

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN

Pleasant Evening Reveries dedicated to tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

No fragment of a battle ever survived so many battles as the Bible; no citadel ever withstood so many harries and was swept by so many stones. And yet it stands. It has been the rise and fall of Daniel's four empires. Assyria bequeaths a few mutilated figures to the riches of our national museum. Media and Persia, like Babylon which they conquered, have been weighed in the balance and long ago found wanting. Greece faintly survives in its historical fame. 'Tis living Greece no more, and iron Rome of the Caesars has long since ceased to boast. And yet the book that foretells all still survives. While the nations, kings, philosophers, systems, institutions, have died away. The Bible engages men's deepest thought, is examined by keenest intellect, stands revered before the highest tribunals, is more read, sifted and debated, more devoutly loved and more vehemently assailed, more defended and denied, more industriously translated and freely given to the world, more honored and abused than any other book the world ever saw. It survives all changes, itself unchanged; it moves all minds, yet is moved by none; it sees all things decay yet itself is incorruptible; it sees myriads of other books engulfed in the stream of time yet is borne along till the mystic angel plants its foot in the sea and swears by him that liveth that time shall be no more. With Isaiah we say: "All flesh is grass and goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of God shall stand forever."

You know the grievances that beset your path, the shadow that hangs over your own home, the fears, often groundless, it is true, of impending calamities that disturb you, but you cannot lift the curtain that conceals your neighbors' misfortunes; the door will not swing back to reveal the skeleton in their closets; and you cannot realize that every one is loaded as you are; and every home, however charming to the outward, has yet within, trials as severe as your own, and heart aches that would make your's seem light in comparison. We each have our own peculiar troubles as we have our own countenances and our own hobbies, and we cannot escape them.

Home is a place where a man can do as he pleases—if he is married to the right woman.

A cheerful atmosphere is important to a happy home life. It is hard for children to be good when they are exposed to an incessant hail storm of fault-finding from their parents. It is very difficult for a wife to maintain a calm and charmingly sweet demeanor when her husband is critical or sullen, and takes all her tender efforts with difficult appreciation.

Married couples would be happier if home troubles were kept within the four walls of the home; if each would re-

member that the other was a human being, and not an angel, and if husbands and wives would sometimes remember that they were once sweethearts and lovers and should be so always.

You want your wife to be cheerful and brighten your life all she can. Very good, and now as a help toward this end, suppose you try to be cheerful and shed a few rays of brightness upon her pathway.

The power to be a true helper of others, a binder up of broken hearts, a comforter of sorrow is the most divine of all endowments.

Did you ever try helping out your enemy when he was in a tight place? Do a kind favor some propitious time to your nearest neighbor. Such things have made very amiable people out of crabbed ones.

Stories first heard at mother's knee are never forgotten. It is the same with some other things received at our mother's knee which will readily occur to our readers.

The sunbeam is composed of millions of minute rays; so home-light must be constituted of little tendernesses, kindly looks, sweet laughter and loving words.

Many a man wants more vim in his home paper, when at the same time he is carrying a few dollars' worth of its vim in his pocket.

Keep the rooms sweet and pure by ventilation. For this reason air and sunshine are free.

Most of us have got to learn that contentment and not worldly wealth brings happiness.

Be like the harvest of this year—good and generous.

A carload of pity is not worth a handful of help.

Carry sunshine in all your walks of life.

During October, forest fires near Duluth, Minnesota, destroyed almost one thousand human lives and some \$75,000,000 worth of property. In number of lives lost, the Minnesota disaster is of at least four times the magnitude of the great Claybelt fire which swept a section of northern Ontario in 1916. Reports indicate that the Minnesota holocaust is the direct and logical result of indifference on the part of the general public toward the existence of numerous small fires which at first did not immediately threaten property or lives, coupled with the failure of the state administration to provide adequate funds for fire patrol and the extinguishing of fires in the incipient stage.

Demobilization of Troops

THE demobilization of the Canadian Expeditionary Force is perhaps the most important problem now confronting the Dominion Government, and the transportation of the troops from the port of landing to their home destination is a work which will require skillful handling. On reaching Canadian soil, after their hard fought battles in foreign countries, the veterans will deserve all the consideration that can be given to them.

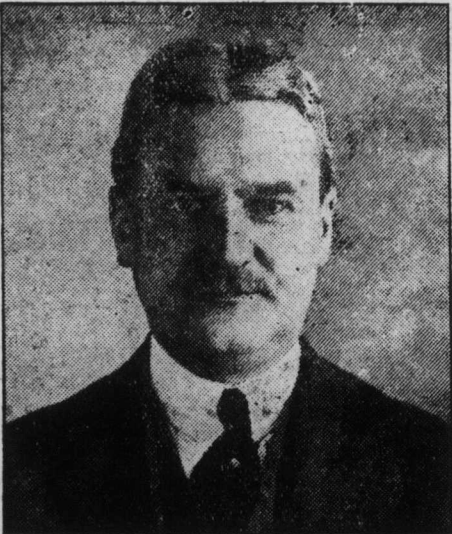
It was therefore a wise decision on the part of the Dominion Government when they decided that the Canadian Railway War Board should appoint a committee that will make all the arrangements necessary for the transportation of the soldiers through Canada.

The War Board so constituted this committee that it is representative of the three principal Canadian railways. Ever since the beginning of the war officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway have been conspicuous as leaders in the country's patriotic efforts, and now Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Maughan, Assistant General Passenger Agent of the C. P. R., has been chosen as chairman of the committee that is to undertake the responsibility for the train transportation of the soldiers to their places of abode in Canada. Lieutenant-Colonel Maughan's long experience and his thorough knowledge of railroad affairs make him thoroughly qualified to fill the position for which he has been selected.

In March, 1892, at the age of sixteen years, Walter Maughan joined the staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway as a clerk in the Toronto offices. In September of the same year he was transferred to Hamilton to act in a similar capacity. In 1895 he was again brought back to the Toronto offices, and in March, 1897, he became city passenger agent in the Queen City. On November 1st, 1913, he became assistant district passenger agent in Toronto. One month later he was promoted to become assistant general passenger agent in Montreal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Maughan is representing the C. P. R. on the newly formed committee. Mr. H. H. Melanson will represent the Canadian Government Railways, and Mr. C. W. Johnston the Grand Trunk Railway. By a co-ordination of effort it is believed that the representatives of the three big Canadian railways can so regulate railway transportation arrangements as to insure the safe and comfortable return of the Canadian soldier men to their homes. The headquarters of the committee will be in Ottawa, where the committee will be in direct touch with the Canadian Government.

A preliminary meeting of the committee was recently held in Montreal, when the Minister of Militia was represented by Colonel E. E. Clarke, Director General of Supplies and Transportation. The problem of transportation was discussed in all its phases, and the committee will leave nothing undone to ensure safe transit, and feeding facilities of the highest character for the Canadian soldier men who so bravely answered to the call of duty when the country was in danger.



Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Maughan.

HOW THEY WON OUT

Singers Thought Up a Really Neat Scheme.

Little Conspiracy That Seems to Point to Truth of the Familiar Old Adage That Every Man Has His Price.

Once there was a male quartet which was booked by a lyceum bureau that would allow a date to be canceled only in the event of a performer's death.

This quartet in question was booked to sing at Buzzard, N. D., one cold winter night. The time-table told the boys to go to Terminal, which was the end of the line, and hire a liveryman to take them over to Buzzard.

They arrived at Terminal on a Saturday morning. The hotel was not at all bad. The first train out was to go Monday. The liveryman said that he would convey them to Buzzard for \$10. It was 22 miles. He intimated that he thought he could notice indications of a robust blizzard approaching. He said it was not uncommon for parties to get lost in blizzards and freeze to death before being found. It was spitting snow at noon.

The boys went over to the telegraph office, wired the bureau, explained about the long drive to Buzzard, and the dangers with which the journey was fraught, and asked that they be permitted to cancel the engagement. They offered to compensate the bureau to the extent of its commission if permitted to blow the date.

Their answer from the bureau was an emphatic denial of permission to cancel the date.

And yet the boys did not fill the engagement at Buzzard.

There was only one liveryman in Terminal, and his price for the drive to Buzzard was \$10, so the boys chipped in and paid him \$20 to write a statement to the effect that he had refused to make the trip in the face of an approaching storm. They sent his statement to the bureau.

Moral: "Every man has his price." And "where there's a will there is usually a way."

Heiress a Successful Artist. Heiress to one of the greatest fortunes in America, born to a life of ease and luxury, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney is a shining example of the type of American woman who is combining successfully a career while she performs her duty to her home and society, says the Washington Times.

The former Gertrude Vanderbilt, daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, has for the last ten years worked untriflingly as a sculptor. Splendid examples of her art have been exhibited in New York, many of them selected in competition in which the best artists of the time have been her competitors. Among Mrs. Whitney's best known works are the Titanic memorial, which has been erected in the national capital; a fountain in the New Arlington hotel at Washington, exhibited at the Panama-Pacific exposition in California; another massive fountain of Aztec design in the bureau of American republics, also in Washington. Mrs. Whitney has also done some splendid work in oil, water color and crayon.

War Stops "Sea Bathing." Humorists have recently added to the list of the war's alleged horrors the fact that Londoners can no longer bathe in sea water in their own homes. The facts in the case are reported by Popular Mechanics Magazine, as follows: It seems that for years one of the English railways has maintained a "sea-water" service. For the small sum of 12 cents it has delivered to any customer a large can of real ocean water for bathing purposes, calling for the can the following day. Now, however, Londoners, who pride themselves on being "the best tubbed people in the world" must forego these "sea baths," for the railway has discontinued its service on account of war conditions. Henceforth fresh water must suffice for cleanings.

Swiss Adopt 24-Hour Clock. The Swiss federal council, under date of April 19, 1918, has decreed that the Swiss transportation systems, the management of the telegraph system, the customs service, the federal government works and the remaining institutions under federal government management shall, up to the return of normal conditions, but not before May 1, 1919, establish the 24-hour day, numbering the hours from 1 to 24, beginning at midnight. The Swiss federal railway department is empowered to fix the definite date upon which the 24-hour day is to be enforced.

Gloomy Outlook. "I guess your boy will soon return from college." "Yes," replied Mr. Cobble, with a thoughtful look. "No doubt you expect him to help you on the farm this summer?" "No. When Henry was elected president of the Sophomore Dancing club my faith in him was considerably shaken, but when I heard he'd taken to playin' on a ukulele I quit havin' any illusions about that boy."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

His War Garden. Mrs. Flatbush—Oh, John, there are two chickens fighting in our garden! Mr. Flatbush—Well, let 'em fight. I've got to have some excuse for calling it a war garden, haven't I?

ISLAND OF GUAM IS LOYAL

Voluntary Universal Training Has Helped Immensely in Americanization.

How far the people of the Pacific island of Guam have progressed in the process of Americanization is indicated in the current issue of the Guam News Letter, copies of which have recently reached Seattle. The island, which is our cable outpost for the Philippine Islands and the Orient, is governed by Capt. Roy C. Smith of the American navy, under the oversight of the navy department. Captain Smith seems to be developing a very ardent band of Americanism among the island people, who are known as Chamorros and have a strong admixture of Spanish blood.

The News Letter describes the celebration of Washington's birthday in Guam, to which the people flocked from all parts of the island, coming by launch, owing to the absence of any island highway system. The proceeds of the various enterprises, amounting to \$1,370.55, were donated to the Red Cross, and we gather that the program of amusement was purely American. For instance, the "hot dog" stand realized \$108.94; Butler's soda, \$158.60; knock the cat down, \$112.07; the moving picture show, \$75.90; the jivey dance, \$45.69; wheel of fortune, \$350.10; lemonade stand, \$772.93; baseball game, \$16.40. From all sources the Red Cross received \$1,500, and subscriptions were given for \$50,000 in Liberty bonds.

More than this, the island militia had its first parade. Some time ago Governor Smith put into effect a universal military training law at the request of the people, this being the first portion of American territory in which such a law has been made effective. There are 1,000 militiamen, the government supplying guns and ammunition and the regular khaki uniform of the United States army. Seven per cent of Guam's population is in the militia, at which rate, if we of the mainland kept up with the Chamorros, we should have an army of 7,000,000. The flags and floats of the parade induced a tremendous enthusiasm in the populace.

Officer Once Stable Boy.

We have ceased to be surprised at the amazing social upheaval brought about by the war, but the shock which a gentleman received recently at a very exclusive club of which he is a member can be easily understood. On the staircase he was hailed by a resplendent young officer of the guards attired in one of those gray coats whose color and cut are the envy of all "subs." Not recognizing the young officer, there was a pause, whereupon the soldier said: "I'm afraid you've forgotten me. My name is . . ." The gentleman still failed to identify the officer. "I'm of Newark," added the guardsman. Whereupon the astounded gentleman recognized the grownup boy who five years ago had saddled his horse at a hunting box he visited. The stable hand had enlisted in the ranks, won a commission in the field, and finally been transferred to a guard regiment, and carried himself as if to the manner born.

Polish Army in France.

The flag of Poland was lifted on the battle line when the Polish legion, 15,000 strong, recruited mostly in the United States, took its place among the allies in France. It is only a little army that the ancient emblem of a free Poland is flying over now, but every Polish volunteer in France and every patriotic Pole in the United States and scattered elsewhere throughout the world, is confident that ultimately the flag will wave over a free and strong and reunited Poland, and every Pole understands that it is only through a triumph of the allies in this war for justice and right and world freedom that the restoration of Poland can be brought about.

Wartime Wall Street.

Before the war Wall street was just a thoroughfare, the brownest and busiest in the world.

Now, as it draws its slight bow up to Trinity, it has lost something of its dusty absorption. Like Fifth avenue and Broadway, it has undergone a transformation, and the long flags that hang from the windows of its offices swing in gay lines of energy up to the sunlit spires of the church.

Even here, where all is generally so quiet, so unobtrusive, the war has reached with bright fingers and brought out the love of country symbolized by these banners in the wind.

Dodging the Draft.

A man in the draft who would much rather have stayed at home complained of having poor eyesight. After being put through the eye test the doctor told him to go in the next room for further examination. The man gave a sigh of relief. When he came to the door he noticed a black thread running across and dodged it, whereupon the eye doctor said: "Come back, cutesy; you're all right."

Cotton Seed's Rise in Value. Cotton seed, formerly thrown away, is now bringing \$75 a ton. A ton yields 280 pounds of crude oil, 800 pounds of meal animal food and 125 pounds of ammonia.

His Summer Job.

"Going away this summer?" "No, sree. I'm going to stay right here and camp on the coal dealer's doorstep until I get next winter's coal in my cellar."

The Season's Greetings

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