NOW AND THEN

L'ENVOI

When Earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest and faith we need it—lie down for an eon or two.
Till the master of all good workmen shall set us to wrok anew!

And those that were good shall be happy they shall sit in a golden chair
They shall splash at a ten league canvass with brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from — Magdalene Peter and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tried at all!

And only the master shall praise us and only the master shall blame:
And no one will work for money, and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of working and each in his separate star
Shall draw the things as he sees it for the God of things as they are.
—Kipling.

Rudyard Kipling stands out among the modern poets of England.

His life was a varied one for he spent a great part of his early life in India where he wrote many of his poems. He also came to this country and bought a home in Vermont, but, owing to the disagreeableness of his brother-in-law, he left, never to return here. In spite of his great talents, he never became the poet laureate of England, which many say, was due to some criticism which he made of Queen Victoria. Among his poems perhaps one of the most popular is the famous "If", which Princeton men have chosen as their model. His Recessional, too, is known far and wide, The Ballad of East and West and the above, are all widely known while many stories have been written by this vesatile author.

CATS CHANGE TRAGEDY TO COMEDY

Agnes Repplier is considered one of America's leading essayists.

She has been a life long resident of Philadelphia, and as her mother thought it was necessary for her education, she attended the theatres constantly in the days when Booth and the Drews reigned supreme on the stage.

She gives some very amusing incidents which happened in her childhood. Sitting in the theatre, as demure as a mouse, she did not understand why the audience roared with laughter when a cat came on the stage during the play of Hamlet, and followed the ghost, as he paced up and down.

Again the cat appeared in the Opera-Aida. When the herione chose to be buried alive with her lover, and the two were singing their farewell, the feline appeared and rubbed itself on their legs, and again the tears of the audience was changed to laughter.

MRS. EMILY POST

There are few women better known than Emily Post, who writes and tells people how to entertain and behave in polite society. One vital thing she urges, that the hostess always make her guest feel easy and at home. In writing of her one says:

"Ethical questions, combined as they are with good manners, cause Mrs. Post to be "prayerful" over her replies. She believes that if she is "narrow" she may lose some of her influence, but there are some things which she "never will condone." She enumerated her dislikes: drinking, petting —which she compares to making goods shopworn—moral laxness in conversation and in books.

With considerable satisfaction she stated that in Society—with a capital S—drinking liquor has become unfashionable, out-moded, not smart. She named well-known young hostesses who have supplanted bars in their homes with tea tables, referred to a recent southern ball where the milk bar was thronged and the liquor bar neglected, and said that in the great hall of a fashionable club near New York City she had recently seen nearly the entire company with hot drinks, just three people with cocktail glasses in their hands. The three, she pointed out, were middle-aged.

SEEING THINGS

Adolph Keifer, a blind German manufacturer has just arrived in New York from a 39,000 miles sight seeing trip.

"One of the most beautiful cities I have ever seen is Sydney, Australia," he declares. One of the reasons given for his ability to see is his daughter's ability to explain, but even so the "seeing is as truly a mental process as the "seeing" of images on the retina of the eyes. There are many Helen Kellars in the world—individuals who by refusing to accept limitations of "lost senses," prove there is a reservoir beyond matter that men may tap for victory over so-called physical handicaps.

NONCOMMITTAL

Once upon a time, they say, a man invented a mousetrap. He believed his fortune would be made by its sale if he could get President Lincoln to recommend it. After a long, persistent effort, he secured an audience with the President and received the following recommendation, which will apply to many things besides mousetraps:

"For the sort of people who want this sort of thing, this is the sort of thing that sort of people will want."
—Wall Street Journal.

Oh what is so rare as a day in June sings Lowell, one of America's famous poets.

Today is one of these ideal ones. Everything is fresh and green after the recent rains, while soft breezes are rustling through the trees. Birds are singing thir gladdest songs as they think of their nesting, and housekeeping.

"O, the peace at the heart of nature,
"Oh the joy that is not of the day,
Why seek it afar forever,
When it cannot be lifted away."

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

A Tale Of The South Seas

If you wish to start an argument just ask somebody which si the biggest novel coming in June. One of the most certain to achieve success is "The Dark River", by Charles Nordhoff nad James Norman Hall (June 27). Many people will have read it in the Saturday Evening Post but it will bear re-reading in book form. It is said to be the best story that Nordhoff and Hall have done. It is very colorful, has a strong love interest, and, is quite likely to appeal to all sorts of readers. It is set in Tahiti and is chiefly concerned with the growth of love between a young Englishman and a girl supposed to be a halfcaste but who really is the daughter of English parents. There's not much action but lots of atmosphere.

Editor's Choice

Francis Ludlow picks Dorothy Baker's "Young Man With a Horn" because "it is a very good book." It is the story of Rick Martin, to whom swing was more than money or fame or love. It will prove appealing to those who do not like swing music or jazz as well as to those who may like music. "The story is not long. There is no plot to speak of. There is no love story worth mentioning—except Rick's consuming love for music. But it has a real significance. Here almost is American youth in epitome. Here is the worship of swing. Here is youth plunging to disaster in qurst of the ultimate sensation". So says Francis Ludlow. For this novel Dorothy Baker was awarded a Houghton Mifflin Company. Literary Fellowship.

Hammock and Rocking Chair Choice

Kathleen Norris has "Heartbroken Melody" coming on June 17th a best seller and best renter without question. A business girl in love with her employer, a married man, and how her whole life is altered when she meets with an accident. She learns how unsatisfactory office love can be.

Faith Baldwin is also represented by "Rich Girl, Poor Girl" due on the 6th. Not only the story of two girls and the man they love but of a small town divided against itself, of a people struggling to free themselves from the feudalism of Senator Sutton and the dangerous escapades of the "fast" younger set led by Larry Dexter.

"Homing" by Grace Livingston Hill is another safe bet. June 30. It tells of the happiness and romance that finally comes to lovely Jane Scarlett, an orphan who works as a sales girl in a department store.

"Unfamiliar Faces" by Alice Grant Rosman is set in Switzerland, and concerns an attractive English widow who straightens out the problems of a widower with two stubborn children who are ultra-modern.

E. Phillips Oppenheim's latest (June 20, is "The Colossus of Accadia".

LOOKING AROUND

SIX PEOPLE stood face to face with death last Sunday night on the Chesapeake Bay. First they were menaced by fire from their burning yacht, subsequently they faced drowning or death from exposure. Fortunately, after three hours of searching they were found and brought to shore.

Every summer we hear of one or more yachts burning in the bay, sometimes with loss of life. Yachting is a great sport (I presume) but sometimes carelessness in handling the necessary fuel makes it exceedingly dangerous. Gasoline as a liquid will burn in an open container without exploding. The fumes from gasoline in a closed space constitute the danger. The frequent handling of gasoline is apt to give the operator a false sense of safety and leads to carelessness. Gasoline is as dangerous as T. N. T. and should be handled with as much consideration.

The effort to rescue the yachting party off Betterton was carried out with zeal but due to lack of organization and the necessary facilities, valuable time was lost. This incident points the way for some organization in Betterton to prepare itself to render valuable service when the occasion arises. The new fire company would do well to have a trained squad prepared to do rescue work on the bay.

IT MIGHT BE WELL to mention a danger that is closer to most of us. Drivnig a car on the Eastern Shore during week days is risky enough, but on Sundays and holidays you put your fate in the hands of the Gods when you venture from your garage. Out of state cars pour into the Eastern Shore every week end and they continue to drive at the speed they are accustomd to driving on their wide straight roads. I don't mean to say that all out of state drivers are careless drivers and speedsters. It has been my experience however that most of the cars met at blind curves, bearing down on you with the speed of an express and on the wrong side of the road are 'out of staters'. More state road cops and stricter enforcement of the law would help but what we need more is straight wide roads.

The Eastern Shore has been neglected too long in its share of good roads and it will continue to be neglected until it registers its protests at the election pool. John O'Ren, a columnist of the Baltimore Sun, after driving down the shore wonders why we put up with it. We might argue that we are too busy deciding where the Bay Bridge is to be located (for outsiders to get through Maryland faster.)

Speaking of bridges we might add that if a new bridge is built at Havre de Grace and the Bay Bridge runs from Kent Island to the Western Shore, the upper shore will be farther away from Baltimore than ever with the added barrier of a toll bridge. We will continue to pay a gasoline tax (which is suposed to be used for roads) but also must pay a toll before we can ride on a decent road in our state. If one of the many candidates for Governor would stop shouting names long enough to promise the Eastern Shore a few good roads, he might find us a 'united front' in his behalf.

ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES thousands of college students are preparing to leave the cloistered halls and with a sheep skin (imitation) expect to make a living. Fortunately for they they all do not believe (as we did a few years past) that a college diploma was the key to good white collar jobs. And at the same time the Government is about to launch itself on another spending spree. Another dose of the same medicine that resulted in the present (recession'. The low income masses will continue to eat and live by these measures but at the same time the white collar positions continue to shrink. The college grads who were taken on during the last few years ar being dropped from the payrolls by the thousands. What else can the majority of the new graduates look forward to but returning to a home already financially depleted by the cost of a college education.

Great Lakes to Tidewater

Navigation from the Great Lakes to tidewater was established in 1825 when the first Erie canal boat, Seneca Chief, left Buffalo for New York.

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