NOW AND THEN

TAKE CARE OF THE MINUTES

We are but minutes—little things!
Each one furnished with sixty wings,
With which we fly on our unseen track—
And not a minute ever comes back.

We are but minutes—yet each one bears
A little burden of joy and cares.
Patiently take the minutes of pain—
The worst of minutes cannot remain.

We are but minutes—where we bring
A few of the drops from pleasure's spring;
Taste their sweetness while we stay—
It takes but a minute to fly away.

We are but minutes—use us well,
For how we are used we must one day tell.
Who uses minutes has hours to use—
Who loses minutes, whole years must lose.

—Anon

It was Horace Mann who said, "Lost yesterday some where between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever."

I thought of that warning as I sat on the porch, watching the great white fleecy clouds that were piled up in the blue heavens; watching the tree tops as they bent to and fro in the breeze, and the grass which is so green though it is the middle of July; listening to the bird songs and seeing the great birds floating in the air like air planes. Yes, I wasted two golden hours, but after all they filled my soul with beauty so perhaps they were not entirely lost. One remembers what the people around him, said of James Watts. "He is so idle he sits for hours watching the tea kettle boil." It was he who made that wonderful invention, the steam engine, so the many hours he spent in seeming idleness has made him famous.

Thoughts are the masters, and the thinkers are the doers," wrote Confucius ages ago.

GIRDLING THE EARTH

It was that well known story, "A Tour of the World in Eighty Days" that first suggested it. Jules Verne tells the story of the bachelor, Phileas Fogg,who bet his fellow clubmen that he could go around the world in eighty days. If he were unsuccessful he would give them fifty thousand pounds, half of his fortune. He started, attended by his faithful valet who helped him in every way. But to accomplish that feat, Phileas Fogg spent the other half of his fortune. After undergoing all sorts of hardships he reached his home one day late. He thought he had lost his bet, and had arrived home penniless, but in crossing the 180 parellel of longitude he had gained a day so he, after all, was at his club at the appointed hour. Nellie Bly a newspaper woman tried the same thing in 1890 and succeeded in doing it in eighty days. But a few days ago Mr. Norman C. Lee arrived in New York having girdled the earth in 20 days, 14 hours, 59 minutes by airplane.

THE SWANEE RIVER

When Stephen Collins Foster wrote " 'Way Down Upon the Swanee Ribber," one of America's favorite folk songs, little did he anticipate that Georgia, a State he was never in, and through which the Suwannee flows, would erect a monument in appreciation of his song, "The Old Folks at Home."

The monument, gift of Charles J. Haden, Atlanta capitalist, is a three-ton granite shaft, placed on the banks of the Suwannee at Fargo, where the river emerges from the vast Okefenokee Swamp. "The Suwannee is a Georgia stream by birthright, though the State of Florida endows it with the right of way to tidewater," Mr. Haden said.

The monument was erected in 1928 but has recently been enlarged and beautified. It carries the inscription: "Erected in memory of Stephen Collins Foster at the source of the stream, which he made immortal in song Suwannee River."

It is the general belief that Foster, whose home was in Pennsylvania, never saw the Suwannee River, but selected the name for its euphony. It is said while he was wriitng the song, he said to his friend sitting by, I want the name of a southern river with two syllables, and his friend suggest Swanee.

WOMAN CONTROL PREDICTED BY ATLANTA STORE MANAGER

Raymond A. Kline, Atlanta department store manager, says in a speech that men in business should thank women workers "for not having taken over the whole thing—yet."

He added that the male bread-winner of today "must shake in his boots and be glad he was not born three or four generations later, when there will surely be, not a petticoat autocracy, but feminine control of men in business like there has been feminine control of men outside business, lo, these many years."

HONORS FOR DOG

Newark University has conferred the honorary degree of "Doctor of Cannie Fidelity" on a dog.
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The recipient was "Bonzo", shepherd dog which for the four years of has master's college course escorted Joseph Melillo to every class. Mr. Melililo was graduated with high honors.

Calling the dog a "partner" in Mr. Melillo's success, Dr. Frank Kingdon, University President, conferred the degree on the "seeing-eye" dog "for those qualities of faithfulness and devotion which have made you a familiar and inspiring figure."

THOSE BARKING DOGS

Averages prepared by statisticians of the American Association of Chiropodists indicate that mothers, busy with the houseswork and children, take more steps each day than any other group of women. The average mother takes no less than 12,000 steps daily. The athletic girl who works all day and then goes to the gym in the evening takes about 10,000 steps each day, while the average girl who clatters around day and night in her high heels averages 8,000. Professional women take some 9,000 steps daily; society women 6,000; and the hard-working nurses "pound their dogs" for 10,000 steps each day.

—The Commentator Magazine

Fish Canning Old

Fish canning predates canning itself. In Holland they were putting fish up in cans before Nicholas Appert, "father of canning," got around to discovering the process which made him famous and started on its way the present great industry of food preservation in hermetically sealed containers.

STEAM HEAT

Kisses have now become so important in the films that they are receiving the attention of "kiss experts." The perfect kiss has recently been described as one of exactly even pressure, distributed without distorting any part of the mouth. One famous woman star is reputed to exert a pressure of twenty-five pounds with every kiss she gives. Her kisses, the technical experts say, have "plenty of steam behind them!"

—The Commentator Magazine

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