NOW AND THEN

THERE IS A LITTLE RIVER

W. P. M.

There is a little river in its green silent place
Where the woods come crowding to the shore,
There's a long lane of brightness and the birds bridge the space,
Their flutterings are whispers, nothing more.

There are lispings from the water, it is talking to the sky,
And mirroring the record of the cloud;
The trees lean over list'ning, but though they peer and pry,
The river keeps its secrets from the crowd.

And there are wondrous flutings when the birds call up the dawn,
And usher in the growing, glowing light;
The night has its peace, but with the dark hours gone
The heart greets each new day with delight.

In evening's misty twilight you may hear a tiny bird
Rehearsing his mem'ry of the day,
And he may be the poet who has found the magic word
To be sung for that river's roundelay.

The Monitor

IMMORTAL PARIS

No alien flag flapping from the Eiffel Tower, no foreign troops standing guard at the Triumphal Arch, can destroy the spirit of Paris for those who have known its radiance. Paris endures although its blithe cafes now are darkened and its glittering shop-windows tightly shuttered. Paris lives although no bare-kneed children play in its gracious parks and no endlessly patient fishermen dangle their lines in the Seine.

Paris is a vital ideal. Paris is an ever enkindling symbol of wisdom and friendliness, of tolerance and living made an art. Paris is proof that loveliness can be taken from the world of dreams and made tangible. Paris may suffer an eclipse. Paris does not die.—Boston Evening Transcript.

MR. DRAKE

He was only a tiny downy gosling when brought to his present owner. Now he has grown to be a great big drake, but his controlling passion is his love for his mistress. He follows her all around the place, but it is a real cause for anger when he sees her with any one else. When the writer went out in the yard with his adored mistress his jealousy was immediately aroused, such a flapping of wings and a quacking he did make. He seemed to be trying to tell me that I was encroaching upon forbidden ground.

His mistress told me that he was as good as a watch dog for he never allowed any one on the premises without just such squarking and flapping of his wings.

Those who have feared that Holland's tulip beds have been destroyed will be glad to read the following:

News of the survival of Holland's vast tulip fields, lying mostly between Haarlem and Leyden on the coast, is good news. This area apparently did not come within that inundated for defense.

Just as Dutch tulip bulbs have brought, and may again bring, some of the charm of the Netherlands to remote parts of the globe, so must their message today of cheer and faith bring a feeling of renewal to a troubled world. For these tulips are tokens of the unbroken spirit of man, which still "carries on" through challenge and adversity.

CONVINCED

There was so much skepticism over Thomas Edison's phonograph, even after President Hayes had heard and commended it, that a certain noted educator and philanthropist decided to make a personal investigation. He was informed of a suspicion that Mr. Edison was employing a ventriloquist to produce the effects ascribed to this new machine.

Mr. Edison's reception of the distinguished visitor was kindly and considerate.

"I believe," said the inventor, "that you would more likely be convinced if you talked into the machine yourself."

The visitor held the tube to his mouth, and began to shout at terrific speed the longest proper names from the Bible he could remember, "Mehujael, Meronotnite, Methuselah, Ammishaddai, Hazarmaveth, Chedorlaomer," and so on.

Adjusted for reproduction, the machine shouted back the words with such speed and clearness that the investigator was astounded. "I'm satisfied!" he exclaimed. "There's not a man in the United States who could recite those names with such rapidity."

GENIUS FORGETS

It is recorded that one evening, while reading the paper to Longfellow, his niece read with much expression a "poetic gem" from The Poet's Corner. Longfellow expressed warm admiration for the poem and inquired who wrote it.

His niece laughed. "You did," she said. "It is one of yours."

The incident reminds one of a similar experience of Whittier's. Whittier expressed surprise that his guest should know so much of his poetry by heart. "I wonder," he aid, "that thou shouldst burden thy memory with all that rhyme. It is not well to have too much of it; better get rid of it as soon as possible. Why, I can't remember any of it. I once went to hear a wonderful orator, and he wound up his speech with a poetical quotation, and I clapped with all my might. Some one touched me on the shoulder and said, 'Do you know who wrote that?' I said, 'No, but it's good.' It seems that I had written it myself."

Paris Horns

Recent statistics indicate that more automobile drivers are arrested for misuse of horns in Paris than for disregarding traffic signals.

England Ends and Begins

At Sennen, on Land's End, England, there is a sign on one side of the local inn: "The Last Hotel in England," and on the opposite side, "The First Hotel in England."

Perfume by the Pound

At Grasse, the perfume city of the Mediterranean, the scent industry uses four million pounds of orange blossoms, and three million pounds of rose leaves every year.

Three Most Famous Views

The three most famous views in the world are that from the Beka's plateau, seen from the Lebanons in Syria; the Vale of Cashmir in India; and the Mediterranean from Taormina in Sicily.

Mailing of Safety Matches

The postal laws and regulations provide that: "Safety matches (strike-only-on-box variety) shall be accepted for transmission in the domestic mails when packed in asbestos wrapped, tightly closed metal containers."

Of Interest to Doctors

When American doctors want an excuse for a Mediterranean cruise, they plan to visit the island of Cos in the Aegean sea, birthplace of Hippocrates, where was the world's first medical college, and to Ragusa, where is the first drugstore.

BIDS ON SCHOOL BUS ROUTE

Sealed bids on a school bus route from the Still Pond school district to the Betterton school for a term of three years will be opened by the Board of Education of Kent County, Maryland, at its meeting to be held at 10.00 A. M. on

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1940.

Full particulars regarding the kind and size of bus, length of route, etc., can be obtained at the school board office on the first floor of the Chestertown Elementary School building by those who are interested in bidding.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of Board of Education of Kent County.

Louis C. Robinson, Secretary
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