NOW AND THEN

Presence

You turned the corner, and I waved goodby,
Fluttered my handkerchief against the sky,
Started to settle cushions in place;
But every mirror gave me back your face.
The arm-chair held the pressure of your shoulder.
The last inch of your cigarette, a smolder,
Still showed a lighted spark, and wisps of smoke
Spiralled against the final words you spoke.
After you went, when I had looked about,
Even the closed door failed to keep you out!

Marguerite J. Adams.

"PRAYING FOR THE WAR TO CEASE."

I heard it long time ago, these words—when they were singing the sweet old song, "Tenting tonight on the old Camp Ground."

I suppose every one is praying that same thing now, while they read of the horrors and the suffering of the European War. Each side feels that it is fighting for a principle Hitler, to make Germany a dominant country, and England and France to do away with aggression. But the suffering is borne by the fine soldiers, by the innocent inhabitants and by those who are deprived of the necessities of life which are brought on by the ecomonic conditions, the results of war.

Even in America, separated as it is by the seat of war by a great ocean, we are beginning to feel the stringency which it brings. So we are all hoping that wars will be no more.

THE GRASSHOPPER

Sitting by the window this lovely September day; looking at the white clouds piled up in the vivid blue sky, and at the green grass and trees I saw a grasshopper leaping over the grass. His whole attitude was joyousness. Just then I spied a cat creeping over the grass with his eye on some prey. Thinking perhaps it was a bird, I watched him, ready to interfere, but he gave a jump and I saw that his victim was the grasshopper. Poor little fellow, he had no chance against his foe, for he proved to be a toothsome bit for the cat, as he went on looking for more of the same.

BUMPS

They call it "bumps" this new game in England. It is a game of caution because it is played very slowly. It is to see who can go through the dark streets without bumping into another person. So far none have won a prize.

All manner of devices are being tried out in order to make movement simpler. Many people have taken to whistling; even quite elderly persons, who were broken of the habit as children, having found that to whistle a bright tune is not only effective but stimulating.

Owners of white dogs are discovering that their pets act as personal beacons when on the lead; others are using white containers for their gas mask. One individual, who spends his time tramping around London, has gone so far as to paint the entive front portions of his clothing, including his boots, in an effort to insure that his presence will not be felt. Such a complete white-out, however, is hardly to be recommended. It may prove useful by night but is apt to be too conspicuous by day.

THE POOR WEATHER MAN

War is making it very hard for the poor weather man. He has always come in for his share of abuse because he sometimes makes mistakes. But now! Cut off from the weather reports of all European countries from which about 100 reports come daily, and with Canada entrance into the war beginning to withhold reports about eastern sea board conditions, he is indeed hampered for he had not only received weather reports from the different countries, but also from foreign ships on the Atlantic oceans. Now he has only those that are on the Pacific in American ships. So let us be more lenient to this much abused gentleman, and prepare ourselves for what ever weather comes.

BULLET-PROOF TOMES

Together with a squad of horsemen, the novelist Irving Bacheller stopped to register at a military post near Yellowstone Park. When the desk sergeant learned his name, he remarked that he had read a number of Bacheller's books. He told of being in camp at one time on the Snake River, and of his companions who did not like his engrossment in the latest Bacheller book. He left it leaning against a tree while he went to get a drink of water, and a companion took a shot at it with his revolver, the bullet lodging about halfway through.

One of Bacheller's comrades then spoke up, "Well, at last it's proved that it takes more than the energy of a bullet to get through one of Bacheller's books."

LINDBERGH

Lindbergh has returned to America. His surely had enough to make him leave it, but, though he has visited Germany, Russia, and made his home both in England and France he has returned to his "ain countrie". He says he would rather live here than any where else, if the people would let him live his own life.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
That never to himself hath said,
"This is my own, my native land?"

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STILL POND

The Second Quarterly Conference of the Still Pond charge met at Betterton Methodist Church, with our officials, Tuesday. Dr. W. W. Gunby our District Supt. of Wilmington being in charge.

F. B. Harper, Jr., our Sunday School Supt., left Monday for Baltimore where he will enter John Hopkins University and take a course of electrical engineering.

Mr. Henry Davis, of Delaware, visited his farm "The Elmwood" Saturday.

The Epworth League will hold its monthly business and social meeting in the Church School room, Thursday evening(October 5th, Mrs. Bowers Hostess.

Miss Alice Maxwell is spending sometime with friends in Peryville, Md.

Mrs. L. B. Harper has returned home after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Miller in Baltimore.

Miss Clara Jones and friend, Rev. Moodey, of Baltimore, and Miss Helen Jones, of Washington, D. C., were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Watson's Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Price, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Geary attended the District meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission at Centreville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Copper and Mrs. John Atwell, of near Newark Delaware, were Sunday visitors with relatives here.

Little Miss Marjorie Harper and Tommy Barnes celebrated their 7th birthday Monday with a little party.

Mrs. Elmer Atwell visited in Baltimore Monday of last week.

Harry Hendrickson resumed his studies at Washington College Wednesday. Miss Ann Dudley Ford has entered as Freshman at Washington College this year.

Mrs. Ralph Murray, of Baltimore, is spending part of this week with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood.

Mrs. Gaylord Anthony and little son, of near Millington were visitors Monday of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Briscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Joiner and daughter, Mary Emma, of Easton, spent Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann.

Mrs. Howard M. Rasin with friends visited in Wilmington, Saturday.

Mrs. Sally Bidwell has returned home after spending a week with relatives in Clayton.

Sunday will be Rally Day in all departments of our church school. Every teacher is anxious for a hundred per cent. attendance. Charles Harper is leader of the Epworth League, Sunday evening with Dr. Doll as guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pennington had as their house guests the week end Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. MacClaren and Mr. Cummings of Philadelphia.

Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville, Del., spent the week end with her sister, Mr .and Mrs. Wm. Clark.

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Nov. 4—Penn vs. Navy at Philadelphia
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