NOW AND THEN

KEYS

By Bessie Chandler

Long ago in Old Granada, when the
Moors were forced to flee,
Each man locked his home behind
him, taking in his flight the key.
Hopefully they watched and waited
for the time to come when they
Should return from their long exile
to their homes so far away.
But the mansions in Granada they
had left in all their prime
Vanished, as the years rolled onward,
'neath the crumbling touch of
time.
Like the Moors, we all have dwell-
ings where we vainly long to be.
And through all life's changing
phases ever fast we hold the key.
Our fair country lies behind us, we
are exiles, too, in truth,
For no more shall we behold her—
our Granada's name is Youth.
We have our delusive day-dreams,
and rejoice when now and then
Some old heartstring stirs within us,
and we feel our youth again.
"We are young!" we cry triumphant,
thrilled with old-time joy and
glee.
Then the dream fades slowly, softly,
leaving nothing but the key.

Spain

Spain has ever been a land of romance and poetry. And the tales of old Granada with its Alhambra and all that happened there, are full of thrills and adventures.

We read of Dons and Senoritas and Cavalieres to our hearts content. With her beautiful scenery and ideal climate it has often been thought an ideal place in which to live, but all is changed now. Grim war is there, tearing down her palaces and ancient places of beauty, grim war with its ruthlessness, killing men, women and children without mercy.

No longer is it a place for tourists to visit. Its rare paintings of Velasquez, Goya, Sorilla and of all the other artists are in danger of being destroyed. Why cannot the other nations call a halt to all this destruction of life and property?

Lady Huston of England

Lady Lucy Houston is dead. She was considered one of the wealthiest women in England, being the widow of a very successful ship owner. As a diversion she published a paper called the Saturday Review, which, though a Conservative paper, she abused Prime Minister Baldwin and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to her hearts content. She spent a great deal of her time on her yacht and from there would send orders for the editing of her paper. Sometimes she would tell them to keep on printing until she told them to stop, and then would forget to call a halt. She was a stout good looking woman, and always boasted of her fine health.

She patented medicine for colds and other ailments, which she published in her paper.

Lady Houston took the part of Edward VIII against the Prime Minister, and was bitterly opposed to his abdication.

When he did resign his throne, she composed the following verse and had it put in her paper.

Good Bye! Good Bye!
We cry with a sigh—
Driven away by a Law that's a Lie.
Great King! True Lover!
For you we would die.
Will you never return, Sir, to gladden
our eye?

In spite of her boasted health, she died soon after the Prince left England.

Hoffman Island

The United States Government is offering to the City of New York its detention place, Hoffman island where they sent all persons with infectious diseases on board of the incoming ships.

Now that immigration has decreased, and sanitary methods are used there is little need for such an island so the City of New York is going to use it as a playground for the children of the crowded districts. Of course that will also mean a free boat ride for them.

Women Excavators

The women are becoming famous excavators. Dr. Goldman, one of the enthusiastic of this type has just sailed with her party to explore the ancient city of Tarsus.

These women engage native men and many girls to dig into the ruins, but the managers themselves have to be always present, so as to examine everything that is turned up in the sod.

It is a busy but an interesting job and it gives employment to many who find it hard to otherwise get work.

THE SECRET

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I met God in the morning,
When my day was at its best,
And his presence came like sunrise
With a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long he stayed with me;
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive
them,
Brought to us both peace and rest

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When, I, too, had loosed the moorings
With the presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way;
You must seek Him in the morning,
If you want Him through the day.

Ralph Cushman.

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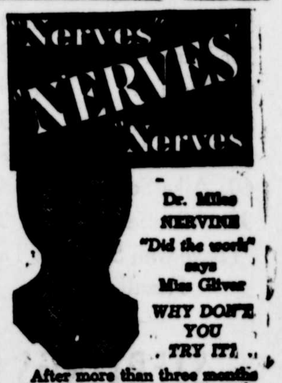
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