NOW AND THEN

A LAMENT

Come what may (and it may come soon),
When the Stock Exchange is a vacant room
And brokers, wont to pace the floor,
Have carfare home, and nothing more,
Posts are dust covered, and sell as antiques
Catalogued in side shows as wonderful freaks.
Ribbons of tape that recorded your fate
Not now are reported five minutes late.
Speculation—a dream of long ago—
When a ten-point rise meant plenty of dough.
Oh, for the days beyond recall,
When you bought for a rise and sold for a fall.
The hum of the ticker was sweet in your ears;
When going your way, loud were your cheers.
So come, little children, gather round your dad;
He'll tell you of Wall Street and the money he had.
—Alson M. Abott, in Wall Street Journal.

It does look as though, the above might come true. When one looks at the falling prices of stock, of Whiteys, now languishing behind prison bars, and others terribly impoverished by the fall of prices, it is rather depressing.

A visit to the Stock Exchange is well worth going to see. Such intense excitement reigns that it appears like a struggle between life and death. And those who work there, often look as if they had been through the mill.

FREE MEALS FOR THE POOR

William Loewenstein, who was a wealthy importer, has recently died and left his residuary estate to establishing cafeterias where the hungry poor of New York City, regardless of race, color or creed, may find food without cost.

In each cafeteria he wishes a tablet to be placed telling of its aims. It is addressed to everyone and says:

"If you are hungry and without money, come in and have a meal as my guest. If you can pay for your food, please stay out."

He directed that the food should be good and that each one should have as much as he wants.

Apropos of this, a theatre manager of a suburban town where the question of public charity is carried on by private contribution, to have a matenee for children one Saturday in each month to which he gives each child a free ticket and asks that each give an article of canned food.

It is a heartening sight to see the long line of children standing outside the theater on these "Food Days," each one carefully carrying a can of food. This is turned over to those in charge of dispensing the town's charity and placed where it will do the most good.

Parents express much gratitude for these movie "Food Days," because they are teaching their children to help others, and, by so doing, to help themselves.

THE ISLAND OF PITCAIRN

Every one is interested in the Island of Pitcairn since so much has been told of the "Mutiny of the Bounty" It was the loneliest of inhabited islands, until the Panama Canal was built, now vessels pass frequently and stop there. Friends have a telephone connection with the island of New Zealand which enables them to talk to their friends there.

PRAISE FROM WREN

Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723) spent most of his life for the public good. This English architect was not only a genius in the art of designing and building, but he was an example of courage, which has been an inspiration to many others.

Every place you turn to in London, you find grand monuments of the noble art of Wren. He never received any insrtuction from any architect; but he built 36 halls and 55 churches in the city. In the palaces of Hampton Court and Kensington, in Temple Bar, Drury Lane Theater, the great Monument, and the Royal Exchange, you will see his marvelous skill.

He built churches and colleges at Oxford. And he worked 35 years upon his great masterpiece, St. Paul's Cathedral.

He is buried there, and on his tomb is written in Latin, "Si monumentum requires circumspice," which in English is: "If you seek his monument, look around you." He was most generous in his praise of other architects, saying that he would have given anything to have planned, the Louvre, in Paris which far excelled any that he had done.

QUEEN MARY VISITS WALES

Queen Mary's heart, one is sure, longs to see her oldest son again. Recently she visited Wales and saw the poverty that he saw, and that he promised to relieve. This was before he abdicated his throne. Perhaps Queen Mary will try to carry out these promises. Any how the Welch received her with the greatest enthusiasm and flags and banners were everywhere to be seen.

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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BEETHOVEN'S IDEAS

Beethoven always wrote the most majestic soul inspiring music.

The story is told of how he was inspired to write his "Moonlight Sonata." He was walking along while everything around him was bathed in moonlight, when he heard some music which he knew to be his own.

He followed the sound and entered a very poor little home. There he found a blind girl playing on the piano while her brother stood beside her.

What are you playing asked Beethoven. "Oh, answered the girl, "I am trying to play something by the great Master but it is very poor indeed." Then Beethoven sat down and played. Such beautiful music it was! The blind girl was overcome with rapture. To think she was listening to Beethoven! When he left them, he went to his room and wrote it down, his famous "Moonlight Sonata," Schloesser, writing of him says that when he was asked where he found his ideas he replied.

"You will ask me where I find my ideas. I hardly know. They come uninvited, directly or indirectly. I can almost grasp them with my hands in the open air, in the woods, while walking, in the stillness of the night, early in the morning, called up by moods which the poet translates into words, I into musical tones. They ring and roar and swirl about me until I write them down in notes."

Count your days by golden hours,
Don't remember Clouds at all!
Count your nights by Stars, not Shadows,
Count your life with smiles, not tears;
And with joy on every Birthday
Count your age by friends, not years."

Raphael, the great artist was born on Good Friday and died on Good Friday thirty seven years after. As the Easter festival was in progress he lay under his famous picture, "The Tranfiguration."

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

Boy in the Back Woods.

Francis Ludlow, Editor of The Retail Bookseller says "The best books on the April publication lists in my opinion, the book most likely to endure—is "The Yearling", by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. It is a kindly, unpretentious book, but a book to own, a book to go on your shelf with "Mr. Fortune's Maggot" by Silvia Townsend Warner; "Sun Brothers', by Henry Williamson; "The Pastures of Heaven," by John Steinbeck. There are all too few books like it and there are too few authors who can make us see the terror and beauty in little lives". It is the Book-Of-The-Month Club choice for April and is the surest best seller for the month. It is a very simple, unpretentious story—that of a thin, non descript boy living with his father and mother in the Florida hammock country, and Flag, the Faun who grew together out of frolicking youth to the bitter realities of maturity. Jody is twelve years old when the story begins. It tells how he makes a "flutter-mill", how he falls asleep in the sun, how he and his father hunt old Slewfoot, the bear, how they visit the wild Foresters (from whom Penny, Jody's father "trades" a new gun), how good wild turkey tastes—and such similar and real simple things.

"This book of the Baxter family is crowded with comedy of character, with full bodied folk wisdom, and with the silence and the excitement, the ultimate noise and accumulated natural history of the backwoods hunt. These Baxters are a stout folk; Penny Baxter is a mighty hunter though a runty man, and he is also the shrewdly sensitive father of Judy and husband of Ory. Jody is beyond his dreams, a boy like the faun which he saved from starving in the woods as thick with hunger as with life. It is more than this however, it is a story of the love of all living kind" and a story that every member of the family will like.

A Fable of Beauty.

"On Borrowed Time" by Lawrence Edward Watkin is a story of an old man and a child, a pair of young lovers, a delightful grandmother. Death in the form of an unpleasant stranger, a malignant old woman, a bewildered sheriff and the American Nation are the characters of this novel. It is impossible to tell the story, nor would it fair to the author to do so, for one of its charms is its pleasant lack of logic, its way of making the most absurd yet convincing things happen.

It is but turns tender and satirical, delicate and cruel, but consistently thrilling. It is a fantasy, a dream, a fable of beauty and Innocence in a world of imperfections and clumsiness. No one who reads it is likely to forget how a child's game made history, how Death trapped in a tree, how the pure in heart at last conquered the evil ones.

The Crime Club presents for April Acts of Black Night by Kathleen Moore Knight who uses her selectmen-detective Elisha Macomber in a well plotted story. The Odor of Bitter Almonds, by James G. Edwards, M. D. The author is a practising physician which gives him the authenic hospital background which makes a powerful appeal to mystery fans.

Betterton Girl Scouts Take Hike

The Girl Scouts of Betterton met at the home of their captain, Mrs. Arthur Newsome, for an all-day hike on Monday, April 18. They were led by Mrs. Howard B. Owens and went to The Cedars studying plants and birds on their way. At The Cedars the girls met Mr. Howard B. Owens, Mr. Arthur Newsome, Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts, and Arthur Newsome, Jr., Senior Patrol Leader of the Boy Scouts.

The following Girl Scouts were present: Ruth Groves, patrol leader of the Flaming Arrow Patrol, Emily Brice, Mary Roe Groves, Jeanette Brice, Virginia Groves, June Jewell and Ethel Groves. They were accompanied by Mary Ann Newsome, sister of Mr. Arthur Newsome. The girls made their fires and prepared a favorite scout dish, Kabob, which they had cooked once before, and baked potatoes. After everyone had finished eating, they carefully put out all fires and played games. They all enjoyed playing Smuggling, Indian Wrestling, Tractor and Sardines. Because of the bad weather, the hikers had to turn toward home early. They visited Mrs. Harvey Starr who showed them many interesting works of hers. She also played for them on her Hawaiian guitar and extended them a standing invitation for the use of her beach for camping. They returned to their homes, a tired but happy group of Girl Scouts.

MILLINGTON

Master Earle West, of Northampton, Mass., has spent a few days at the home of Fred C. Numbers recently.

Quite a number were present at the Sun rise service at Asbury Church on Easter morning at six o'clock.

Mrs. George J. Smith is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Connelly, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Numbers, of Wilkensburg, Pa., spent the recent holidays at the home of his father.

Miss Florence Comegys, of Stamford, Conn., was a guest of her mother Mrs. S. S. Comegys during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waterman, of Westville, N. J., Mrs. Frank Carpenter and Mrs. Ella Abele of Philadelphia, spent the week end with the latters sister, Mrs. John E. Woodall.

Miss Tillie Logan, of Fredericksburg, Va., spent the Easter vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Logan.

Miss Margaret Lee, of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Lee.

Ernest Radnor, Jr., of Wilmington, was a Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Radnor in town.

George Higman, of Sudlersville, Md. Alenda Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin W. Duling, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Higman and father, James E. Higman, of Millington, attended the funeral of Mr. George Higman in Milford, Del., on Sunday last.

Miss Mary Horsey, of Hyattsville, Md., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Porter last week.

James Both Higman spent the past week end with friends in Philadelphia,

Mrs. Burton Green and children were visiters of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Lee.

Mrs. James Skinner was the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leo Gale last Friday.

The Queen Esther Circle of Asbury Church met at the home of Miss Mary Stevens on Monday evening last.

Mrs. Emma Airey, of Catonsville, Md., was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones for the Easter holidays.

George Church, of Denton, Md., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Church over the week end.

Mrs. Anna Barnhart and sons, John and Frank, spent Friday with friends in town and Frank remaied the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Church over the week end.

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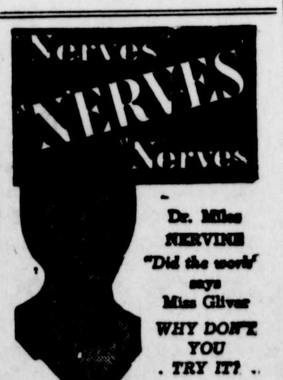


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