

Lines in Season

Two eyes and only one mouth have we.
The reason I think must be—
That we are not to talk about
Everything we see.

Two ears and only one mouth have we.
The reason is very clear—
That we are not to talk about
Everything we hear.—*Sel.*

"There is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it scarcely behooves the most of us
To talk about the rest of us."—*Sel.*

Patience, oh Soul! from a little field
There cometh often a gracious yield.

—*Carlotta Perry.*

Hope is like a slender hare-bell,
All a-tremble from its birth;
Love is like a fragrant rose,
Cheering, blessing all the earth;
Faith is like a lily white,
High uplifted into light.

—*Christina Rosseti.* (Adapted).

Hurried results are worse than none. We must force nothing but be partakers of the divine patience. If there is one thing evident in the world's history, it is that God hasteth not. All haste implies weakness. Time is as cheap as space and matter.—*George MacDonald.*

Let us be content to work
To do the thing we can, and not presume
To fret because it's little.

—*Elizabeth Barrett Browning.*

Square thyself for use. A stone that may
Fit in the wall is not left by the way.

—*Persian Proverb.*

He that is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

Pussy Willow

In her dress of silver gray,
Comes the Pussy Willow gay,
Like a little Eskimo,
Clad in fur from tip to toe.

Only Mother Willow knows
How to make such suits as those,
How to fashion them with skill,
How to guard against a chill.

Did she live once long ago,
In the land of ice and snow?
Was it first by polar seas
That she made such coats as these?

Who can tell? We only know
Where our Pussy Willows grow
Fuzzy little friends that bring
Promise of the coming spring.
—*Elizabeth Foulke, in Ginn's Music Course.*

Tree Quotations From the Bible

I will plant in the wilderness the cedar tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine and the box tree together.

They shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest; he planteth an ash and the rain doth nourish it.

All the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name!

Waste of Time.

To save time there is need of the utmost order. I visited a school, not long since, where fully half of the time was wasted, so it seemed to me. (1) The classes had begun when a pupil entered late. The teacher entered into a conversation as to why, and it took fully five minutes, meanwhile a class of eighteen were standing waiting—ninety minutes were thus lost, besides the rest of the school stopped studying to hear the upshot. (2) The class in arithmetic was called and the teacher asked one to clean off the board; the eraser was so full of dust that he was directed to go out and clean it; this took five minutes, at least. (3) The whole school was stopped for writing; then the teacher distributed the books. Some of these had been misplaced and fully five of the twenty-five minutes were used up in getting going; as there were thirty-eight in the school there were 190 minutes wasted. Now this was called a good teacher; he had taught seven years; he was not conscious of the waste of time; he made a business of doing it; he did it day by day. Of course, there could not but results be accomplished, only a part of what might have been done.—*Exchange.*

[It is hoped teachers who read the REVIEW do better than that; but there may be cases where the school time is wasted, in some instances like the above, or in other ways. Have a little quiet examination of ways and means—EDITOR].

Andrew Lang includes "month" in his list of 60 English words that have no rhyme. He apparently never has heard the old verse of the mathematical student:

The N th term and the $[N+1]$ th
Have troubled my mind for many a month.

—*New York Tribune.*