

also found many other flowers on the hills but could not name them all. I have found many flowers in the bluff this last summer.

I like studying stones, too. Mother found a stone with a fossil in it. It was the place where a sea shell had been. I think this helps to prove that water once covered the land. I like looking for animals and studying them. I know quite a lot about them from reading books and from watching the animals themselves.

Yours sincerely,
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Clanwilliam, Man.

MUST I MY BROTHER KEEP?

Must I my brother keep,
And share his pains and toil,
And weep with those that weep,
And smile with those that smile,
And act to each a brother's part,
And feel his sorrows in my heart?

Must I his burden bear,
As though it were my own,
And do as I would care
Should to myself be done,
And faithful to his interests prove,
And as myself my neighbor love?

Must I reprove his sin,
Must I partake his grief,
And kindly enter in
And minister relief—
The naked clothe, the hungry feed,
And love him, not in word, but deed?

Then, Jesus, at Thy feet
A student let me be,
And learn, as it is meet,
My duty, Lord, of Thee;
For Thou didst come on mercy's plan,
And all Thy life was love to man.

Oh, make me as Thou art,
Thy Spirit, Lord, bestow—
The kind and gentle heart,
That feels another's woe,
That thus I may be like my Head,
And in my Saviour's footsteps tread.

THE GOLD MYSTERY

In the days when the goldfields of Alaska were discovered, James Stevens, with three other men, went out to dig for gold. They found a great deal, and packed up to return to San Francisco. But Stevens, before starting for home, lost all he had by gambling.

His three friends, being sorry for him, determined to take him home with them. They had their gold packed in a strong chest. They had it carefully weighed on the spring scales they had brought with them from San Francisco when they left home, and it was found to be exactly 600 pounds. Stevens was appointed to guard it on the way home. He was to guard the box day and night, and see that none of the gold was stolen. For this his friends were to pay his passage and wages.

All went well until San Francisco was reached. Stevens had apparently done his duty, so all that now remained was to weigh the gold again to see that all was right, then pay him his wages, and let him go.

The gold was weighed. There had been 600 pounds of it when they started; now there remained only 598 pounds. This was terrible. Two pounds' weight of gold had vanished. They had the gold weighed a second time, and then a third time, lest there should be any mistake.

The three friends were very angry. Stevens declared his innocence, but they had him arrested and tried.

The friends told the Court what had happened, and the man who had weighed the gold told what the weight now was.

Stevens admitted that there had been 600 pounds at the start, and that there was only 598 pounds at San Francisco. He admitted that nobody had touched the box but himself. It seemed certain that he must be convicted.

WANT NAMES OF WINNERS

Some of the winners of prizes for letters on "When I Grow Up" have not yet selected their prizes. I hope each one of the prize winners will write in to me at once and tell me what books they have selected so that I can send them right away. These books are very interesting and I know they will want to read them before Christmas.

UNCLE WEST.

But a young lawyer who was defending called as a witness a professor from a college. The judge wondered what this man had to do with the case. The lawyer soon showed him.

"Does the weight of a person change as he changes his situation on the earth?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes," said the professor. "The weight of a body is greatest at the Poles. Weight gets less and less the farther we go from the Poles, because the farther we go from the Poles the farther we go from the centre of the earth, which is the centre of gravity."

"This effect is increased by the motion of the earth, which tends to make bodies fly off more at the Equator than it does at the Poles. The result is that a body at the Equator weighs one-289th less than at the Poles."

"What fraction of its weight would a body lose going from Cape Nome, Alaska, to San Francisco?" the lawyer asked.

"About one part in three hundred," was the reply.

"Then gold weighing 600 pounds at Cape Nome could not weigh over 598 pounds here, could it?"

"It could not."

Of course, this cleared Stevens. His friends were so sorry for having suspected him that they paid him the salary they had promised, and made him a very handsome present.

LITTLE OFFERING

"My offering is small," said a beam to a flower,

"But I'll shine, if you like, on' you just for an hour,

For the shower that's just over has drenched you so much

And I think you will welcome my soft golden touch."

So the flower spread its petals to welcome the light

And its tint grew more lovely, and radiant, and bright.

Just to shine for an hour—'twas a small gift indeed,

But 'twas just what the blossom then happened to need.

"I can't help you much," said the breeze to a lily,

"But the day has been hot, and the eve is so stilly;

"It is only some crumbs that I must throw away,"

Said a child to a robin, one cold wintry day,

"But if you are hungry, of them you'll be glad,

For you seem to be looking dejected and sad."

And the bird took the offering—'twas simple indeed—

But it came in a moment of uttermost need:

And the robin, most grateful, gave back before long

A small stave or two of its very best song.

LOYALTY

The government at Ottawa has ordered that the Union Jack shall float over every public building owned by the Dominion each day of the year, excepting Sundays. By all means let our people and our school children learn to love our flag and be loyal and devoted citizens of our Dominion and Empire.

Yet it is well for all to remember that loyalty does not consist in merely waving a flag and in singing "God Save the King," and "O Canada." A truly loyal man is one who obeys and is prepared to defend the laws of his country. A patriot is one who loves his country and his fellow-countrymen. A great judge once said, "The first thing a man owes to his own country is the integrity of his own life." A man whose own life is not right is not loyal, is not a patriot. Many a man leading a profane and Godless life would feel insulted if you should question his loyalty. Many have hard, bitter, un-Christian things to say about their fellow-citizens, who fancy that thus they are exhibiting their loyalty. When politicians to-day, by false and slanderous methods, seek to question and repudiate the loyalty of others in order to exalt and magnify their own they are only proving themselves destitute of true patriotism. The really loyal man is one who manifests in all life obedience to the great law of love to God and man, one who, in short, is a true follower of Jesus Christ.

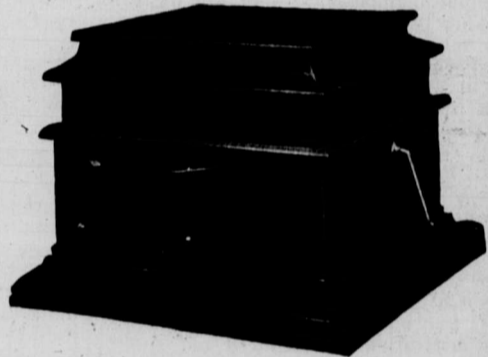
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