NOW AND THEN

IT WOULD NOT DO
Christabel C. Wyckoff

Cornelia wished the other day
She might go back along the way
And be about sixteen again!
She said, "We all were happy then,
The days were full of play and fun
The joys of life had just begun.
The rest of us admitted we
Had found delight in our care free
And merry girlhood; yet averred
The present much to be preferred.
My reason why is crystal clear:
It came to me while sitting here
With you before the shimmering flame.
Do you remember that you came
Into my life the evening when
I reached the age of twenty? Then
Came too the deeper pleasures which
Have made our days most wondrous rich
For me it plainly would not do
To be sixteen and not know you.

Paderewiski was sitting by Mrs. Morrow some years ago at some entertainment given at Smith College, Mrs. Morrow's Alma Mater. "Life, I know, has not given you all that you dreamed of when you were a student here," said Paderewski. "O, replied Mrs. Morrow, I am happier than I had ever dreamed I would be," "Then Madam!" exclaimed he, I would like indeed to meet your husband.

This, of course, was before she had lost her husband, before the tragic kidnapping of her first grandchild, and before the loss of her eldest daughter, but, in spite, of all, she has gone on with her social service work, her writing and last summer she was made one of the presidents of Smith's College. So she has risen above misfortune and sadness and still finds life has something for her yet.

The Australia has at last come into her own. The shabby schooner, owned by Captain Batchelor at the time when Old Chestertown Day was on, and which played a great part in the exhibits of antiques that day, under the care of Mr. Simon Westcott, has been sold to the du Ponts who are going to make a yacht of her to sail up and down the Chesapeake Bay.

Her purchasers have found her timbers in fine condition after being in three wars, a freight boat and a schooner to carry grain. I am sure when we see her in her new dress with her flags flying she will surely be hailed as a good and faithful servant.

Those who are accustomed to regard H. L. Menchen as an acid critic are surprised to read his autobiography. "Happy Days." His readers who are so accustomed to read his railing abuse of things that be, are surprised to read, "Were I to have my life to live over I would choose the same parents, the same wife, the same home, and environment. In fact, he must be a most contradictory person, for soon after reading a tirade on the people of the Eastern Shore, we hear of his marrying an Easton Woman. The truth of the matter is that he wrote to refute a prevailing fashion of writing about unhappy childhood, by describing the very happy life he had with his very wise parents. The hero of his boy hood was Mark Twain whose books he read over and over again, and unlike most boys of his age he never cared to read the Alger books which were so popular with the youth of his boyhood.

BRAVE START

When Theodore Thomas was 22 years of age he was already known as a talented musician with wide and varied experience. He had conducted orchestras, but not opera.

One evening he returned home after a good day's work, had his dinner, and settled down for an evening of reading and a good rest, when a messenger came to him from the Academy of Music. "The orchestra is in place and the audience is waiting, but Carl Anschutz, the conductor, cannot appear. Would you come to the rescue and conduct the opera?"

Thomas always believed in seizing his opportunity. But here was an unfamiliar work, "The Jewess."

He thought it over for a moment and then said, "I will."

Changing quickly into his dress suit, he was soon on the conductor's stand at the Academy, and conducted the performance as in it were a common experience. And thus began his career as an opera conductor.

WHISTLED GREETING

Rossini, the composer of "The Barber of Seville" and several other well known operas, had a memory which seemed to be anything but retentive so far as names were concerned, and this sometimes led to embarrassment at social functions.

One day he met Bishop, the English composer, sometimes called the English Mozart. Rossini knew his face well, and at once began to greet him. "Ah, my dear Mr.—" and there he stuck. But to convince Bishop that he had not forgotten him, he whistled Bishop's well-known glee, "When the Wind Blows"; and Bishop recognized the compliment quite as much as if his name had been remembered.

THE SEEING EYE

It was in Memphis Tenn., that a blind man was standing on the corner, with a tin cup in his hand. The passers by from time to time dropped a coin into it. Then a very shabby man came up and whispered into the ear of the blind man who immediately took some money from the cup and handed it to him.

The blind man's face was very bright as he said to one who was passing. "People have been so kind to me, and it is such a pleasure for me to give to one who needs it as well, as I do." So he went to his home that evening with a very light heart because he had been able to help as well as being helped.

The city of Baltimore, with approximately 832,000 inhabitants, consumes more than 700,000 cases of eggs annually.

Arriving in Ireland

An Irishman recently found fault with Stevenson's famous line to the effect that "it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive." He says that to arrive in Ireland is better than to travel hopefully, and quoted this couplet: "There's no land anywhere that men love every bit, Except old Ireland and the blue sky over it."

Staten Island

Staten island lies five miles from the southern tip of Manhattan.

STILL POND

The Official Board of Still Pond Methodist Church held their regular meeting at the parsonage Tuesday evening, January 30. with our pastor, Rev. C. E. Davis in charge of the meeting.

Miss Jennie Bowers returned to New York, Monday after spending two weeks at her home here.

Mr. Elmer Atwell, of the Ericsson Line, Philadelphia and Baltimore, has been spending the week with his family.

Charles Harper celebrated his birthday this week.

Mrs. Carson Greenwood and son, James were Baltimore visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hendrickson, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price their 32nd wedding anniversary the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis, Mrs. Lottie Jones and Miss Anna Bowers visited in Wilmington, Monday.

At the regular meeting of the P. T. A. Thursday afternoon. Plans were made to hold a supper around the 14 of February.

Mrs. Edw. Schofield visited in Wilmington over the week end.

Mrs. Wm. Medders, Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Davis attended the Methodist Advance, an all-day meeting held in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del., Monday. The session is one of 82 to be held from coast to coast during the remainder of January and February.

The community extends deepest sympathy to the daughters of Mr. J. C. Bowers who passed away at his home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, of near Worton, are spending this week with relatives here. Mrs. Thompson is in charge of the store in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders had as their dinner guests, Thursday evening. Mrs. Howard Owens and mother, Mrs. Beauchamp and cousin, of Betterton; Mrs. Edw. Hepburn and Mrs. W. B. Harris and Walter Harris, Jr.

Baynard Harper of the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., is enjoying a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper.

Mrs. Lottie Jones, of Chestertown, visited Mrs. John Jarvis the week end.

Word has been received from Baltimore tha tMr. and Mrs. Joe Harper are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a fine son, Joe Boyd Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Hepburn entertained Mrs. Walter Harris, Mrs. Pennington, Miss Kate Howard and Miss Louise Pennington Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nicholson and son, John of Betterton, Mrs. Thomas Edward and son, Jacky of Massey Md., visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeSage, Sunday.

Quite a number from here attended the evening of entertainment Monday at the Fireman Hall in Chestertown.

Betterton's Fire Company was called to a chimney fire early Sunday morning at Mr. Chas. Ireland home here.

Miss Mary Anna Wulford and Miss Virginia Walbert who have been in Connecicut are visiting at Miss Walbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walbert.

Playful Shark

Leila Steppe, blond American girl, took a swim in the Taragona park aquarium pool at Sydney, Australia, in which a 10-foot gray nurse shark was swimming. She declared the shark seemed rather sluggish and that she was confident if it had made a rush for her she could have beaten it to the side of the pool.

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