NOW AND THEN

THE HOUSE AND THE ROAD

The little Road says Go.
The little House says stay;
Ond Oh, its bonny here at home
But I must go away.

The little Road like me
Would seek and turn and know.
And forth I must to learn the things
The little Road would show.

And so I must, my dears
And journey while I may,
Though heart be sore for the little House
That had no word but stay.

May be no other way
Your child could ever know
While a little House would have you stay,
While a little Road says, Go.

—Josephine Peabody

THE RED CROSS SEALS ARE OUT

Every one is receiving the little messenger mailed in large outlook envelopes. How the sale of them has grown as the years go by, and how much good they have done in their fight against Tuberculosis!

Prevenitorioms and Sanitoriums have fought a good fight against the dread disease for which people thought there was no cure. Now there is every hope that the patient may be cured if he take proper care, and begins it in time.

Mrs. Roosevelt began the sale and since then every night on the radio we are urged to buy these little seals.

General Robert E. Lee was greatly beloved by all the soldiers who were under him in the great struggle between the North and South.

Once as a party of these soldiers was resting after a long march. A lecturer came up to talk to them. He began to talk evolution, telling them that their ancestors were monkeys, "Well it might be for most of us," said one, but it took a God Almighty to make a man like Robert E. Lee.

Wise is that man and bound to grow
Who knows he knows a thing or two,
But who is not afraid to show,
The many things he does not know.
(Confucious)

If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind." This is what Shelley wrote a long time ago. It is the title of one of the popular books of the day.

I HEARD A BIRD SING

By Oliver Herford

I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.
A magical thing
And sweet to December.

"We are nearer to Spring
Than we were in September,"
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.

The leaders of France are anxious to send over to John D. Rockfelter, Jr., a beautiful stone church in one of the small towns of France to show their appreciation of all that he did to restore that country after the World's War. But the people there rfeuse to have it torn down. No! No: they say. If they wish to send him a church let them send him a part of "Notre Dame," for Paris has many churches. So the little Stone Church still stands. Surely John D. Rockfeller, Jr., if he knew how it would grieve the villagers would refuse to have it moved to this country.

He is a great collecter and one of the lovely things he has given to New York City is "The Cloister," a collection gathered from old churches and shrines of the 13th and 14th century. It is he too, who restored Williamsburg, Va., to its pristine beauty after it had been destroyed by fire.

There are nothing more interesting to study in the insect world than bees and ants. Both live in colonies and work so hard that they are held up as examples for human beings to follow. In watching a colony of ants some time ago, they brought up the royal family for an airing. These high born ants did not seem to have anything to do but their nurses were as busy as could be. Then there is another set in the colony that go forth and milk their cows. The cows are the little green aphides that collect on rose bushes and grape vines and such out their juices. Then the ants draw the juice from them, and carry it down to their subterranean homes.

WOMANS PAGE

THE COURTSHIP OF MILES STANDISH

Thanksgiving Day makes people turn their thoughts back to the time of the first Pilgrims, when in spite of hardships they kept the first Thanksgiving Day in this country.

In thinking of these Pilgrims, one figure stands out prominent and that is the person of Miles Standship, A brave soldier he was and a staff upon which the people leaned to protect them from the Indians.

But Miles Standish was a lonely man, for his wife, Rose Standish died during the first winter there.

There was a lovely maiden among the emigrants, Priscilla, very capable and industrious and the old soldier's heart turned to her. How could he approach her? He knew very little of the art of wooing. He went into his house. There sat his young secretary, John Alden, handsome and ready of speech. Why, he would ask him to propose to Priscilla for him. Coming to John's desk he told him what he wished him to do. John Alden listened to him aghast. On his desk lay an early Mayflower which he had found peeping out of the snow, and he had picked it to carry to Priscilla, with whom his thoughts had been all the morning.

What could he do? Miles Standish, was his dear friend.

Hardly knowing what he was doing, he started for her home across the snow. Early April was giving promise of the coming of Spring, and John's heart was very sore, but he must not be disloyal to his friend.

He saw Priscilla sitting by the window, busy with her spinning. Looking up, she saw him coming.

A blush dyed her cheek, and a light sprang into her eyes. And then John came in. At once he began to talk of Miles Standish, of his goodness and bravery, and then he told her that Miles wished to marry her. Priscilla listened astonished.

Here was the man whom she knew loved her, urging her to marry some one else.

She shook her head. Though she knew him to be a brave soldier she would never marry him.

Then looking saucily up to John, she said, "Speak for your yourself John." John sprang out of the door, and hastened home. When Miles heard that she had refused him, he was very angry and hurt. He left the colony with his men to go after the Indians. Poor John and Priscilla! John did not come near her, and she went about her work with a heavy heart. When the ship came from England bringing them supplies, she was tempted to go back in it, but she felt it would show cowardice and so she stayed.

Nearly a year passed, and then the news came of Miles Standish's death. Not until then, did John go back to Priscilla.

They were married on a beautiful spring morning. As the happy couple came out of the Church, a weather beaten soldier met them. It was Miles Standish. He came up and congratulated them. "I was angry and hurt," he said, "but I know now what a hard thing I asked of John." How happy they all were:

In looking over the old annals one finds that Miles Standish married one Barbara, that she was a good and faithful wife, and bore him, seven children.

When one goes out in the cold if he would take a long breath and hold if in for a few seconds, he would find that he did not mind the cold.

Another thing, they say will keep you from feeling chilly. Dip your hands in water with the temperature about 50 degrees every day for two weeks. You would find that you were no longer chilly. Let your hands stay in the water about two minutes.

The Spectacled Bear

The giant panda of Tibet is also known as the spectacled bear. It is not a true bear but belongs to the family of raccoons and is about the size of a small brown bear. The general body color is white, except for black rings round the eyes, from which it gets its name. It has small, rounded black ears, a black "saddle" across the shoulders and a black rump. It is purely herbivorous and is found in forest country at an altitude of about 12,000 feet in the wild and inaccessible mountain ranges of the Province of Szechuen, on the east Tibetan border.

Telephone Directories Named "America's Calling Lists"



Modern maidens show the old and new in telephone directories. Margaret E. Bowling (left) holds the first telephone directory of New York City, published in 1878. Numbers were not listed. (Right) Alice E. Elliott with an armful of the several directories making up greater New York City with its 1,505,000 telephones of the present.

Telephone directories listing cities, towns and communities throughout the country have been aptly named "America's calling lists." Annually more than 25,000,000 copies of telephone directories are printed and distributed to Bell Telephone System subscribers.

If all of the 2,000 separate issues of telephone directories compiled by the associated Bell System companies were bound into a single volume, it would make a book more than 25 feet thick.

Telephone directories originally contained lists of names only. The New York City telephone directory of 1878 contained 271 listings with no numbers indicated. New York today is served by more than 1,505,000 telephones. Calls in the early days were made by names, which the operators had to memorize. As the service increased, names were supplemented by numbers and users were requested to call by number. Directories today, in addition to telephone numbers, contain names, addresses, and in many cases the occupations of subscribers.

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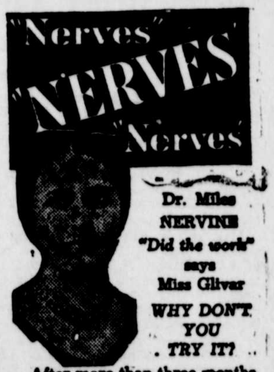
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