# NOW AND THEN

### CARDINAL

A cardinal and April rain—
Let those who thirst for joy know these;
The clear and vibrant redbird note
That glorifies the dripping trees.

Let those who seek for beauty go
Down rain-washed streets where trees are tall,
And through the misty air, look up
To where the redbirds call.

If one finds joy in simple things,
If one has learned to watch and hear,
Above his head may blithely sound
A cardinal's high note of cheer.

And when the days are dark and wet
When showers strike upon the pane,
It is a joyous thing to hear
A redbird calling through the rain.

—Margaret E. Peck, in "American Lyric Poetry."

Never has there been seen more of these gorgeus birds, hereabout than this Spring. His merry whistle mingles with the robins matins which begin at early dawn, before the chorus joins in the full burst of song. Such a concert is well worth rising early to hear, while the dew washed flowers are shedding their fragrance in the air. Then one sees the mist on the river changing from gray, to the pastel shades as the sun appears above the horizon, before the glow of the sun "which comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run his course." Such things are not seen in bed, or in the later morning, even in such a glorious morning as this the twenty fourth of May.

### WATER STREET ..... ..... .... ....

It is very pleasant living on the river, as the Water St. residents think, but when the Public Health demands that all sewers must be joined to the Disposal Plant then the citizens who live in other parts of the town have the advantage. The dwellers across the river at Kingston hear that they too will be required to have an outlet so that the river will be a pure limpid stream, where bathing and swimming will be pursued as they were in days of yore.

### FORGOTTEN COLONY

Seventy miles north of Soa Paulo, Brazil, is the Villa Americana, settled in 1865 by "die-hards" from the Confederate States who refused to come back into the Union. Of the 500 families that emigrated to Brazil to form a colony, the majority have remained American in manner, although the third and fourth generation show the Brazilian influence and speak English with a foreign accent. Some have regretted their step, but most of them are more at home in Brazil now than they would be in Georgia. The majority are farmers, and they have introduced the watermelon to the local palate. Many, having almost forgotten the Civil War, keep an American flag on the parlor wall.

The King and Queen of England are fine people and every one admires the King who has taken up the duties that were thrust upon him, unprepared as he was, and his queen who seems a worthy helpmeet.

But it was an unusual sight when the five little girls, all alike and the same age went to visit their majesties.

Very lovely they were in their blue dresses and pink silk bonnets, on their first visit from their home.

Of course the Queen was delighted with them, and they took a great fancy to her, all of them talking to her at once.

The good wise Dr. Dafoe was with them to watch over their health and behavior, and it was surely a gala day in their lives.

The Virginian are great lovers of their State and their ancestors. The F. F. V's are very prominent. They are generally possessed with charm of manner and refinement though they have not the ambition to be as learned as the Boston people have.

It is said when R. E. Lee Marshall was at school in Virginia, it was the custom of the headmaster to call one of the boys each morning to read a passage from the Scripture. One day a boy began the 25th chapter of St. Matthew:

"Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten Virginians, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish."

The headmaster stopped the boy, and told him to repeat the passage. The boy read it exactly as before. Again the headmaster stopped him, and remained a few moments in deep thought. At last he said sadly: "Well, if the Bible says so it must be true. But I would never have believed that there were five foolish Virginians."—C. B. in Baltimore Sun.

### EXCELLENT!

X is the Roman notation for ten,
X is the mark of illiterate men,
X is a ruler removed from his throne,
X is a quantity wholly unknown,
X is for Xerxes, the monarch renowned,
X is the spot where lost things are found!

### A BULL FOR A BULL ..... .... ....

Ole Bull, the great Norweigian violinist, made his American debut at the Park Theatre in Boston on Evacuation Day in 1843. After the concert he gathered with friends and showed real apitude in historical facts as well as mastery of world-famed violins.

Complimented on his performance he remarked, "This is surely the day John Bull went out and Ole Bull came in."

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"We are not sent into this world to do anything into which we cannot put our whole hearts," wrote John Ruskin. "We have certain things to do for our bread, and that is to be done strenuously; other work to do for our delight, and that is to be done heartily; neither is it to be done by halves or shifts, but with a will; and what is not worth this effort is not to be done at all."

# REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

Prize Winning Books, Spring, 1939, For Young People.

The New York Herald Tribune devotes the Book Supplement to the best books for children and lists for the third year the award of two prizes of $250 each to the best books published between January 1 to June 1 of this year, one for younger, the other for older children and the announcement of honors conferred upon ten books, five in each class for older children and the announcement of honors conferred upon ten books, five in each class for special excelence. The book selected for the older boys an dgirls is Phil Stong's "The Hired Man's Elephant". It tells of a travelling show consisting of one man, one girl, one elephant and three poodles. Zonah, the proprieter, by means of parlor magic, ventriloquism, and personal magnetism, puts in a week at each stop, with a complete change of program each night. How this miracle is accomplished and how Mrs. Dengler, the town's censor, is first outwitted and then converted, and above all, how the good meals and kind hearts of Swyers's folks fit into the proceedings, make as comfortable reading as you may wish. The pictures are funny too. It is published by Dodd, Mead and Company and is priced at $2.00.

"The Story of Horace", written and illustrated in Color by Alice M. Coats. Coward-McCann. $1.75, is the selection for the younger children.

Horace was a bear that "et", one by one, every member of a family from great-grandma to little Lula. Such was the charm of his personality and the survivors successfully "took on so" at the thought of Pa's shooting Horace that nothing was done about it. And if you think this is gruesome, you don't know Horace, or the charm of the rigomarole in which the saga unfolds. No one seems to know where this folk story originated, whether in New England, Middle Western or other places, but this very satisfactory version was found in England by Rose Dobbs and Alice Coats had given it the perfect pictures. The last picture after Pa hadn't the heart to do it when he and only Horace are left illustrates the line: "And the next day Horace wen tout hunting!" The neat touch is that he is wearing Pa's deerstalkers cap.

The Honor Books, five in each class are as follows:

For Younger Children:

"An Ear For Uncle Emil", by Eva Roe Gaggin, Viking Press. $2.00.

"Travels of a Snail", by Eleanor Hoffman. Stokes. $1.50.

"A Book Of Wild Flowers", by Margaret McKenney, MacMillan. $2.

"The Young Aunts", by Alice Dagleish. Scribner. $1.75.

"The Little French Farm", by Lida and Helene Guertik. Harper. $1.00.

For Older Children:

"The Sword of Roland Arnot", by Agnes Danforth Hewes, Houghton, Mifflin. $2.00.

"Bat, The Story of a Bull Terrior", Stephmen Meader. Harcourt. $2.00.

"Long Wjarf", by Howard Pease, Dood, Meade and Co. $2.00.

"Land for my Sons", by Mabielle Cormack. Appleton. $2.00.

"Phantom on Skis", by Helen Girvan, Farrar. $2.00.

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