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Life Alone Had Appeal for Elizabeth Barrett

Elizabeth Barrett was no scholar. Books were to her not an end in themselves but a substitute for living. "There are few of the youngest women in the world," she wrote, "who have not seen more, heard more, known more of society than I, who am scarcely to be called young now. I grew up in the country—I had no social opportunities, had my heart in books and potery and my experience in reveries."

She raced through folios because she was forbidden to scamper on the grass. She wrestled with Aeschylus and Plato because it was out of the question that she should argue about politics with live men and women. Her favorite reading as an invalid was Balzac and George Sand and other "immortal improprieties" because "they kept the color in my life to some degree."

Nothing is more striking when at last she broke the prison bars than the fervor with which she flung herself into the life of the moment. She loved to sit in a cafe and watch people passing; she loved the arguments and politics and strife of the modern world. The past and its ruins, even the past of Italy and Italian ruins, interested her much less than the theories of Mr. Hume, the medium, or the politics of Napoleon.—London Times.

John Wesley's Thunder Against "Costly Silks"

I conjure you all who have any regard for me, show me before I go hence that I have not labored in vain for half a century. Let me see, before I die, a Methodist congregation full as plain dressed as a Quaker congregation. Only be more consistent with yourselves. Let your dress be cheap as well as plain. Otherwise you do but trifle with God and me and your own souls. I pray let there be no costly silks among you, how grave soever they may be. Let there be no Quaker linen, proverbially so-called for their exquisite fineness; no Brussels lace, no elephantine hats or bonnets, those scandals of female modesty.

It is stark staring nonsense to say, "O, I can afford this or that." No man living can afford to waste any part of what God has committed to his trust. And it is far worse than simple waste to spend any part of it on gay or costly apparel.—From John Wesley's Sermons.

"Johnny Appleseed"

John Chapman, who was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1775, claimed that his mission in life was to have apple trees growing in the western wilderness when the settlers arrived. It is believed that his first nursery was in a narrow valley along the Ohio river, opposite what is now Wellsburg, W. Va. It is estimated that he set out more than 100 nurseries in the forests. Many of the finest orchards in the early days of Ohio and Indiana were composed of trees bought from Johnny Appleseed. He would dig the soil and plant thousands of apples, peach and pear seeds. When he had built a fence of brush around the spot to keep away grazing animals he moved on, and the arriving settlers would find and use the trees they could buy for practically nothing.

When a Girl Gets to Be 25

A twenty-fifth birthday is one thing to a man. He preens himself, fixes his biceps, expands the muscles of his chest, feels at last that he is a man, so to speak. But to a girl, and especially an unmarried girl, a twenty-fifth birthday is a different matter. It is the sharp revolver shot on the last lap of youth's course. It announces, quite definitely, that the racer had better pep up her stride, for the race will be won—or lost—within the next few minutes. Of course, youth isn't everything. . . . But it's an awful lot to a girl standing on the pinnacle of twenty-five years.—From "A Girl Must Marry," a novel by Maysie Greig.

Mackinac

The place-name Mackinac is applies to the famous trading post between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. Mackinaw, representing the Canadian French Mackinac, is identical with makinak, the word for "turtle" in Chippewa, and closely related dialects of Algonkian; said also to be a reduction of Michilimackinac, a corruption of an earlier mitchi makinak, signifying "big turtle" in Chippewa. According to Dr. William Jones, the Chippewa of Minnesota claim the word to be a shortened form of mishinimakinunk, "place of the big wounded or big lame person." This, however, may be an instance of folk-etymology.—Literary Digest.

GALENA

Mr. and Mrs. George Craddock and son, of Moore, Pa., spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Davis.

Mr. Irving Vansant, of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. L. R. Vansant.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Caldwell, near town, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gale.

The Willing Workers Sunday School Class of the M. E. Church are planning to hold a cake sale at Mr. Church's garage on Saturday, October 10 at 1 p. m.

Mrs. Gilfillan, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting her son, Dr. J. Earle Gilfillan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jarman had as their guests over Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Westwood, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stayer and Mr. James Ryan, of Philadelphia, Pa.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, near Cecilton on Tuesday evening.

Miss Ethelie Prettyman spent the week end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Prettyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rodgers, of Washington, D. C., spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hicks.

Mrs. Kate Foxwell, of Chestertown, Md., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Linda Walls.

Miss Anna Mulford daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mulford and Mr. Burgess Schrieber, of Chestertown were married at Elkton, Md., on Saturday, October 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cannan, of Camden, N. J., were visitors in town on Sunday.

Mrs. James Mulford spent Sunday in Smyrna, Del., and visited her brother, Mr. Charles Thornley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Marsh and Mrs. Mary Johns, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walters.

Mrs. Harry Smith an dson accompanied by her sister, Miss Selma Scotten have returned to her home in Salisbury after spending several months with her parents, Mr. and Ms. James Scotten.

Qute a number of folks from town attended the special service at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

STILL POND

Mrs. L. B. Harper and Mrs. Harry Bidwell spent several days last week with their niece in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Carson Greenwood and Mrs. Elmer Atwell spent Monday of this week in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson spent Wednesday in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Hyland, of Federalsburg, Md., visited her sister, Miss Kate Howard, this week.

Miss Elizabeth Shallcross entertained a few of her friends Saturday evening it being her sixteenth birthday. She was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. The evening was spent in games and songs after which refreshments were served, the color scheme being pink and green. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Miss Shallcross many more happy birthdays.

Margaret Anthony and Ernest Brisco surprised their many friends last week when they were married the week previous. They have the well wishes of a host of friends.

Remember the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society on next Thursday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Howard Rasin, 27 being present including two visitors and a new member. As soon as the meeting was over the president, Mrs. J. L. Price left to attend a meeting of W. C. T. U. at Seaford, Del.,

The Annual Harvest Home service of Still Pond M. E. Church was observed last Sunday. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. Dr. Johnston the District Supt., preached a wonderful sermon in the morning. Rev. Marker, of St. James, was the evening speaker and a large audiance including a large number of young folks enjoyed his message. The choir had beautiful selections at both services.

Before Silk Stockings Came Into Common Use

Gumuchain, Parisian American book dealer, has unearthed the first silk stocking poster used in France. It is dated 1560 and was executed for "Pierre Baudeau, a merchant."

Baudeau was one of the first silk hose makers in France. The poster is 12 by 15 inches and is a finely engraved wood cut, says a United Press dispatch. It has an architectural border, composed of cupids and grotesques, holding in their arms certain objects for sale. The majority of merchandise is silk stockings. There are some hats.

In the center is an oval containing the tradesman's mark—a magpie in a tree, surmounting a circular medallion on which is the inscription "Rex et regina casi legio arag si G," proving that Baudeau was a purveyor to Philip II of Spain. The approximate date of the poster coincides with the entry of Philip II into France, where he signed the treaty of Cateau-Cambresis. Hitherto, the wearing of silk stockings had been a custom confined solely to the courts, and this poster practically dates the popularization of silk stockings.

Caul Superstitions

The veil or caul is a little membrane encompassing the head, found on some newly born children, and forms part of the amnion or fetal membrane. Superstition makes it a good omen to the child itself and also to the person who obtains the caul by purchase. An old Scotch name for it was the "haly or sely how," meaning "holy or fortunate hood or cap." Besides having a reputation for preserving against disease it was also considered a sure preservative against drowning, and sailors bought cauls for this purpose. Brand's "Observations on Popular Antiquities" quotes numerous authors who have mentioned the various superstitions attached to the caul. It is stated that in the primitive ages of the church this superstition was very prevalent and that St. Chrysostom inveighed against it in several of his homilies.

Pan's Pipes in Pyrenees

Almost in any of the mountain towns between Biarritz and Andorra in the Pyrenees of southern France, you may be awakened in the morning, and soon after dawn, too, by the piping of the goatherds. On homemade pipes,' a lad and a maid will announce their arrival in the street, and the housewives will come to every door with crock or heavy brass pitcher, into which the goatherds milk their charges. It is certified milk of a kind unknown in the milk markets of the West, but prized in the Pyrenees as in many other sections of Europe. Southern France simply makes the milk man musical in addition to useful.

Andorrans Stand for Nothing "New-Fangled"

It was Charlemagne, according to tradition, who gave the valleys of Andorra their sovereign independence; it was the deep snows and the high mountains that made it possible for an isolated community of 5,000 souls to retain its individuality for a thousand years; and it is the Andorrans themselves who with scythes and shepherd's crooks defend the ancient republic today.

Spain invaded Andorra—Spain, in the person of a road gang of 400 swarthy laborers who thought that the exigencies of road building rose superior to the existing channels of telegraph and telephone communication. The Andorrans, one gathers, were not very clear as to what the Spaniards were doing, but they resented it anyway, and their scythes and crooks sent the shovel men downhill at top speed.

So the valleys remain free, and almost as roadless as before. Life is uncomfortable in Andorra, and doubtless a good macadam road would bring in its train softer beds and bigger radios and aluminum saucepans and picture postcards and all the other triumps of modern civilization. But, for our part, we rejoice in the victory of the scythe men. It elates us to think that there is still one mountain corner without good roads, where stout mountaineers, with neither cruisers nor tanks to defend them, still wield their scythes as freemen, like their ancestors a thousand years ago.—New York Herald Tribune.

Vitamins and Teeth

Science has shown that the teeth of barbarous and savage peoples were superior to those of moderns because of the vitamins contained in the unrefined food. Add all the vitamins to the diet, and especially the dental vitamin D, found in milk, if you would have healthy and beautiful teeth, says Dr Don C. Lyons in Hygeia Magazine.

Treasures in Library

Buffalo public library has thousands of dollars' worth of rare books hidden away in its shelves, according to the head librarian. Many of them are under lock and key. Irreplaceable histories of Buffalo and the Niagara frontier are included in the list. Scrapbooks of anecdotes of Grover Cleveland, Millard Fillmore and Elbert Hubbard are found alongside guide books on Niagara falls dated as far back as 1835, newspapers with 1811 date lines, and Buffalo city directories since 1828. The books are available for reference to those making a study of frontier history.

Fossil "Hunting Ground"

The single district where more different types of fossil remains have been found than any other is the district within the city limits of Los Angeles, Calif., known as LaBrea Pits. LaBrea is a Spanish word meaning "the tar" and these pits are so called because of a large yield of tar which comes from them, in which the remains of a large number of prehistoric animals were imbedded. Apparently the tar insnared these animals at the time it was formed and the bones are in a remarkable state of preservation in many cases.

Instincts of Youth Told

Prof. Olive Wheeler of Cardiff university college of Cardiff, Wales, said recently that investigation showed that the instincts that most easily got out of control in the case of boys were aggressive ones, while in the case of girls they tended to be passive, tending toward lying and attempted suicide. Professor Valentine of Birmingham said that he had found half his students confessed a tendency during adolescence to suicide in the case of girls and running away from home in the case of boys.

They Had to Fit

A private in the army of the unemployed, signing himself A. J. B., reports: "The help wanted ad called for 'bookkeeper not taller than 5 feet 6 inches.' I'm not a bookkeeper and I'm 5 foot 10 in what's left of my socks, but I'm terribly curious and, having nothing else to do, I went around to the place. The boss started to wave me away, but I said, "Wait a minute! Why the 5 feet 6?' 'Our bookkeeping department is located in a mezzanine gallery,' sez he."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Natural "Golf Balls"

Nature apparently was in a playful mood when she created some of the formations in Manti national forest, Utah. Among the most unusual specimens are scores of almost perfectly round hard-stone balls found in the soft sandstone strata, some of them two or three feet in diameter. They are known as "Goliath's golf balls," and scientists are studying them in an effort to explain their origin.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Careful Johnny

Johnny had been sent upstairs to wash his hands and face before sitting down to supper with company.

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