

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

(By SARAH T. HANLEY, in Catholic School and Home Magazine.)

"Hail, Bishop Valentine, whose day this is,  
All the air is thy diocese,  
And all the chirping choristers  
And other birds are thy parishioners."

And certainly it must afford him great pleasure that several portions of even the highly civilized world of to-day cannot claim the same distinction. How he can see the approach of his feast day, yearly heralded by the appearance everywhere of the so-called comic valentines—those disgusting caricatures of the male and female figure in all the various trades and professions, with the vulgar burlesque verses beneath,—and make no sign, is a mystery indeed. No doubt his only feeling is pity for the misguided beings who spend the precious golden hours of their lives vainly trying to disprove the fact that "a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

The sentimental valentine, with its view of Hymen's altar, its pair of lovers, and its many hearts transfixed with arrows from a fluttering Cupid's bow, is, we are glad to know, "lost to sight" and not "to memory dear." St. Valentine's Day has gradually lost its popularity, and is now a day observed chiefly by children. Fervently does the ill-used school-boy bless the month of February for bringing one day in the year when he can get full satisfaction for all the wrongs which his teacher and other enemies have inflicted upon him. The lover who hails this opportunity for following the poetical "Sammy" Weller's example and "take the privilege of the day (Mary, my dear), as the gen'l'm in difficulties did when he walked out of a Sunday, to tell you that the first and only time I see you your image was took on my heart in much quicker time and brighter colors than ever a likeness was took by the 'profel macheen' (wich praps you may have heard on, Mary, my dear), altho it does finish a portrait and put the frame and glass on complete with a hook at the end to hang it up by and all in two minutes and a half and that I like you better than nothing at all," &c. Some others amuse themselves by sending jocular anonymous letters to persons whom they wish to "quiz."

All these are characteristic of late years. Formerly, ridiculous letters were unknown. The only kind sent being a courteous profession of attachment from some young man to a maiden fair, accompanied by flattering allusions to her perfections and closing with a pathetic appeal that she would save him from the "silent tomb," which Mr. Toote and many victims of unrequited affection are obliged to seek.

The proper celebration of St. Valentine's Day was, however, the festival which the young people of England and Scotland, by a very ancient custom, held. An equal number of young men and women met together. "Each writes his or her name upon small pieces of paper which are rolled up and drawn by way of lots. Each young man draws the name of a girl whom he calls his valentine, and vice versa. Fortune having thus divided the company into couples the valentines give balls and treats to their mistresses, wear their billets for several days and this sport often ends in marriage.

The peculiar notion that birds choose their mates upon this day was generally believed as also the fact that the first unmarried person of the other sex whom one met on this morning when walking abroad was a future wife or husband.

"Last Valentine, the day when birds of kind  
Their paramours, with mutual chirping find,  
I early rose at the break of day,  
Before the sun had chased the stars away,  
Afield I went amid the morning dew,  
To milk my kine (for so should housewives do).  
The first I spied—and the first swain we see—  
In spite of fortune, shall our true love be."

"In Norwich," writes a traveller, "St. Valentine's Eve is a lively and a stirring scene. The streets swarm with carriers and baskets laden with treasures; bang, bang, bang go the knockers, and away rushes the banger, after depositing some package upon the doorstep. St. Valentine presents his gifts secretly with 'St. Valentine's love' and 'Good morrow, Valentine.' Then within the houses, the screams, the shouts, the flushed faces, the sparkling eyes, the rushing feet to pick up the fairy gifts—incriptions to be interpreted, mysteries to be unraveled, hoaxes to be found out—great hampers heavy and ticketed 'With care, this side upwards,'—to be unpacked, out of which jump five little

boys with Valentine's love to the little ladies—the sham bang-bangs that bring nothing but noise and fun, the mock parcels that vanish when the door opens, the monster packages that dwindle to thread, and the slips of paper in multiplied envelopes, bearing the consoling motto: "Blessed are those who do not expect; they shall not be disappointed."

The origin of this festival is obscure. St. Valentine, who was cruelly martyred at Rome in the third century, was in no way connected with it. The ancient Romans held a feast during the month of February in honor of Pan and Juno, the latter of whom was called Februalis. Amidst a variety of ceremonies, the names of young women were put in a box from which they were drawn by the men. In this as in other instances, the Church found it impossible to extirpate altogether a ceremony to which the people were accustomed. But she substituted the names of her saints instead and the new feast was named St. Valentine's.

Chaucer, Shakespeare, Lydgate and other poets allude to this festival. Charles, Duke of Orleans, was the first known writer of valentines. Drayton thus charmingly writes to his Valentine:

"Mute bid the morn awake,  
Sad winter now declines;  
Each bird doth choose a mate  
This day's St. Valentine's.  
For that good bird's sake,  
Get up and let us see  
What beauty it shall be  
That fortune us assigns."

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Bran—We quote Shorts are also firm at \$17 to \$20 as to quality. Mouille is steady at \$2.

Wheat—Exporters appear to be out of the market in Ontario for the time being, and millers have paid \$3.00 to \$3.10 for spring, and \$2.10 for red and white winter wheat of Toronto. Here the market is unchanged, values are therefore nominal at 75c to 77c for No. 1 hard Manitoba, and 74c to 75c for No. 2. 2 red winter, 70c. These prices, however, are much too high for export.

Oats.—Sales of car lots of No. 8 at \$3.30, and No. 2 at 40c, with more offering at the same price. Some holders, however, refuse to sell at 40c per \$4 lbs.

Peas.—Here 65c to 67c are the ruling quotations in store per 55 lbs. The English market has advanced to 5s.

Barley.—Feed barley is steady at 42c to 43c.

Corn—Car lots of Ontario corn are quoted at 53c to 55c on track.

Seeds.—Quebec timothy seed \$2.25 to \$2.50, and Western timothy \$1.90 to \$2.10. Alask

\$7.00 to \$7.50 for good to fancy. Red clover quiet at \$6 to \$7 as to quality.

Wheat.—The market is quiet and steady at 70c to 75c.

Rye.—Dull and nominal at 52c to 53c for car lots.

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Dressed Hogs.—Sales of car lots have transpired at \$6.10 to \$6.15 per 100 lbs. Small lots of choice light fresh killed butchers' hogs are quoted at \$6.50. A car lot of hogs was offered at \$5.75 to b. west of Toronto, which is equal to \$6.10 laid down here.

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Eggs.—Prices are very low, good Montreal mixed selling at 13c and Western at 11c, while a lot of slightly damaged stock is being worked off at 10c. Held fresh eggs have sold at 12c to 14c, but strictly fresh boiling stock is quoted at 2c to 2½c.

Maple Products.—Syrup is beginning to be enquired for, and a few sales are reported at 50c to 55c in case as to quality, and at 4c to 5c in wood as to quality. Dark sugar 6c to 7c.

Honey.—Comb honey is quiet at 7c to 13c as to quality and quantity.

Beans.—We quote medium to fair \$1.10 to \$1.25, and good to choice \$1.30 to \$1.55 per bushel.

Hops.—At 15c to 16c, while really choice samples would command 20c to 21c. Old olds to yearlings are quoted at 5c to 10c.

United Hay.—The market is dull and prices are easy, with a few scattered sales reported at country points at \$7.50 to \$8.00 as to position, to b. In this market No. 1 pressed is quoted at \$19.00 to \$19.50, and No. 2 \$18.00 to \$18.50 per ton.

## FISH AND OILS.

Pickled Fish.—There has been a great rush for salt fish this week in order to supply the Lenten demand. No. 1 green cod has sold at \$1.50 to \$1.75, and some holders now ask \$5.00. No. 2 large are very scarce, sales have been made at \$7.00 to \$7.25, and holders now ask \$8.00; but there is scarcely any to be had. Dry cod has sold at \$1.00 to \$1.25, and stocks are tight. Halifax dealers ask \$5.00 delivered here. Salt herring are in small supply and firm at \$1.25 to \$1.50 for shore and \$5.00 to \$5.25 for Labrador.

Fresh Fish.—Frozen herring have sold at 7c, \$1.25 and \$1.00 per 100, there being three different kinds. Tommy cods 90c to \$1.10 per bbl. as to size of lot. Fresh haddock and cod 3½c to 4c, dore 8c, and pike 5c.

Oil.—The market for Newfoundland cod oil is very steady and under light stock, prices are firm at 35c to 37c. Steamer reduced seal oil is steady at 45c to 47c, but there is very little doing. Cod liver oil is quiet at 50c to 60c as to quality.

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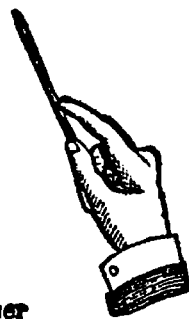
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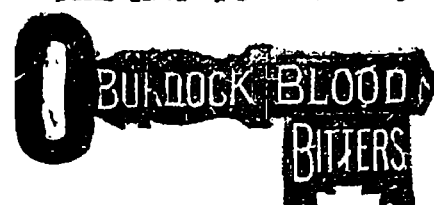
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