NOW AND THEN

THE AMERICAN FLAG

When Freedom from her mountain
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the asure robe of night,
And set the Stars of glory there!

She mingled with its gorgeous dyes
The milky baldric of the skies,
And striped its pure celestial white
With streakings of the morning light;

Then from his mansion in the sun,
She called her eagle bearer down,
And gave into his mighty hand
The symbol of her chosen land.

Francis Drake.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag" we are taught to say from early youth up, and yet this patriotic old town let Flag Day pass as though it had forgotten its country's emblem. One flag was seen on Queen Street by the passer by and a few very few were waving elsewhere, but it was a disappointment not to see a flag decked town, the flag that really means so much to us all.

THE LARK'S SONG

Those who do not rise early miss the exquisite beauty of the morning. Some time ago, rising early, the writer crossed the bridge, and went into our neighboring county, Queen Annes. All the animal and bird world were wide awake, the latter filling the air with the sweetest melody.

Passing a dew drenched meadow whose grasses were waving in the breeze, I heard the song of the lark, who was singing joyously as it soared heaven-word. Oh the ecstasy of the song! While on the wing. Such a morning must have inspired Shelly to write his rhapsody.

"To a skylark," one of his most beautiful poem, one verse of which runs thus:

"What thou art we know not;
What is most like thee?
From rain bow clouds there flow not
Drop so bright to see,
As from thy presence showers a rain
of melody."

Isaak Waltons are saying now that fish like music, that they bite well, while music is, being played. But they have very discerning ears, While Beethoven, Mozart, or other classical airs are played the fisherman has no difficulty in catching the fish, but let one begin a swing tune, and they all seem to vanish away. Is it possible that the finny tribe have more refined tastes than have the humans who catch them?

THE GRANDMOTHERS' CLUB

So the Grandmothers have grown weary of being the fifth wheel to the wagon in their sons' or daughters' home and have organized a club of their own. In this club, they aim to find out what they are best fitted for, and try to make their own lives by working for a living in the line which suits them best.

Health statistics show that they are apt to grow stronger and better as they reach the age of three score and ten, and therefore it is no time for them to rest upon their oars.

MRS. GARNER SAILS

Mrs. Garner, the Vice President's wife is to sail on a Carribean—Pacific cruise. The Vice President will not be with her. "He set his foot down," she said last week. "He said he had too much to do to go on a cruise." Mrs. Garner, however, believes that it's not a bad idea for married couples to take separate vacations, and has practiced that idea in recent years. Once, after a motor trip without Mr. Garner, she reported that he "was happier to see me on my return than I can remember . . . a long time."

Mrs. Garner, even if committed to separate vacations, is constantly with her husband in Washington. Since he first ran for Congress in 1902 she has acted as his secretary, answering the letters, often perparing his luncheon in the office. They put in long hours at the Capitol, and seldom go out in the evening, except perhaps for a movie or for a few hands of cards. When home in Uvalde, Texas, Mrs. Garner continues to act as secretary, but she also runs the Garner house and sometimes, in Summer, tries her hand at canning and preserving.

MADAM MELBA

Once while on a visit to her native Melbourne, Mme. Melba, the great Australian prima donna, was confronted on one of her morning strolls by a beggar woman, who recognized her with the greeting: "And it's dear Nellie to be sure! Ah, if I could afford to hear you sing! But what right has a beggar to expect listening to such a great lady?"

"Come with me," commanded Melba; and she took the elderly woman of the streets to her father's house, and into the great music room, where for an hour or more the beggar woman had a private concert of music from opera's loveliest songbird.

THE OBSCURING PASSION

It is related of Leonardo da Vinci, by one of his biographers, that while the artist was painting his great picture, "The Last Supper," he quarreled violently with a man and vowed to take vengeance upon him.

In this mood of wrath the artist sketched the fact of Judas; but when he came to paint the face of the Master he could not impart to it the expression of love and tenderness he sought to portray.

Laying down his brush, da Vinci sought out the man with whom he had quarreled and begged his forgiveness. Then he returned and painted the face of Jesus.

WILLING WORKER

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia

One evening a farmer was leaving town in his truck for the 80-mile drive back to his farm.

Though it is not customary for the white men to show the African blacks any special consideration on the road, this farmer was in the habit of giving a lift to natives who were going his way. On this occasion he had not gone far from the town when he picked up a boy who was trudging along with all his worldly possessions bundled on his head. The boy was bound for a point beyond where the farmer was going—a three-day journey!

As night fell, a heavy storm broke, and the man in his warm, dry cab felt uneasy about the boy sitting out at the back in the rain; so he put the boy in front with him. The storm was still raging when the farm was reached, so the boy was given shelter for the night.

The next morning the farmer was astonished to find the boy waiting outside to be given work.

Labor was very scarce at that time, and the farmer was urgently needing help in his fields. The farmer know the futility of trying to recruit labor on the road, and the thought of asking the boy to work had not even occurred to him.

The boy settled down and worked well for as long as he was needed.

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Sigrid Ynest who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1928, and who has written many books since, novels, essays and romances has as her latest book, "The Faithful Wife" published by Knopf.

In "The Faithful Wife", Sigred Unset deals with the problems of marriage and divorce from a new angle, that of the modern childless marriage in which each of the partners has an independent occupation and each contributes to the common economy.

Sigurd and Nathalie have been married svxteen years and their life is obviously a happy one. It fulfills most of the conditions looked for by Nathalie's parents, who embody the "progressive" ideas of the late nineteenth century. Then Sigard confesses that he has drifted into an entanglement with a young girl from his part of the country, and that she is to become a mother. It has come about innocently as it were, and without lessening the affection for his wife.

The blow is a heavy one. Nathalie broken hearted, as she says, but firm and broad-minded, interviews the girl, speaks to her plainly and resigns in her favor. After the judicial separation she allows herself to glide into a love affair of her own, with an old admirer but finds no comfort in it.

The subsequent course of the story how, before the expiration required for converting the separation into divorce, the "faithful" wife and the "unfaithful" husband come together again, must be for Sigrid Unset to tell in her own natural way.

A HISTORICAL NOVEL

"And So—Victoria", one of 1937's products is still a most interesting bit of reading. It is an outstanding historical novel. It is by a newcomer in the fiction field; but no reader who has once started it will fail to read every word.

The scene ranges over the world-England, France, Germany, The United States, Mexico, Malta, and Egypt. The period of time is of the Georges, before the accession to the throne of England.

A Time of plots and Counterplots, of Victoria, royal scandal and shame. In addition to such historical personages as the traitorous Cumberland, the plotting George IV, the tragic and dowdy Queen Caroline, and the doddering William IV, Mr. Wilkins introduces lifelike characters of his own. They are the young and idealistic Christopher; Deb. the waif who becomes a famous singer; the dependable and energetic old Lord Satoun; those forthright old ladies, the Misses Case of Caseville, Alabama; Arabella their minxlike great niece.

The story is enlivened with tenderness, rolliking humor, exciting gun play and dangerous adventure. What more could a story have?

STILL POND

Miss Eloise Hepburn who has been teaching school at Princess Anne is spending the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hepburn.

Mrs .Henry Wulford is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Blanche Usilton of near Centreville.

Mrs. Gertrude Ewell and granddaughter, Gertrude have returned to their hfome in Knoxville, Tenn. after spending hte winter in Still Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robinson and daughter, Betty Jo, spent a part of last week with his sister, Mrs. William Cooper. Their son, Thomas was one of the graduates of Chestertown High School.

Mr. Clarence Nicholson and Mr. Douglas Bodin, of Cumberland, Md., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson.

Miss Janes Bowers, of New York is spending sometime with her sister, Anna and Father, Mr. Joseph Bowers.

Mr. Edward Hepburn of the University of Maryland spent several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hepburn of near town. He left Monday to accept a job in Baltimore for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford were Sunday guests of their duaghter, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris of Chestertown.

Miss Kate Howard visited with relatives in Federalsburg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Haddaway, of Chestertown, were recent visitors in town.

Dr. Charles Medders, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. William Medders. Miss Minnie Medders and Miss Joan Robinson of Westminster are spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Medders.

The officers of the Epworth League were installed by Rev. Hallman last Sunday evening after which Mrs. Howard Rasin had charge of a very interesting servcie.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rouse and Mrs. Sally Jewell were Sunday visitors with relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Lelia Anthony was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ernest Briscoe on Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Newcomb, son and daughter, of Chestertown, visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackett on Sunday.

Among those who are attending the course at College Park, this week are Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. Marion Ford, Mrs. Ruth Harper, Mrs. Bertha Toulson, Mrs. Ethel Greenwood, Miss Louisa Travers and Mrs. Edna Robinson.

Mr. Earl Thompson and Mr. Walter Davis attended the races at Harve de Grace on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Joiner and daughter, Mary Emma of Easton spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Mann. Mrs. Mann and daughters, Alice and Theresa returned home with them for a few days.

Sentinels of Health

Don't Neglect Them!

Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—*life itself*—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure.

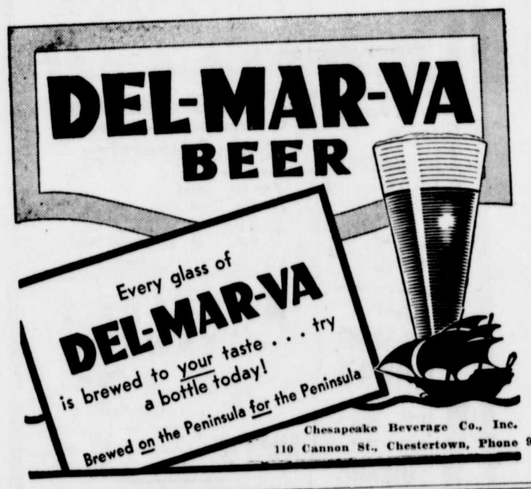
When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out.

Frequent, scanty or burning passages may be further evidence of kidney or bladder disturbance.

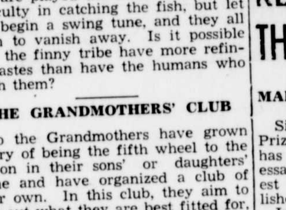
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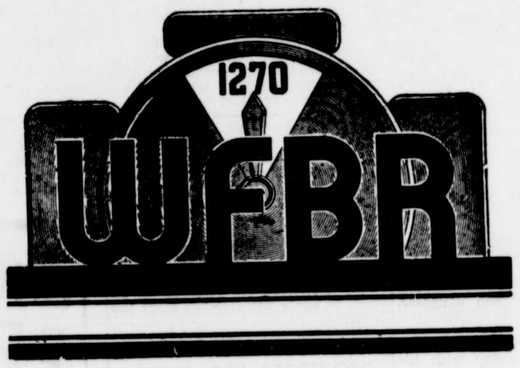

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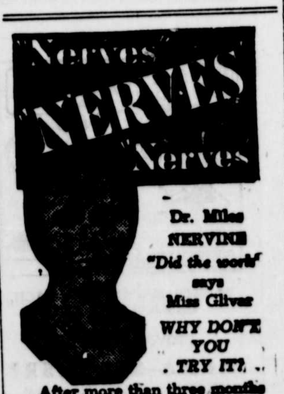
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