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"AM IN LOVE WITH THE WORLD"

Thus wrote John Burroughs when he stood at "the summit of the years." "I have not bruised myself against it, nor tried to use it ignobly. While I gathered its bread and meat for my body, I did not neglect to gather its bread and meat for my soul. I have climbed its mountains, roamed its forests, sailed its waters, crossed its deserts, felt the sting of its frosts, the oppression of its heats, the drench of its rains, the fury of its winds, and always have beauty and joy waited upon my goings and comings."

(With apologies to Kipling) If you can keep your head quite free from motion, And sweep clear through the swift, unringing grass, If you can glue your mind back to the notion, You must glue your nose to the windows of your face; If, being blocked, you don't grow tired of waiting, Or, being cupped, you won't complain of flies; Or, juggling bunners, don't give way to bailing; And yet don't look too good or talk too wise.

MOTHER M is for the Magic of her never failing Smile, O is for her Other Charms that make the days worth while. T is for the Tenderness she never fails to show, H er loving Heart of gold, as pure as drifted snow, E is her Exhaustless store of Patience and of Love, R the Radiance that she sheds like sunshine from above. —Beatrice McDonald

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

43 YEARS AGO 25 YEARS AGO

Troy maidens are taking advantage of leap year. James Peabody had a valuable sheep killed by dogs one night last week. Matthew McBride raised his new barn on Bates street on Friday last. Hiram Tracy Randall visited Milford and the surrounding country last week looking after the interest of Hops and Milk Bitters and the Willow Sham holder traffic. John Baldwin is on the eve of improving the interior of his house to a considerable extent. Arched folding doors, plaster, etc., form the entire theme of his conversation. Here's an item from the Newberry correspondence of the St. Ignace News.—Frank Park left on Monday for Birmingham. He brought a pair of low shoes and had to go to a warmer country to wear them. We shall miss the "Jumbo." Carley is here O. A semi-centennial celebration of the Birmingham M. E. Sunday School is talked of to come off in the near future. As the first Sunday School held here was not a denominational one, all the schools in the village should join in it. The only living member of the school that belonged half a century ago, and we feel sure in saying so, that the only member of any Sunday School in the state that can show a fifty years record at any one school. A semi-centennial celebration of the Birmingham M. E. Sunday School is talked of to come off in the near future. As the first Sunday School held here was not a denominational one, all the schools in the village should join in it. The only living member of the school that belonged half a century ago, and we feel sure in saying so, that the only member of any Sunday School in the state that can show a fifty years record at any one school.

NOW FOR THE GARDEN

The approach of the vernal equinox is a reminder that the garden spot will ere long be dry and invite the spade. The enthusiasm for gardening begotten of the war may have waned in some breasts, but to him who feels that a "garden is a lovesome spot" real life is renewed with the coming of the days when the season invites to turning of the soil. For the indoor worker there is as much exercise, there is as much health in hoeing and spading and caring for a garden as in playing golf. Besides, it is cheaper. More than that, the stuff grown in one's garden and pulled fresh is better than any that can be purchased. Thus there is profit in health, purse and quality of the product. A garden provides a source of relaxation for the individual whose working hours are spent amid the clamor and clatter of the city. One needs diversion and digging in the soil and getting the odor of the mould is reinvigorating. It restores tranquility of mind to one whose day has been spent in business. The well-kept garden betokens the well-kept home, the home where there is thrift and comfort. The ideal world would find everybody able to sit under his own vine and fig tree in a garden.

EDUCATORS PROTEST

As a protest against the growing tendency of legislators to meddle with our public school system, the superintendents' division of the National Educational Association, at its recent convention in Washington, adopted a resolution containing the following: "Only that education can be free which provides under conditions appropriate to the age of the student, complete liberty to seek the answer to any honest question. We would respectfully remind our fellow citizens that while legislation seeking to control the subject-matter of the curriculum may impede educational progress, it has not the power to alter, modify, or set aside any immutable law of nature, of science, or of God." In that resolution the educators compressed a lot of wholesome truth into a very few words.

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