Main Dome Distinctive Feature of St. Sophia's

St. Sophia, Constantinople's marvelous mosque, when it was erected by Emperor Justinian as a Christian cathedral, was made in the form of an immense Greek cross. The architect supported the structure with a hundred columns, and the brick which formed the main building material was covered with rare marbles, jaspers and porphyries of a dozen varieties and colors, drawn from quarries in various parts of the empire or from the ruins of demolished heathen temples.

But the distinctive architectural feature of the building was the main dome, probably the first great aerial cupola ever erected. Within 20 years an earthquake destroyed a part of this inverted cup, but Justinian immediately restored it, and it remains intact until now, rising 175 feet above the earth. Gibbon commenting on its lightness and durability says that the frame probably is made of pumice stone or of light brick from the isle of Rhodes.

The cathedral adornments and particularly the mosaics of the floors and walls were considered marvels of art and beauty. The dome presented a starry firmament and the walls were enriched with figures of Christ, the Virgin, the saints and the angels; and of Constantine and Justinian.

Washington Both Wise and Thrifty in Youth

George Washington early learned the value of thrift, writes Bellamy Partridge in Boys' Life, the monthly journal of the Boy Scouts of America. "There were not so many chances for a boy to earn money in those days. But Washington was accurate and exact; he was good at mathematics; he was fond of being outdoors," says Mr. Partridge. "Surveying called for all these qualities, and being a gentleman's work, appealed to him. At fifteen he made an accurate survey of a turnip field. The next year he went into the Shenandoah valley on his first big job. It was a great adventure for him and paid him well, $7.20 a day, which was good pay for a boy in those days—or these.

"Washington put this money into land, the first he ever owned, a wild tract of 550 acres which he called 'Bullskin Plantation.' Two years later," continues Mr. Partridge, "he had saved enough to buy another piece of 456 acres. At twenty he purchased 552 acres more, making a total of 1,558 acres which he bought and paid for with the money earned with his transit before he was old enough to vote. He made 'Bullskin' into a valuable property, which he kept all his life, and to which he often referred in his diaries."

Use of Words

The proper force of words lies not in the words themselves, but in their application. A word may be a fine-sounding word, of an unusual length and very imposing from its learning and novelty, and yet in the connection in which it is introduced may be quite pointless and irrelevant. It is not pomp or pretension, but the adaptation of the expression to the idea, that clenches a writer's meaning—as it is not the size or glossiness of the materials, but their being fitted each to its place, that gives strength to the arch; or as the pegs and nails are as necessary to the support of the building as the larger timbers, and more so than the mere showy, unsubstantial ornaments.—William Hazlitt, "On Familiar Style."

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

BY RUTH FOX

Rally Day was a huge success for C. H. S. We won Touch-down pass, Obstacle Relay, the third place in Run and Catch, the first and third place in Hit and Run the Bases.

The little Freshmen showed a great deal of promise too. They came through with flying colors in Touch-down-Pass and Hit and Run the Bases.

Billy Reinhart broke the record by kicking the soccer ball sixty-two feet.

George Rasin, Junior, was the only one at the Shore Declamation Contest who recited something amusing, and George won first prize. "Genevy Tibbs' Conversion" was the one he declamed with such great success.

William Faulkner broke the 8-pound shot put record by putting the shot forty-seven feet and nine inches.

The Medley Relay Team composed of Herchel Calloway, Robert Wright, Ralph Hopkins and James Kreeger broke the record by running 1640 yards in four minutes and one second.

Did you know that—
Mr. Stenger is hoping to have a baseball game with the winner of Caroline County next week?
The Tennis Tournament has started and the rackets are in full swing?
Billy Reinhart is the school champion in Ping Pong?
The window sills in Mrs. Brice's room appear strangely vacant? The flower boxes have been removed?
The questions for the fourth quarterly exam are to be given out this week?
The ninth grade girls are studying Interior Decorating?

The officers for next year's Literary Society were elected. The winners are:
President—Alice Marian Sterling.
Secretary—Myrtle Hadaway.

And one thing was very much noticed Tuesday morning—sunburn and Noxzema.

DICKENS' ADMIRERS GATHER IN ENGLAND

SON OF NOVELIST, 83 YEARS OLD, AMONG VISITORS TO SCENES OF NOVELS AT ROCHESTER

LONDON, May 14 (Canadian Press)—Connoisseurs of Charles Dickens from every part of the English-speaking globe gathered today at the ancient Kentish city of Dochester for the Whitsuntide convention of Dickensians.

Jovialty—the dominant note in Dicken's novels—prevailed in a spot peopled by the ghosts of the master's immortal creatons, a spot made famous by Gadshill Place, a mansion Dickens admired as a struggling youth and in which he died, an author of world-wide repute.

There was much rivalry among the delegates for the honor of occupying Mr. Tupman's bedroom at the Bull Inn, where the scapegrace Jingle, Mr. Winkle and Dr. Slummer enacted their hilarious roles.

A pilgrimage was planned to Gadshill Place and an excursion to the fine old farmstead which many critics believe to be the original Gadshill Major. The convention was attended by Sir Henry Dickens, the novelist's only surviving son, now 83 years old. Sir Henry, as Common Sergeant of the city of London, has long presided at Criminal trials at the Old Bailey, described at length in David Copperfield, and has become noted for his leniency toward wrongdoers.

Miss Hope Wickes is in England now attending this Convention.

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THE RUNAWAYS

By H. IRVING KING

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EDITH JAFFREYS had two admirers who counted—William Lester and George Calton. As a rule, Lester was away ahead of Calton in the race, but just now a quarrel with William had brought George within measureable distance of the winning post.

The quarrel was about—well, several things; one thing leading to another, as they will when two positive characters get to arguing—smoking by women, bobbed hair, "ships and shoes and sealing wax and cabbages and kings."

The first time Edith had refused George Calton, George felt that life had turned to dust and ashes. Each subsequent refusal left him less and less afflicted. Edith had become merely a habit with him, but she had so long been the object of his dreams that he thought she was so still and made love to her automatically.

The evening after Edith's great flare-up with William, George made his semi-annual proposal. This time it went, "Edith, when are you going to throw over Bill Lester and marry me?"

"Mr. Lester and I, with my consent, will never meet again," she answered. "And, George, I will marry you at any time."

George was amazed at his own sensations. He knew that he ought to be deliriously joyful; but subconsciously he had a feeling of dismay.

The answer flashed across him suddenly. Helen Marlowe! Yes, hang it! he was in love with Helen Marlowe and engaged to Edith Jaffreys. George groaned as deeply on this, the first night that Edith had accepted him, as he had on the first night she had rejected him.

Edith, after George had gone, at first fairly gloated over the hopeless agony that William Lester would suffer when he learned of her new engagement. Then she began to be sorry for him, and by the time she turned off the light and got into bed she was crying. Next morning she thought: "If William will only apologize for his outrageous conduct perhaps I might—but I'm engaged to George!" She was moody and irritable all day, revolving impossible schemes to extricate herself.

George had proposed and been accepted on Wednesday. Thursday he did not show up. Friday afternoon Edith packed her bag. She had a great aunt living out on Long Island. Meantime George had been going through the same mental processes as Edith. "I shall go crazy if I think of this much longer," thought he. "I can't face this girl! I'll disappear for awhile; that's what I'll do. Something may turn up in the meantime."

He packed his bag and bought a ticket for Champville, Long Island. It was a small town. He had never been there; but he had heard it had a good hotel which was open the year round. At this season the hotel would not be likely to have many guests and there was no chance of encountering anyone he knew.

Five people got off the train at Champville. Three of them hurried through the little station to waiting automobiles. Two stood on the platform and stared at each other in consternation. The two were George and Edith.

"Why George!"

"Why Edith!"

Silence for a minute and then: "Were you going somewhere?" from George.

"Oh, no," said Edith, "were you?"

"Of course not," replied George, trying to assume a look of childlike innocence.

Just then an automobile came rushing up to the station on the further side and two familiar voices were heard in the waiting room.

"I knew we should not get here by the time the train did," said the voice of Helen Marlowe.

"What's the difference?" replied the voice of William Lester; and then he and Helen saw George and Edith standing there staring at each other.

With a joyful cry Helen rushed out, William followed more cautiously, as not entirely sure of his reception. "Then you got Jack Huntington's wire all right?" cried Helen. "You see, in making up his house party, he quite forgot to send you invitations. But as soon as William and I arrived, he wired at once. But gracious! how did you make the train? He only wired half an hour ago. Edith where are your trunks? Gone astray? Phone at once and find out about them. But first, William, you drive Edith over to Soundedge in the two-seater and send back a car for George and me. George is going to get a wigging in the meantime. He has avoided me for two days."

Edith had never been so glad to see anybody in the world as she was to see William. They made it all up on the ride to Socndedge. Before she got into the car she said: "Remember what I said to you Wednesday night? Of course, you understand I was only joking?"

"Oh, perfectly," replied William with beaming face.

Clocks Routed Herons

A resourceful zoologist has routed a colony of herons which persisted in camping in the public parks of Alameda, Calif., and eating up the park goldfish. The zoologist strung four alarm clocks in the herons' favorite tree, setting the clocks to go off every half hour, and after a sleepless week the herons vanished.

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