NOW AND THEN

THE CLOUD

I bring fresh showers for the thirsting flowers,
From the seas and streams;
I bear light shade for the leaves when laid
In their noon day dreams.
From my wings are shaken the dews that waken
The sweet birds every one,
When rocked to rest on their mother's breast
As she dances about the sun.
I wield the flail of the lashing hail,
And whiten the green plains under,
And then again I dissolve in rain;
And laugh as I pass in thunder.
—Shelley.

The author of the above poem was a most ethereal poet. All of this shorter poems have just such a lilting sound, just as this lovely one, "The Cloud" has.

Beauty had a great appeal to him. Unfortunately his warm generous heart led him unto many mistakes, which had he used his reason, he would not have made. Among them was his marriage to his first wife Harriette. Though he did not love her, he was so moved by sympathy for her that he married her. Finding her utterly uncongenial he left her, but always tried to support her until she committed suicide by drowning. This was a bitter grief to Shelley.

Finding a soul mate in Mary Godwin he was living happily in Italy where the warm weather and blue skies was restoring him to health: where he spent many days in his boat floating on the limpid waters.

Hearing that his friend Leigh Hunt was coming he went to meet him in his boat, but alas! a storm arose and he and his companions were drowned before he could meet his friend.

It was a sad ending to his short life. His second wife Mary Godwin has occupied herself in editing his works which are very numerous, many of them being very long. Which is surprising when one remember how young he was when he was taken away.

Clouds are beautiful as we see them floating in the blue heavens. Then at sunset when they enfold the sun in the horizon they make it a scene of glory.

Byron has beautifully described the sunset to the dying dolphin which, they say changes its color again and again when wounded and in pain.

He describes it thus:

'Parting day dies like the dolphin
Which each pang embues
With a new color as it pants away;
The last still loveliest
'Tis gone and all is grey.'

Clouds are many kinds, the great white cumulus clouds that seem piled up in the sky, the cirrus, those delicate shell like ones that float about; and the stratus, which generally attend the setting sun.

Because clouds hide the sunshine we often wish our friends a life without clouds, but the optimist tells us that the inside of every cloud is bright and shining and to turn them inside out to show their lining.

AIR CASTLE

I would rather be a builder
Of castles made of air
To be rebuilded every day.
And dwell in fancy there,
With everything to make me glad,
The doors all closed to gloom,
And sunlight of to-morrow
Shining into every room.
Then ever keep within the walls
Of sad things then and now;
For though my castles do not last
They're cheering anyhow.
And so I build and build again
Rebuild from day to day.
And sometimes the master builder
May let my castles stay.
—Anon

A pedestrian was walking slowly along. As he went on his way he saw many laborers, digging. They looked hot and tired, but he saw one with a very bright face. "What are you digging the stone for"? asked the pedestrian. "We are building a Cathedral" he answered. And the work did not seem hard for him.

Already he saw in his mind's eye the great Cathedral rising stone by stone and he did not think of the hard work that he was doing. He was a builder of a Cathedral in his dreams looking ahead to that and not to the present toil.

"Music hath power to soothe the savage breast."

To those who have a sense of sound there is nothing more pleasing in all this world.

St. Ceceliain the early ages of the church is said to have first made the organ, that beautiful instrument that combines the wind and the string together.

Cremona in Italy was once famous fo rthe manufacturer of violins. One Stradivarus who lived there made such wonderful ones that now they are almost priceless when found. These violins seem to store away all the harmony of the ages and give it out as the performer plays upon it.

TO EXHIBIT SHORE CATTLE

A number of the outstanding Aberdeen-Angus herds of the Eastern Shore are putting in the finishing touches on their entries for the Annual Maryland Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Show. These black polled cattle have attracted widespread interest and popularity in a comparatively few years, not only in Maryland, but all along the Eastern seaboard. It should be a source of considerable pride to all citizens of the Eastern Shore to know that at least two of the outstanding herds of Aberdeen-Angus cattle in Maryland are going to be represented at the Annual Show at the Belair Fair Grounds at Belair, Maryland, on Saturday, October 31.

Wickwire Farms, Earlesville, Md., will be there with seven head. Will be there with seven head, doesn't mean maybe, either, for entries from this outstanding herd have come through repeatedly. The champion bull and female at the Frederick Show and Sale this spring were Wickwire entries; the champion steer at the Baltimore Livestock Show this year was again a Wickwire entry, to say nothing of champion trio of fat cattle at the same show.

Andelot Stock Farm, Worton, Md., is going across the bay determined to make the going tough for their friendly rivals. Five entries from this Kent County beef breeding establishment will be on hand. Andelot Stock Farm has been the fountain head from which has come many of the outstanding individuals in the best herds of the East. At this same show last year Andelot Stock Farms ran off with the lion's share, running off with both male and female championships, as well as clicking along well up in the money in the various classes. The faint-hearted tremble when Andelot steps up.

While Eastern Shore herds will doubtless grab their share of the honors in the annual event, a formidable battlle array of entries from the West side of the bay will be lined up scrapping for their share. Much interest and enthusiasm is assured, for today there isn't a portion of the State that hasn't warmed up to this popular breed of beef cattle.

Pacific, Atlantic Salmon

The Pacific salmon is quite different from its Atlantic brother, says a writer in the Chicago Daily News. This species dies after spawning once and never returns to the ocean, while the eastern salmon spawns approximately four times. It always returns to its fresh-water birthplace and frequently lingers in that locality for a whole year. During this time the Atlantic salmon never eats. It receives its nourishment from its own body, which it has previously built up from ocean feeding, but this fast costs a 30 per cent reduction in weight.

MOST IMPORTANT ITEM

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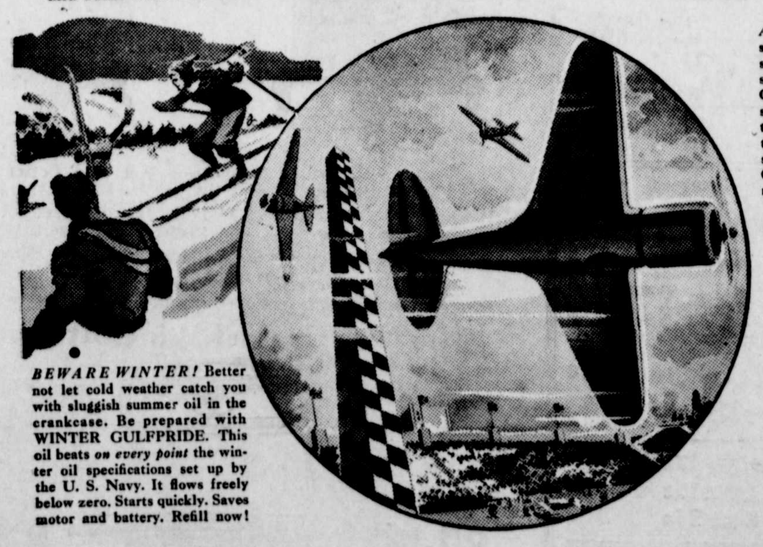
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