NOW AND THEN

THE MOON

By Alice Mathews

O rising moon, fair Queen of night,
O chaste, pure moon ablaze with light,
You turn your face with silvery gleams
And transform all my little dreams
Into bright Isles of certainty,
This much dear moon you do for me:
And on the whole wide World, at large,
Like to a Princess glad you charge
With wand bejeweled, as a flame
So glorious radiance I may claim:
You lend high light to all despair,
And rapture place, O everywhere.
At midnight this doth seem your duty
To frame the Universe in beauty.

DIANA THE QUEEN OF NIGHT

The moon is shining now, though the gray clouds hid it from our sight last night.

Perhaps tomorrow we shall see it in all its radiance. As we gaze up in the heavens we think of the other gazers long years before the wise men saw the star shining in the east.

And they, not knowing anything of the truths of the heavens; believed many stories concerning it. The stories were so poetic and beautiful that our poets, especially the earlier ones, always referred to them.

These early people, called the moon, Diana. They thought that she was a fair huntress, the twin sister of Apollo, the god of the sun. Though she had many suitors, she never married, but at one time she loved Orion. Now Orion was a great hunter, so night after night they together would follow the chase always accompanied by Orion's faithful dog, Sirius. When Apollo heard of it he was furious. His sister, the Goddess of the moon in love with a mortal. Such a thing could not be. Seeing Orion out swimming one day with only his head above the water, he called his sister and asked her if she could hit the mark he pointed out. She, never dreaming that it was any one's head, pierced it with her arrow, and killed her lover. She was so incondable at his death, that Apollo had him placed in the heavens and his poor little heart broken dog also became a brilliant constellation.

There are many enteresting stories told of Diana, one is when Endymion, a beautiful youth, offended the god Jupiter, the god condemned him to perpetual sleep. And so as Diana drove her moon car over the heavens, she would stop and kiss the sleeping youth. Keats has made that the subject of one of his poems. There are many statues and great paintings of this famous goddess, and though now, people know that these things are only fables, yet the stars and constellations still retain the names given them at these early times.

INVENTION BY ACCIDENT

Many people do not know that the discovery of safety glass was entirely accidental.

A French scientist took an empty bottle from a shelf in his laboratory. The bottle slipped from his grasp and fell to the stone floor. It remained intact. The only visible damage was a criss-cross pattern made by hundreds of minute cracks, which later were found to be held together by a tough transparent film.

The scientist remembered that some years previous the bottle had contained various chemicals. He made up an identical preparation and produced the first sheet of safety glass.

VALUABLE FINDS

Sometimes great discoveries are made and these rare events are sufficient to keep secret hopes alive in every collector's breast. The true collector always remembers that the Black Prince's Ruby in the Crown of England was once sold in London for £4. And he never forgets that Jan Vermeer's "Christ in the House of Mary and Martha," now hanging in the National Gallery of Scotland at Edinburgh, was once purchased by a furniture dealer from a family in Bristol, England, for £8.

There is a story of a Norfolk farm laborer who declared he had not missed a harvest festival for 40 years. He sang lustily in all the hymns except for one line, "All is safely gathered in," when he invariably kept his mouth shut. He knew it was not possible for any farmer to have all his harvest in by the time the service was held—apples and potatoes are always gathered in later, and sometimes, in a late season, the corn is not yet carted.

THE PILGRIM TURKEYS

The turkeys of Pilgrim fame were the wild birds of the East, which then roamed the hardwood forests as far north as Maine. Market hunters eventually made serious inroads into the flocks. These were so plentiful at one time that a good-sized wild bird could be bought for sixpence, and a twenty-five or thirty pound gobbler cost only a shilling.

GOBBLE

The turkey is a noble bird
Replete with fuss and feather;
His tummy wears a toothsome gird
Of flesh to fend foul weather.

His family used to roam this land
Pursued by hungry redmen,
But now he's of a favored band,
Companion of well-fed men.

He starts out as an orphaned egg
Hatched in an incubator.
He eats and fattens, wing and leg,
And gobbles six months later.

He cries defiance long and loud,
His gait becomes a wobble,
For he is fat as he is porud
And regal is his gobble.

November finds him in his prime
(And kitchens all a-clatter);
November finds him in due time,
Enthroned—upon a platter.

The turkey is a noble bird,
Ace-high, a true first-rater.
He's tops, November 23d—
(Some places one wek later).

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STILL POND

Dr. Daniel Lee, a native of China, is traveling in America in the interest of the church and will be at Still Pond Methodist Church, Wednesday evening, November 29. We would like a large crowd to meet with us to greet Dr. Lee. Not just folks around Still Pond but our neighboring villages. We know you will enjoy his talk and he will enjoy being with you. Don't forget Wednesday evening, November 29.

Mr. Harvey Jones, of Smyrna, Del., was a recent guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones.

Mr. James Greenwood was a week end visitor in Chester, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loller, of Holland, Pa., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Rasin, part of last week.

Miss Virginia Walbert and guest Miss Mary Anna Wulford were Maltimore visitors over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kauffman, of Wilmington, Del., and brother, Ned Hepburn, of Baltimore, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hepburn.

Wesley Robinson with several of his class mates spent Thursday at the W. F. B. R. studio in Baltimore.

The Stil Pond Homemakers Club, held their regular monthly meeting, Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carson Greenwood, with a good attendance very interesting reports were read by the members of the various committees. We had a fine report on the part our club took at the Country Fair at Chestertown we won quite a few prizes. Mrs. Helen Schellinger gave an instructive talk on Kitchen Back grounds at the meeting. The following officers were elected for the year. President, Mrs. J. Earle Thompson; vice-president, Mrs. E. T. Atwell; Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Briscoe; Treasure, Mrs. Meeks. Plans were made to hold their annual Christmas party on December 15th in the Church School room.

Mrs. Albert Hickman has returned home after a weeks visit spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hess Haddaway in Baltimore.

Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville, Del., and Charles Clark, of Chester, Pa., weer week end guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Redding, of Washington, D. C., spent a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Wrothburn Bramble and family have moved from our village to Baltimore where Mr. Bramble is employed at Glen Martin. We are sorry to lose Mr. Bramble and family from our town.

Mr. Victor Kennedy of the Oliver H. Bair. Funeral Home, Philadelphia was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Fellows the past week end.

Mrs. F. B. Harper, Mrs. E. K. Briscoe, Mrs. Earl Thompson were in attendance at the State Wide P. T. A. which was held in Chestertown last week.

Donald Price, of Middletown, is visiting his garnd parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price this week.

Mrs .Carson Greenwood was a guest of her cousin, Mr. Ralph Murray in Baltimore the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stayton of Wilmington, Del., were guests Sunday of Mrs. Florence Watson.

Mr. Ernest Briscoe celebrated his birthday Wednesday.

Mises Margaret and Lucile Fellows were Philadelphia visitor sduring the week.

Mr. O. S. Grant will give an impersonation entitled "Old Friends of my Childhood Days" and musical selections as a special feature at the Annual Coin Card Social of the Ladies Aid of Still Pond Methodist Church. Friday evening, December 1, in the church school room. Refreshments of ice cream and cake will be served.

Come out and spend a good old fashion evening with us good folks. We promise you a good program, we will look for you.

Mr. Clarence Nicholson, of Cumberland, Md., has been spending a week with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson also enjoying the nice gunning.

Mr. Nelson Hackett, of Baltimore, spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hackett.

Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, and little son, Donald, of Cape Charles, Va., spent Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks, were Sunday visitors with Mr. Thomas Rich, at Rock Hall.

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