

His Valentines.

BY MADLINE S. BRIDGES.

To Maid I'll send a Valentine
All tressed, bows and all bedecked
She's such a young sweetheart of mine
That e'en like these will be in place.
She'll dance for joy, because, you see
My sweetheart Maid is only three.

To my old swan the art, fraud and deary
I'll send a parcel, trim and neat
Content of it not mention I care
So nothing to wear, or drink, or eat
No matter, she'll consider it
The valentine for her most fit.

For quiet May I'll buy and send
A pretty lock to keep her hair
She'll say goodnight to her friends
To say I'll send you some divine
To the flowers, and then, oh well,
To her whose name I will not tell.

Whose tender eyes before me shine,
Whose sweet face haunts me, angel fair,
I dare not write a valentine,
I breathe, instead, a trembling prayer
So dear she is, so far apart,
And so dear, silently, my heart.

St. Valentine's Day.

The fourteenth day of February, as most of our readers are aware, is called St. Valentine's day; and it is customary on that day for unmarried people of both sexes to write love letters to each other, in sport; there are a great many of these letters interchanged at or about this period. Would you like to know the origin of this custom, children? I will try to tell you.

Valentine was a priest of Rome, a very excellent man, according to history, and became a martyr for his religion, on the fourteenth day of February, as some say, though others doubt whether his death occurred on that day. Many people suppose that there is some connection between this saint and the notions and practices peculiar to Valentine's day. But this is a mistake. The origin of the peculiar amusement of this day lies much further back in history. Many years before the Christian era, the feast in honor of the gods, Pan and Juno, was celebrated at this season of the year. Among the ceremonies of that feast was a game, in which young people of opposite sexes chose each other, by lot. The present mode of observing Valentine's day originated in this manner: After the Pagan superstitions were modified by Christianity, the name of the day was changed, and instead of people celebrating the feast of Lupercana, as it was called before, they observed the day in a very different manner, and gave to it the name of the martyr, St. Valentine.

The sports peculiar to Valentine's day now, are very different from those in which young people used to engage at this season of the year, a few hundred years ago. Then a kind of lottery formed a part of the amusements, it would seem. "An equal number of maids and bachelors," says an old writer, "get together; each writes his or her true or some feigned name upon separate billets, which they roll up and draw by way of lots—the men taking the maid's billets, and they the men's. So that each of the young men lights upon a girl whom he calls his valentine, and each of the girls upon a young man whom she calls hers. By this means, each has two valentines; but the man sticks closer to the valentine that falls to him than to the valentine to whom he is fallen. After that, the valentines give parties to the respective partners who have fallen to them by this lottery; and this little sport often ends in love."

Of reminiscent military songs the annals of music are full. "The Girl I Left Behind Me," according to tradition, became the parting tune of the British army and navy about the middle of the last century. In one of the regiments then quartered in the south of England there was an Irish bandmaster, who had the uncommon peculiarity of being able to fall in love in ten minutes with any attractive girl he might chance to meet. It never hurt him much, however, for he fell out again as readily as he fell in, and so acquired a new sweetheart in every town the regiment passed through. Whenever the troops were leaving the place where he had a sweetheart he ordered the band to play "The Girl I Left Behind Me," which, even then, was an old Irish melody. The story of his accommodating heart soon spread through the army, and other bandmasters, at the request of officers and soldiers, began to use the melody as a parting tune, and by the end of the century it was accounted disrespectful to the ladies for a regiment to march away without playing "The Girl I Left Behind Me."



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How Gibraltar Is Guarded.

Were Gibraltar in a continuous state of siege it could not be more carefully guarded, according to the account of Mr. Chatfield Taylor in *The Land of the Castanet*. The vigorous rules of a foreign post are never relaxed; and that it is a foreign post, held by force in a foreign country, is never forgotten.

At retreat the gates are closed; at reveille they are opened. None but Englishmen are allowed to enter without a pass, and none but residents permitted to spend the night. The Spanish laborers from San Roque who come for the day are forced to leave at nightfall. A bell of warning clangs like an alarm of fire before retreat is sounded, and then the streets are thronged with grimy workmen from Spain—men, women, even children, hurrying to get beyond the gates before the closing of the town.

At sunset the warden, bearing the keys, marches through the streets to the stirring strains of the fife and drum or the braying notes of Highland pipes, and locks the gates for the night. Again at the hour of taps, martial music echoes through the town as the pipes of the Black Watch or the drummers of some regiment of the line swing through the narrow streets, their red coats glinting in the lights which glare from shop or tavern, their feet falling in measured time upon the glistening cobbles of the pavement.

The batteries of ponderous modern guns, and El Hacho, the signal tower, are now closed to visitors, so one no longer gazes, as on a former visit, across the straits to the misty hills of Morocco, where the Moorish cities of Tangiers and Ceuta nestle by the sea.

You used to scramble on donkeys over the crest of the rock, and visit St. Michael's cave below; cockney gunners used to point the great guns at Africa, and detail their carrying power and caliber, but the authorities have grown suspicious, and now but half the "Gib" is shown to the foreign visitor, while even the whereabouts of the newest batteries are kept a secret.

The Best Work Pays.

A well-known judge wanted a fence mended, and hired a young carpenter to do the job, saying: "I want this fence mended. I will only pay a dollar and a-half, so use those unplanned boards, and do not take the time to make a neat job."

Later the judge found that the carpenter had carefully planned and numbered each board, and, supposing that he was trying to make a costly job, interrupted him with the angry remark:—

"Why didn't you nail those boards on as they were. I don't care how the fence looks."

"I do," returned the carpenter, and went on measuring. When the work was done no other part of the fence was as thoroughly finished.

"What do you expect to charge?" asked the judge, sarcastically.

"A dollar and a-half," The judge started.

"Why did you spend all that labor on the fence, if not for the money. No one would have seen the poor work."

"For the job, sir. I should have known that the poor work was there."

He refused anything more than the dollar and a-half, and went away. Ten years afterwards the judge had a contract to give for the erection of several magnificent buildings. Among the many applicants the face of one caught his eye. Said the judge, later:—

"It was my man of the fence. I know he would have only good genuine work done. I gave him the contract, and it made a rich man of him." *Exchange.*

Take care of your health while you have it, not after it is gone.

The Modern Valentine

To day Saint Valentine is not as popular at court as he was in the days when Mr. Pepys wrote down his famous diary; yet lovers of customs old and quaint find there are a few in this smart, hurrying age do still send to dearest friends on this fourteenth day of the second month a bunch of flowers, a box of sweets or a bit of bric-a-brac; these in lieu of the one time favored present of jewels, silken hose, superseded finally by a lace-paper creation mightily bedight with gilt and silver, likewise with many blazonings of red hearts, under which were imperfectly concealed some Latin but honeyed verses.

The modern girl makes her valentines at home. She paints lover's-knots, floating blue ribbons all a-tangle, and red hearts on sheets of parchment note-paper, on which she writes a verse from one of the old-time makers of love-songs. Or perhaps she is clever enough to compose an original verse, in which case she indites a message of her own, without the aid of the poets. But of course she never signs her name, for valentines must go anonymously.

I am glad the modern girl sends her prettiest, cleverest-fashioned valentine to a very appreciative young man; the rest of her valentines are mailed to her mother, her next door neighbor or her dearest girl friends. A search among the poets will bring to light many appropriate quotations for home-made valentines. The following are suggested:

There is dew for the flower
And honey for the bee,
And bowers for the wild bird,
And love for you and me.—*Ilust.*

If they send me back my heart,
Since I cannot have thine,
For if from yours you will not part,
Why, then, shouldst thou have mine?

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt w' the sun,
I will love thee still, my dear,
While the sand o' life shall run.

To see her is to love her,
And love but her forever,
For Nature made her what she is,
And ne'er made sic another.—*Huras.*

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R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.

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SCHOOL HOURS: From 7 a. m. to 12 noon, from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. DRAWING, 4 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursday week.

CHILD FANCY WORK CLASS on Monday noon of each week from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. EVENING STUDY from 7 to 8:30 p. m. for pupils and from 7 to 8 for juniors.

Articulation Classes:

From 7 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.

Religious Exercises:

EVERY SUNDAY. Primary pupils at 10 a. m., general at 11 a. m., General at 2:30 p. m., immediately after which the Class will assemble.

EACH SCHOOL DAY the pupils are in the Chapel at 8:15 a. m., and the teacher in charge for the week, will open the service and afterwards dismiss them, so that they may reach their respective schools later than 9 o'clock. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the pupils will again assemble after prayer will be dismissed in an orderly manner.

REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN: Rev. J. H. Barke, (light Rev. Monsignor) Barke, Rev. J. J. Thompson, M. A., (light Rev. Chas. E. McIntyre, Methodist), Rev. H. G. Gossert, (Baptist); Rev. M. W. M. Preshyterian; Rev. Father Connors, C. W. Watch, Rev. J. J. Rice, Rev. N. H. H.

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Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOP AND CRAFTS: Hours from 7:30 to 8:30 a. m., and from 5:30 p. m. for pupils who attend school, and those who do not from 7:30 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. each work day except Saturday, when the office and shop will be closed at noon.

THE SEWING CLASS HOURS are from 8 a. m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. for those who do not attend school, and from 3:30 to 5 p. m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

The Printing Office, Shop and Sewing Room to be left each day when work is done in a clean and tidy condition.

PUPILS are not to be excused from various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Visitors:

Persons who are interested, desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel exercises at 2:30 p. m. on ordinary school days as soon after 12 in the afternoon as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3:00 o'clock.

Admission of Children:

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the Institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong the stay, taking with their children. It only causes discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without parents will be quite happy with the others in a few days, in some cases in a few hours.

Visitation:

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcome to the class rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging or entertain guests at the Institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Quinle Hotel, Hoffman House, Queen's, American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

Clothing and Management:

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. Correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence:

In case of the seriousness of pupils, letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY BE QUITE SURE THEY ARE WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating, as far as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have to be used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

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R. MATHISON,
Superintendent.