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A HOLY CALLING.

At this season of the year, when the sound of the school bells calls the children from their play to the busy work-room, then it is that older minds revert to the teacher and to the abiding influence of school life. Parents are always anxious to get acquainted with the teachers of their little ones, knowing full well that in the development and formation of their characters the teacher is, to great extent, their model. It recalls to our mind a legend we read recently of a flower: A beautiful snow white lily, tall, pure and stately. A legend quaint, but full of happy teaching: "By chance this lily was found growing in a field where there was no companionship of her kind, but instead of other flowers or lilies like herself, she was entirely surrounded by common weeds, among which were growing brambles, nettles and other noxious plants. But day by day, as the gentle dews of heaven moistened her, thirsty leaves and the life-giving rains of spring and summer sought out her roots, she opened her buds and grew taller, until at last she unfolded her pure white flowers to the caressing winds, the sunbeams of summer nestled in the very heart of her beautiful snow-white chalice, and the breezes bore it fragrance with them as they wandered on. And so, day by day, as pure and stately, the lily dwelt among the weeds and humble plants of the field. They learned to look up and to admire the beautiful flower, until unconsciously in the heart of each lowly plant growing about her roots, there sprung up the desire to be more like the lily, whose tender grace and gentle, winning ways they all so much admired. But then there came a change, a transformation, and the beautiful, stately flower was no longer a lily, but was transformed into a lovely maiden, a teacher, while the humble weeds and plants clustering all about her developed into child faces with earnest wistful eyes and smoothly braided or softly flowing locks of brown, golden or flaxen hair. But still, as before, the teacher was among these children as the pure, stately lily among the plants of the field, inspired by the spirit of her mission, living her own life, going in and out among them from day to day she became to them model, inspiration, an example and guide. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid. Of course that is but a homely little legend, and yet surely there are valuable lessons contained in it for every teacher. Next to that of a parent theirs is the highest, holiest calling. In many, in fact almost every vocation has its responsibility attached but to very few is their responsibility of teaching. Whether you realize it or

Queen Mary's Hair.

Queen Mary's hair is getting white, and she doesn't care who knows it. She is just going to let Nature take its course, and no dyes, walnut washes or other artificial means of restoring the hair will be allowed to touch her tresses. Of course, cynics would immediately say a queen's birth is usually to be found recorded in several places, and Queen Mary could not conceal the fact if she wished to, that she is very near the half-century mark, and that she can't pretend that she is not at an age when white hair is the natural and proper thing. But in this day when so many women whose age is fairly well known continue to blossom out in auburn locks, or jet black, or golden, or Titian red, it is encouraging, says the New York Sun, to have the woman who is supposed to set the fashion for England allow her hair to tell the truth. English women in high places are pretty sensible after all. Lady Warwick made no effort to hide the gradual whitening of her hair. Of course white hair is becoming to her, and her locks are lovely. Another Englishwoman who never dyed her hair is Lady Randolph Churchill; her hair is now quite snowy, and she is still considered beautiful.

Mr. J. A. Tobin has received the appointment of Asst. Supt. of the C.P.R. at London, Ont., and has left Smiths Falls to take up his work.

The 130th Battalion having arrived safely in England without one mishap has been broken up. It has been drafted into the 12th Battalion from Toronto and will leave shortly for France. Colonel deHertel, O.C. of the 130th has received orders to return to Canada and he is on his way back. He will help recruiting in Ontario.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

not, and indeed, whether or not you wish it, from the moment when you first assume the position—when you stand among your pupils in that school-room, you become to them the object of deepest interest, a power for good or evil. Your manners, your ideas are studied oftentimes more diligently than the lessons in the text books, and are often remembered when these are forgotten. Remembering then, that your labors are bestowed upon immortal souls does not the mind call for a good thorough examination as to your own worthiness. "No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth"—is most wonderfully true in the case of a teacher, and one who possesses the qualities of purity, unselfishness and sincerity of character, are often as conscious in their surroundings as the stately lily among the common plants of the field. But these are qualities which anyone may attain and cultivate and they are qualities, without which no one ought to ever assume the position of teacher. Possessing these qualities your influence is bound to fall upon your pupils for good, and not upon them alone, but upon all with whom you come in contact. But wanting these, the lily has lost its beauty, fragrance and purity, and has no longer power to inspire the hearts of others or fill them with longings to attain the treasures she does not herself possess. But it will never be given us in this world to know the extent of our influence, as one of the minor poets said:

"This learned I from the shadow of a tree,
Which to and fro did sway upon the wall.
My shadow self—my influence may fall
Where I may never be."

But if honest effort is made to improve upon the talents given, especially if, in time of weakness, refuge is sought from the Unfailing Source of strength, then each of us should be content to await the final great revelation, in the light of which each shall see as he is seen and know as he is known.

Poor, indescribably poor, is that girl who has gifts, a clear mind and active hands, and who has not been taught how to use them, wandering aimlessly through life, mediocre in everything, without definite aim, seeking vainly for occupations to amuse or distract, deforming her body to gratify ignorant vanity, injuring herself by late hours and bad food, sparkling dimly in the struggle for a wealthy husband, and then as a wife, realizing her weakness and lack of worth; as mother, weeping bitter, stinging tears as she sees the results of her miserable life magnified in her children, and waiting piteously for help and strength when it is too late.

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Heroine Saves Three Lives.

Three times did Mrs. Ross, a Brockville lady, dash through flames and smoke into her home and each time she emerged carrying one of her children who were threatened with suffocation from fire which destroyed their home on Wednesday night. Besides consuming all the furniture, one hundred dollars, which in a pocket of a coat belonging to Mrs. Ross was burned. Mr. Ross was at his work on the G.T.R. when the fire broke out. The flames are thought to have originated in a clothes closet from spontaneous combustion.

Still Dear.

"You used to tell me that I had the dearest little foot in the world," she said poutingly.

"That was lover's talk," said he, "but if you don't quit paying \$10 for shoes bless me if I won't believe I spoke the truth."

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CLOSED HOUSES.

How to Look Up While Away This Summer.

MOTHS, DUST AND THIEVES.

How to Guard Against These Ubiquitous Pests While You Enjoy Breezes at the Mountains and the Surf at the Beach During Your Vacation.

There is always danger, of course, that an empty house will come to grief in the absence of its occupants for the summer. Thieves may break in and steal. Moths and dust may do their worst. Fire may destroy. Rust may eat. Mice and rats may gnaw. Many unpleasant things may happen that will bring grief to the absent owners—and happiness, we hope, to the pests.

All we can do when leaving our houses unoccupied is to take all the precautions we know of. Then we should rest peacefully content throughout the summer that nothing is going amiss.

Burglar insurance helps to produce this state of peaceful content, of course. But it is also well not to leave jewelry, money, silver or other easily transportable valuables where a thief can get at them. Still another precaution is to leave doors and drawers unlocked throughout the house. The would-be thief will not then be tempted to destroy house and furniture while he is seeking to open doors and drawers. Many a house has been ruined by thieves who have pried open drawers and burst open doors in a vain search for valuables that were securely in a safe deposit box.

Guard against dampness as well as possible. Leave a window at the top of the house open. It should be a window well sheltered by overhanging eaves if possible, so that rain cannot beat in. It serves to keep the house dry and well ventilated. Have the furnace thoroughly cleaned out, as ashes left in it gather dampness, which causes rust in furnace and pipes.

In an earthen bowl near the piano place some unsalted lime, which will collect dampness that might otherwise injure the piano. Let the bowl be only quarter full, so that there will be no danger from the lime.

Grease the gas stove and anything of steel that is exposed to the air. This prevents rust.

Put kerosene on the works of the sewing machine to cut the grease and dust that will accumulate on it.

Have the water pipes turned off in the cellar, so that no water can run in any part of the house.

Have screening tacked over the tops of the chimneys to keep out birds and bats, as they could do and have done much damage in empty houses. The screening keeps them safely out of the chimneys, and so they cannot get into the house.

Drape all valuable furniture with old sheets and take down all expensive hangings and curtains.

MINIATURE STYLE.

Dame Fashion's Small Tots Look Like This.

This small lady's coat is of blue poplin cut with a full skirt belted. White batiste, collar and cuffs val inserted.



PROUD ELEGANCE.

along with tiny white pearl buttons, trim the garment, which takes a blue tulle bonnet with a pink rose on the left side.

Old Magazines Are Useful.

Have an old magazine handy on the kitchen serving table upon which to place hot or soiled dishes from the stove. As the top leaf becomes soiled it is torn off and burned. Because of the weight of the magazine it is often possible to tear off a leaf with one hand while the other hand is engaged. This is easier than scrubbing black and greasy rings from the table or having the white oilcloth scarred by stains and burns. When the youngsters want to paste things into their scrap books give them an old magazine to work on. As fast as a leaf becomes pummy it may be torn off and thrown away, and a clean one is always waiting. This saves the table from becoming sticky and smeared with paste.

EXTRAVAGANT EUGENIE.

The Empress Boasted That She Never Wore a Gown Twice.

It is true that the cost of women's dress has so increased that it is not given to the many to be as truly elegant as their grandmothers were able to be at comparatively small cost. But, then, those were the days when an elaborate ball gown consisted of yards of founces of tulle or some other light and uncostly material.

Empress Eugenie, it is said, declared she never wore the same gown twice. She it was, by the way, who made Worth, the renowned Paris couturier, famous. The great luxury in those days was to wear several ball gowns during the course of a single ball. Dressing rooms were provided, and the ladies retired to reappear resplendent and as fresh as at the beginning of the evening. The gowns of the day, which were flimsy of train and spread by erminettes, suffered much from an evening's wear; hence these wasteful ways.

There is a tale of the lovely Empress Elizabeth of Austria which recounts her appearing at a function in a white tulle gown, founced and ample, decorated with garlands of real camellias, and changing both gown and camellias every now and then to preserve the impression of absolute and uncrumpled freshness.

Bird Stories.

A German scientific journal published in 1897 a story to the effect that a golden eagle shot in that year at Eszseg, Slavonia, was found to have a ring about its neck engraved on which were the arms of a Slavonian family and the date 1640.

In 1793 the Gentleman's Magazine told about a hawk, captured when flying in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope and taken by an Indian ship in England, which wore a gold collar inscribed:

"This goodlie hawk doth belong to his Most Excellent Majesty James, King of England, A. D. 1610."

If this bird really escaped from England in the reign of James 183 years elapsed between its escape and its recapture, and it had flown a distance of 6,500 miles away from its former owner.

Have a Cheery Kitchen.

One should bear in mind that the kitchen is the engine room of the home, and the comfort and happiness of the family depend upon its running smoothly and well. Lack of system, inadequate equipment, inconvenient arrangement of furniture and utensils and the total absence of beauty and cheer are the things that make drudgery of housework. Servants are as susceptible to surroundings as their mistresses, and the little aspects of housework, such as cheerful aspect and pretty furnishings, do much to secure a more loyal interest and co-operation. A harmonious environment in a kitchen will go a long way toward making a happy home.—Harriet Slisdon Gillespie in Mother's Magazine.

Milton and Aerial Warfare.

Milton had a prophetic vision of war aeroplanes and Zeppelins when he wrote:

The towers of heaven are filled
With armed watch that renders all access
Impregnable; oft on the bordering deep
Encamp their legions, or with obscure wing
Scout far and wide into the realm of night,
Scorning surprise.

What if . . . this firmament
Of hell should spout her catarracts of fire
One day upon our heads?

Modern war is a very apt example of fitting after events to a prophecy.

The Chippewyan Woman.

Ideals may vary, but it seems that the Chippewyan Indians also had a well rounded conception of "woman's sphere." "Women were made to labor," an old chief told the traveler Hearne. "One of them can carry or haul as much as two men can do. They also patch our tents and make and mend our clothing—in fact, there is no such thing as traveling any considerable distance without their assistance."

A Change.

"We must economize," he said emphatically.

"I'm so glad!" his wife exclaimed.

"You take the announcement more good naturedly than usual."

"Yes; it's pleasant to hear you use the plural pronoun. Ordinarily when there is any economizing needed you expect me to do it all."

Feminine Confidence.

"I shall never scold my husband again for spending so much time at the club."

"Tell me about it."

"Well, last night a burglar got into the house, and my husband knocked him senseless with a poker. I've heard several men speak of him as a poker expert. He has evidently been practicing at the club for just such an emergency."

Near Enough.

"When I was a young girl," mused Mrs. Lapsling, "a poet once sent me some verses. I read the first letters of the lines downward and found they spelled the words 'I adore you.' You know, they call that sort of poem an agnostic."—Chicago Tribune.

Enjoy It Now.

As to whether the nebular theory applies to this earth or not doesn't matter much now. The main thing is to enjoy it while we're living on it.—Florida Times-Union.

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SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Toronto will raise \$2,594,000 by a new loan.

The Ontario Government has decided to aid hospitals for tubercular soldiers.

A St. John's ambulance brigade for overseas service has been formed in Kingston.

A tiny electric lamp is mounted on the handle of a safety razor of English invention.

Sixteen more Varsity men have gone overseas to take commissions in the Imperial army.

The Grand Trunk has granted an increase of fifteen per cent to their firemen and engineers.

England is now paying Holland to export herring to the United States instead of Germany.

MacGagne, of Hull, was sentenced to 30 days in jail for having liquor in his possession at the C.P.R. station.

Gillies Bros., of Brantford, have received an order for 20,000,000 feet of lumber from a United States firm.

Up to date fines paid in Renfrew county for infractions of the Ontario temperance act approximate \$1,000.

Renfrew Council may purchase the Renfrew Electric Company's plant, if a satisfactory price can be agreed upon.

Since the war began \$750,000,000 of munition orders have been placed by the Imperial authorities in this country.

A Hamilton despatch says that Sir George E. Foster intimated that the duty on oleomargarine may be removed.

A Province-wide campaign for recruits for the navy is to be launched and 2,000 men are expected to enlist before Christmas.

Britain is borrowing three hundred million dollars more in United States, States, making over one billion dollars in all.

Mrs. Jas. Salter, of Palmers'ton, was found dead in bed on her fifty-sixth birthday and the thirty-second anniversary of her wedding.

St. John's Catholic church at Gananoque is now free of debt. Rev. Father Kehoe, the priest in charge, in ten years raised \$42,000.

Capt. Dr. W. A. Henderson, of Sarnia, recently back from a year's service in England with the R.A.M.C., died suddenly while driving his motor car.

The large \$30,000 coal unloading bridge at New Ontario Dock, Sault Ste. Marie, was destroyed by a gale, just as was the first bridge on the same site.

Ottawa's share in the new government war loan is to be \$300,000. City council applied for \$750,000 worth of war bonds, but was awarded only 40 per cent, of this amount.

Sixty-seven large loaves of bread were seized at Belleville by B. R. Quincey, inspector of bakeries, because they were underweight. The bread was distributed among the charitable institutions.

"Several hundred men have left the harvest field in Saskatchewan during the last few days, all soldiers are gone, and there exists at the present time a peculiar situation relative to threshing," said an official of the Department of Agriculture there.

At a recent meeting held in Smiths Falls, the various district firemen's Associations of Ontario were amalgamated into one provincial organization. Fire Chief J. M. Taylor of Pembroke, President of the Eastern Ontario Firemen's Association was present. The district associations will still retain their identity.

Scotch Sunday.

The "dreary Glasgow Sunday" is far from being a mere figure of speech. A fat, jovial-looking American, leaving his hotel one fine Sunday morning for a stroll, came upon a policeman, who eyed him suspiciously, and at last approached him and said, "Ye had better tak' care, sir, what ye're doing." "What am I doing?" inquired the tourist, added with a merry wink. "Why, I'm not even whistling." "No," replied the Glaswegian, in solemn and reproving tones: "but ye're lookin' maist as happy as if it wis Monday."

No Crowding.

A travelling showman had a parrot, which was accustomed to imitate his voice and words when he was addressing the crowd about his tent, and always created much amusement by doing so.

In the course of the man's wanderings they came to a farming region, and here one day the parrot escaped and took to the fields. The showman organized a posse of men and boys, and went in pursuit of the fugitive.

After a good deal of vain search they heard a great clatter in a tall tree on the edge of a wood. Creeping up to the place they found that the poor parrot was in the tree, stripped of most of his feathers, and surrounded by a flock of screaming rooks, who were pecking at him mercilessly. In the midst of it all the parrot was calling out at the top of his voice:

"One at a time, gentlemen! Don't crush so, please! Take your time! There's plenty of room! Take your time!"

Ethel—I'll never forget the sensation of my first kiss.
Kitty—Neither shall I. An old gossip saw Jack kiss me and it became the sensation of the town.

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