NOW AND THEN

THE ROSES

By Alice Mathews

The Roses in the Garden
The dearest of my heart
Are silently now sleeping
Their choice was to depart
Before the touch of Autumn
Had made them quite thread-bare.
Their pride, O I believe it
Made them in truth, aware
Of what old winter's whispering
Would smite them with so they
Their lovely open petals
Took all, in haste, away!
But soon spring softly knocking
Upon Times old iron gate
Will bid the roses sweetly,
That now all pensive wait
To bloom with Love's own wooing
Then from Earth's dark domain
Our lovely, fragrant Roses
Will smile on us again.

It will not be long now before the roses are here. The lilacs, the narcissi and tulips are beginning to bloom, making the air fragrant with their blossoms. The wren came this morning. She slips into the little house intended for her, with a real air of possession for she knows that the ubiquitous sparrow cannot squeeze her body into it, though she has tried hard enough all the spring. The bees are on the wing. We see their brown bodies gathering in the nectar from the golden dandelions. We look with much respect on the dandelions for we hear that they with other grasses are the chief food of dwellers in the belligerent countries, dwellers who have to bear all privations caused by war that are waged by the war lords, war that is tearing down and making waste all that industry has built up with skill and toil.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH

"If one has never cared for poetry, let him read "The Deserted Village," by Goldsmith..

So said one not long ago. Fair Auburn, City of the Plain. Poor Oliver, the despair of his parents, called a dunce by his teachers, and dearly loved by his friends. He studied for the ministry but gave it up, then he took up the study of medicine but never finished the course, taught for a while, and was glad to retire to an attic room where he began to write. His writings pleased the public so well that the publishers were glad to get any that he wrote. But it is sad to think of one so gifted being a literary hack for he generally spent all the money which he received for his work long before it was finished. Having joined the famous club that Samuel Johnson had founded, he thus became the care and responsibility of those literary friends. One day Johnson received a mesage from him, saying that his landlady had locked him up in his room and would not release him until he paid his rent. Johnson received a message from him utterly without comforts, and deep in debt. But he also found the book he had just finished, "The Vicar of Wakefield." Johnson took it to the publishers and received a good sum of money for it which enabled Oliver to pay his debts and live in comfort for a while. But he was so generous, that he never hesitated to give away his bed clothing and his own clothes to the needy for he always said, that he had never failed to find some one poorer than himself.

His publishers were ever after him to finish his promised work and thus made life hard for him, but when he died in 1774, at the age of 46 the friends who gathered around his grave showed how deeply he was loved.

He has written books, both of prose and poetry, among them, The Deserted Village, The Traveler, Vicar of Wakefield, She stoops to Conquer, and a number of others besides school histories and books of Science for the young.

MAY

No stranger at the feast is she
Who comes with roses at her breast,
And all who greet her bend the knee
And hail the season's honored guest.
Sydney King Russell.

GENESIS OF THE DIME STORE

The proprietor of a small country store, many years ago, was much conserned because each day men of his acquaintance congregated and lingered around his friendly stove and sat on his counters.

He recognized that many women would not be attracted to his store because of this; and after pondering how to meet the situation without hurting any one's feelings, he decided to cover the counters with goods from the shelves. Bolts of cloth, gloves, shoes, kitchen ware, and other articles from his stock were neatly arranged on the counters with no space left for loungers.

The customary visitors, finding no place to sit, gradually dispersed; and at the end of the month the proprietor noticed that his sales were remarkably increasing. He opened another store in a near-by town, using this same method of displaying his goods on the counters with equally gratifying results.

This was the origin of the 5-and-10-cent stores now so numerous throughout the world.

MILES STANDISH WAS NOT A SEPARATIST

When the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth, Mass., in 1620, they were as nearly a homogeneous religious group as could then have been found. Offshoots of the Puritan movement against the Established Church, they went so far as to declare that if the Church could not be "purified" from within, the only course open to them was complete separation.

Yet one of their number cared little for any religious distinctions. This was Capt. Miles Standish, professional man-at-arms, but not meddler in sectarian strife.

After 1609, when his soldiering in the Netherlands came to an end, the gallant English captain's sympathy for the underdog attracted him to John Robinson, pastor of the Separatist refugees in Leyden.

Pastor Robinson tried hard to convert the doughty soldier. Yet, when the Pilgrims decided to embark for the New World, and asked Miles Standish to join the expedition as military commander, their new friend accepted only with the express stipulation that membership in the Church was no to be, for him, compulsory.

Anglican, Puritan, Separatist? No one has been able to ascertain the soldier's precise belief. But Miles Standish was a great military leader with the Cape Cod settlers, and paid a real deference to their religious opinions. But he never outwardly adopted their form of worship.—Joseph A. Moore.

PULITZER AWARDS

Maytime is Pulitzer-award time. Whatever controversy the annual selections sharpen is usually dull again before the great American lawn has had its first cutting. One can always think of worthies who might have been honored in the place of those who were. This is not always so much to the detriment of the committee as it is to the credit of American literary talent. This year only those critical bystanders who had already made their own awards of the Pulitzer Prices will be greatly perturbed.

Some will naturally shy at John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath," because the author fell in with a current taste for language that falls on the nose rather than on the ear. But who would object to William Saroyan's taking the drama prize for "The Time of Your Life"—since he has preferred to have the time of his life rejecting it? For history, Carl Sandburg; for biography, Ray Stannard Baker—readers of "Abraham Lincoln: the War Yeare," and "Woodrow Wilson: Life and Letters," know why.

ODDS AND ENDS FROM C. H. S.

By Betty Truslow

The pupils of Chestertown High School are busy getting ready for May 21, which is Field Day for Kent County Schools. Softball and volley ball are being busily practiced by both girls and boys. Touch-down pass has also been started by the girls. The dashes and relays have not been practiced yet as their time has been used to practice games, but they will begin soon.

Badge tests have been tried for from the first on up for both boys and girls. The following day there were many aches and pains due to the strenuous exercise after a rather inactive winter. Som of the requirements were balancing on a beam, running a certain distance in a required time, and one of the stunts which stumped the pupils was holding one leg behind you and making your knee touch the ground.

The Seniors are very busy preparing for commencement week. One of the many things is Class Night on June 10, the day before graduation. The committee is as follows:

Chairman, Hope Marie Jones; Jessie Middleton, Charles Crowding, Lillian Lee, Calvin Lynch, Elmer Thomas.

The entertainment will be a variety show consisting of a one-act play, a minstrel show, a girls' chorus and a boys' chorus.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Harrity of Camden, N. J., visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Durham on Sunday last.

Millard Porter, of Wilmington, Del., was a guest of his mother, Mrs. Eva W. Porter, over the week end.

Mrs. William Vansant and daughter, are visiting friends in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Robert Martin and two interesting little daughters are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones.

Mrs. James D. Moore who has been quite unwell the past week is now some what improved.

Miss Marie Vansant who spent the winter with relatives and friends in Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia, has returned to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Noland Robinson were visitors in Philadelphia last Thursday.

Rev. Willard Everett, of Lewis, Del., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Everett near town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stoddard and daughter, of Wilmington, Del., visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moore on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Franklin, of Camden, N. J., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Durham, near town.

Miss Sara Moore visited Denton, Md., last week and in the meantime saw the beautiful movie "Gone With The Wind."

Mrs. William Burris returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duling and daughter, Charlotte, were week end guests Mr. Olin Duling in Millington.

Miss Margaret Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar King and son, Charles, Mr. Dudley Moore and daughter, Virginia Moore, were attendants at the graduation exercises at Delaware Hospital on Thursday of last week at which Miss Pauline Moore was a graduate.

Speed of Combine

A large combine can thrash 50 acres of wheat in 12 hours.

Blossom Time Is Cabriolet Time

It's hard to realize, in the midst of such weather as much of the country has been experiencing, that scenes like the above are just around the corner, chronologically speaking. Experience and the weather man, however, both assert that they are. As a matter of fact, the blooms in the photo are almond blossoms, the locale California, and the car Chevrolet's new cabriolet with vacuum-operated top, controlled from the dash.

Pictured above is a scene from a girls' basketball game at Washington College recently. The games are all intramural and the leagues are composed of the various class teams. In the foreground may be seen Mary Liz Humphries, of Chestertown.

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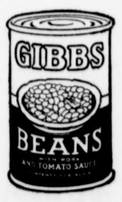

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