NOW AND THEN

ONLY THE DREAM IS REAL

By Dr. Anderson M. Scruggs

Only the dream is real, there is no plan
Transcending even a rose's timid glory,
A cricket's Summer song. The ways of man
Are stupors of the flesh and transitory.
There is no truth but dreams. Yet man must spend
His gift of quiet days in storm and stress,
Unheeding that a single breath will end
With one swift stroke the hoax of worldliness.

Only the dream will last. Some distant day
The wheels will falter, and the silent sun
Will see the last beam leveled to decay,
And all man's futile clangor spent and done.
Yet after brick and steel and stone are gone,
And flesh and blood are dust, the dream lives on.

GROUND HOGS DAY

There is a certain hill in Quarryville, Pa., called the "Slumbering Ground Hog Lodge." Here at dawn on February 2 the member of this Lodge don their silk hats and carry their canes as they go to see if his worshipful majesty, the Ground Hog will come out of his hole, and whether he sees his shadow. He has seen it today, which makes six more weeks of winter though it is hardly fair to say "more" for we have had so little cold weather thus far that it does not seem to be that season. However the ground hog is considered a sure prophet and we cannot be deceived into thinking we are on the outskirts of Spring.

VACUUM CLEANER PUMPS ORGAN

A church in Walkins Glen, N. Y., whose members, though poor have been very anxious to have the organ music in their church. They had a manuel organ but when the church was repaired, the old pumping room was boarded up so there was no way to supply power to the organ. The enterprizing men went to work, mended the organ and cleared out the pipes. Then they brought in a vacuum cleaner, which supplies the needed power, and it has proved to be quite a success.

THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Presidents desk is rather a source of trouble to those who have to dust it, and arrange the various things on it. There is quite a motley collection of his favorites there; toy donkeys elephants tiny boats, pen-wipers in every description and a variety of other articles. Those who have the arrangements, remember with pleasure the desk of Calvin Coolidge, who always had everything arranged in geometrical order, his pen and pencil always lying side by side.

VARIETIES OF WEATHER

The Citizens of Niagra have been sorely disappointed in the number of guests who come to see the frozen falls in their beauty. The reason is that the falls have not been frozen. The warm weather which has pervaded the east has kept the falls flowing as usual. The Pacific States, however are having a freeze that is by no means welcome to them.

Snow and sleet has wrought havoc with their fruit while in the middle west old man river keeps on rolling above the barriers built to protect the land from its waves.

THE CARES OF KINGSHIP

"I wish I were king," sighs many a boy. He does not know the heavy responsibilities that the kingship brings with it. History tells many sad stories of boys who wished to be king.

One of the saddest was that of Prince Arthur, who lived many years ago. Arthur had a brave uncle, Richard, the Lion hearted, as he was called. Richard had two brothers Geoffrey and John. Geoffrey was killed but left a little son, Arthur, who was entitled to be king at Richard's death, as Richard had no children.

But when he died, John seized the throne, and had himself crowned King.

Arthur was only a little boy, but his mother who was the sister of the king of France protested, and they raised an army. Little Arthur felt very big sitting on an armoured horse, leading an army, but the army was defeated and he was taken prisoner by his Uncle John, who put him under the care of Lord Hubard in his great castle, Poor little lonely prince! But Hubard grew to love the child and spent many hours in his prison room.

One day King John came to see him. Now Arthur had beautiful brown eyes while the King's were small and green.

King John came into the room. "Well, Arthur," he said, "What can I do for you?" Arthur looked at him with his beautiful eyes, and replied, "Give me back my kingdom of England." King John was very angry, and when he went out he commanded Hubard to put out the eyes of that little rebel.

Hubard was much distressed. But felt he had to obey the king. So he went into Arthur's room with a pot of fire and the irons that were to blind the child. But Arthur plead with him. "O Hubard do not put out my eyes, then I could not see you, Hubard nor the sunshine that comes in my window, O Hubard spare my eyes."

And Hubard weeping, ordered that the irons should be taken out. "No Arthur, I shall spare your eyes," he said.

But one of John's friends came to the castle to see Arthur, and found that the King's orders were not obeyed. So the King had him removed from Hubard's castle, to a cruel baron's. Then one night as Arthur was asleep he was awakened suddenly and told to dress.

Hurriedly he was taken down the steps that led to the water and put into a boat. When they had reached the middle of the river, he was stabbed and his body was thrown into the river. Perhaps King John lived to repent of this deed for he had a most miserable reign, and in his death he was deserted by nearly all of his subjects.

Pneumonia Presents Prolem to Health Authorities

Speaking of seasonal illnesses and the means used to combat them, Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, said: "Pneumonia usually heads the list of diseases that are matters of concern to physicans and health officers at this time of the year.

"Pneumonia usually flores up", he continued, "in the early fall. There is generally a steady increase in both cases an ddeaths until spring and a steady decline from then on throughout the summer. Very often a neglected cold, or an attack of influenza opens the way for the more serious disease and there is always danger of it in connection with measles.

Since 1932, pneumonia has occupied the fifth place as a cause of death in Maryland, and one death out of every twelve recorded in the State has been due to that disease. It has been outranked as a cause of death only by heart disease, diseases of the kidneys, cancer and cerebral hemorrhage. Consequently never methods of treating this disease that is equally fatal to young and old, are matters of great importance.

"Serum treatment of pneumonia belongs in this class, and it has been very effective for certain kinds of pneumonia, especially if administered early in the course of the disease. Beofre the serum is administered, mens should be taken to the laboratory by messenger; mailing speci- laboratory tests of sputum from the person suspected of having pneumonia, must be made, to determine the particular type of the disease present. The serum is of no use unless it fits a particular type of the disease. Such tests formerly took a great deal of time. Now, some of them can be completed within an hour. And in pneumonia, time is a matter of life or death.

"These newer tests are being made every day at the laboratories of the City and State Departments of Health in Baltimore City and at the Branch Laboratories of the State Department of Health in the counties, for physicians throughout the State, to aid them in the prompt diagnosis of the disease. The service is available to every physician in Maryland.

"It is extremely important that no time be lost in getting the specimens of sputum to the laboratories. Specimens usually results in the loss of precious time. Reports are either telephoned as soon as the laboratory tests are completed or sent to the physician by the returning messenger.

"Commercial serums for the treatment of pneumonia are not yet available for all types of the disease. However, they have been developed and are available for a few of the most important types. The serums can be obtained from some of the drug concerns and the biological supply houses."

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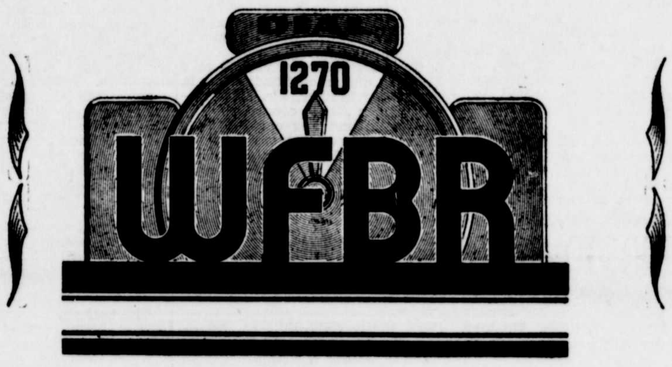
March 28—Alexander Hamilton



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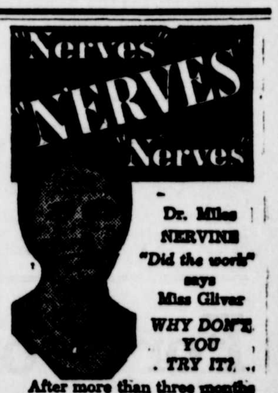

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