NOW AND THEN

STARLIT NIGHT

They said: "Come to the door and see the sight!"
The sky was filled with stars, there was no room
Except for stars in the dark plush of night
That was not dark since stars had made it bloom.
The stars were there and he who knew the sounds
Told out their names, each star an ancient bud
Upon the tongue, and I like one who drowns
In silver accents in a silver flood
Turned then from stars to trees and they stood there
In opalescent columns, birch and oak,
And over their tall wonder starlight broke
The sky and trees were equally as fair.

John Ritchey

A starry night, how beautiful! The stars look down upon us, unafrighted by the silence around them, undistracted by the sights they see, calm and serene. Longfellow calls the stars "the forget me not of the Angels", but those who gaze upward at them can also see God their maker for they are the work of His hands. "Surely the heavens declare the glory of God."

When one looks at the vast hosts of stars, many great suns and planets, and thinks of our Earth so little in comparison, one can truly say, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him and the son of man that thou visited him?"

A HOPEFUL FRANCE

A traveler, wearied with the crowds that were gathered in the city of Bordeau, motored into rural France. Here was a peaceful scene for it had not been in the areas devasted by the German air planes. A peasant was working in his vineyard and the traveler stopped to speak to him, "Yes," said the laborer, "we are conquered, but we have been conquered before, and we won our country back again and so we will this time."

But, he added, We have all deserved our defeat for so many have forsaken God and given themselves over to a life of ease and pleasure. "What we need," he said, "is to go back to our God and obey His laws, and become industrious and frugal again," and as he wiped the sweat from his brow, he looked as though he saw in a vision his loved country restored to liberty and prosperity again.

THE 'KEEP'-SAKE

Once Edward Bok, the noted editor, succeeded in obtaining an agreement from the wife of the great English statesman, Gladstone, to contribute a series of articles to his magazine.

The articles were duly received, and a check for the agreed amount dispatched to the contributor. Several months later came a letter from Mr. Gladstone, reading in part: "My wife is so impressed with this first money she has ever earned by her pen that she will not consent to part with the check. We could use this money to very good advantage, and I have tried to explain to her that if she will present the check for payment, and allow it to pass through the bank, the check will come back to you, and I am sure your company would return it to her as a souvenir of the momentous occasion. To this arrangement, however, she will not give consent. Will you not assure her that she may have the cancelled check, so that we may derive some good from it in its present uncancelled state?"

Bok gave her the necessary assurance.

NO PROBLEM

When Maurice Francis Eagan was United States Minister to Copenhagen, he was accustomed to travel through the provinces of Denmark once a year and lecture on literature.

One day, while conversing with the king, the sovereign remarked, "I receive agreeable reports of your lectures in the provinces. Do you use a different lecture each time?"

"No, your Majesty," replied Eagan, "I always use the same one."

"But what do you do if the people come a second time?" inquired the king.

"They never come a second time," was the reply.

"BE LIKE THE BIRD"

Be like the bird who halting in his flight
On limb too slight,
Feels it give away beneath him, and yet sings,
Knowing that he hath wings.
—An English transaltion from Victor Hugo.

GALENA

Patsy Moffett returned home with her cousin, Agnes Anne Hadley, in Claymont, Delaware.

The Ladies Aid held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. James Mulford, last Tuesday evennig.

Mrs. Mary Harrington returned to her home in Wilmington, Delaware, last Monday after a visit with her parents.

Miss Sara Hyland of Baltimore, is visiting her sister Mrs. Clem Vaughan.

Mrs. Katherine Lampell, of Cumberland, Md., is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholson.

Miss Mary Crukshand, of Cecilton, Md., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jesse E. Ireland.

Mis Dot Gambrill, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Miss Marian Pennington.

Mrs. Richard Driscoll and son, Ralph are spending this week in New London, Conn.

Ancient Loom

A loom demonstrated at the Saint John, N. B , exhibition this year and owned by Mrs. C. H. Clarke, Ottawa, was shown at Sussex in 1861 at the first exhibition to be held in New Brunswick.

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.

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