NOW AND THEN

THE SONG OF THE CHATTAHOOCHEE

Sidney Lanier

Fair tales of shade, the popular tall
The hickory told me manifold
Wrought me her shadery self to hold;
The Chestnut, the oak, the walnut, the pine;
Overleaning with flickering meaning and sign,
Said, Pass not so cold these manifold
Deep shades of the hills of Habersham
These glades in the valley of Hall
And oft in the hills of Haversham.
And oft in the valley of Hall
The white quartz shone and the smooth brook stone
Did bar me with passage with friend brawl
And many a luminous jewel lone
Crystal clear or a cloud with mist Ruby Garnet Amethyst
Made lures with the lights of streaming stone.

There has been so much said and written of the poems and songs of that gifted man, Stephen Foster. The John Hopkins and other admirers of lovely verse and music celebrated the birthday of Sidney Lanier, one time Professor of English at Hopkins born February 3, 1842, in Georgia and reached his early manhood just as the country was going into the civil war. He enlisted as a private and was afterwards taken prisoner and confined in a northern prison. After his release he and his young wife had to go through many privations, but he wrote poetry and kept up his music in spite of it all. Scribner and Sons published his poems.
and he was considered a worthy successer of Edgar Allen Poe.

He became a lecturer on English Literature at the Hopkins, but was there only a little time when he was taken ill and died in 1881.

Now the Hopkins is commemorating his anniversary.

Besides commemorating the poet's birthday and presenting his music, the meeting will be used to further moves being made to have Lanier elected to the Hall of Fame.

Two of his songs were written in the period immediately after the death of Stephen Foster. In orchestrating the songs, emphasis has been placed on the part played by the flute. Lanier was first flute in the Peabody orchestra from 1873 to 1879. From 1879 until his death in 1881 he was lecturer in English at the Hopkins.

Lyrics for one of the songs came from Tennyson's poem, "The Miller's Daughter." The first line of a passage is used as the title: "Love That Hath Us in the Net." Lanier used eight lines in his song, the music of which is written much in the spirit of an old English song, with frank and simple melody.

The other song, "Little Ella," was written for Miss Ella Montgomery, of Montgomery, Ala., who nursed him back from a collapse after his release from the Federal military prison at Point Lookout, Md.

It is February, the month of birthdays. That of Thomas Edison, the great electrician, was celebrated last week in rather a unique way. His friend. Mr. Ford had the old wood burining engine brought forth and hitched to an ancient train, taking Edison's friends and admirers on board. They took the route that he traveled every day when he was a newsboy on the train Even then he never spent an idle hour for he determined to read all the available books on the train in his journeys to and fro.

So that trip of last week was a triumph-journey. Many hailed the train as it passed, while crowds gathered at the stations to do honor to this great man.

Then here is Lincoln's which has became a holiday in many places, birthday and today is that of St. Valentine's, when thousand of messages are sent far and wide, mindful of the old Saint. While in the offing is Washington's birthday, the man who is and always will be the Father of his country.

So though we call February the dreariest month of all the year, it is shortest and just before spring.

PAYMENT DEFERRED

Extreme poverty was the lot of Gottfried August Burger, the German ballad-writer, and a host of hounding creditors was his daily tribulation.

One day as he sat in a barber's chair, his face covered with lather, Burger was cornered by his most persistent creditor, a certain money-lender to whom he owed a considerable amount.

"Can't you at least wait until I have been shaved?" implored Burger when the usurer demanded settlement.

"Certainly," the man replied.

Burger leaped from the chair, wiped the lather from his face, and to the barber cried, "You are my witness."

Then he proceeded to let his beard grow until he could pay the money lender.

A KIND FRIEND

Lord Kelvin, the illustrious natural scientist, was a great lover of animals, and the story of his life concerns many examples of his tender consideration for their comfort and well-being.

Once when he was visiting Berkshire he expressed a desire to see the fine antlered deer which ranged the neighboring park; but it was evening, and when he and his party went to seek the animals they found that they had settle for the night among the bracken.

Some of his friends proposed that a shout be given to rouse the deer, that their beauty and grace might be seen as they bounded away.

"No, no," pleaded Lord Kelvin, "do not arouse them. They have warmed the place where they are lying. It would be evil to disturb them."

LADIES NIX YOU MEAN SHEEP

(By Matilda Groome Eareckson)

Why should our Ladies? wish to be
Imitators? Cannot they see
That aping men, and birds and beasts
Detracts from them? to say the least!

They wear men's clothes (if donning any!)
Ape their ways of doing (plenty!)
Smoke and drink, accept all dares;
Refinement flees; the fall for snares.

They dye their hair hues of all sorts,
Parade in public in men's shorts;
Men object to Ladies? in slacks,
Or, dresses having backless backs.

The turkey buzzards get a thrill,
In watching every Jane, or Jill,
Shape their nails bird-talons' style,
Paint nails a bloody line: Meanwhile—

Said nails now fixed to claw the dead;
Get busy Ladies? Go ahead!
Paint your lips unnatural size,—
Pluck out your brows, (that shadow eyes.)

Imitate the big, bald eagle!
Go on Girlies, get a wiggle!
As the stalk on feet so bare,
So Ladies? tramp in footless ware.

Their bloody toes they skyward turn!
Ah! Ladies? will you never learn
To be as God intended you?
Sweet, pure, modest, sincere and true?

Respect your persons, and have pride
In your honor: Do not abide
By rash and ugly fads, like sheep
Folowing the leader; But keep

Your body clothed as Women should:
Your flesh, as Native made it, would
Improve you much, (minus all paint)
Drop habits of men, beast, birds,
Be quaint—

In being yourself: Drop "fast" ways;
Be capable, Enrich your days
With worthwhile things: And, ever keep
To womanhood, not follow sheep

AUTO FATALITIES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

The first month of this year (1940) has started with one more death than the coresponding period of (1939). January of 1939 had twenty-six deaths, as compared with twenty-seven deaths of this year, an increase of one or 3 percent.

According to our summary 15 or 56 percent of the persons killed were pedestrians. Of this number 3 were children. One was playing in the roadway, one was crossing at intersection, no signal, and one was crossing not at intersection. Of the Adult pedestrians killed, one was walking in road, left side against traffic, two walking in road, right side with traffic, one working in roadway one stepping from in front or behind vehicle, one crossing at intersection against signal, four crossing at intersection no signal, and two crossing not at intersection. Eight or 30 percent of the persons killed were passengers, and Four or 14 percent were the operators themselves.

Most of the accidents occurred at intersections, on dry, concrete roads, on clear days, during the hours of darkness, and between the hours of (7 P. M.—3 P. M.). Sunday had the largest number of deaths with eight. Passenger cars with apparently no defects, operated by White Males, normal, between the ages of (20-29) with five years or more experience, and a resident of Baltimore City. The causes attributed to these accidents was operating too fast for conditions, There were two Hit and Run cases during the month of January.

Baltimore City is charged with 12 accidents, resulting in 12 deaths, whereas ,14 accidents involving 15 deaths in the Countries. Baltimore City and Baltimore County head the list of fatalities.

W. Lee Elgin, Commissioner.

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The carillons of Middleburg in Holland are famous not only for their beauty, but for their frequency, for the 41 bells play every seven and a half minutes, eight times an hour, or 192 times every day.

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Switzerland

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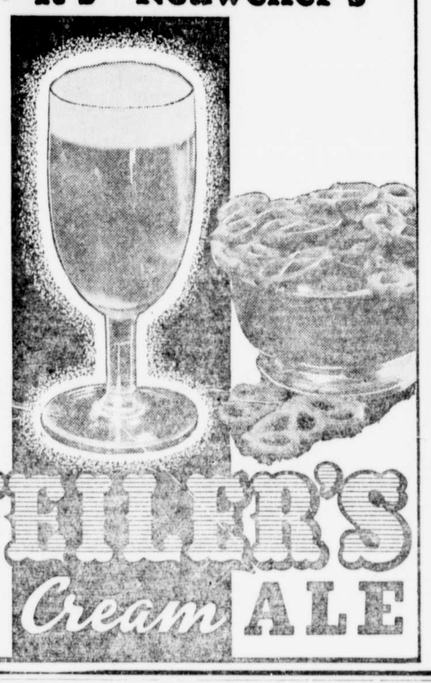

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