

READING TIME FOR LITTLE FOLKS

The Wonderful Book



MARIO



MOUNTAIN



RIVER

MARIO was a city boy. He had not seen a river. He had not seen a mountain.

"Mother," he said one day, "I want to see a river. I want to know what is found in the river. I want to see a mountain."

"Yes, dear, some day we shall go to your father's home town. There you will see a river. From your grandmother's window you can see a mountain."

"But, Mother, I want to know about a river now. I want to know what a mountain is."

"Run and play, my boy. When you are older, we shall go."

"No Mother, I do not want to play now. I want you to tell me about a river. I want to see a mountain."

"I am too busy to tell you about them now. Here is a book. Read it. It will tell you about things you do not know."

Mario opened the book. He turned its pages. There were many pictures. There were pictures of animals. There was a

picture of a river. There was a picture of a mountain.

"O Mother, this is a wonderful book. It has many beautiful pictures."

Mario began to read the book. It told him about a big river. Many boats went up and down the river. The boats carried coconuts, lanzones, and oranges.

Mario read on and on. He did not have to go away. He could read about rivers and mountains in the book.

"What a wonderful book, Mother," he said.

Choose the correct answer:

1. Mario lived in the (country, city).
2. He wanted to see a (river, driver).
3. What did his mother give him? (a book, a hook).
4. There were many (pitchers, pictures) in the book.
5. He read in it about a (little, big) river.

(Check your answers by reading the story again.)