NOW AND THEN

GRAY

By Mrs. Clyde Robe Meredith

Gray gulls pass my vision every day!
I love the gray sea's pounding spray!

Gray skies, gray ships, gray gulls, a gray sea
Seem to tune an answering chord in me!

The music of the spheres is not as sweet
As the feel of gray sand under my feet!

Graceful and rhythmic as a dancing fay,
A mermaid rode the gray waves one gray day!

Happy and glad as I, she seemed to be,
The gray salt spray splashing her face till she,
Maid of the mist, had found her merman's fleet,
Sailing the gray seas his mermaid to greet!

I love the gray mists on a warm gray night,
When all on a sudden the moon shines bright!

Symphonies and arias voice one great song,
And make gray clouds beautiful all day long!

Gray skies, gray ships, gray gulls, a gray sea
Somehow touch an answering chord in me!

Dorothy Thompson writes of the bravery and self sacrifice of the French soldiers. She went to Paris to see Antoine St. Exupery, the author of the book, "Wind Sand and Stars." And was told that he was serving in the most dangerous part of the air service, but he had two days leave. She saw him, and remonstated with him for being in such a service, as he had so much to give the world by his writings. "You are absolutely wrong," he answered. "Nobody has the right to write a word today who does not participate to the fullest in the agony of his fellow human beings.

"If I did not resist with my life. I should be unable to write. And what holds true for this year has got to hold true for everything. The Christian idea has got to be served; that the word is made flesh. One must write with one's body."

THE LITTLE CORPORAL

One day during the American Revolution a small detail of American soldiers were making some repairs on a small redoubt. As they were attempting to lift a heavy timber, an ununiformed officer came riding by. Seeing the struggling men, he stopped his horse, to watch proceedings.

Struggle as they might, the men could scarcely move the heavy timber. Seeing this, the officer asked the commander why he did not take hold, and help a little? The commander seemed somewhat surprised by the question, and said, with a superior air, "Sir, I am a corporal."

"Oh, I ask your pardon, Mr. Corporal." said the officer gravely. Then he dismounted from his handsome horse, flung the bridle over a post ,and went to assist the men. He lifted and lifted, until the sweat stood in big drops on his forehead.

When the timber was at last in place, he turned to the corporal. "Mr. Corporal," he said, "whenever you have such a job on hand, and not enough men to handle it, send for your commander-in-chief, and I will come and lend a hand again." Then he mounted his horse, and rode on.

The corporal stared after him. "Washington," he muttered. And was the face of the little corporal red!

DOWNING ST. CATS

Downing Street is worried about its official cats.

No. 10, residence of the prime minister, has had its black cat on the government pay roll for years. Known as the "Munich cat," because of its identification with former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, its fate is uncertain now that Winston Churchill has taken the helm.

The cynics suggest that Churchill, unlike Chamberlain, is not fond of cats. Churchill's friends say this is "a gross aspersion," and insist that he is ,in fact, "devoted to cats." He has a large ginger cat of his own at his home at Chartwell, Kent, and at the admiralty acquired a black one named "Nelson."

"Nelson," say the tipsters, will follow his master shortly to Downing Street and make a problem of feline protocol. How, it is asked, will the "Munich" cat react to "Nelson?" Will it follow Chamberlain next door to his new home at No. 11, leaving the field at No. 10 to "Nelson?" Or will it refuse to abdicate and call for a show-down in His Majesty's court of justice?

A TRUE STORY

He was a little gosling, the only one left of a large family. One night a crafty fox hound his way in their nesting place, and next morning the mother and all of the flock were gone except this one. About the same time a mother hen lost her life, leaving behind six barred rock chickens. Did these orphans seem to mourn her loss? If they did, they immediately began to follow the gosling. He was growingver y fast, tall awkward, and wishing to be let alone. But never for a moment was he allowed to do so the brood followed him everywhere. Sometimes he would run away and hide, but they always found him. In fact, he and his followers became the amusement of the whole chicken yard. Did he wish to go out and swim? his family would stand on the shore making so much noise that he could not enjoy it. Several times he seemed actually ready to commit suicide in his anxiety to get rid of them.

They gre wto be such a fine flock that the owner began to eat them one by one so the family grew smaller and smaller and finally the gosling was lift to pursue his way alone, and most likely he, too, went at last. The memory of the gosling and his followers are still talked of and laughed over to this day.

Correggio was a great artist of the Italian School. Painting many pictures, he chose many of the same subjects that Raphael and Michael Angelo. His Holy Night and the Assumption of the Virgin, are both in Dresden, Germany with four other noted ones, of his, but Hitler chose as a wedding present to his friend, Goering, the artist's picture of Jove changing himself into a swan so that he might win the love of Leda. Is he going back to the heathen gods? for every man must have something to worship beside himself.

KNEE DEEP IN JUNE

For the world is full of roses,
And the roses full of dew,
An dthe dew is full of heavenly love
For me and for you.

Jas. Witcomb Riley.

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