

From the PENS of OUR READERS

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'Gay Nineties' Honeymoon

By AGNES CLEVELAND O'DELL

We were very impetuous and painfully romantic (thank God!). The popular New York City for as long or longer than one could afford but the...

my pride and joy—a fine Milan straw, heaped with deep pink roses.

We reached "Peach Orchard" in the afternoon. It was the end of the line and the train immediately pulled out on its return trip. We stood in the snow...

Much consternation! While the "Boy" went up to the mine to see what he could do, I sat in the stream—unrest, we could see two great sawed-off guns sticking out of the back pockets of our driver.

At Middletown or Middleburg, I've forgotten which, the "Walnut House" proved to be a stag hotel which fact we did not discover until we had left though we wondered the consternation my presence seemed to evoke and the "Boy" became so rattled that he registered as a "Wife" instead of a wife.

Over The Stocking Counter

By T. E. WENDEL

She told me many things, this girl who stocks in a large hotel store. And when I raised in her post holiday inventory to tell me of shoppers and their way of the shop girl's eye for suckers.

And before many minutes had passed he was leaving the counter with enough stockings to dress a choron. And when he passed in they would all be exchanged by persons who wondered and wondered why he bought stockings and especially those.

Holidays have passed but the sale season is following in their tracks. The exchange which is being replaced by the bargain hunters.

"I dunno," comes the bewildered answer. "Something light or dark?" "I dunno, I guess you know. Something light or dark?"

After centuries of chatter the doctor got his bed socks. But the doctor probably didn't like pink and white or blue and white.

The Two Paths

There are two paths for pilgrims here to take:

To make our choice, Except the plea that's for our own soul's sake And talk to final goal reached from each way— List to his voice!

One path is broad and strewn with flowers while the other is a narrow and steep, O'er mountains rough and steep, Through sorrow's vale;

Refreshing breezes of undying love, A happiness for every vict'ry won, Are ours to share; For every goal, attainment up And when the goal we reach at set of sun,

Hidden Lakes

By K. T. BROMLEY

All day we tramped along the dusty gray endless road, Near buckdiberry swamps, with marshy, treacherous sedges, Ahead were veary vistas, sun-beaten, travel-worn.

Tree Song

Oh, my tree, It is the pine tree, A fine tree from the north, One on a hill of fire and of ice.

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People—Here And There

By DANIEL TIMOTHY MURPHY

Early Christians, devoting their lives to prayer and self-castigation, sought seclusion in the austere Upper Nile region.

They spoke of having encountered there a black child, the very sight of whose beauty drew tears. There, I feel sure, many white, and not a few dusky children in Birmingham and Bloomfield who are perhaps more beautiful than the little Nubian.

During the years I ranged the west seeking favorable climates for my late wife, I was hestitant for a producer and thoroughly engaged keeping eyes alert for youthful rural beauties who could make good in that shimmering and not necessarily evil, cobweb that I call Hollywood.

Refreshment of the undying love, A happiness for every vict'ry won, Are ours to share; For every goal, attainment up And when the goal we reach at set of sun,

Tree Song

Oh, my tree, It is the pine tree, A fine tree from the north, One on a hill of fire and of ice.

Oh, night in to the pine tree A solitary thing, Wherein the firely dances And the night wind sings, (Anonymous)

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crafty deals in smiles, felicitations and character glints. The profits are simply stupendous. Sometimes I use these insidious gotten gains to dispel any gloom that might creep into my lonely bachelor quarters on the corner of Manor and Kensington roads.

Out here a brother and sister, both in the early twenties are richly esteemed friends of mine. So are kindly Mamma and Papa.

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