NOW AND THEN

TREES

Have you ever taken the time to sit down and watch the trees? They seem to converse among themselves bowing and tossing their limbs to and fro. Such grace of motion, such unison as they bend with every breeze that blows.

Perhaps there is no poem more often quoted than the one by Joyce Kilmer. "Only God Can Make a Tree." Would it be possibue for people to live if there were no trees? Our houses, our ships our furniture all are made from them and the cool and grateful shade! all these are dependent on the trees.

We are copying the following poem, but the name of the poet has escaped us. We are sure the poet will forgive us for not using his name.

WHEN WE PLANT A TREE

What do we do when we plant a tree?
We plant the ship that will cross the sea,
We plant the mast to carry the sails
We plant the planks to withstand the gales:
The keel, the kneelson the beam, the knee,
We plant the ship when we plant a tree.

What do we do when we plant a tree?
We plant the houses for you and me.
We plant the rafters, the shingles the floors
We plant the studding, the laths, the doors
The beams the siding all parts that be—
We plant the house when we plant the tree.

What do we, plant when we plant the tree?
A thousand things that we daily see,
We plant the spire that out towers the crag;
We plant the staff for our country's flag,
We plant the shade, from the hot sun free,
We plant all these when we plant the tree.

THEY FORGET WHAT THEY WRITE

Authors, especially those who write many books soon forget what they have written. Edgar Wallace the renowned mystery writer, sometime wrote a book in a few days. Of course he could not remember them all. Theodore Roosevelt was telling a popular novelist how much good, one of her books had done him. The author, while she expressed her pleasure in benefitting him, confessed that she had forgotten what the story was.

GENIUS FORGETS

One evening while reading the paper to Longfellow, his niece read with much expression a "poet's gem" from the Poet's Corner.

Longfellow expressed warm admiration for the poem, and inquired who wrote it?

His niece laughed. "You did!" she said. "It's one of yours!"

The incident reminds one of a similar experience of Whittier's. To an Englishman who visited him, Whittier expressed surprise that his guest knew so much of his—Whittier's—poetry by heart. "I wonder," he said, "that thou shouldst burden thy memory with all that rhyme. It is not well to have too much of it; better get rid of it as soon as possible. Why, I can't remember any of it. I once went to hear a wonderful orator, and he wound up his speech with a poetical quotation, and I clapped with all my might. Some one touched me on the shoulder. 'Do you know who wrote that?' the person said. I said, 'No, but it's good!' It seems that I had written it myself."

Mr. McIntyre a well known columnist, tell the following story. A lame boy was wheeled every day to the corner of 34th street and Broadway where he spent the day. As he had a bright pleasing face it was seldom he went home empty handed. One windy day a lovely laced trimmed handkerchief was blown into his chair. It was a very dainty affair, but what delighted the boy most was the delightful perfume with which it was scented. The owner could not be found. He was offered eight dollars for his prize, but he refused it. "I have never smelt anything as nice he said and I want to keep it."

THE SMITHS HAVE IT

SMITH was officially recognized as the commonest American name last week by the Social Security Board. The board found among applicants for old age insurance 471,190 Smiths, 350,530 JOHNSONS, 254,750 BROWNS. The next seven were: WILLIAMS (250,312), MILLER (240,180), JONES (230,540), DAVIS (177,000), ANDERSON (144,000), WILSON (133,000) and TAYLOR (118,000).

Cross-Examination: In a Boston, Mass., court on charges of soliciting alms without a license, James Horne protested in dumb-show that he could neither speak nor hear. As he gesticulated, court doctor Edward Sandoz exploded an air-filled paper bag just behind him. Horne jumped violently. As he hit the floor, the judge gave him two months.

From twice-cooked food,
From an ignorant doctor,
From a friendly enemy,
From a wicked woman,
Lord, deliver us.
—Old Monkish Litany.

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE BEST SELLERS

The best-sellers for April 17th to May 17th according to Baker and Taylor and Co. and based on sales of books includes Grapes of Wrath, Here Lies. Carre by Proxy, Captain Horatio Hornblower The Woman in the Hall, The Heroes, Wickford Point, All Those and Heaven Too. Harlequin House, Spring Harrowing, Sir Adam Disappeared, The Yearling, The Main Stream, Valedictory.

John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" is selling almost five times as well as any other book on the market right now—doing better than it did in its first month of publication.

In a month when other books are feeling the approach of sumer, "The Grapes of Wrath" is piling up Christmas sales. Already it has sold more than enough copies to make it one of the years leaders. It should go on selling. The frank language has offended some readers, but most of these readers say the book is unforgettable, just the same. And most readers are lavishing superlatives upon it. The list is predominately new books. Of the fifteen on the fiction list only seven (7) have appeared previously. And most of the newcomers will probably drop off the list during the next month.

"All This and Heaven Too," which has had a long run, is still among the leaders, but its asles are flagging. "Wine of Good Hope", "The Patriot", and "Ordeal" have fallen by the waysidethough "Wine of Good Hope" is still selling well enough to have given "The Tree of Liberty" a hard battle for sixteenth place.

You may be surprised to know that "Finnegans Wake", by James Joyce, ranks eighteenth among novels in sales. Here's a book which even the reviewers do not claim to understand, and which, so far as most people are concerned might as well be written in Sanskrit, and its almost a best seller.

The "Yearling" is on the list again because of the Pulitzer Prize award. The only other book of the Pulitzer Prize List to win a place on the best selers is "Abe Lincoln in Illinois". "Benjamin Franklin" is selling well but not enough to make the coveted mist.

The newcomers on the non-fiction list are "You're the Doctor" "With Malice Toward All", "Information Please". "American in Midpassage and "Lodging for the Night". It cannot be called literature but is selling well. It is a Handbook for Modern Gypsies."

All of which does not mean that people are still reading many of the best sellers of months past and even some of last year. The sales are no indication of what all are reading.

Balloon Ascension at Coronation

A balloon ascension is recorded at the coronation of the Chinese Emperor Fo-Kien in 1306.

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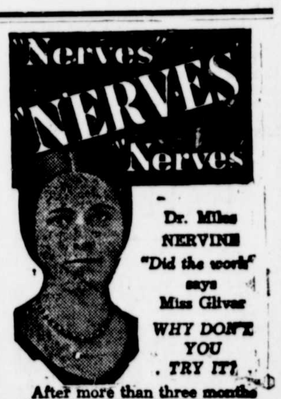

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