NOW AND THEN

WINTER

Winter reigneth o'er the land,
Freezing with its icy breath;
Dead and bare the tall trees stand:
All is chill and drear as death.

Yet it seemeth but a day
Since the summer flowers were here,
Since they stacked the balmy hay,
Since they reaped the golden ear.

Sunny days are past and gone:
So the years go, speeding fast,
Onward ever, each new one
Swifter speeding than the last.

Life is waning; life is brief:
Death, like winter, standeth nigh:
Each one, like the falling leaf,
Soon shall fade, and fall, and die.

But the sleeping earth shall wake,
And the flowers shall burst in bloom
And all Nature rising break
Glorious from its wintry tomb.

So, Lord, after slumber blest
Come a bright awakening,
And our flesh in hope shall rest
Of a never-fading Spring. AMEN

In spite of its being winter, it is Rain, Rain, Rain! Surely it has poured down this week. Grass is green, trees are budding, and leaves are beginning to show on the rose bushes.

It seems that the cold has jumped across the continent to the states that hardly know snow. Orange groves and fruits generally are suffering by the exchange. Here's hoping that all will be well and that the crops may be abundant.

Those who have luaghed at the interpretations of "Clara", Lu "and Em." over the radio, knowing them to be bright college girls will be distressed to know that "Lu' died last week of pneumonia. She had married a professor of the University when she was a student. "Em," who is also married, is very ill of influenza.

They will be a real miss to the listeners in, as their talks to each other, in very nasal voices, always was a most amusing feature of the radio.

Jan. 19th is the birthday date of a hero, whose memory is very dear to the South, in fact to the whole country, and also to the English people who consider him one of the finest generals in strategic maneuvers that ever lived.

That man is Robert E. Lee.

It was a bitter wrench to our hero when Virginia seceded but he gave up his position in the U. S. Army and went through the hard campaign of the confederacy.

He was greatly beloved by his men. The right of him riding on his horse, Traveller was an inspiration to them, and incited them to renewed effort.

After the defeat of the southern cause he accepted the position as president of Washington and Lee College. Here, his influence over the young students was very great and he made that institution one of the best in the country.

He was nature's gentleman, refined, unselfish and thoroughly honorable. Over the radio last Sunday evening a northerner sang his praises and his fine handsome face is portrayed in many of the homes of the north as well as in the south

In the Hopkins hospital now is a true friend and great admirer of Dr. Finney's. This, Dr. Walker has been in the hospital for a year now as a patient. But this time last year he was well and strong.

In reading Kiplings famous poem, "If" he was impressed that it described Dr. Finney exactly, so he conceived the idea of getting the poem autographed by Kipling, and then presenting it to the Doctor at a dinner to the given in his honor.

After having the poem printed on parchment and purchasing a gold pen which was never to be used for any other purpose, he proceeded to make preparations for his journey across the water. Through a friend of his in England, he got the promise of Kipling to autograph the poem. Fortuntely the ship had no accident on the way over, but he found that his friend was sailing in eastern waters, so he had to think for himself A visit to Kiplings home, where he was very coldly received did not discourage him. Being informed that the poet was away, he went to his office. After long tedious waiting, he saw Kipling come in. After some time he was told to send the poem to the next room for he was not allowed to see the poet. This he did sending the pen also by the messenger who brought the poem back autographed.

The next day Dr. Walker sailed for home, a series of tragedies seem to follow. Kipling, who was about to embark for warmer climes, was taken ill and died in a few days after this incident.

The wife of the friend who had interceeded for him with the poet, died suddenly and her husband was so grieved that he fell ill and died soon after.

The dinner was held for Dr. Finney and the autographed poem was presented to him, but Dr. Walker was not there He had been seized with illness soon after his journey, and has been in the hospital ever since.

A most interesting account of this was given in the Baltimore Sun Magazine of Jan 17th.

A pair of kitchen shears is one of the most useful objects a housewife can have in her kitchen.

More Than 100 Patents Were Granted to Edison

More than 100 patents were issued to Thomas Edison during his lifetime. The most important inventions include:

Machines for quadruplex and sextuple telegraphic transmission; the electric pen and mimeograph; the carbon telephone transmitter; the microtasimeter, for the detection of small changes in temperature; the megaphone, to magnify sound; the phonograph; the incandescent lamp and light system; the electric valve (at first called the "Edison effect"), now fundamentally essential in wireless telegraphy; a system of wireless telegraphy to and from moving railway trains; motion pictures; the telescribe and the alkaline storage battery.

Edison's first patent was granted to him before he was twenty-four, on a vote-recording device intended for use in parliamentary bodies. For the next few years his attention was devoted to improvements in telegraphy, and his longest list of patents pertain to the subject.

During the war he reported forty-five inventions to various government bodies. All of them, he said, were pigeon-holed. Among these inventions were sea anchors to turn ships quickly; a torpedo-obstructing net; an under-water searchlight; a means of taking nitrogen from the air; a stabilizer for submarines; a fire extinguisher for coal bunkers; a ship telephone system, a night glass and a rust preventive for guns.

His last invention prior to his death, October 18, 1931, was a process for extracting rubber from goldenrod.

Man Has Immortal Longings

Man is of the earth, but his thoughts are with the stars. Mean and petty his wants and his desires; yet they serve a soul exalted with grand, glorious aims—with immortal longings — with thoughts which sweep the heavens, and wander through eternity. A pigmy standing on the outward crest of this small planet, his far-reaching spirit stretches outward to the infinite, and there alone finds rest.

Noted Captures

Governor Peter Stuyvesant, of Manhattan, captured Forts Trinity and Christiana (Wilmington) in New Sweden (Delaware) in 1655 and ordered that Swedes who did not swear allegiance to Holland should be deported. The Dutch claimed the territory by right of purchase from the Amerindians; but the artful redskins had also sold the land to the Swedes. Governor Peter didn't know it, but while he was running the Swedes out of Delaware, Amerindians were running the Dutch out of Manhattan. The day before his assault on Forts Trinity and Christiana, Amerindians swooped down on his home town, massacred 100 whites and carried off 150 more.

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