NOW AND THEN

HOME

God's mercy spread the sheltering roof;
Let faith make firm the floor.
May friend and stranger, all who come,
Find love within the door.
May peace enfold each sleeping-place
And health suround the board;
From all the lamps that light the halls
Be radiant joy outpoured.
Let kindness keep the hearth aglow,
And through the windows shine;
Be Christlike living, on the walls
The pattern and design.
—T. L. Paine.

Home, what comforting sound the word brings to all. So many homes have the personality of those who lived there impressed upon them. Arlington near Washington is an imposing elegant mansion, but the crowd who visit it are always impresesd by the spirit of General Lee its former owner. Mr. L. M. H. Roy, of Minnesota, a writer as well as artist was anxious to find a place among the New England hills where he could paint and write undisturbed, so he bought from a land agent an old mansion away from the village of Herriken N. H. No one could imagine a more isolated place than it is. Its name is "Ocean Born Mary" and has the reputation of being haunted. Consequently it has been untenanted for years. The present owner and his mother are delighted with it. They have found stores of treasure and antiques in the old attic and most of all are delighted with the tradition connected with it. The story goes: A party of emigrates sailed to New England in 1720, hoping to settle in Londonderry, but their ship was becalmed and pirates came aboard and ordered all the passengers to walk the plank. But first the leader went down stairs to see if any were there. He found the Captain's wife with a new born baby. He was so touched that he told the mother if she would allow him to name the baby he would spare the whole ship load. So he called her Mary after his mother. He is supposed to be an English gentleman who had turned pirate. After that he loaded, the child with gifts sending her an elegant piece of silk for her wedding gown and engaged a distinguished architect to plan her home, which was built by his slaves. It is a lovely old house over looking the New Hampshire hills, and the owners are very happy in their possession. Perhaps the owner will write the story which is certainly a very romantic one.

THE MULE

A visitor in Missouri attending a sale expressed his surprise when a fine team of horses was sold for two hundred dollars while a team of mules brought four hundred dollars. A native Missiorian explained: You don't know what the mule goes through. The Missouri mule, he said, "is sun-dried in our droughts to make him insensible to thirst. He is baked in 114 degrees of temperature to make him immune to heat or sunstroke. He is waterlogged in rains that make inland seas of our rivers, so that he will be impervious to equatorial monsoons. Being accustomed to rattlesnake bites, the stings of mosquitoes do not worry him. The quagmires and quicksands of the Missouri River train him to adapt himself to drag an artillery piece through a mudhole. Cannon fire and powder smoke are part of his genealogy."

DANIEL WEBSTER

Daniel Webster stands out among the senators of the United States of the nineteenth century.

Besides his great eloquence, he had a most prodigious memory, A story is told of his boyhood. One day for breaking a rule he was ordered by his teacher to learn 100 lines of Virgil.

The next day seeing that his teacher wa sanxious to get off right after school, Daniel told him that he was ready to recite the lines which he did perfectly. As the teacher was about to close the book. Daniel said, "I have a few more lines I can recite," so he said one hundred more. The teacher then arose to leave, but Daniel then said, "I have five hundred more to recite." 'That's enough,' said the teacher, hurrying away to keep an engagement for which he was very late, telling Daniel that he could have the next day as a holiday.

ROCK A BYE BABY ON THE TREE TOP.

It seems to us to be as old as the hills, quite as old as Mother Goose, therefore many who had sung it to the children for so many years, were surprised to hear that it was composed and set to music by Mrs. Effie Carlton, in 1887. It seems strange to think of babies going to sleep without that lullaby.

The auther thought little of it when she composed it, but when she sang it accompanied by her b jo her teacher was much impressed d through a publisher had it sun "The Old Homestead," a very po lar play at that time. And so it gone down through the years sin soothing many a child to sleep. And yet Mrs. Carlton has never had a baby of her own, nor has she received one penny for the lullaby.

PICKWICK

Mr. George Gessing writes:

Pickwick did in several directions help on the better day is beyond doubt. When writing his Preface to a populor edition of the book, ten years later, Dickens glanced at legal reforms which had meanwhile come about, and he noted with special satisfaction that the Fleet was no longer in existence. Recollections of his own sad childhood gave him a peculiar interest in a debtors' prison. The chapters of Pickwick concerned with the Fleet are admirably picturesque; no oppressive gloom hangs over them, but in a few vivid strokes we have a sketch of the vile place such as can never be forgotten. These shadows serve as a background to the happier features of life which it was always Dicken's purpose to emphasize and glorify.

STILL POND

The evangelists services continued throughout this week. We had several visiting ministers with us last week. Rev. Kay of St. James Church Rev. Bauscher and Rev. Baynard, of Fairlee. Miss Audrey Harper was leader of the Epworth League Sunday evening.

The Ladies Aid held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mr. Wm. Meders, Wednesday afternoon. The election of officers was held over for the meeting in February.

Galen Clark returned to Kitty Hawk North Carolina, Tuesday after spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark.

Miss Louise Pennington spent Wednesday of last week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Hepburn.

Mrs. Myra Roseberry and Harry C. Hendrickson were guest of friends in Dover, Monday.

Miss Helen Schellenger entertained at her home in Chestertown Thursday afternoon the executives members of the Homemakers Clubs of the county. Those in attendance from here were Mrs. Earl Thompson, Mrs. Earl Meeks, Mr. E. T. Atwell and Mrs. Briscoe.

Mis Helen Jervis with friends left last Tuesday for several weeks visit in Florida.

Mrs. R. B. Klienfelder, of Ambler Pa., has been spending sometime at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pennington her mother still continues quite ill at her home here.

Mr. Joseph Norris and nephew, Joe Atwell attended the turkey dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Sutton's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman and Mrs. Thomas Edwards and son, Jacky, of Massey, Md., visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeSage the past week.

Miss Geralding Hammacker, of Baltimore, spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Earl Thompson. Miss Hammacker and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson enjoyed Monday in Philadelphia visitors at the Mumers parade.

Mrs. Elmer Atwell and Joe, Mrs. Mary Quinn were Sunday guests of their mother, Mrs. Cornelius, near Felton, Del.

The movers in and around our village, Mr. and Mrs. Copper from the Besse Farm to near Barclay, Mr. Quinn to the Besse farm. Mr. Taylor from the Carrington farm to the Hepburn farm, Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn to the Rodger Harris house. Mr. Carroll to the Workman farm. Mr. Walters from the Workman farm to the Hadaway house in Still Pond. Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis from the Shallcross Neck, near Locust Grove into the Bowers house. Mr. Robinson from the Turner house to Coleman's Corner. Mr. John Skeggs to the Turner house.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevitte Ford were honor guests to a shower given them at the home of their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Walace Ford, Friday evening a large crowd was present and many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

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ON THE SCREEN AT THE NEW LYCEUM

Ilona Massey and Nelson Eddy in "Balalaika"

Music lovers, regardless of their tastes, have a treat in store for them at the New Lyceum Theatre where "Balalaika," the new musical starring Nelosn Eddy and Ilona Massey, comes on Monday and Tuesday, January 15 and 16. It is a brilliant production musically and dramatically and serves as an excellent vehicle with which to introduce Miss Massey, Hollywood's **newest singing** star. As for Nelson Eddy, it is probably his most important picture to date.

"Balalaika," based on the Lindon musical stage success of the same name by Eric Marchwitz, is a story of old Russia before, during and after the Revolution. It is colorful, gay at times and intensely dramatic at others. Romantically, it concerns the love of a Colonel of Cossacks and the daughter of a revolutionist, who are separated by world upheaval only to meet again on common ground as exiles in Paris and plight their troth.

Musically, "Balalaika" offers a great variety of song numbers. Miss Massey's "Tanya" is bound to be a hit Her voice also is given effective opportunity in "At the Balalaika" and in an operatic version of Rimsky-Korsakov's dance suite, "Cheherezade." The love duet, "Magis of Your Love," is a lovely composition by Franz Lehar. Eddy probably never has had such a scope to cover in song. "Flow, Flow, White Wine," "Ride Cossack Ride" and "Volga Boat Song," are from a wide range of music schools, including Russian folk music, light opera and the modern trend.

One of Eddy's most effective musical scenes is a reenactment of a dramatic incident of the World War when Russian and Austrian troops faced each other across No Man's Land on Christmas Eve and joined in singing "Holy Night." Eddy sings the hymn with a chorus of one hundred male voices.

ODDS AND ENDS FROM C. H. S.

"The snow had begun in the gloaming
And busily all the night
Decked the fields and highways
With a silence deep and white."

The First Snow Fall—Emerson

What young person doesn't love the snow? And not as an excuse to stay home from school; for, on the other hand, the attendance record did not shrink so severely as usual.

Next to the snow and ice skating the senior class play is no doubt the most discused topic at this time. It is the Gypsy Rover, a musical comedy. As yet it has not been cast.

Boys' and girls' basket ball practice is to get under way very soon. After a period of training under Coach Hall and Miss Bryan teams will be chosen and then there will be keen contests.

The school band under the guidance of Mr. Fleetwood is progressing rapidly. We are in hopes of a concert in the near future. The junior band, which was suggested earlier in the year, will be organized soon.

Last week our "future farmers" as well as our "future business and professional men" (?) were shown a movie by the Agrico Fertilizer Company describing the process of making fertilizer and how it can be used to the best advantage.

The P. T. A. meeting scheduled for Monday night was postponed until Monday, Jauary 15, because of the snow. The Freshmen Dramatic Club is going to entertain. We hope all of our high school friends will be here. The best part (not to insult the Freshmen) refreshments! Now, will we see you?

I hope all of you are keeping your New Year's Resolution better than all of us.

By Elizabeth Dorsey

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