

THE MOTHER OF TOMORROW.

Here is the mother of men to be In the unborn days that fly Swift on the wings of destiny; Eagerly drawing nigh. Fearfully swinging her western way This daughter of pioneers, Dreaming her dream at the end of day, In the romance of love and tears.

She is the mother of cities to come There on the western sea; She plants her prayer in the setting sun For empires yet to be! Dreams she a dream of sons full brave, And of daughters that will bring Their lives back unto the God who gave; And deem it a little thing.

Untrod ways does she face alone; This mother of men to be; She beareth her burden without a groan, A far off thing does she see: The freedom of all her kind she dreams In a land unbound, and new; She lifts her eyes and a great light seems To break in the endless blue!

—By William L. Stidger.

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The Country Girl's New Found Joy in Living.

"Yes the country is a fine place when the work is done" said a country girl when a city friend exclaimed about the joys of the country. The point that the girl made is that the work is almost never done, and when it is done there is nothing interesting to take its place.

These men and women the majority of them born in the country realize that the great problem in rural life today is to make the country, even remote sections of it, a more useful, happier place in which to live, that it is the longing for interesting activities and wholesome recreation that drives our young men and women to cities.

Several years ago a country teacher in Page county, Iowa, stirred the whole community by new methods which she introduced in her school by adapting the subjects taught to country conditions, and by taking an active interest in the farmers' problems of that section.

That country teacher was Miss Jessie Field of Clarinda, Page county, Iowa, a bred-in-the-bone country girl, who because of her love for rural life, went from college into a country school instead of accepting a position offered her in a city school.

With a joyous heart she went back to introduce her ideals for country life into the schools of the whole county. So effectively did she do it that her work became known through the whole country and attracted the attention of the educational department of the United States government, during the Roosevelt administration.

That was where the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association found Miss Jessie Field, but it was three years before she would consent to leave her beloved boys and girls of Page county and under the direction of the small town and country work for the national organization of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Miss Field has been in her present work three years and during that time the work has grown from the merest beginning to an organization of 15 county Associations made up of 56 branches in 14 States, with a membership of 4420.

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girl more attractive than her country cousin, but prefers the girl he knows will understand him and his problems and will be the inspiration to him in his every day life.

THE COUNTRY GIRL'S RECREATION. Up to date gymnasiums no longer belong to city Associations alone but belong to any country sections. Then there are those delightful hikes, picnics, tennis tournaments, games, skating, snow shoeing, and coasting, parties, volleyball and basket ball.

COMMUNITY SERVICE. All kinds of community service are rendered by these girls, from the opening of their Y. W. C. A. rooms as a substitution of the public library to holding a better babies contest at the county fair, opening rest rooms at the county fair or in the county seat for the use of farmers' wives and daughters during the long tiresome day while they shop and wait for their husbands to do the usual routine business.

These girls have promoted the singing of Christmas carols, better music in the churches, and community Christmas trees. They have collected and dispensed clothing for poor families, have bought toys, candy, etc., for Christmas presents for poor children.

During the summer the camp fire girls of Lake county, which is a branch of the Association, made pajamas, skirts and aprons, for the women and children from a congested quarter of Chicago, who were attending the summer camp there.

HELEN GOULD BIBLES. Mrs. Finley J. Shepard has for several years authorized the Young Women's Christian Association to offer in her name a beautiful Bible as a gift in recognition of memorizing the 516 Bible verses specified as a part of their Bible study.

One interesting phase of county work is the Eight Week Club whose leaders are college girls who come home and gather about them their girl friends and all girls of the community who have not had the opportunity of going to college and share with them some of the good things they have had the privilege of enjoying.

THE MEETING PLACE. The county Young Women's Christian Association members do not always have an entire building for their use as do the city Associations but a meeting place is chosen which is convenient to the greatest numbers concerned.

ROMANCE IN COUNTRY LIFE. When one thinks of a country organization, cooking and sewing are the features most likely to come to mind, but in reality the classes in the country Association today resemble very much those in the educational department of their city sisters Association.

Illinois Woman Wins as Mayor. The first woman mayor in Illinois is Mrs. A. B. Canfield, seventy-four years old. She is chief executive of Warren, whose population is about 1,600.

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Have your Job Work done here.

Mrs. Russell's Talk On Women and War.

A very successful lecture was given at the Court House on Tuesday evening, the 29th. The hall was crowded to hear the Honorable Mrs. Bertrand Russell, of London, England, who told of English women's work for the war.

In her opening remarks Mrs. Russell recalled a former visit to Bellefonte while she was a student at Bryn Mawr College, and said it made her feel young again to be serenaded by the Academy boys.

Mrs. Russell told about the splendid work done for soldiers by the English women in England and abroad, with special mention of the hospital the Abbays of Royaumont, west of Paris, which was entirely managed by women—the doctors, nurses, orderlies, chauffeurs and cooks all being women.

After briefly touching on the many new industrial openings for women in munitions works, the engineering trades, in motor driving, farm work, etc., Mrs. Russell gave a vivid description of the arrival of thousands and thousands of Belgian refugees in England and their hospitable treatment by the English people.

Then followed a humorous account of some of the difficulties of private hospitality to the people who cling together in large families, and ask for entertainment in groups of ten to twenty people.

Mrs. Russell concluded her address with a vivid account of the terrible sufferings of Polish refugees in Russia, and of the new Units for their relief being organized by the constitutional suffragists of England, under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Fawcett.

It is hard, she said, for us to realize the hideous misery that has overtaken whole populations of the peasant fold of Poland and Galicia, forced to flee from the battle zone between the opposing armies on the long line of the German-Austrian and Russian front.

The National Union of Suffrage Societies felt that it must do what it could to meet a need so desperate, and it sent, therefore, through the Joint War Committee of the Red Cross and Order of St. John, a Maternity Unit for Petrograd, consisting of two doctors, matron, nurses, and sanitary officer, to be in charge of an administrator, with secretary and almoner.

All the reports we receive from our administrator emphasize the need of trained workers, and small bodies of experienced women sent now will save an incalculable amount of suffering, and do a service out of all proportion to their actual numbers.

English women are contributing all they can, and they are now appealing to their American sisters to help in this work for suffering women and children, and to American men to give a thank offering that their country has been preferred from the supreme misery of invasion.

Dr. Robert Beach, the Chairman, closed the meeting with an eloquent appeal to the audience to help in this work of humanity, and the Academy orchestra gave spirited musical selections while a collection was taken.

Chug! Chug! Automobile racing men expect a speed of two miles a minute to be attained in the near future.

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KNOW NOTHING OF RESULTS

Men in the Submarines Simply Obey Orders That Are Given by the Commander.

If the Berliner Tageblatt Herr Arnold Hoelriegel tells of a trip to the Austrian submarine which torpedoed the Italian submarine Medusa.

"I was in the interior of this famous U-boat," he writes. "The big blond lieutenant showed me every part of the delicate machinery and explained how the torpedo is loaded and fired. I was amazed at the amount of metal and glass and wire and pipe in that comparatively small space in which there is scarcely room to move about."

"The lieutenant told me the story of an accident to the machinery, as a result of which they never expected to come to the surface again. They were 20 hours under water, and during that time the engineer and mechanic worked without a moment's respite to repair the break."

"All hope had been abandoned and the crew were breathing heavily in the vitiated atmosphere, when suddenly the submarine began to rise slowly, and when it reached the surface all hands went on deck to breathe the fresh air."

Warring European Nations Compelled to Arbitrarily Regulate the Cost of Foodstuffs.

Practically all the governments in Europe have, since the war, put in force regulations concerning the prices of foodstuffs.

Some governments, while allowing the local authorities to fix prices on most things, issued decrees applicable to their whole territory concerning a few highly important articles.

Neutrality in Saloniki. A correspondent of the London Daily Sketch gives a description of Saloniki, which he pictures as a town of odd contrasts in these days in which Greek neutrality is on the edge of the boiling pot.

A Soldier's Decalogue. Here are the "Soldier's Ten Commandments:" Thou shalt not use profane language except . . . on seeing thy comrade shot or getting petrol in thy tea.

Book of Books. American-made Bibles are reported as now the "best sellers" among all books. It is estimated that the year now closing will show an increase of 50 per cent in the sale of our Bibles over the best previous year's record.

Socks Went Astray. "A young woman in Vancouver put a note in a pair of socks she had knit asking the soldier who got them to write her. She received a letter from a man in a northern logging camp stating that he had bought the socks for 65 cents," says the Rocanville (Sask.) Record.

How Sympathies Are Divided. There are now in the United States 4,063,028 persons native to Germany, Austria and Turkey, and 6,885,724 native to the nations fighting in the opposing alliance.

SHOT MEANT LIFE OR DEATH

Salvation of Arctic Exploring Party Depended on Accurate Aim of One Man.

After they had existed on the barren ice-bound Wrangel island for six months, the dozen survivors of the ill-fated Karluk of Vilhjalmur Stefansson's arctic expedition, were rescued.

"On one occasion," said Munro, "after our food supply had become exhausted and we were wondering where the next meal was coming from, I saw a seal out on the ice. I crept to within a hundred yards of him before I had to stop to steady my nerves. My heart beat so loudly that I thought the seal must surely hear it."

"While I was resting the thought came to me, 'If you miss him, you will starve'—for seals were very scarce, and we had seen no other game in seven days."

"I crept to an advantageous position, set the hair trigger of my rifle, and took deliberate aim. I think I held the gun sights on the head of that seal for at least two minutes, but my hand was too unsteady to make my aim certain. I lay down on the ice to regain my composure, but the thought that if I waited too long the seal might disappear would not allow me to rest."

ROPED HIMSELF TO BRIDGE And Then the Youngster Let the Tide Come In in True Melodrama Style.

The colossal lie told by seventeen-year-old John Streep proved a little too much for him, and he was confined to his bed with a doctor trying to give him something for his nerves.

China's Cheap Nobility. After the re-establishment of the monarchy, Chinese emperors will receive \$12,000 gold, as an annual allowance granted because of their rank.

"Girls" at Age of Thirty-Five. Cheer up, spinsters. You are still young even if you're thirty-five and melancholy.

Robert Hunter transacted business in town last Wednesday.

The chicken thieves raided B. F. Hoy's hen house and took a number of the fowls. It is up to the officers to run them down.

Miss Mary Payne, one of the hustling young ladies from this town, went to Clearfield, Wednesday, where she is learning millinery.

The jurors who were called to the county seat for the second week of court were all discharged Monday, excepting twelve, who were held to hear the last case on the list.

County Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished Up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

TYLERSVILLE. Joseph Bressler's daughter Alva is numbered among the grip victims.

February, 1916, will be remembered as the month of stormy Sundays, as there has been a wind or snow storm each Sunday.

At the Womelsdorf sale, the first of the season, corn brought 88 cents per bushel in the ear. All feed except hay is scarce in the valley.

The fox which Samuel Snyder and Newton Wallizer wounded on Monday by shooting off one of its legs was finally run down on Tuesday by dogs, and dispatched.

Potatoes are very scarce in this end of the valley. Some villagers have already used up their year's supply and many farmers will not have enough of the vegetable for table use and planting.

Any one who figures out that the fishing season opens fifty days hence should know that he is a true follower of angling for the sport of it. If he is also practical he will get his tackle and "bait" ready in good season.

We are pleased to observe in the Pleasant Gap correspondence both philosophy and information, and while editors generally consider these matters should be confined to their editorial or resume pages there is no reason why correspondence, both private and public, should not be set to a higher strain, less and less personal gossip and more and more matter of a helpful and constructive character.

After Peace, Prohibition and Equal Suffrage have been attained, and we have at last taken departure from the lower caves of brutedom, will come the Titanic struggle for clear thinking.

ITITANY ITEMS. C. N. Decker has been quite sick for several days.

Walter Holter, of Howard, spent Sunday at W. H. Beck's.

Mrs. G. B. Harshberger entertained a number of her friends at a quilting party last Wednesday.

Mrs. W. E. Brandt, of Crafton, is visiting her father, John H. Beck, who has been ill for some time.