NOW AND THEN

INVICTUS

By William Ernest Henley

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud:
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbow'd.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

This is a poem of indomitable courage. It is an urge to be strong even if they have lost everything they prize. Henley, the author, was often very ill, and before he was twenty he had one foot amputated, and the other was about to be sacrificed when Sir Joseph Lister, by his skill saved it. Henley in spite of his many handicaps still carried on making a name fo rhimself by his writings and editorial work, achieving an enviable reputation as a leader in literary work. The above verse is considered one of the most heartening poems ever written.

THE DEATH OF THE FLOWERS

Bryant has written a poem, "The Death of the Flowers" where he describes the bleak November wind coming and killing the lovely blooms with its icy breath. But one hardly expects such a thing in April, but when one looked out last Saturday morning and saw the golden jonquils and hyacinths that were blooming so proudly, telling us that spring was here, driping their heads it looked as though the winds of April could be just as chill as those of November.

James T. Fields, editor and author, delighted to gather around his hospitable table in Boston all the literary lights of that day. And there was a host of them. Oliver Wendle Holmes, Hawthorne, Longfellow, Emerson and many others besides the writers of other countries. Among the latter, was Charles Dickens, who spent much time with Mr. Fields and his charming wife, while he was in this country. Holmes is mentioned first for when in a company he did most of the talking, but in spite of it, he had so much ready wit that those around him were always entertained. It was he who named Boston, "the Hub of the universe."

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

A young American on his way to a German university stopped over in England for one reason "because he wanted to see Wordsworth, for whom he had an unbounded homage." The servant at Wordsworth's cottage, Rydal Mount, told the young man, when he called, that her master was getting in his hay in a neighboring meadow.

The young man promptly repaired to the meadow, found the poet, and "with reverent ardor proceeded to make the speech he had prepared, telling him that he had come all the way to England purposely to throw himself, metaphorically speaking, at the poet's feet."

Wordsworth, who was in his shirt sleeves, leaned on his rake, and listened quietly to the address of admiration. Then he said, "My young friend, I am glad to see you. Actions speak louder than words. A shower is arising, and if you really feel all you express about my poetry, and regard me, personally, with so much consideration, you will at once take off your coat, and help me get in this hay."

The young man was in French boots, and lavender trousers, but he removed his coat, and went to work with a will. When the hay was all in, Wordsworth invited him to dinner. After dinner there was a long talk. A dinner with Wordsworth, at Rydal Mount! Was ever boyish enthusiasm more richly rewarded?

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

Every one loves the tune of that Hymn, and many have the same tune put to their patriotic verse. In 1800 during the reign of George, III, there was an attempt made to assasinate him, he was shot at but the bullet missed the mark. Then there was another verse added to the hymn, written by Sheridan and sung by a friend of Mozart. This is the verse:

From every latent foe,
From the assassin's blow,
God save the King.
O'er him Thine arm extend,
For Britain's sake, defend
Our father, prince, and friend.
God save the King.

This verse has long ago been left out of the national hymn but as one thinks of England surrounded by foes it loks as if it would be well to add it again.

Mrs. Harriman our Ambassador to Norway is showing a very brave spirit. She is sharing with the Norwegians all the privatons and anxiety that wars bring.

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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STILL POND

The Stewardship Class held their first meeting in the Church School room, Tuesday evening. This class has been in training several weeks with Rev. C. E. Davis as teacher. Our church will dispense with the Sunday evening services and unite with the churches of the county to attend the Sacred Concert of the A Capella Choir, of Hagerstown, in W. S. Hall at the College. This choir is making its annual spring tour of the Eastern Shore.

Mrs. Walter Morris, of near Fairlee, visited her friend, Miss Louisa Travers, Tuesday.

Rose Marie Campbell and Alice Mann celebrated their birthdays with a little party Tuesday.

Mrs. John Nandorf, of Lynch, spent Thursday guest of Mrs. Eugene Massey.

Mr. Elmer Atwell of the Ericcson Line, Philadelphia, spent the week end with his family here.

The Boy Scouts held a bake here Saturday and were most successful a nice little sum was realized.

Mrs. Howard Toulson has been on our sick list the past week.

Harry C. Hendrickson was one of the 8 members of his class to be initiated into Sigma Sigma Omicron. A Society recognizing scholastic achievement. The initiated was held at the Sophie Fisher Inn, followed by a formal banquet in honor of the new members.

Miss Edna Wroth, Miss Alice Maxwell were dinner guests of Mrs. Hossinger in Lynch, Friday evening.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was entertained at the home of Mrs. Wm. Medders Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Eugene Massey entertained the Embroidery club of near Kennedyville, Wednesday evening at her home here. In honor of one of the members birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Cornelius, Mrs. F. H. Cornelius and Mrs. Joseph Norris visited with Mrs. Norris daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Owens in Baltimore, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis with family spent the week end at their home "Elmwood Farm."

Misses Avis Clark, Louise Toulson visited wit hher parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark.

Mr. John W. Jarvis, J. M. Norris, W. J. Hepburn, W. B. Harris, Albert Jervis and H. Toulson were in attendance at Court this week.

Mrs. Mary Baldwin has returned to her home in Baltimore after spending several days the past week with Miss Alice Maxwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Price, Mrs. L. B. Harper attended the district Missionary meeting in Chestertown, Thursday also the executive meeting of the W .C. T. U. in Baltimore, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitley were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wrothman Bramble in Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dittman entertained her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz, Mrs. Harry Shaw and Mrs. Richard Coolings, all of Collingswood, N. J., Sunday.

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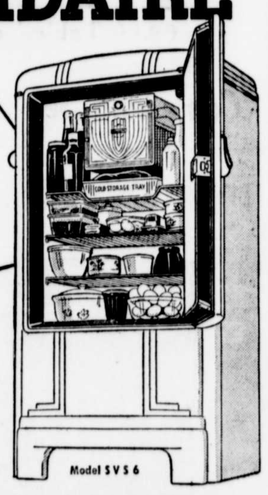

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