# NOW AND THEN

**AUTUMN IS HERE**
**By Alice Mathews**

Rejoice all who sorrow, away with your fret
Autumn is here, and the sweet violet
Beneath the dark sod sleeps, quiet, alone
Waiting the high call for joys now unknown!
The red rose has scattered its bright Summer dower,
And in solitude sleeps, close to plentitude's power.
Each slow bud a-dying, a strange tale could tell,
But rooted in Love it knows all is well!
Tall trees spread out branches in shadowy gloom
As if to make comfortable every flower's tomb.
Autumn is here, but child of God treasure
Truth crushed to Earth arises in pleasure
By that whcih commands e'en Eternity's Years
And removes from the Soul, all its sorrowing tears.

Dame Nature demands that all her children should take a rest. Now she is saying to the Summer flowers, "Its the time for you to sleep, while the brilliant autumn flowers take their turn. She decrees to every one of her children a resting time, which they all obey except the human beings who are too busy rushing to and fro to obey her voice. To them, the God of nature issues a warning. "Take no anxious care" and again he speaks to those who over do. "It is but lost labor that ye haste to rise up early and so late take rest and eat the bread of carefulness for so "He give his beloved sleep." So while he exhorts them to make their own living and labor diligently yet there is a time for rest and if one does not heed the warning he is apt to break down.

**"IS IT SHAKESPERE OR SHAKESPEARE?"**

In Harvard Collgee there hangs a fine picture of this bard on the walls of the refectory, while beneath it is an exact copy of his epitaph written by the poet himself:

"Good Friend for Jesus sake forbeare
To dig the dust enclosed heare:
Blest be ye man who spares these stones
And curst be he who moves my bones."

His body lies in the church at Stratford on Avon and has become a literary shrine for all his admirers.

Dr. Geo. Lyman Kittridge, the long time English teacher at Harvard, always insisted that the poet's name is spelt "Shakespere," but he resigned his chair at the University this year and the English class has decided to spell it "Shakespeare."

**HOLLAND**

Perhaps Holland is the cleanest country found anywhere. Its very walks and stones shine with scrubbing. Of course the damp air is fine for flowers and they are raised in every possible place. An American woman, who married a Hollander, has just been visiting her sister in New York. She is struck with the difference in the countries and she will be glad to return to Amsterdam again. She says the men there love to stay at home in the evening, that living there is so much cheaper and the streets of that city are wide with parks everywhere. Her apartment in Amsterdam looks out upon a beautiful square, and she pays very much less for it than does her sister in New York whose rear looks out on fire escapes and small back yards.

New York, like London, has outgrown herself though situated as she is between the Hudson and the East rivers, there is no more beautiful site than hers is.

Some years ago there was published in the magazines account of a German professor and his wife who wearied of the social requirements of a University town and sailed for the island of Galapogos taking with thme all kinds of seed and bulbs to plant in this uninhabited island. Their experiences there were most interesting. The garden promised to be very prolific, but wild hogs would come and destroy everything in a few hours. This couple must have left their Eden as they called it, for now not only wild hogs but wild dogs, too, have taken possesison of the island. These animals have been left there by the sailors who have stopped on their voyage. Expeditions are to be sent out to kill the wild dogs.

One of the reasons for killing off the wild dogs is to save the giant Galapagos tortoise, the oldest living animal in the world today, from extermination. The dogs dig up the tortoise eggs from the sand, where they have been laid to hatch, and also kill the young tortoise.

Although, according to Dr. Charles H. Townsend, 10,000,000 of the giant tortoise have been taken for food by whalers and other ships and killed by the island inhabitants, the wild hogs and dogs are the greatest threat to their existence. Dr. Townsend led an expedition to the islands in 1928 and brought away 180 tortoise to be placed in colonies in Texas, California, Arizona and Florida.

Michael Angelo's great frescoes in the Sistine Chapel at Rome are being refreshed, for they are the worlds great treasures. To create them the artist spent four years lying on his back, on top of a lofty scaffolding, in the dim light of the Chapel thus ruining his eyes. Poor Michael Angelo, in spite of his great genius his life was very unhappy. One bit of sunshine though, entered his old age the friendship of Victoria Colonna. Born of a very wealthy family and with unusual beauty she was a great solace to the unhappy unappreciated poet and artist. He painted her picture. A lovely face with red gold hair and blue eyes and the colors are almost as bright and fresh as when he painted it.

**HELPING: To Success**

In my estimation a true friend and the one deserving consideration is the one who stands by the side of the person who is trying to win success and offers all the help he can; who does not wait until they are successful to compliment them. I think that we should offer all the encouragement possible to every young person because we cannot tell which one may have the germ of genius and great potentialities, so we should not delay in helping every one possible up the hard road toward success. —Dorothy A. Davis, Scranton, Pa.

Madame Bonnet, one time movie actress, went one evening to visit the Casino at Monte Carlo. She was very much annoyed by the players at the tables touching her. Then she found out that to touch a person with red hair would make the player successful As she had an abundance of red gold hair, she was a lucky find.

"Whats in a name?" one often asks, and Shakespeare says that a rose would be just as sweet by any other name, but we find that a name is very often changed here. All one has to do is to go before a Judge and give a logical reason why he should change it. In Russia where there are so many by the name of Trotsky, they hasten to be called by another name, for he is considered to be an arch traitor in that country. Those in this country whose name end in "sky" are very apt to drop the last syllable of their name.

With the Hawaiian Islands producing only 15 per cent. of their food supply, the Territorial Highway Commission proposes to line high-ways with fruit trees of various kinds instead of the ordinary shade specimens. To date, 24 miles of highways have been so planted and the project will be pushed as far as possible throughout the islands.

There will be no "Do Not Pick the Fruit" signs on any of the trees.

**TOO YOUNG**

George Bernard Shaw, dean of dramatists and exponent of eternal energy, wrote a typical Shavian retort to the question concerning his first memory of life. He replied:

**"Sorry—I was too young to remember it."**

# WOMANS COLUMN

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One of America's most beautiful women was Lillian Russell. She was unusually gifted for she was not only a beautiful woman, but had a lovely voice. Wherever she sang the audience was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. She sang in most of Sullivan and Gilberts operas and helped to make them very popular. Long before she lost her voice, she retired from the stage, and took up welfare work. In her travels to and fro over the ocean she became very much interested in the immigrants that came over here. President Harding appointed her on the emigrant commission, where she did much to help the deserving and keeping out the undesirable aliens. She died in 1922, very much beloved by all who came within the sphere of her influence.

HATES HIGH-HEEL HATS: The smartest milliners of Paris were reprimanded and ridiculed last week by a returningAmerican. Arriving in New York from her latest trip to Europe, Elsa Maxwell put her foot down on those new French hats that masquerade as !!upside down shoes." Her condemnation could not have been based on a general aversion for things that look unlike themselves, for Miss Maxwell, in her self-chosen role as organizer of the frolics of society, has often made quite a good thing out of mixing extremes and turning them upside down. For instance, at one famous Elsa Maxwell party the guests were instructed to masquerade as their opposites; Miss Maxwell set the tone by impersonating Mr. Herbert Hoover.

Coming from a middle-class California family, Miss Maxwell, now middle-aged, began as an actress and piano accompanist. A tour left her in South Africa, where she launched a career as society's social director that has taken her tempestuously through the smart scenes of three continents.

POOR GIVERS: Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College, the women's branch of Columbia University, expressed surprise last week that women were poorer givers to education than men. "We must continue to study new ways of presenting our case to our own sex," she said in her annual report to President Butler.

# STILL POND

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Warner Geary of Turner's Creek last Wednesday afternoon. Plans were made to hold their annual supper this Saturday, October 16th.

Miss Anna Bowers spent a few days last week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. William Medders, Miss Minnie Medders, Miss Louise Pennington, Miss Louisa Travers, Miss Alice Maxwell, Mrs. Frank Meeks, Mrs. Edna Robinson were among those of the Homemaker's Clubs of Kent County to go on the tour of old Churches in Kent last Thursday.

The business and social meeting of the Epworth League met at the home of Mrs. William Haddaway last Thursday evening.

We welcome to our town Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ireland and daughter who have moved into Mr. Arthur Prices' house and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitley who have moved into part of Mr. Horace Brambles' home.

The P. T. A. supper which was held in the Odd Fellows Hall last Friday evening was a success.

Mr. Arthur Price who is working at Sparrow's Point visited with his parents a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Price are expecting to move near Baltimore soon.

Miss Louisa Travers and Mr. Walter Divas visited with Dr. and Mrs. Norwood Voss of Wilmington on Sunday.

Mrs. Talbot Bunting spent this week as guest of her sister, Mrs. Raymond Hallman.

# THOSE WHO REMAIN

**When death visits a home, the first concern is to perform the last service to the loved one in a becoming manner. What ever is done must express all the reverance and affection that is felt at such a time. But in addition to this a further responsibilty rests upon the funeral director. It is his privilege and duty to lessen as far as lies with in his power, the burdens laid upon those who remain. By countless little acts of thoughtfulness he can make the way easier for them.**

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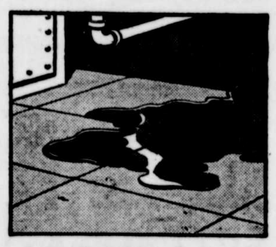
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