NOW AND THEN

THE RELEASE OF THE VIOLET

By Alice Mathews

More lovely to my visions glow beset
Seems this to-day, the Spring-time
Violet.
I seek the gleaming turret of the sod,
The sacred spot made Soulful by our
God:
I know that Holy Fingers touch the
plain
Before Spring—beauty comes again!
Why even now the Violet a-glow,
Sleeps sweetly, dimly shadowed, by
the Snow.
No palest beam can even shake the
calm,
No mildest tint, nor solitary palm
Can woo thee gentle flower from its
rest,
'Tis vain to wish for wakening,—
slumber's test
Doth fold away all strength within the
root.
Sol pauses casts a gleam, but all is
mute.
Love, every wooing urge, in truth,
denies,
Until, the destined hour, It calls,
"Arise."

How many seed are sleeping beneath the sod awaiting for the word "Arise".

The snowdrop is first in the train, and it is apt to appear about the last of March then the violet, the jonquils, dainty spring flowers make their appearance, when the call comes. The creeping animals to wake from sleep the mole hopi[illegible]o come above on February 2, if the sun does not shine too bright, but all are now awaiting the call.

ABOUT CATS

There is much talk about dogs these days and the cats have been rather put in the back ground, but cats show much intelligence if trained. One cat that was discussed the other day showed a doglike affection for his master. When the bell would ring for meals he would run up stairs to his Master's study and wait for him to come down. Then sitting quietly by his side, he would gaze up until his saucer was prepared for him. He delighted in showing off before strangers, choosing a particular chair to act upon. Then he would skin the cat and perform all sorts of antics for their amusement. Another cat of our neighbors disappeared the other day. He was a great pet, being with the family from the time that he was a tiny kitten. The family feared he had been run over but hearing a faint muffled mew they began to look for him. They found that he had gone up the chimney, and in doing so had shut the trap and was sitting on it. Such a time as they had getting him down, but finally he squeezed through the narrow opening, being glad enough to see the light agian.

When a kitten in Anaconda, Mont., perched on top of a 20-foot power line pole, policemen, firemen and bystanders tried every means to get the cat down. But the cat stayed aloft. Finally, a five-year-old boy utilized the one means his elders hadn't. "Here, kitty, kitty, kitty," he called. The kitten came right down.

THE LOTUS

China is being invaded, and her ancient country is being torn from its owners. China so big and inert, while Japan is wresting one city after another from its grasp. But the Lotus is blooming there still.

Most revered of all flowers in China is the lotus. And, truly, it is unforgettable. We like to recall a summer twilight, driving alongside the moat of the Forbidden City. The huge, scarred gray walls of the palace enclosure rose on our left. At the corners, gay little watch-towers of lacquer red, with many-faceted eaves of yellow tiles, contradicted the solemnity of their guardianship. A lavender light, brushed with shadows, hung over the ancient roofs of Peking. And below, in the deep wide moat, the lotus was in bloom. It rose above the water like a road of flowers—spreading out the enormous green circles of its leaves, and the pink buds and the mighty white blossoms, golden-hearted. And we thought how fitting it was that the lotus is without perfume. Fragrance, in so great and splendid a flower, would be vulgar. No, it is best unscented—classic and pure.

The chrysanthemums alone march bravely into the time of frost. Through many centuries, the raising of chrysanthemums, like that of peonies, has been an art among the wise old gardeners of Cathay. We remember a brisk autumn afternoon at the Pei Hai—northernmost of the three imperial lakes. A theme of yellow ran through the big crooked willows around its edge, and golden leaves drifted on the water. Far away the Western Hills rose blue, and the huge marble bridge shone white in the clear light. In a sheltered nook on the shore, we found a row of old earthenware vats. Each was full of rare potted chrysanthemums, ranging from sheer white, through all the firetones, to a dark purplish red. There were giant kinds and dwarf, dainty flowers and majestic flowers, those with quilled petals and those in sumptuous rags. And we thrilled at the thought that some of the same roots had doubtless bloomed for the emperors. Perhaps—who knows?—by imperial command.

Margaret Mackprang Mackay.

HOBOES TO HONOR AUTHOR OF 'HOME SWEET HOME'

In the hope of turning "kids on the road" back to their families and of making up for eighty-five years of neglect of his name, the Hoboes of America started a drive tonight to have memorials erected to the author of "Home Sweet Home."

To the scattered minor officers of the organization and to the "track-walkers and jungle bulls" went letters urging them to spread the word among the brethren preparatory to action at the national convention at Altoona, Pa., April 9. The letters also asked activities to get school children to thinking about the plan.

Somebody mentioned John Howard Payne at the open house held by Jeff Davis, king of the hoboes, at headquarters here New Year's Day. No one could say for sure that any monument, statute or other memorial to Payne, had ever been erected since he died in Tunis in 1852 at the age of 60. From this discussion the movement sprang.

STRANGE TONGUE! BEFORE' MAY MEAN FUTURE OR PAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—What do you mean when you use the words "met", "bless" and "before"?

Prof. Ovid R. Sellers of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Chicago put that rhetorical question to the Linguistic Society of America, which is holding its fourteenth annual meeting today.

"Let" may mean "allow" or it may mean "prevent" or "hinder" as a let ball in tennis, he said. Bless" may mean curse. "Cleave" may mean split apart, or it may mena adhere. "Before" in "before the war" refers to the past, and in "a golden age is before us" implies the future.

Other opposites: To stone a man and stone a cherry; to seed a field and seed a raisin; to fish a garden (spread fish fertilizer) and fish a pond.

No wonder, said Professor Sellers, that lawyers wrangel over the meaning of words in wills and why every student of the Constitution seems to interpret it differently.

REVIEW OF SOME BEST SELLERS

The Merry, Merry Maidens. By Helen Grace Carlisle. Harcourt, Brace and Co. $2.50.

Most of the novels printed have treated either of the topmost strata or of the dregs, but Miss Carlisle gives us the great middle class which is the bed rock of every American community—the folks whose daughters go to the public high school.

Six of these gigls form a club while in high school, and this book tells the story of their lives, as they were when young and on through all the succeeding years till today. The narrative is not seen through the eyes of the social service worker or city editor, but are the observations of the most domestic, simple girl—the happiest of them all who married earliest, raised a family and had no problems herself, so was free to-take to her heart the problems of all the others. She views twenty years of happenings—startling, touching, universal, which covers the important years of most of us.

The events are themselves exciting. The unplanned debut of Wanda as Hedda Gabler; the meeting of Carol, blind, and Larry a beggar; the Carnegie Hall concert hat Lisa won for her pupil instead of herself.

It is a wise, sincere and truthful book, a book glowing with the highest excitment that life offers people. Events in our own lives are always more thrilling to us that the largest newspaper scarehead. Even the happenings of our neighbors have a special charm denied to strangers. So here we are on the inside track, not only seeing, but actually feeling, the things that twenty years bestow on these women's lives.

This is My Story. By Eleanor Roosevelt. Harpers. $3.0.

In what is surely one of the most fearless and revealing of all modern biographies, Eleanor Roosevelt tells the story of her own life. You will see her as a child, brought up in a family of beautiful women, unhappily aware of her own plainess. Here is an awkward girl grateful for her cousin Franklin's attention at a family party; the bride who went on her honeymoon fearful that she would be unromantically seasick; the young life who burst into tears because her life at the moment seemed ordered too much for and not enough by her. Here too is the story of the mature who has developed into one of the keenest social consciences of the day.

Here are a few of the intimate details found in the story. At their wedding rceepion they were left by themselves in a room after everyone had gone to talk with Uncle Ted, who had stolen the show. F. D. R. proposes and was taken on cruise to think it over. She and F. D. R. mistaken for President T. R. and given Royal Suite at London Hotel. Runs husbands new Ford into gatepost. Shocked at suggestions of women's suffrage. At first disapproved of Louis Howe because his cigarette smoke tainted air of husband's bedroom. Embarassed when paged by Western Union boy on train. Meets Prince of Wales.

STILL POND

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society met at the parsonage last Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Mrs. J. L. Price.
Vice President, Mrs. F. B. Harper.
Secretary, Mrs. N. V. Walters.
Tresaurer, Mrs. Carson Greenwood.

The Society wil meet at the home of Mrs. F. B. Harper in February.

Miss Helen Jervis is confined to her home with a bad case of tonsilitis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, of Baltimore, spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Epworth League met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark last Thursday evening. The President, Miss Eleanor Ford resign, ed, as she will be away the rest of the term. Miss Avis Clark was elected to fill the office until May when they will have the electoin of new officers two new members were taken in. The League will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cornelius of near town in February.

Miss Kate Howard, Miss Louise Pennington, Mrs. Harry Hendrickson, and son, Harry visited Mrs. Sarah C. Crew in Dover Hospital on Sunday. We are glad to know that Mrs. Crew is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haddaway, of Baltimore are spending sometime with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. James Collins and son, Donald, of Easton, were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford.

The following officers have been elected for the Betterton Lodge, No. 164, for the new year:

Noble Grand, William Miller.
Vice Grand, T. Earl Nickerson.
Recording Sec., William B. Dukes.
Financial Sec., Dr. L. P. Atwell.
Treasurer ,J. William Clark.
Chaplain, Rev. R. W. Hallman.
Right Supporter, Harvey Hopkins.
Left Supporter, Arthur Pinder.
Warden, William E. Anthony.
Conductor, Homer N. King.
Right Scene Supporter, Elston Kendall.
Left Scene Supporter, Ray King.
Outside Guard, Warner Geary.
Inside Guard, William J. Hopkins.
Marshal, Harry Jones.
Delegate to Grand Lodge, Roland Comly.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Price and son, Donald, of Baltimore, are spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price.

Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville, Del., was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. William Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ford visited in Baltimore on Saturday.

Mr. Bradford, of Berlin, visited with his sister, Mrs. Raymond Hallman last week.

Dr. Charles Medders, of Baltimore, was the week-end guests of his brother, Mr. William Medders.

MILLINGTON

Miss Pauline Moore student nurse at Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, is recuperating at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. , Dudley Moore near town after an illness of scarlet fever.

The Home Guards of Asbury Church held a bake in Community Hall on Saturday with good results.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Porter and Mr. Alpheas Price, spent the week end at the home of Miss Mary Horsey in Hyattsville, Md.

Masters Lawrence Massey and Jack Phillips students in Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday at the homes of their parents in Millington.

Revival services will continue through Sunday night as far as announced at present.

Mr. Charles S. Stevens and Mr. Lucian L. Massey were visitors in Baltimore on Monday last.

Mr. Carroll Burris and parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burris, of near No. 10, are spending some time in Palm Bay, Florida.

Mrs. George J. Smith has completely regained her health after a short illness and returned to Galena, Md., where she has resumed nursing Mrs. Eva McCauley.

Recently a kind hearted lady of Queen Annes County brought several small children to Millington and outfitted them for the winter, a splendid way to show the Christmas spirit.

Mrs. Adolphus Davis recently had a fall and feared she had broken a leg but she is somewhat improved now. Her husband is in bed now suffering from a broken hip.

William Pippin, of Millington and Walter Davis, of Galena, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace, Earle Powell, of Millington on Monday evening for trespassing on the lands of John T. Biggers, near town.

Mrs. Jake McCray ond son, Gene, of near Massey, were guests of the formers aunt, Mrs. James D. Moore on Thursday.

Miss Mollie Higman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higman and daughter, Marion, of Wilmington, Del., on Sunday afternoon last.

Mrs. Florence Bell and son, Clyde, Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Johnson and Miss Neva Barwick, all of Denton, Md., were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell.

Miss Lillian Moore, of Smyrna, Del., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Moore near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Romie were Saturday visitors of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moore.

Mrs. Belle Higman is visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Higman, near 'Peters' Corner, in Queen Ann's.

Rev. Dr. Walter E. Gunby, Supt. of the Wilmington District of Wilmington Conference filled the pulpit of Asbury Church at the revival services and after the service held the fourth quarterly conference at this point.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Moore gave a party in honor of their son, Joseph's, 14th birhtday, on January 4th, Tuesday last, at their home near town, The following were present: Jean Phillips, Marjorie Higman, Virginia Everett, Ethel Stevens, Louise Moore, Dorothy Jones, Bessie Moore, Marie McMullen, Sarah Moore, Virginia Moore, Pauline Johnston, Francis Durham, Mildred Wyatt, Catherine Wyatt, Helen Jones, George Bramble, Francis Bramble, Mildred Edwards, Mary Seamans, Harry Vansant, Earle Bottomley, Roger Teat, George Blair, Clarence Blair, James Higman, Joseph Moore, Robert Wamsley, John Robbins, Marvin Robinson, Charles Jones, Paul Church, James Pippin, Alday Durham, Alfred Bedwell, Billy Simon, Charles King, Margaret Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar King. Refreshments were served and everyone departed wishing Joe many more happy birthdays.

Notice To Creditors

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

WILLIAM H. MEDDERS

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of July, 1938, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 28th day of December, 1937.

WILLIAM MEDDERS,
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Given under my hand this 30th day of November, 1937.

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