NOW AND THEN

LOVELIEST OF TREES

Lovliest of trees, the Cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now of my three score years and ten.
Twenty will not come again
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom,
Fifty springs have little room,
About the woodland I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

The cherry trees in bloom is surely a lovely sight, there is nothing whiter, not even snow. In fact to see it in full bloom, it looks in the distance like it is covered with snow.

Trees are the friends of man. When one is planted perhaps it is the most useful asset he can have. It is used to make his ships, his houses, and almost everything he uses, it furnishes food for many of them, and then think of their beauty, which adds so to the landscape, and the grateful shade they give in summer.

Just now two Linden trees which have stood in the church yard of the Episcopal Church in Lewis will have to be cut down. All the citizens of the place have contributed to their upkeep as they have been such an ornament to the town. But now they will have to go. The great oaks in St. Paul's Churchyard are of interest to all the country side, and so is the Wye oak all these are known throughout the state.

Perhaps there is no poem more often quoted than the one by Joyce Kilmer, "Only God can make a Tree."

A tree shaded town is a pretty town, and there is much praise due to those who have planted them in the places where they had been cut down in the making of the cement streets here.

Chestertown Day was a bitter disappointment to all of those who had planned, and worked so hard for its success.

There were many other things planned for that day in the different towns all of whom were also disappointed. As Old Chestertown Day was on the 14th of May last year and the rain came down in torrents, one cannot blame the 13th for it.

Weather is one thing that cannot be reckoned with.

CLOCKS

What would the world do without clocks? King Alfred the Great who was very thrifty about spending time planned his day by having a candle divided into colors in three equal parts; one part was for work, the second for his books and study and the third, for sleep and recreation. The sun dial came next, but as it registered only the sunny hours, the man who invented clocks did a great service to mankind. The clock warns us of the flight of time. What a warning voice the grandfather's clock has with its "tick tock", again and again. Longfellow tells of the old clock that stood on the stair way in his home. It always seemed to say to him:
"Ever Never, Ever Never."

And then there is the Alarm Clock.

What is probably one of the first alarm clocks ever made came on view recently in London at the Science Museum, South Kensington. The legion of those whose morning excursions are preceded by alarums may well look at this 200-year-old relic with awe, and perhaps a shudder. For this is a clock that pulled a trigger that exploded a charge that lit a candle that dazzled a gentleman all-forlorn who was tossed from his crumpled sheets at morn by a bang that would shatter the house that Jack built.

Now the alarm clocks are less alarming but if one could arrange a music box within the clock it would be an improvement indeed.

AUNT MARTHA'S CLOCKS

At eight, Aunt Martha ceases darning socks,
Rises, stirs the fire to sparkling chatter,
And goes about the business of her clocks
Which constitute a most important matter.

Aunt Martha turns each key with loving care.
There is no variance in this Sunday rite.
The hands are all adjusted to a hair.
My Uncle Ned claims she sets Greenwich right.

The cuckoo blithe calls hourly to its mate.
The Yankee banjo ticks with native twang,
And chimes out, "Time's a-wastin'. Don't be late!"
The great clock in the hall deplores such slang.

Aunt Martha winds them all with equal pride—
The green alarm above the kitchen bench.
(Which stops unless you put it on its side),
The clock that strikes in silver-spoken French.
Sometimes, Aunt Martha looks with wistful eyes
Upon the garden sundial, near the yew.
I rather think she's loth to realize
That she can't wind and set the sundial too.

David Barclay.

IN MEMORIUM

Mrs. Sarah Ida Nicholson died at her home, "Fancy Farm", Thursday, April 6, 1939. She leaves two daughters and a son, viz: Mrs. Daisy Reinhart, Mrs. Julia Jervis and A. Earle Nicholson; also seven grandchildren. She leaves two sisters and a brother; Mrs. Chas. L. Dodd, Mrs. Thomas D. Bowers and Walter U. Lusby. The deceased was the daughter of Josiah and Emily Usilton Lusby and was born November 25, 1854. On Jan. 8, 1879, she married William Thomas Nicholson, who was born Nov. 25, 1853, and died Dec. 1, 1934. The husband and wife had attended school together as children and theirs was a life long friendship.

The funeral service was held at her home on Easter Sunday and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Melvin Kay, assisted by Rev. William Wyllie. Burial was in Chester Cemetery.

"So be my passing!
My task accomplished and the long day done,
My wages taken, and in my heart
Some late lark singing,
Let me be gathered to the quiet west,
The sundown splendid and serene,
Death.

Those privileged to know our dear much beloved sister for a number of years have fond and happy remembrances of her true faithful friendship. She was a high-type sterling christian character. She was a devout, conscientious member of St. James Church and the Ladies Aid Society, a liberal and loyal supporter and doing everything possible for their advancement and betterment.

Her home was outstanding in warm hospitality and friendliness. Her sweet smiling face shed sunshine and a kind welcome to all who came within her doors.

Her friends meant much to her. She filled the hearts and lives of many, giving to the needy material help and assistance. She turned none away, but was a great benefactress in her community. Her servants all loved her, which is proof of her kind generosity. She truly carried out in her life the lesson of The Good Samaritan. Indeed to know her was to admire and love her and she will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends.

A friend writes this tribute....Her voice was ever soft, gentle and low, likewise her manner which was inspired by a good heart. Absent from the body, present with the Lord." 2 Cor. 5:8.

Think
of stepping on shore,
and finding it heaven;
of taking hold of a hand
and finding it God's hand;
of breathing a new air and
finding it celestial air;
of feeling invigorated and
finding it immortality;
of passing from storm and
tempest to unbroken calm;
of waking up and
finding it Home!

Mrs. Jesse H. Usilton,
Mrs. Howard D. Reese.
Rev. Melvin Kay.

Use of Pearls in China

More than 22 centuries before our era pearls were enumerated as a tribute or tax in China, and they are mentioned as products of the western part of the empire in the "Rh'ya," a dictionary compiled earlier than 1000 B. C. The pearls of Britain are mentioned by Tacitus and by Pliny.

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