

### NOW AND THEN

#### CONFESSION

When I was young I made a vow  
To keep youth in my heart as long  
As there were birds upon the bough  
To gladden me with song:  
To learn what lessons Life might give,  
To do my duty as I saw,  
To love my friends, to laugh and live  
Not holding Death in awe.  
So all my lyrics sing of joy,  
And shall until my lips are mute;  
In old age happy as the boy  
To whom God gave the lute.  
—Frank Dempster Sherman

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

Last week it was decided to turn on the lighting system at the World's Fair to see its efficiency. The evening was very foggy, but when the lights of every color were turned on, the effect was dazzling in its beauty. It reminds one of the time we went to see Niagara Falls. The train was scheduled to reach the Falls at six o'clock in the evening, but owing to an accident it was six o'clock the next morning that we arrived there.  
But the sight was worth waiting for, the glorious sheen of color that came over the mist, as the sun arose. Rainbows everywhere, above, below and all around. And then the dawn faded into day. It was beautiful still, but the rain bows had gone, as the sun flooded the world with light.

Old Chestertown Day is on its way. May the 13th is chosen. Not that the sponsors are inviting any rain or blow on that day, but because it seemed the only available day; and years of experience have taught the world that the 13th is apt to be a very lucky number.

Any how everything will be as interesting and instructive as the club can make it. Fourteen homes will be open for inspection, and all the beautiful antiques, and curios will be on display.

#### BERNARD SHAW

Bernard Shaw, although an octogenarian is still going strong. He has been putting his plays in the movies. Some one saw him a little time ago. His face was rosy and unlined, the latter, he says is owing to the fact that he never uses soap on his face. Shaw's loquacity is proverbial, but he is always interesting.

#### HERBERT MANUSCRIPTS

There is now on display at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., an exhibit of musical manuscripts of Victor Herbert, commemorating the eightieth anniversary of his birth on February 1, 1859. The exhibit consists almost entirely of the composer's holographs, most of which have been deposited in the Library of Congress by his daughter, Mrs. Ella Herbert Bartlett of New York.

#### BLACKIE ATTENDS SCHOOL

From the Birds Sanctuary in Lincoln Park, Chicago, Blackie, a crow who enjoys the pleasure of unmolested freedom, goes every day at the near by school, waits patiently until the play time come, and then he joins the children in their play.

He is fond of perching on a pole where he flaps his wings and caws until the children troop together before him. Then, apparently discovering a better vantage point, or one more suited to his vocal and dramatic powers he will fly there, while his youthful followers race after him in great glee. Occasionally he deigns to grace the interior of the building with his presence, flapping through corridors and cawing, while a teacher briskly shuts her classroom door lest the day's work be interrupted by the shining black visitor.

#### TAXES

Bearded Russians under Peter the Great wore metal receipts on their beards to signify that they had paid the beard tax. Beards lacking receipts were forcibly shaved off by the Czar's barbers.

Peter also taxed matrimony because "marriage is a bit of luxury."

Mussolini's Italy taxes single men to compel them to marry.  
Before the French Revolution, aristocrats levied a "corvée royale"—a tax compelling peasants to work so many days a year without pay to keep up the roads for the nobility. The revolution ended that.  
But Germany under Hitler conscripts the labor it needs for Hitler's program.

#### SELF-MADE MAN

A youngster stood gazing intently at his father's visitor, a homely man of large proportions. At length the portly one becoming a bit embarrassed, said: "Well, my boy, what are you looking at me for?"  
"Why," replied the boy, "Daddy told Mother that you were a self-made man, and I want to see what you look like."  
"Quite right," said the gratified guest. "I am a self-made man."  
"But what did you make yourself like that for?" asked the boy, with considerable surprise.

It was an Englishman, met in a train somewhere in Europe, who started Mark Twain by saying abruptly, "Mr. Clemens, I would give ten pounds not to have read your 'Huckleberry Finn'." And when Mark looked up, awaiting an explanation of this extraordinary remark, the Englishman smiled and added: "So that I could have again the great pleasure of reading it for the first time."—Brandt Matthews.

#### AHA!

Lord Russell once asked Prince Bismarck how he managed to rid himself of importunate visitors whom he could not refuse to see but who stuck like burrs when once admitted.  
"Oh, I have my easy escape," replied Bismarck. "My wife knows people of this class very well. When she is sure there is a bore here and sees him staying too long, she manages to call me away on some plausible pretext."

Just as he finished speaking, the Princess Bismarck appeared at the door. "My dear," she said to her husband, "you must come at once and attend to a matter which you have unfortunately overlooked."

Grim War seem to be threatening the horizon of Europe. And yet nearly every one hates it. What does it mean said a young soldier. "Mud, rats and vermin in the trenches, and suffering and death in the field."

#### IT HAS BEEN SAID OF WAR

War is the business of barbarians.—Napoleon.

War is a dreadful thing to a battle lost is a battle won.—Wellington.

I now know that wars do not end wars.—Henry Ford.

Every toy soldier should be abolished. We should disarm the nursery.—Dr. Paulina Luisi.

When war is looked upon as vulgar it will cease to be popular.—Oscar Wilde.

War will disappear, like the dinosaur, when changes in world conditions have destroyed its survival value.—Robert Andrew's Millikan.

It seems perfectly clear to me that we can never make any real progress toward permanent peace so long as we recognize the institution of war as legitimate and clothe it with glory.—William E. Borah.

It is the business of the church to make my business impossible.—General Haig.

O, snap the life and still the drums, and show the monster as she is!—Richard Le Gallienne.

#### REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

The Editor's Choice for April is John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." Mr. Frances Ludlow has this to say about it: "The Grapes of Wrath" may offend you, for it uses the abrupt, unconsidered, coarse talk of working men. It will horrify you and depress you. But it will give you a deep admiration for the dogged courage of men and women. It will, I believe, give you a new understanding of people who fight existence in a world totally unlike your own. And I think you will never forget it.  
It has more power than "Of Mice and Men". It is grimmer and harder, yet with just as much compassion and tenderness. It is the book of a man who is quiet, but who is quiet with the writer of the bitter wrong done to mankind.  
California may not like this book, because it tells how industrial fruit grovers and fruit canners have turned that beautiful state into a false paradise. Critics call Steinbeck red, a communist, an agitator, but he is none of these—just a man enraged at the greed and brutality of corporations, which hide behind their anonymity.  
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