

LEARNING TO FORGET BEAUTY

Difficult Lesson for Woman, Asserts English Writer, in Describing the Aged Queen Alexandra.

"There is no more difficult lesson for a woman to learn than that of learning how to forget that she has been beautiful," writes a clever English woman.

"One afternoon I saw Queen Alexandra driving slowly in her open motor through the gates at Hyde Park corner. For the first time it occurred to me that this rarely lovely queen is now an old woman nearing four-score years of age. Perhaps she had forgotten to be alert, as is her usual custom, or perhaps the heat of the day had fatigued her. But at any rate there was a touch of tragedy in the thought that Queen Alexandra is learning slowly, but surely, that extreme beauty can fade although the charm of personality can challenge the attack of time.

"I fancy it must have been the queen mother's costume that brought this idea most surely before me. She was wearing a mantle or cloak made of some material in shade of iridescent blue spangles with a close frilling of black lace all round the edge. Her hat or bonnet was of the usual royal shape and built of jetted stuff to match her cloak, with a small white aigrette standing erect in front.

"Under ordinary circumstances one would regard this quaint nineteenth century toilet of the queen mother's as a characteristic conventionalality, but somehow on this sunny afternoon it represented to me a sacrifice to the inevitable."

WHY COAT WAS UNBUTTONED

Private, Unable to Speak English, Gives Explanation After His Second Reprimand.

A private of foreign extraction recently appeared at reveille with his overcoat unbuttoned, contrary to regulations, relates a cantonment correspondent. The colonel, who happened to be on the scene, noticed this discrepancy; he called the man out of the ranks, took him to his office and delivered a stern lecture on the necessity of military exactitude. During the admonition the private maintained a dignified silence. When the colonel had finished, he pointed to the door. The man went out.

The following morning he appeared at reveille with his coat again unbuttoned. When the formality was concluded, the captain called him to one side.

"Didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?" he demanded. The private regarded him blankly.

"I say, didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?"

The man looked at the officer with a puzzled expression.

"Me no spik English," he affirmed mildly.

Camera Lenses Wanted.

The United States signal corps has issued an appeal to the owners of all high-grade cameras. The signal corps needs the lenses of their machines for war work. It is known that the United States bureau of standards has solved the problem of manufacturing high-grade optical glass for aircraft camera lenses, but apparently they cannot be produced in quantity fast enough to equip our fleet of airplanes. The United States has always been a great field for amateur photographers, and there are a large number of high-grade European-made lenses scattered about the country. These lenses the signal corps wants to buy. Long focus lenses working at large apertures are the only kind which can be used.

Eyes Made of Rubber.

Everybody knows that eyes were made of rubber. Very few know that eyes are now being made of rubber. This is one of the million results of the war, notes a correspondent.

Glass eyes are always more or less uncomfortable, and frequently unsightly, and it is interesting, therefore when the deformities of war are so serious a subject of consideration, to learn that two French workers, Mme. Lemaitre and Teuillieres, have evolved an entirely new method of replacing a lost eye. By the use of a combination of a hard and soft rubber substance they have achieved their aim and are producing an eye that looks well and feels well.

Revolution Headquarters.

Of all Boston's early taverns none were of more historic interest and none dispensed greater good cheer than the Green Dragon, which stood until recent years when it had to be torn down in order that the street might be widened. The Green Dragon was called a "nest of treason" by the British because of the way in which the spirit of liberty flourished here and the fact that many meetings held for the purpose of furthering the cause of American independence were held under its roof. Daniel Webster called it the "headquarters of the Revolution."

Flavine as Antiseptic Falls.

Flavine, or acriflavine, which has recently been called the ideal antiseptic for use in wounds, is unequivocally condemned by Lieut. Alexander Fleming of the British Army Medical Corps, after a series of experiments with its effect upon his own blood, upon microbes and upon pus. The Lancet publishes his experiments in detail, and his conclusions are that strong solutions of flavine have a more destructive action on the blood than on the microbes, and that weak solutions have no antiseptic effect worth mentioning.

Few Original Officers With 156th

Writing to the Brockville Recorder and Times in acknowledgment of a parcel sent him at Christmas, Major H. H. Edwards, of the 156th Battalion Witley, gives interesting information regarding Brockville and district officers who are still with that unit. He writes:

"We have sent another draft to France to fill vacancies and I suppose we will be filled up with new men to train again. There are not many of the original officers left now. In 'A' company there is myself and Lieut. B. Stayner; in 'B' company, Capt. E. M. McBrayne and Lieut. D. M. Bissel; in 'C' company, Lieut. Garwith; in 'D' company, Major G. W. Elliot, Captains W. N. Graham and R. C. Gaisford and Lieut. T. S. Heaslip. Lieut. Scott is acting as a Lewis gun officer and Captain Hagar as chaplain. Capt. Graham is at present attending a course at Chelsea Barracks, London, but will be back next week.

"Lieut.-Col. Bedell has taken over the command of a new Canadian hospital of about 2,250 beds near Bexhill-on-Sea in the south of England. On my way back to Witley I saw Lieut.-Colonel Elmer Jones of the 21st Battalion, in London. He was looking fine and spoke very highly of the work of Bob Gill, who was also on leave and who came down to the camp for a couple of days.

Major Edwards and Lieut. Gill, while en route to Scotland recently, were in a serious railroad wreck, in which seven were killed and several others injured, but escaped without suffering injury.

Warburton

Miss Myrtle Chiff, Manitoba, visited her uncle, Mr. Ed. Burns the past week.

Mr. T. G. Kendrick, Kingston, was a week-end visitor of Rob. W. Steacy. Messrs. John Fodey and Rob A. Steacy are delegates at the Dairy-men's Association in Ottawa.

Mr. Oscar Webster, who has spent the past month with friends returned to his home in Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Leadbeater, Ellisville, visited a few days at the home of the latter's father, Rob Steacy.

Mrs. H. Summers visited her sister, Mrs. Wm. King for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. and Mrs. L. B. Webster attended the funeral of the late Thos. Franklin on Sunday last.

MRS. CHRISTOPHER WILSON

The death took place on Feb. 17, in Montague township of Margaret Lockwood, widow of Christopher Wilson. Her husband predeceased her are two daughters and two sons. They are Mrs. E. Loucks, Montague; Mrs. Jas. Connors, Smith's Falls; Mr. Edmund Halliday, Rosedale, and Mrs. Harold Halliday, Philippsville.

More Socks Wanted

Enough yarn to knit 75 pairs of socks is now in the hands of Mrs. C. F. Yates and will be distributed among the ladies who have already done so much for the boys overseas. By telephoning or calling on Mrs. Yates, knitters may get a supply. Extra socks are one of the best preventatives of "trench feet" and will help the soldiers to bear hardships that would otherwise be too great.

MRS. ROBERT DIXIE

On Thursday, February 14, in St. Luke's Church, Ballycrao, the funeral of Mrs. Robert Dixie was held. Mrs. Dixie was the youngest daughter of Robert Dobbs, of the Dobbs settlement, near Athens. The deceased has two sisters living, Mrs. Brock DeWolfe, of Athens, and Mrs. Jos. Clow, McIntosh Mills.

Mrs. Dixie was 48 years old on the 22nd of September last. She had been a partial invalid for several years. After several weeks of slow decline she passed away in her sleep on February 12.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. P. Watson and appropriate hymns were sung by the choir, of which "Peace, Perfect Peace" was one of Mrs. Dixie's favorites.

The pall-bearers were Richard Ferguson, Robert John Leeder, Thomas Graham, Michael Heffernan, Fred Ferguson, George Green.

Captain William Fleming Dead

On Monday Feb. 18, the death occurred in Ottawa of Captain William Fleming, after an illness of a few days. He was in his 85th year. He was born at Elgin and was possibly the oldest navigator on the Rideau canal waterway. He is survived by five sons and two daughters. They are Henry Fleming, Chaffey's Locks; George Fleming, Kingston; Edward Fleming, Newboro; Chas. Fleming, Elgin; and John Fleming, Belleville, and Mrs. Jas. O'Brien, Montreal; and Mrs. F. Gray, Ottawa. The body was interred at Elgin.

Philippsville

Many accidents to horses, also the overturning of loads owing to the bad conditions of the roads since the thaw, are reported.

Mr. M. Myers has rented his farm to Mr. Greenham and is moving to Westport.

Miss Lucile Whitmore is visiting Miss Nora Seed in Toronto.

Mrs. D. Wood, Chantry spent last Friday with her sister, Mrs. Lynn.

Miss Aleda Greenham this week entered the Cornwall Hospital as a nurse-in-training.

Floyd Denny, of Portland, is moving his blacksmith shop to this village, having purchased the property formerly belonging to the late H. Putnam.

Miss Winnie Halladay is this week in Toronto, attending the millinery openings.

J. W. Halladay was called to Smith's Falls last week owing to the death of his aged mother.

Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Gile will spend next week in Toronto.

Many cellars in the village are flooded.

The Anniversary of the Philippsville Baptist Church has been postponed indefinitely owing to weather and bad roads.

Sherwood Spring Feb. 18 Ifid Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White, Caintown, are spending a few days with relatives here, and at Yonge Mills.

Mr. Robert Brown, Riverside is a guest of his daughter, Mrs. George Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trickey, Mallorytown Landing, were visitors on Wednesday last at Mrs. Annie Eligh.

Owing to the condition of the roads last week, the mail carrier was unable to make his rounds for two days.

Mr. George Fraser spent a few days last week with friends in Brockville.

Charleston

On Thursday afternoon the ladies of Charleston school-section gathered at the home of Mrs. E. Webster, for the purpose of packing boxes for their overseas boys. \$30.46 worth of dainties were exhibited, seven boxes were filled valued at \$23.46, leaving a balance of seven dollars worth to be held over for a few weeks when boxes will again be sent. Cash donations to assist in the good work were received from Oak Leaf.

These gatherings are usually of a pleasant nature but a tinge of sadness was visible on Thursday afternoon, due to the fact that since the last meeting one of the boys had been called to make the great sacrifice. Reference is made to Pte. W. G. Botsford who gave up his life on January 25, 1918. The ladies missed Mrs. Botsford from their midst, her heart being too full to attend the meeting. A letter of sympathy and expressions of regret was forwarded to her. The ladies expect to meet again about Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Halladay were called to Ballacrao on Thursday by the death of their sister, Mrs. Robert Dixie. Harry and Leonard Halladay also attended the funeral.

Mrs. Boulton and son Gordon were last week visitors at E. King's.

Miss Maggie Finley is visiting friends in Smith's Falls.

Several roofs in this vicinity collapsed last week with the weight of snow.

George Heffernan is recovering from an injury to his shoulder and foot.

The Misses Florence and Celia Kennedy, Philippsville, were recent visitors at T. Heffernan's.

The Coming Summer at Petawawa

As the season approaches there is considerable speculation locally as to the prospects for Petawawa camp next summer. During the last two seasons it was used only for artillery purposes, several thousand men being in training, and it may be that it will be used only for this purpose during the season ahead, while some think that there will be very few men in training in Canada next summer. Draftees under the Military Service Act are being sent overseas as quickly as possible and will receive training there, but it seems most probable that artillery will again train here. We understand that an extra supply of ice is being stored at Petawawa this winter, while the other usual preparations are being made, so that in all likelihood there will be as many men in training at least as during the past two years. The new Y. M. C. A. building, which cost about \$17,000 will be in readiness as soon as the camp opens, and the good work which this organization in the past carried on under canvas will be conducted under more favorable conditions.—Pembroke Observer

The Backward Trail

By L. Glenn Earl

"To-day" is a hill on which I stand, And coming out of the Past, Is a long, long trail from a sunset land,— If only the scene could last!

And I love to gaze on that backward trail, Though it has its thorns and flowers, For vivid pictures from "memory" hall, Those happy, youthful hours.

Ahead is Time's unknown way,— Ambition and Wealth, perhaps,— But my heart at the closing of the day, This backward picture grasps. I know what love is left behind, And eyes that once were fair; The hearts that beat so true and kind; The "pals" that sleep back there.

And when I think of the trail ahead, That each day leads away From the handiwork of those honored dead, The sky grows a sullen grey, And the path ahead is a twisted thing, Where some may tread carefree, But instead of marching forward I cling To that which is passed to me.

Oh Future Days! Welcome me, do! And new friends a greeting give! But Yesterday! I long for you And the memories that live And shine on that long, long backward trail, That I see from where I gaze, And I pray the picture will not fall Me, in the coming days.

The forward trail may hold a store Of beauties as I go; The forward trail may open a door And unknown treasures show. But as memory's picture book I view, I see on the backward way The pages that let the sunlight through The storm clouds of To-day.

TENDERS.

The Council of Rear Yonge and Escott will receive tenders up to March 15 for stone crushing this season.

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