

NOW AND THEN

THE UNKNOWN SHEPHERD

By John Robert Quinn

Who is this faithful shepherd of the skies, Who daily turns His fold upon the fields? He lives in space and hears the cornered cries Of lambs adrift at night. Fiercely He shields His flock from harm. Gently He winds His way Up and across far hills of hope, now high, Now down in the sheds where each reclining day Dreams of a dawn eternal, by and by. Who is this Stranger whom we see each morn Spreading His wings afar as a field of snow? He has not let us go undreamed, unborn, And, by our faith, He does not let us go Each one alone, but like a drift of sheep He folds us in one common crib, one sleep.

SANTA FE, KANSAS

A visitor to Santa Fe, Kansas writes enthusiastically of the beauty of the city of the bright colors of the small adobe houses, unique in architecture, of the beautiful State House which has been there since time immemorial. But the glory of the heavens was a revelation to her, the brilliancy of the stars and all the galaxy of the heavens. No one who is not in a dry climate can realize their radiance. There was no cloud to dim their shining and each star sent down its rays to charm the eyes of the beholder.

Spring, lovely spring came in on Wednesday. Although it was cold, yet the bright sunshine gave promise of warm bright days to come.

There were the crocuses, jonquills, forsythia and other flowers to herald her coming.

Although the past winter was mild, March has given us some wild disagreeable weather so everyone is glad to think that sweet April is on her way.

Now the poets will begin to write of nature, for something in the season of spring wakes their poetic sense, the little plants peeping up above the ground, the blooming of flowers, blue skies and sunny weather all these arouse the love of beauty in ones soul.

THE PLEASURES OF IMAGINATION

Many people have spoken and written of the pleasures of imagination. Some can see in fancy what sight poems tell them. There was a little poem written some time ago by Anne Campbell where she describes one sitting in a chair in her garden. She could not move without the help of some one, but day by day she sat there surrounded by flowers, and travelled to all parts of the globe. She had heard others tell of them and in her imagination she could see and enjoy them all.

George William Curtis, that delightful essayist, also describes the pleasure of traveling in this way. Busy man that he was, he had no time for actual travelling but he used to go down to the docks and watch the steamships preparing to start on their voyages, then he himself would embark with them, and sail to foreign land in his imagination. He wrote: "My ship to Savannah arrives in April; Florida in May; Cuba and the Gulf come in with June, and the full splendor of the Tropics burns through July and August. . . .

Thus the spring comes in my heart as well as in the air, and leaps along my veins as well as through the trees. I immediately travel. An orange takes me to Sorrento, and roses, when they blow, to Paestum. The camellias in Aurelia's hair bring Brazil into the happy rooms she treads, and she takes me to South America as she goes to dinner. The pearls upon her neck make me free of the Persian gulf. Upon her shawl, like the Arabian prince upon his carpet, I am transported to the vales of Cashmere; and thus, as I daily walk in the bright spring days, I go round the world. From "Prue and I," by George William Curtis.

ROYAL VISIT

When King George and Queen Elizabeth visit Ontario next May, they are to meet the most famous citizens of the Province—the Dionne quintuplets. Last week the government an-

nounced that the five little girls, shortly before their fifth birthday, would leave Calender by special train for Toronto. Presentation to the monarchs would be the high light of this first trip from the nursery that has been their home. In the Toronto celebration special places were reserved for Mr. and Mrs. Dionne. Such were the announced plans, but there was a possible hitch.

Olivia Dionne, father of the little girls, has never approved the government guardianship of his famous daughters, and last week he disapproved the government's plans for their Toronto trip. "I am not in favor of it," he said. "We are anxious that they should be presented to the King and Queen when they come to Canada, but I cannot see why the government cannot arrange to have their Majesties visit the nursery here."

SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTS PALMETTO TREE OFFICIALLY

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—For many years South Carolina has been known as the Palmetto State. Now it is, officially. The Legislature, by a resolution, made it so.

Senator Jeff Bates, one of the authors, said he understood "another state" had been considering adopting the palmetto as its State tree. So, just to make certain of South Carolina's priority, a resolution was rushed through.

TODAY IS MARYLAND DAY

It was a wonderful event, when the company sent by Lord Baltimore landed on St. Clement's Island, St. Mary's County over 300 years ago; wonderful because it brought religious freedom to an intolerant country. The first plan was to call the state "Crescentia" because the shape of it was like the new moon, but afterwards they decided to call it Maryland for Henrietta Maria, the queen of Charles I.

The first act of the settlers was to have Mass., in the new land. It happened to be on "Good Friday" when they made their landing in that new land celebrated for its site, its equable climate, where fruits and vegetables are so easily grown.

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

"Wine of Good Hope," by David Rame is Macmillan's number one big novel for the Spring. I great deal of publicity and selling effort will be put behind this book. So it seems very likely that it will be among the best-sellers. It is the story of a boy on a South African Farm. Tony loves the farm and loves Lowell, but Tonia, his sister, loves the farm to, and does the best to induce Tony to adopt the world wandering that has become a Lemaire tradition so that she will be mistress of the farm. The book's appeal comes from the boy Tony's adventures, at home, on vacation, and later on his travels in the world. Old Grim, his Grand-mother, the "man" of the house; Tony's sweetheart and wife—all these and many more give the book color and human interest.

"Jubal Troop," by Paul I. Wellman is one of the month's most readable books. Roughly it is in the same class as "Bitter Creek," but covers more time and is much more a picture of the old West. It's the story of an orphan on the range who finds the strength to fight against men and circumstances and gradually grows not strong but hard. The story carries him down to modern times and the Oklahoma oil boom. The first part of the book is a colorful, humorous, dramatic account of Jubal's adventures. Next the reader sees the fences springing up, sees the Cherokee Run, sees the land speculation, and later, the demoralizing effect of the discovery of oil.

"Marginal Land," by Horace Kramer, is Lippincott's big novel for the Spring. It is a first novel but it belongs in the class of "Free Land" and the novels of Bess Streeter Aldrich.

"Night Rider," by Robert Penn Warren, is a Houghton Mifflin Literary Fellowship Novel and a good one. It deals with the tobacco growers of Kentucky to get fair prices. "The Middle Passage" is by Roland Barker and William Doerflinger and is an adventure story but a very good one. "Seventy Times Seated and smacks of ford is grimly realistic and smacks of James Cain but is said to be a great book.

"The Damned Don't Cry" by Harry Hervey is no story for sheltered read-

THE WORLD'S WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 18 (AP)—Low world wheat prices—in some markets the lowest in years—are having less than usual effect in correcting the burdening international supply situation, grain trade statistics indicated today.

Except for the sharp peak in production which American farmers will put into effect this season, little or no effort is being made in other wheat growing regions of the world to reduce seedling.

Area acreage sown to winter wheat in 11 countries is only about 7 per cent less than a year ago, according to the latest reliable statistics. Reductions in the United States and Canada will cut the North American acreage about 18 per cent but most European countries have increases. Grain traders attributed this largely to comparative high prices in importing nations of Europe and to general political unsettlement.

Emergency Crop Loans Available

The Farm Credit Administration is prepared to make emergency crop and feed loans to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source. Application blanks are at the County Agent's office.

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The main office for Maryland is located at Baltimore, but Mr. C. R. Hare, Field Representative, located at Salisbury, Maryland, handles the applications on the Eastern Shore. The County Agent is pleased to help borrowers fill out the necessary application forms.

FAREWELL SYMPHONY

The presentation of Jan Haydn's "Farewell Symphony" at Boston's Symphony Hall by Serge Koussevitzky and his orchestra, dressed in the costumes of Haydn's period, recalls the Austrian musician's motive for its composition.

It was while Haydn was conductor of Prince Esterhazy's orchestra that he composed this beautiful orchestral work. A short time before its preparation Haydn asked for an extended vacation; but the Prince, expecting some important visitors, urged the conductor to cancel his plans temporarily. Haydn, undiscouraged, ingeniously repeated his request in musical form by so arranging the instrumentation of the last movement of the symphony that one by one the musicians in the orchestra would stop, pick up their instruments, blow out the candles on their stands, and walk out of play the last bar of the movement.

Needless to say, the "Farewell Symphony" gained the desired leave of absence for Jan Haydn.

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