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Elementary Geography

Geography Around the Home is the name of a text for the youngest readers. Its aim is to give children an understanding of the involved transportation, agriculture, industry, and commerce surrounding the commonest acts of every day life. That the book can accomplish so much in its circumscribed space is due to the skill of its authors who know how to omit without offensive over-simplification. In the absence of maps, graphs, or tables of statistics, necessary tools for the higher levels, it aims to prevent a large array of the fundamentals of community living and interregional dependence. One author is Professor of Geography at Miami University, the other a gifted story teller and editor. The reviewer’s interest was captured by the problem of how early human ecology can be introduced in the learning process. Carefully selected photographs and drawings by Helen John make a useful and pleasing book.—A. E. Waller.