NOW AND THEN

COMMON THINGS

Joy is found in common things
That each passing season brings:—
Winds that tip-toe through the grain;
Slanting lines of silver rain;
Poplar-plumes that brush the sky,
Fireflies flittering softly by;
Hollyhocks beside a wall,
And the meadow-lark's first call;
Summer's green-gold loveliness,
Maple trees in autumn dress;
Winter's cozy firelight glow,
Moonlight on new-fallen snow.
There is wealth in common things,
More than worldly wealth of kings.
—L. A., in Grit.

THE CLOUDS

In spite of the dry weather the clouds have been beautiful indeed. And they did bring us rain on Monday evening, such sweet, refreshing showers which revived the thirsty earth around.

Queen Anne's right across the river though, was not so fortunate. The people are still longing to have a long general rain, for the corn and other crops are drying up. May these lovely clouds which stow away the moisture and the rain, pour down abundant showers which are so much needed.

HOW BIG AND HOW TALL

There were two little boys going up the street some time ago. Though both of their suits were new, they looked very much depressed. And why? Because their suits did not fit them. The larger one's was too small and tight for him. His adoring Grandmother had sent it, after asking for a four year size, but her grandson was far taller and larger than most boys of his age. The other boy was wearing the suit sent him by a relative, but as he was smaller than the usual size age, the suit was entirely too large. So what is one to do. The dress and suit makers have had a meeting and have decided it is better to make the garments by measurements and not by age; for a child so many feet tall with the corresponding bust measure, which seems to be the most feasible way.

THE EMBLEM NOT POPULAR IN VIRGINIA

There was great concern a week or two ago when Elsie, the biggest elephant, in the show strayed away from the circus in Staunton, Va. It was bad enough to lose an elephant at any time, but to think of her loose in the wilds of Virginia. For the elephant is the chosen emblem of the G. O. P. and that party is not so popular among a large portion of the inhabitants of that state. The search for her was long and thorough and at last she was located unharmed and thoroughly enjoying herself even though it were in a hostile neighborhood.

LIGHT HOUSE KEEPERS

Notwithstanding the many lights that are now available, the light houses are the most dependable for sailors as they sail amid rocky waters.

When sailing up Boston Bay it is a beautiful sight to watch these light houses at the close of day. The sunset gun booms from Fort Warren, and at once every light house send forth its cheering ray. Such a number of them there are in the Bay, some built on little rocky islands in the bay while others rise sheer out of the water. What a responsible task the work of the light housekeeper is and what a lonely life he must lead. Some years ago there was a yachtman, who took a long trip every year along the eastern shores and the waters of the Chesapeake. When he called on his friends he would always ask them for old books, magazines and papers. Then he would stop at every lighthouse that was on his way and leave them to these poor lonely men. They always looked forward to the time when he made his annual trip and no one enjoyed the visits more than the yachtman himself.

There are many stories told of the heroisn of these light house keepers, how they risk their lives to save the ship wrecked and those in peril.

AUGUST AFTERNOON

Small harebells nod
Beside the road
Cloaked in deep shadows
From the dreaming trees;
The fields beyond
Are golden-crowned with corn.
There is no song of birds,
But quiet music
Of the laden bees,
T. Lovatt Williams

Holy Field of Genoa
Probably the most visited cemetery in the world is the Campo Santo or Holy Field of Genoa, Italy, for its memorial sculptures are finer than can be found in many of the best-known museums.

FRANKLIN'S KITE

When Benjamin Franklin, by his ingenious equipment, discovered that lightning was electricity, people were indifferent to the importance of that fact. Some one asked, scornfully, "Of what use is such knowledge?"

In a good temper, Franklin answered, "Of what use is a child? He may grow into a man."

From Franklin's kite, great mechanisms and industries have grown, and the knowledge at which they scoffed has united the world in communication and transportation.

OLD REF

Old Ref was a stray dog. When the dog catcher was about to carry him away in his truck little Freddy Beckel saw him and begged for him. When he took him home his parents did not want him, but they yielded to the pleas of Fred and let him stay.

Ref was so gentle and affectionate that the whole family grew to love him.

One day he came romping home from the woods with a mouthful of wild animal to deposit at his master's feet—the tiniest baby skunk you ever saw.

To say the little skunk was hungry puts it mildly. He was famished. Old Ref knew the symptoms. Filled with the 'Boy Scout instinct," Old Ref seemed to sense only one thing. He was always fed well by his master. His master would surely feed his new friend.

How would you feel if your dog traipsed home with a mouthful of skunk? Mr. Bickel was dubious. Right there Old Ref furnished proof that a dog thinks fast.

Seeing his master was about to run away, the dog immediately started to romp with the diminutive stranger—to show the trespasser was a friend instead of a foe. Mr. Bickel was converted.

So today while Old Ref proudly looks on, scores of people visit the Bickel home to take a peek.

And it brings memories, you can bet, to Old Ref.

Only two years ago crowds gathered to glimpse Old Ref himself. He was born in the spring of 1937 when a dog quarantine dogged the steps of every straying Corydon cur. The Bickel family gave him a home.

No more of a refugee was the little skunk, you see, than Old Ref, himself.

Editors representing publications in Delaware, Virginia, Maryland and Eastern Pensylvania visited the New York World's Fair on Wednesday, August 9, and were photographed (above) at one of the entrances to the Bell Telephone Exhibit, where the visiting newspapermen had an opportunity to hear Pedro the Voder, synthetic electrical voice which is one of the hits of the Fair, listen in on the Long Distance Telephone Demonstration and enjoy other audience participation features of the telephone exhibit. In the picture above, left to right:

First Row:—Charles T. Baker, Denton Journal, Denton, Md.; Rives Matthews, Somerset News, Princess Anne, Md.; Harry T. Phoebus, Eastern Shore Republican, Princess Anne, Md.; Thelma Bourn, Northampton Times, Cape Charles, Va.; Benjamin T. Fisher, Eastern Shore Herald, Eastville, Va.; G. Marshall Townsend Milford Chronicle, Milford, Del.; Benjamin F. Simmons, Delaware Republican, Dover, Del.; Max Chambers, Preston News, Preston, Md.

Second Row—B. M. Wilkinson, Caroline Sun, Ridgely, Md.; John T. Borum, Eastern Shore News, Onancock, Va.; E. J. Salevan, State Sentinel, Dover, Del.; R. H. Wilson, Queen Anne Record Observer, Centrevill, Md.; Carroll W. Casteel, Dorchester News, Hurlock, Md.; Jose S. McGrath, Crisfield Post, Crisfield, Md.; E. W. Orem, Democrat and News, Cambridge, Md.; A. W. Patterson, York Dispatch, York, Pa.

Third Row: J. B. Hayman, Passenger Rep., P. R. R.; Richard E. Cullen, Bi-State Weekly, Delmar, Del.; Richard H. Collins, Transcript, Chestertown, Md.; Carl Wieland, County Opinion, Vintage, Pa.; Bill Usilton, Kent News, Chestertown, Md.; Russell E. Wilson, Delaware State News, Dover Del.

Notice To Creditors

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

SOPHIE C. HURTT

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of January, 1940, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 25th day of July, 1939.

ELIZABETH H. WESTCOTT
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