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A BIG SURPRISE

Was Given Miss Gildy on Her 80th Birthday by Her Numerous Friends at Mrs. Shanafelt's

As April 1, 1910, was Miss Gildy's birthday, and as she was 80 years young, as she calls it, her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shanafelt and ladies of the Baptist church, thought they would give this worthy lady the surprise of her life.

Mrs. Gertrude Brown was elected manager. Consequently on the first of April, 34 ladies with goodies under their arms assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shanafelt at 3 p. m. Miss Gildy and her sister, Mrs. Thomas Shanafelt, and Mrs. Knapp were invited to tea, and were to come at 3:30, which they did, and as Miss Gildy entered the door, she was greeted with "surprise" and "April fool" from many voices.

The first to greet her was Mrs. McHenry, a public school and Sunday school scholar of Miss Gildy's in days of yore, in her old home town. This was indeed a great surprise, and caused a little scream of delight. Then Mrs. Fuller, who a few moments before was at her home, but who had slipped crosslots, and had arrived just before, caused another little outburst of surprise. It was really a trying ordeal for one of Miss Gildys age, but she bore up bravely as she espied first one familiar face and then another. She finally sat down quiet overcome.

After resting awhile she was made the recipients of many presents. A lovely jabot from 15 of the ladies and another very dainty affair from Mrs. Charles Todd; a bouquet of carnations from Huron, South Dakota; a gold jabot pin from her former pupil; and from her nephew, Wm. Shanafelt, a large box of beautiful cut flowers, consisting of roses, carnations, sweet peas and ferns; and many other presents of which we have not space to mention, among which was a large bunch of wild flowers.

Miss Eva Gildy being somewhat of a poet, had composed a little rhyme for her own immediate family and Mrs. Knapp, the only ones she expected to see. She kindly rendered it for us as well as two other poems which she gave wonderfully clear and distinct.

After coffee and other refreshments were served, all adjourned wishing the dear, delightful, little lady many returns of the happy occasion. But there still was another surprise in store for her. A large hand painted bag from Huron, South Dakota, filled with packages was at the express office. A letter accompanying it, said, "We call it April showers for your birth month, will just sprinkle for every day. Just a sprinkle of joy and gladness, that you have lived so many years to spread your light so many ways in your home life, in your Sunday school and all along the way. We people in Huron came to know you, and may many yet be blessed for having known you. As each day comes, we ask you to draw the package dated for that day and when the bag is empty, use it as you please."

After much persuasion by the ladies, she allowed us to have her silly poem, as she called it, published, which we think is wonderful for one of her age.

You'd scarce expect one of my age
To speak in public on the stage
Nor I, only as some have named me, Gildy,
It really makes me quite unstiddy.

Now listen to what I have to say
My name is Eva G-i-l, Gil, d-a-y, Gilday.
Irish? Yes, we claim the flag of green
With Dutch and French, thrown in between.

Our grandmother Gilday was Mary DeFrance;
A charming woman with a lovely romance
Updegraff was our mothers name
Her ancestors from Holland came.

They settled the famous German town
Were its first burgesses, men of renown
They had plenty of silver, gold and bills
But very little got into our tills.

You have our ancestry from start to finish,
Please don't let your respect for us diminish.
Today, dear friends, I am 80 years young;
To this life I have tenaciously clung.

Gateful that I have lived thus long,
I raise to makes Thanksgiving song.
I've found a true chum in dear Mrs. Knapp
Who has lovingly, tenderly, filled a wide gap.

She is worth her weight in pure solid gold,
And July 28, she'll be 80 years old,
Oh no, not old but 80 years young.
The word was just on the end of my tongue.

Together our barks were launched on times rapid time
And when we cross to the other side
We'll renew our friendship o'er and o'er
And clasp glad hands on the glorified shore.

To our good nephew and his lovely au"
We make our very profoundest bow
For giving us such a delightful treat
At this, their beautiful Country Seat.

And our dear Mr. and Mrs. White
Have been to us a constant delight,
Cheering us, as day by day,
We journey along the King's highway

My baby sister came when summer was nigh
As a beautiful rainbow arches the sky
In an old rhyme I found I had penned this truth.
In regard to herself and the friend of her youth.

If Phebe had searched from Beersheba to Dan,
She couldn't have found a more excellent man.
And if Thomas had searched from Dan to Beersheba
He couldn't have found a more excellent Phebe.

In the next issue we will give the biography of this excellent lady.

One Conductor Who Was Cured.

Wilford Adams is his name, and he writes about it: "Some time ago I was confined to my bed with chronic rheumatism. I used two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy with good effect, and the third bottle put me on my feet and I resumed work as conductor on the Lexington, Kentucky, street railway. It gave me more relief than any medicine I had ever used, and it will do all you claim in cases of rheumatism, by eliminating the uric acid from the blood. Sold by all druggists.

BIRMINGHAM U. P. CHURCH NOTES.

Theme for Sabbath, Apr. 17, at Birmingham church at 10 a. m., "A Great Problem." Rom. 8:18. Troy church at 1:30 p. m.

Young People's Prayer meeting at 6 p. m. "Good Cheer in Dark Days." Acts 27:20-36.

Services at Troy at 7 p. m. Theme to be announced at church. Everybody is invited.

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTSE

Sermon themes, Sunday morning, "Our Church Home;" evening, "Selling too Cheap."

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6 p. m. Topic, "Good Cheer in Dark Days" Leader, Zila Burnett.

Arrangements are being made for the wiring of the church so that electricity can be used.

The Home department class of the Sunday school is growing and bids fair to become an interesting and successful part of the Sunday school work.

MRS. FRANK ROSE.

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The Detroit Free Press of a recent date says:-

Death of Margaret La Pierre, wife of Frank Rose, in New York Monday, broke up the home of a pair of popular Detroit singers. Diphtheria was the cause of death, and dispatches received here state that the life of the husband is in danger from the same disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose were both in the midst of a brilliant stage career, although scarcely out of their youth, the husband being 28 years old, and the wife a trifle younger. Both were pupils of Elvin Singer, of Detroit.

Miss La Pierre was in the original "Merry Widow" cast and later in the "Prince of Pilsen" company.

Mr. Rose, who is the son of Mrs. Julius Rose of Royal Oak, started on the road in B. C. Whitney's "Show Girl" company when he was 18 years old, and within a few weeks was intrusted with the best solo part in the play. Later he was in a leading part in Johnny Ray's "King Casey" company and in "The Prince of Pilsen." At one time he was a member of the choir of St. James' Episcopal church. In the last few months he has been singing in vaudeville in New York.

Mr. Rose's mother received word yesterday that he was in a serious condition, but might reeover.

OUR CLUB NOTES

From the Woman's Literary Club Which Meets Tuesday Afternoon of Every Week

The club met at the home of Mrs. Hulbert. Roll call was responded to by current events.

Reports were given by the committees on education, legislative and industrial, art and literature, forestry and town improvement.

The first paper of the afternoon was given by Mrs. Brown. Subject, Edward Everett.

This was followed by a paper on Thomat Jefferson, given by Mrs. Salyer Both papers were of great interest.

After a short intermission, Miss Baldwin gave a review of Myrtle Reed's book, A Spinner in the Sun. It is by no means a great book but it is a pleasing story. The character of the piper is near perfect and the tragic death of the dog Laddie, at the hands of the heartless doctor, and the piper's grief for the suffering animal makes one think it is something to be loved by a dog. It is not often that women find so much of kindness for themselves in a modern book.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Hulbert in one week.

CLAWSON WHERE

Life is One Sweet Dream, and the Mystery and Magic Influence of the Mirror is Proven.

For sale! Ten pieces of looking glass size 11x14, take 'em at your price; I have no further use for them. Let me explain why I want to sell. My chickens all layed such infernal small eggs, I was actually ashamed to offer them for sale. After profound meditation, I came to the conclusion that chickens (mine at any rate) are cross-eyed, and don't see the fruit they lay. Happy Thought! Put a looking-glass in each nest; they will then see the weeny eggs and become so conscious of wrong-doing, that they will lay oftener and larger eggs. They did become ashamed of themselves! That's why you can get such a bargain in glass with a reflecting attachment. They were so ding-dong-blasted ashamed that they stopped laying altogether.

I thought that Veritas, or some other, "Uno" would have the gall to annihilate my mother-in-law's poor little gall-stones, then turn on myself, and try to excoriate me, but just as Mr. Veritas had the dagger drawn for the foul deed, the sweetest-smelling, cutest, dearest little 2-faced skunk came to my rescue. When I get my new Aeroplane, I am going to have a a coat of arms emblazoned on it, thusly; "Skunkibus Mihi Protectibus," in gold letters across the body of the cute little critter, making a swell show.

Say, Mr. Veritas, you must be one of those "continued in our next" fellows." Just when we think you are going to say something, you say, "no not this week, but just watch my smoke next week." You are no respecter of names. I suppose if my name was Adam, you would call me mad-A. You say I am a prevaricator; right you are! I shall never forget the lambasting I got when 7 days old, for telling mother I had the GOUT, when it was only just plain colic. Since that day, I am a George Washington. I cannot tell a lie! You called me "non compos mentis." I asked a professor of Roadonomy to translate for me. He said it meant; "a thing of unsound bottom," non, not; compos, sound; mentis, bottom. You certainly don't mean me, you must have ridden over that road so much, you know (not in English, but in Latin,) that it had and has an UNSOUND BOTTOM. Now my dear Veritas, we all know that anything with an unsound top or bottom is very undersirable. Would you sit in a bottomless chair, and call it comfortable? Would you wear a pair of bottomless pants, held up by suspenders? Let us hope not! My sweet, dear friend, let us get together and fix up the bottom and top of that road, so that the comet and its attendant cyanogen gas due here May 18th. next, will not get stuck in the mud and kill us all.

LUM T. TUM.

Saved From the Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tennessee, "Often the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable, and I could not do any work, but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. It's the best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it. 50c and $1. Trial bottles free. Guaranteed by J. W. Cobb and C. J. Shain.

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Everybody taking interest! We are much gratified at the interest being manifested in our Popular Girl Contest, and especially are we proud to see so many worthy girls and young ladies being nominated by their friends, but no matter how many, we have prizes for all. All the contestants are now securing subscribers for the ECCENTRIC and one and all say they like the work much better than they expected. One bright little Miss secured six new subscribers and nine renewals in one afternoon. Let the good work go on.

This contest is getting to be the talk of the town. If you are not already taking this Great moral engine, select and nominate your favorite girl, give her a dollar for the ECCENTRIC, and start her right.

The comet was visible Tuesday morning; did you see it?

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