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New England Observations

By G. R. A.

Wellesley, Mass., June 14. While our wife is attend-ing a class reunion at the home of one of her classmates who married a millionaire, we thought we would take our eyes off the wallpaper in our-hotel room and indite a few paragraphs, describing some of the things we have seen since we drove away from Birmingham last Tuesday afsince we drove away from birmingiam has fuestay at-ternoon. We intend that what follows will take in what-ever strikes our fancy and believe us, folks, we've seen so many bloomin' things up to date that we have a mental picture of a can of beans done in marble on a tombstone which rests in Mt. Auburn cemetery just outside of Har-yard University on the Mohawk Trail where it crosses the corner of Lake Erie and West Maple Avenue. And that covers a lot of territory bistorically and geographically covers a lot of territory, historically and geographically A :

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Birmingham last Tuesday, taking the foat to Buffalo.

We drove from Buffalo to Wellesley in three days, via
Syracuse, Schenectady, Troy, Notth Adams, Deerfield and
Conceyd. Although our pocketbook is getting flatter, we
must admit that nary a bit of tire trouble did we have the
whole way. The roads were splendid and the scenery
marvelous. marvelous.

The people in the east are extremely courteous—all but the hotel clerks, who look you over carefully when you check out and then mistake you for a relative of Henry Ford's because you hail from Michigan.

Speaking of Henry Ford, you'll be interested to know that we stopped last night at The Wayside Inn, a 240-year-old hostelry south of Concord, which the flivver magnate old hostelry south of Concord, which the fliver magnate took over a few weeks ago. Really, it is a splendid old New England relic. The furnishings are all antique and one would almost expect, when wandering through the spacious rooms, to meet Priscilla and John Alden seated on an old settee... This inn was made famous partly because it was here that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow received his idea for "Tales of a Wayside Inn." Henry (the) Ford, being fond of Longfellow's poems, has bought the place, together with about 1500 acres of land adjoining it. We asked one of the clerks at the Inn if Ford bought the Inn because he wanted to perpetuate the name of Longfellow. She smillingly replied, "Well, I don't know, but I think the place was a good buy for anyone anyway." We silently agreed when we paid the clerk five dollars for our supper. Most of food was good, but I told my wife that the piece of steak they served me probably was obtained when Longfellow stopped at the Inn. We hope Mr. Ford will see that his chef buys only late 20th century beef in the future. Antique furniture is O. K. but century beef in the future. Antique furniture is O. K. but steak should be modern.

This afternoon we visited Longfellow's home on Brattle street in Cambridge. If a wealth of material possessions can inspire poetry, then it is no wonder that Longfellow made himself immortal. We happened to be the only visitors at the time (visitors allowed only on Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m.) and a maid showed us through. We saw Longfellow's private study, where he did most of his writing. It is kept in the same shape that it was when the poet died in 1882. A daughter, Alice, occupies the residence. It was in this house that Longfellow lived for 45 years; where he entertained such notables as Lowell, Emerson, Holmes, Twain, Aggaziz, Hawthorne and Louisa M. Alcott. It was in this house, 180 years ago, that George Emerson, Holmes, Twain, Aggaziz, Hawthorne and Louisa M. Alcott. It was in this house, 160 years ago, that George Washington lived for nine months, and the old winding stairs, the tall grandfather clock, and other furnishings remain that are mentioned in Longfellow's various poems. We later paid a visit to Longfellow's grave in Mt. Auburn cemetery—and were greatly surprised to find a tombstone within 15 feet of Longfellow's that bore the name of Daniel Averill, one of our ancestors.

To get a real historical background for one's idea of the struggle that marked the early period of this country, one should make a personal visit to these old New England states. Massachusetts especially. Part of every child's education ought to include a visit to the countless historical spots in this vicinity. The patrictic tradition of America was born in the struggles of the colonists for freedom from a despot's oppression. Boston means something else than "beans."

Simplicity marks greatness. Jesus Christ was a man of simple desires. He gave the world a lesson in spiritual understanding. We were immensely interested in viewing some of the possessions of Henry D. Thoreau, that simple man who left the world an heritage of philosophy which he obtained from a plain communion with Nature. We saw the crude cot upon which he slept during two years spent at old Walden Pond. Thoreau, a poor man in material possessions, did a good deal of surveying for nearby farmers. We saw the old surveyor's chain which he used to measure off the distances; and a simple cane made from the branch of a small cherry tree, was marked off in inches, and was used by Thoreau in his work. A piece of furniture, painted green, with a sloping top, was the crude deak used by this great mind in recording thoughts that came to him.

If any of you ever get within a hundred miles of Cambridge, don't fail to visit the Peabody Museum at Harvard University. This old building contains about everything that was ever made by man, dating back as far as Noah's Ark, we guess. You will be greatly interested in the only collection of glass flowers in the world, donated to Harvard by the Ware family. These flowers are the work of two Germans, near Dresden, who have spent 37

years in reproducing for botanical research study the flower life of America. Many cases are filled with these fragile reproductions, and one stands amazed at the exactregime regiminarity which these bits of glass bear to their originals. Every detail of a lily, for instance, may be found in the display in one of the cases. Reproductions (greatly enlarged) of others show what a wonderful part the bee plays in propagating flower life by carrying the pollen from one plant to another.

(Continued Next Week.)

AMERICAN AUTHORS

In its century and a half of national existence, the United States has produced but one author of gigantic genius—Emerson. After him come Whitman, Poe and two or three whose names are not famous. The rest of our celebrities are simply good writers—and some not so good.

Among contemporary authors not a single instance of great genius is in evidence. This may be the fault of our magazine editors who strive to please their readers by printing sentimental tommyrot, but we hardly think so. Genius invariably rises to the surface sometime, some where. It is extremely difficult to keep a good man down. We must not despair. We shall yet have our where. It is extremely difficult to keep a good m down. We must not despair. We shall yet have shakespeare, our Goethe, our Dante and our Hugo. In this country of magnificent distances, of titanic

dustry, of abundant harvests and active people, it if conceivable that "divine afflatus" should be lacking. The wonder is that our "melting pot" has not yet produced more fine metal of brilliant and prismatic colors.

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Perhaps our trouble is top much sordid materialism;
too much feverish search for amusement; too much wealth
of substance and too much poverty of ideals. Perhaps it
is too much conventionalism, too little individualism. Perhaps we play too much at making money and work too little at making men. Perhaps our tiny act of trying to decide where to spend our evenings blinds us to the greater drama of the human soul. Perhaps—but we dan only sur-

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"Why," you say, "time is the only test of genius. Our present day authors are too close to us to jurge them fairly. The decision must be left to posterity."

We answer: Time is no test of genius at all, nor even a purgative of genius. Posterity will undoubtedly decide what it shall read, and it may accept the Tarkingtons and Churchills of today as good writers, which they are; but the genius that makes a "Faust" or a "Notre Dame" is as evident on the day it is written as it is a century later. Genius is not analyzed; it is felt. Perception does not wait upon online. upon opinion.

There are, of course, degrees of genius. We speak only of the giants. There are always plenty of clever people. Great masters arrive but once in several generations. We are still hoping.

TRUE PATRIOTISM

Sing not "My country right or wrong."
For Wrong is ill preserved;
Were freedom won by such a song
'Twere freedom undeserved.

And in its birth our nation's sire Who saw with clearer sight, Attached our glory to the spires ttached our glory to the spires Of Truth: that Right makes Might!

They did not say: "We'll stronger grow By methods foul or fair," But: "To a gracious God we owe Our banner in the air."

Oh, let no false conception tread
Our motto in the dust,
Whose letters shine above our head:
"In God we Trust!"

-CLARENCE EDWIN ALLEN

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

Forty-Three Years Ago
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the peaceful citizen faded out to give \$300, he being the lowest boilder.
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