see my skis. They are long pieces of wood, which are fastened to my boots, so that I can slide and skim over the snow very quickly.

I have a ski-stick in each hand to help me climb steep slopes, and to help me balance when I ski fast down the mountain-sides.

My school is far down in the valley. It is built of wood like a chalet, and has a little tower with a bell. My teacher, who is called Fräulein Huber, lives in a chalet, too.



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Now that there is no grass for the cows to eat, Hans and I go up with our father to his mountain hut to fetch the hay that was stored there.

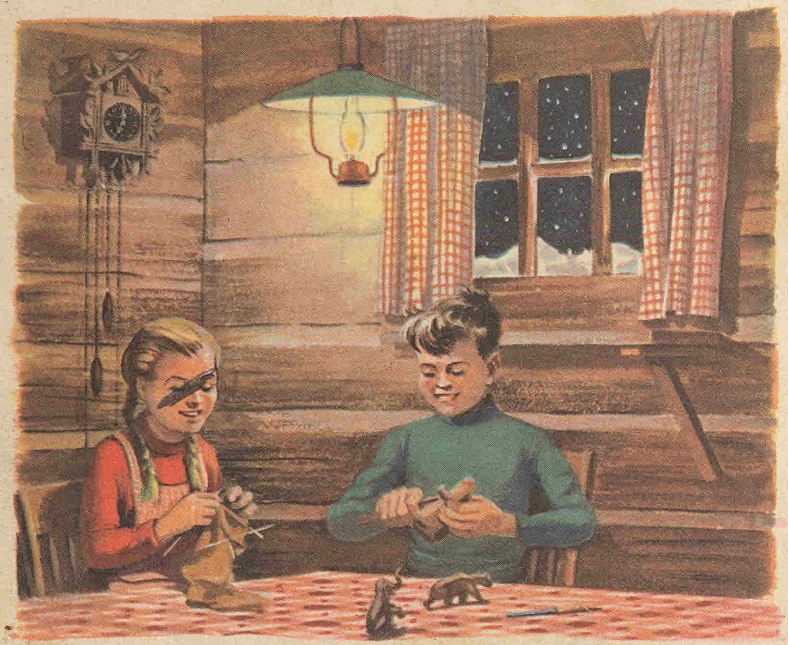
It is hard work pulling the hay sledge up to the hut. We have to dig away the snow from the door before we can reach the hay to load on the sledge. It smells fresh and sweet.

We tie it down and sit on it. We have a lovely ride down the mountain-side. My father, who sits in front, uses his feet both to steer and to brake.

We go very quickly. It is fun.

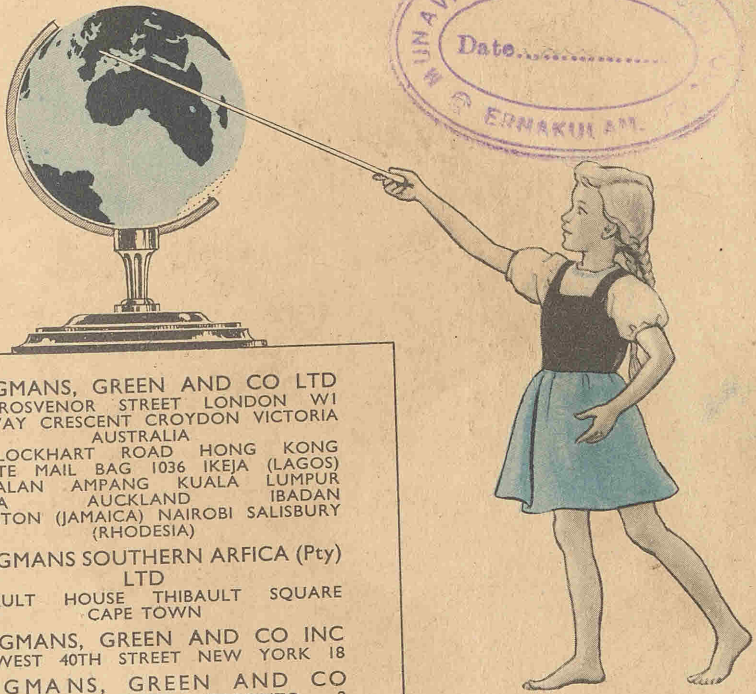


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In the long dark evenings I knit socks and scarves and caps, and Hans carves wood. In this picture he is carving a bear.

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