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'We see film in a good many moods: worrying because babies are born in America at the rate of five companies of Infantry every two hours; speculating what it will be like when dolphins run the world; playing frantic word-games in order to feed his insomnia; . . . "It is impossible," he says, "to imagine a female seal saying to another female seal, 'What a charming lady-skin! Where did you get it?' " That is Thurber all over; a thing is impossible to imagine, but he goes right ahead and imagines it' - E. S. Turner in the *Bookman*

'People seem . . . as the years go on, to have become subtly influenced by him. I see this in his drawings. Those in this new volume seemed to me, at first, better, more accurate and truthful than ever' - Henry Reed in the *New Statesman*

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