

This and That

AN OLD FASHIONED WOMAN.

BY L. M. MONTGOMERY.

No clever, brilliant thinker she,
With college record and degree,
She has not known the paths of fame,
The world has never heard her name,
She walks in, old, long trodden ways,
The valleys of the yesterdays.

Home is her kingdom, love her dower—
She seeks no other wand of power
To make home sweet, bring heaven near,
To win a smile and wipe a tear,
And do her duty day by day
In her own quiet place and way.

Around her childish hearts are twined,
As round some reverent saint enshrined,
And following hers the childish feet
Are led to ideals true and sweet,
And find all purity and good
In her divinest motherhood.

She keeps her faith unshadowed still—
God rules the world in good and ill;
Men in her creed are brave and true,
And women pure as pearls of dew,
And life for her is high and grand,
By work and glad endeavor spanned.

This sad old earth's a brighter place
All for the sunshine of her face;
Her very smile a blessing throws,
And hearts are happier where she goes,
A gentle, clear-eyed messenger,
To whisper love—thank God for her.
—Exchange.

OUT OR IN

"Trouble is with Maria," said Cousin Jane, "that all her doors open in. Anything that's brought to her she's willin' enough to have. If her friend'll come in, and make a fuss over her, Maria's glad to see them. Her door turns on the hinges easy enough to let in the things and the people she likes. When she was young and good-looking, and well off, Maria enjoyed life pretty well. What she wanted came to her, and she was contented enough. But now that she's older, and hasn't as much to live on as she used to, she frets, and complains that life isn't worth living, and thinks people slight her, and that she has had a hard and bitter lot. So far as I can see, the bitterness is mostly in Maria, more'n in her lot, for it's just an average lot—that's all. But Maria thinks no one has as much to bear in life as she has."

"If she once knew what some folks had to bear, she wouldn't feel so—she'd be thankful instead. But her doors don't open out. She doesn't get out into other people's lives. She has never gone out of herself to help a friend, even. She's never set out to do any work for others. Things must come to her; she doesn't go to them. Everything leads in, and nothing out, in Maria's life. It's no wonder folks have got tired of bringing love and sympathy and cheerfulness and brightness to her, when she never comes out of herself to bring anything to anybody."

"If I was Maria, I'd take my doors off, and rehang them, all opening out instead of in. 'Twould be something of a job in the way of repairs, but it would pay—yes, it would!"—Forward.

GOT 'EM YAT.

Winston, a negro, was a preacher in Virginia, and his ideas of theology and human nature were often very original.

LEARNING THINGS

We Are All In The Apprentice Class

When a simple change of diet brings back health and happiness the story is briefly told. A lady of Springfield, Ill., says: "After being afflicted for years with nervousness and heart trouble, I received a shock four years ago that left me in such a condition that my life was despaired of. I could get no relief from doctors nor from the numberless heart and nerve medicines I tried because I didn't know that the coffee was daily putting me back more than the Ds. could put me ahead."

"Finally at the request of a friend I left off coffee and began the use of Postum and against my convictions I gradually improved in health until for the past 6 or 8 months I have been entirely free from nervousness and those terrible sinking, weakening spells of heart trouble."

"My troubles all came from the use of coffee which I had drunk from childhood and yet they disappeared when I quit coffee and took up the use of Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Many people marvel at the effects of leaving off coffee and drinking Postum but there is nothing marvelous about it—only common sense.

A gentleman thus accosted him one Sunday: Winston, I understand you believe every woman has seven devils. Now, how can you prove it? "Well, sah, did yo' ebber read in de Bible how de seben debbels were cast out of Mary Magdalen?" "Oh, yes, I've heard of 'dat.'" "Did yo' ebber hear ob dem being cast out ob any udder woman, sah?" "No, I never did." "Well den, de udders g'it em' yet."

THE LITTLE PEANUT MAN.

Whoever heard of making a man out of peanuts? It can be done, however, by any boy or girl, and a queer figure it will make to hang up somewhere for your friends to admire.

One peanut makes the head, on which you must make with a pin the eyes, nose, mouth, ears and hair, and you may give him a beard if you choose.

Now, by means of a long needle and a strand of thread, string together three peanuts, end to end, for the little man's body, two for each arm and two for each leg. Select two very small ones to make the feet, marking them with a pen to represent shoes.

But he will be a queer man indeed, if you leave him in this condition, for he is a civilized little fellow, and must have some clothes. If you are a girl, make him a suit yourself; if you are a boy, get your sister to make it for you.

To give him a gay look, suppose you make his coat of red tissue paper, his trousers of yellow, and his leggings of green. Then finish him off by pasting the cup of an acorn on his head as a hat, and to this attach a thread, by which you can hang him up.

Try it, and see what an odd little fellow he will be.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A SAGACIOUS RAT.

One day a well fed and sagacious rat came across an object made of stout .ires, whose sole occupation seemed to be to take care of a liberal piece of cheese. Having had several years' experience with men and their machinations, the rat looked the ground over with great care, and he was still engaged in this occupation when a mouse appeared and wanted to know what was up.

"Why, the fact is," replied the rat, "I have more cheese here than I can possibly eat at one meal, and as cheese quickly spoils in this climate, I was waiting for some one to come along and accept a portion."

"You are very, very generous," said the mouse.

"Don't mention it. Just step inside and pass the cheese out, will you?"

The mouse no sooner nibbled at the bait than there was a crash, and he found himself trapped.

"Ah, that's the way it works, is it?" queried the rat. "I couldn't just make it out. Um! I see. Springs there somewhere. Very good idea."

"But I'm caught!" exclaimed the mouse, in great agitation.

"So I observe."

"And what's to be done?"

"Well, I leave that for you to decide. I let you in on the ground floor, and my responsibilities cease there. Fine day. Hope we shall have a large harvest."

There is a good moral to this anecdote. Think it out.—Australian Record.

AT LEAST I MAY BE KIND.

BY EVA WILLIAMS MALONE.

So great the world, so small am I,
So trite my daily round;
So many stronger, nobler souls
For great tasks are found;
But shall I pine with idle hands,
And to the truth be blind
That in the world of aching hearts
At least I may be kind!
Not wise nor great, nor pronounced
With riches and success,
I walk through still sequestered ways
In humble, lowly dress;
Yet pilgrims there I daily meet
And many a dear spot I find
Where I may leave a bit of cheer—
Remembering to be kind.

Kind as the Master ever was,
In deed, in word, in thought;
With gentleness that never fails,
And love that is not bought;
This is the goal toward which I strive,
That I may leave behind
No bitter memories to disprove
That I, at least, was kind!
—Children's Visitor.

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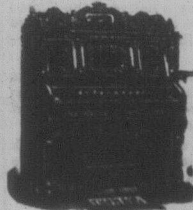
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