

31/12/1905

Having been in Hobart on a visit I was told to visit the Fernlea Hut by my Brothers and I was Kindly shown over by Mr Wilkinson and I can say it is the Prittyest and the best Hut I have ever seen in my Life and I have enjoyed My self grand

On Aug 5<sup>th</sup> /06 I visited the Fernlea Hut with the Booberoos & was received splendidly by the Hut members. On leaving Melbourne I was informed that Tasmania was the most glorious place on God's earth & without a doubt The Hut & surrounding prove that Statement up to the hilt.

17/03/07

We will paint Mother Nature

For all she is worth

And out in the Bush we will tackle hard work

Fernlea is the spot I know you'll all say

When you get to the door on a very hot day

You gaze at the ferns and rustic's galore

The next little move to pass inside the door

Six simple simeons and Welcome you see

So if you've run out of grub then you sit down to tea.

The cook's not a bad one I'm sure you'll all say

We shall now play a game and then close up the day.

30/11/07

Here we are again for the second time, rather a hot walk up here but rewarded with strawberries & cream when we arrived.

Had a bonser tea and reached home safely.

18<sup>th</sup> December 1909

On a visit to Fernlea I was asked how I managed to lead a happy domestic life on the handsome amount of 30/- per week. The explanation is as follows:-

Beer	17	6
Wife's beer	2	6
Bread		4
Rent paid next week	0	0
Weekly instalment on Shakespeare's Works	5	0
Charity	1	6
Tobacco		8
Butcher's & Grocer's Bill	0	0
Little more beer	2	4
Packet of postcards		8
TOTAL	30/	6

I find that the last week I ran into debt to the extent of 6<sup>d</sup>, which can easily be remedied by cutting the wife's beer down to 2/-.

March 12<sup>th</sup> 1911

My first visit to a Tasmanian hut, and I am hoping it shall not be my last. If I can spend each day of a month's holiday in different Tasmanian Surroundings as pretty, I shall leave Hobart with the firm assurance that Hobart was the next place God made after Sydney.

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1911

Was Quite interested with the huts on the Mountain, which has much resemblance to the Famous Blue Mountains of NSW. My Best respects to the large Bottle in the Corner