NOW AND THEN

AMONG THE FIELDS

The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday.
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.
The foolish fears of what mgiht pass
I cast them all away
Among the clover scented grass,
Among the new mown hay,
Among the hushing of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die,
And good are born,
Out in the fields of God.

This little poem, whose authorship is unknown, stands us in good stead today, when all are dreading what the future may bring, high taxes, inflation, and above all the fear of war.

And yet how useless all these worries are. It is better, as the poem says, to lose them.

FEBRUARY 2nd GROUND HOG DAY

To look at him, he is a very unpromising animal, but in spite of this he is the only animal that has a day named for him.

His day this year was a beautiful sunshiney day, so it is supposed that his majestey has gone back to his hole, for another six weeks of winter for he surely must have seen his shadow then.

Those who have studied his habits, say that he does not sleep all winter for often he is seen at the entrance of his hole, with his sharp eyese gazing out at the scene around. As his fur is beginning to be used in garments it will not be long before his peaceful days of sleep will be disturbed by those who seek for his fur.

Here's to hoping that his sleep will not be molested by these hunters for a long long time.

A POLITE PEDESTRIAN

Lowell Thomas tells of finding the politest pedestrian he had ever heard of on Fifth Avenue the other day. Lowell, who is by no means, a light weight, asked his pardon for stepping on his feet.

"That is nothing," he beamed with an eloquent bow, "I walk on them all the time myself."

CONSIDERATION

During the early days of their professional life, Luisa Tetrazzini and her sister were concert-touring together, and they had to share rather humble quarters.

After a stay at one place, where they had been treated with unusual consideration by their landlady, they decided to seek her out, before leaving, and thank her for her kindness to them. They found the lady at her washtubs, and poured forth their heartfelt gratitude. She paused a moment, and looking up remarked with some condescension: "That's all right, my dears, I am always good to theatricals, for I never know what my own children may come to."

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

That the Duke of Windsor still has friends in England is shown when Lloyd George, one time prime minister of England visited him and the Duchess at the Villa of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogers

Again when Edward heard of the imprisonment of Don Xavier, a Spanish noble who was a great friend of the Duke, the latter wrote to England's diplomatic authorities asking them to having him released.

This was done in answer to the request.

A BIRD STORY

A lonely woman in Baltimore bought a canary bird. It was great company for her for he sang full throated for six years. Then he ceased to song. Distressed, the woman took it to a bird clinic, they told her the bird has passed the age for sing.

Some time afterwood she hired a carpenter to do some work for her. As he hammered, the bird burst into song and has been singing ever since.

IN MEMORIAM SERVICE

The people of Baltimore are to have a memorial service at Gilman's Hall this Sunday in memory of the city's two poets, Sydney Lanier and Lizette Reese.

Both of them were gifted poets. Lanier belonging to the last century when he charmed his hearers with his music and his poetry, while Miss Reed is still fresh in the memory of this generation, having passed away about two years ago.

WOMANS COLUMN

THE HOPE DIAMOND

The Hope Diamond which has been owned by many people, but, as it has the reputation of bringing misfortune to its owner, it has been a dreaded possession but Mrs. McLean, of Washton, who owns it now does not feel that way.

She appeared at the theatre last week wearing the glittering diamond on her breast.

She is very wealthy, this Mrs. McLean, and though she has been divorced and has lost one son, she does not think the diamond brought her these misfortunes. Perhaps the diamond will be her mascot in the future.

In "Life" she is shown to be in earnest conversation with the English Ambassador, Lord Lindsley. As she is a very progressive woman perhaps she will be able to help solve some of the many problems which beset England and our country.

U. S. SEEKS WOMEN'S AID

The Government has decided to call upon the women of the country to aid in doing away with the recession.

Statistics show that they do more than three fourths of the buying in the country that they own over seventy per cent of the wealth, and are a great factor in the business world.

If they increase their purchases, the mills will turn again, giving employment to many who are out of work now the railroads would carry more freight, and things generally would revive, at least that is what the Government thinks.

GERMAN WOMEN

German women must be a most obedient class of people. When Hitler came into power, he ordered all of the women to give up their jobs so that the men might have employment, urging the women to marry and devote themselves to home and children.

Now they are mobilizing the men into armies, and the women are commanded to take up their jobs again, and to leave their babies at the nurseries which will be provided for them. Certainly they are a most long suffering people.

THE FAMILY DOCTOR

The following was found framed, and hanging on a Doctors office wall.

I AM

The Man who signed your birth certificate, and the man who will sign your death certificate. I stand by you in your hour of greatest happiness and your Hour of greatest sorrow. I listen to your confessions, not breathed to another soul, and keep them inviolate.

My life work is consecrated to serving and administring to your physical wants. Night or day, rain or shine, I am at your beck and call. I sacrifice my rest, my pleasure, my strength to comfort you.

As I wend myself past the year stones of life toward the Eternal Sunset I am striving to be more charitable, more unselfish more kindly towards my fellow man.

I am the first you think in times of sickness, and the last one thought of in times of health.

I am not rich because I serve suffering humanity, which embraces the poor, whom we have with us always.

I am the man who cannot pay his grocery bill, his dry goods bill, his drug bill, or in fact any bill on earth until I am paid by you.

I am your Family Doctor.

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

WINTER IN APRIL. Robert Nathan. Knopf.

A beautiful story of a girl's innocent love, of a young man's devotion to his people and his ideals, and of an old man's tolerance and patience.

To enjoy it to its fullest it should be read on a drowsy day in the Spring, restfully reclining in a comfortable hammock, with gentle breezes blowing and the droning sounds of bees humming around early blossoms. It is a "natural" for girls of all ages. To the fifteen year old it will tell the story, and give the thrlils which she at present may be experiencing; to the more mature it will be a look at the past and re-enact the drama of their young love.

The story is chiefly concerned with three people; the old man, Henry Penifer, scholar and member of the Academy; his lovely grand daughter, Ellen, who is going on fifteen; and Eric von Siegenfels, the young Doctor of Philosophy from Heidelberg and Oxford, liberal and exile, now secretary to Mr. Pennifer. There are many others, but the most important of all is Ellen; in her Mr. Nathan has created a young girl whom everyone will love. The narrative is of her innocent devotion to a man who, to be true to his ideals, must forsake the peace and understanding which she and her infinitely tolerant and gentle grandfather are offering him. In his account of Ellen's ripening womanhood Mr. Nathan has given us a view of and faith in life that will long be remembered.

A sample of the beauty of story is a description of the old grand father listening to Eric play Chopin. "I was sitting across the room, in shadow, with my eyes closed. At such times I like to dream, to taste again, its sharpness removed, the salt of old regret, and remember in tranquility the joys that were. I feel about me a sunset light, I believe that what was, had to be, that I have done all I could; my heart makes peace with the world." Read it. You will enjoy it.

Houghton, Mifflin Literary Fellowship Awards.

Houghton, Mifflin Company announce two Literary Fellowships for 1938. There are similar to the Fellowships offered for the last three years, with the follownig exception; one Fellowship will be given for a fiction project; one for a non-fiction project. The purpose of the awards, as hitherto, is to help writers of promise to secure the financial independence essential to hteir development. These are not prizes for completed manuscripts, but a means of assistance while the work is in progress. Each Fellowship will carry an award of $1,000, entirely in addition to and apart from subsequent royalties. All applications for Fellowships must be received by April 1, 1938. Application blanks with further particulars may be secured from Houghton, Mifflin Company, 2 Park St., Boston.

This means if any of our readers is at work on a manuscript and it is worthy the writer may apply for a Fellowship and if it is given he or she will receive $1000 to see them through while finishing the book.

The awards last year were to Dorothy Baker for "Young Man with a Horn" to be published this Spring. To David Cornel DeJong for a long family novel to be published at a later date.

Name Of Baby Princess Registerd In Holland

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1 (AP.)—The Princess of the Netherlands, born yesterday to Crown Princess Juliana, today was named Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgaard.

The name was registered officially by the local Burgomaster in the presence of Premier Hendrik Colijn, while the father, Prince Bernhard, consort to the heiress to the throne, looked on. The simple ceremony took place in the Palace of Soestdijk, Princess Juliana's country home near here. To day was an official holiday in celebration of the new arrival. Armgaard is the name of Prince Bernhard's mother.

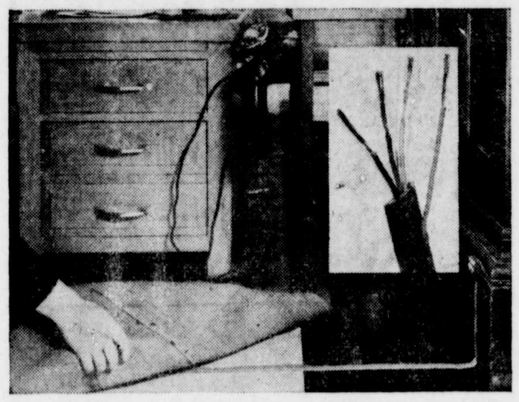
Married And Single Women Argue Merits

"I take my hat off to single women," writes Marjorie Hillis in this month's Woman's Day magazine. "No," answers Vera Connolly in the same issue, "the married woman has the harder job."

It all started in the editorial staff rooms a month ago. Exactly, one-half of the women on the magazine's staff are married—the other half single. Words began to fly, at first good-natured jibes, but soon heated arguments.

"We'll settle it in public," said Mrs. Maydie Yates. She promptly engaged Marjorie Hillis, of "Live Alone and Like It' fame, and Vera Connolly, long champion of the married woman, to represent the two sides—on two facing pages of the February issue.

Bell Laboratories Develop Under-Rug Telephone Cable



Use of under-rug telephone wires, displayed above, and (insert) the type of wires and insulation.

Telephones placed in service in buildings where conduit has not been built into the walls and floors to conceal the wires may now be installed by the use of a special type of inside wire designed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories for use under rugs or carpets.

This new type of wire is designated as a flat rubber cordage approximately one-eighth of an inch in thickness by seven-eighths of an inch in width. It contains four stranded wires, each insulated with rubber separate and distinct from the other, all wires being imbedded in a strip of brown rubber with bevelled edges so that when laid under a rug or carpet it is almost unnoticeable.

Each wire is enclosed in a separate rubber insulation of a different color so that the proper connections may be made at the connecting block or building terminal and at the telephone without loss of time by testing. This type of under-rug wire is giving splendid satisfaction and according to telephone engineers is filling a long-felt want.

More and more architects, builders and home owners are coming to realize the advantages of equipping buildings with conduit so that telephone wires may be concealed. The placing of such facilities during the construction of buildings results in concealing the wires and in making it possible to install additional telephones when desired at convenient locations without the use of exposed wires or the possible marring of the walls and woodwork. Use of conduits also protects the wires from interferences that might under certain conditions cause interruptions to telephone service from dampness, chafing by furniture or similar causes.

Telephone company engineers are always glad to cooperate with architects, engineers, builders and owners at the time that buildings are being planned to offer advice as to the proper installation of telephone conduit and receptacles for the installation of telephone apparatus.

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