# Homecoming

By Helen Trevelyan

The little old lady stood on the out skirts of the great, roaring station hesitant and confused. The hurrying crowds and the noise left her fluster ed after the peace and quiet of her village. She paused and looked anxiously around.

A kindly porter, spotting the frail figure, with its wisps of grey hair un-der an old-fashioned bounet, darting helplessly to and fro, went quickly to

Want a train, mi sus?" he asked.

She turned a startled, grateful look upon him. "Oh. thank you-no. That is, well-yes, you see, m/ son is coming from Scotland and I do not know

assured her. "Come on. Follow me." She obeyed willingly.

Across the vast expanse of station

they went—the long swinging strides of the kindly porter, and the small, tripping steps of the little old lady. She was so thankful to have him there helping her, making a way through the pushing, putposeful throng, which every now and then threatened to overwhelm her. At la t he came to a standstill and steered her to the back

of a slowly surging queue.
"There, you'll .e all right, now," he beamed again, and hurried off, leaving

her to nod her mute thanks.

Men, women id children pressed forward, and she clung grimly to the imitation moles! in coat just in front of her.

Then neared the harrier "When i it due? When is it due? nearly every other person i iquired of the tired man standing there, and hardly listening to his reply: "In three or four minutes."
He kept repeating it wearily.

Poor thing, though the little old lady, the train's coming means nothing to him beyond so many more hun dred tickets and passes to be clipped, collected, and checked. And she made a point of not asking what time the express was due, alth. 'h her heart beat furiously and she longed to hear his cold, reassuring "In three or four

Once on the platform she let the crowd pass and leave her a little behind, for that was how she a rays ened pace. liked it to be in the great important moments of her life-a little apart, a

And for this moment she had lived and fought to live, for three long, ach

Without a word from Mike, and only her stern belief in him, her implicit faith to keep the fire of courage burning bright throughout. While peo ple pestered her with searching ques-tions, hinted at hidden truths, and even suggested having heard of him being seen in bad company. And above it all her faith had triumphed and to day that triumph would find its realization. The home was waiting, and she was ready. No matter what had held him silent and away from her, the future would bring recompense to both of them.

The signal dropped. And the little old lady's eyes filled with tears.
It was ridiculous, she told herself,

to shed tears for happiness and never be able to cry for unhappiness. But she couldn't help it. She reflected. The tears always seemed to crystalize with sorrow and flow with joy.

The thundering majesty of the magnificent express was blurred to her; only the music of it rang clearly in her ears. She rocked a little on neat, black-booted feet as the waiting crowds intermingled with the eager arrivals, rushed together and were lost in those curiously thrilling mo ments of meeting and being met: an she dabbed quickly at her eyes with a large white pocket handkerchief. Because whateve: happened, she mus

And there he was-"Oh!"

There were no words, no time or place for words, only a fierce hug to say everything for them. After a brief moment they fell apart and stood gaz ing into each other's faces. And sud denly she saw the other man standing so close behind him. Her look passed to Mike and then back again, inquir "Ah, yes, mother, I must explain

everything."
She remembered afterwards think-

ing how different those first words were from what she had planned and

"Look!" And with his left hand he opened his coat and showed her the warrant

book of a detective.

"Why, Mike—?" And then he eyes travelled to his right, imprison ed arm, and she saw the handcuffs on the wrist. "Why, Mike——?" It was

almost a whisper "That's all right, mother," he blustered, laughing. "Don't look so scared," and he put his free arm round her thin shoulders. "It's my job, see? That's why you haven't heard from me for so l ng. I've been up and down the country-all over the place - after - after, well, criminal and such—and I tracked this one down in Scotland, and knowing I'd have to bring him through London on the way to prison, I couldn't resist sending you a wire to be here-so that I co see you—if only for five minutes. Just while we changed trains-our next is due any second now over there," and he pointed to the opposite side of the

platform. There was a pause. And suddenly almost diffidently, the little old lady put out her hand and laid it gently

the other man's rough sleeve.
"Never mind," she said, softly "Your mother will be waiting for you always.—I know." And then, as though remembering something, she

turned swiftly to her son. "But Mike, does that mean you'r going away again?"

"Oh, but for how long, dear boy? Abruptly she pulled herself together and as ed quietlys. "For how long,

"Not long mother-a year or perhaps. I know, I'm sorry. He saw thes agony of dismay in her face and it was like a knife thrust in his heart You see, I've got to finis: my-my

job, mother."
"Yes, yes, dear, of course." She had complete control of heaelf by then, and was entirely mistress of the situation. And both men marre led at her courage.

Well, there—that will be your train

in now. Perhaps you had better be taking your places." She did not attempt to follow them,

nor did they suggest it. Neither did mother nor son take ren a parting kiss of farewell touch of one another. It had always been that way. Otherwise they could never

The guard waved his flag and blew his whistle, and she stood waving the large pocket handkerchief until the train became a distant curl of smoke. She could not cry, because the tears had turned to crystal in her eyes.

Very slowly, Mike lowered his left hand from his forehead and handed the warrant book back to its rightful

owner.
"That was great of yes," Is said. "Tit-Bits."

# Basket Ball Players

Cover 21/2 Miles A basketball player travels about two and a half miles during a game almost a mile less than he thinks he corers

The actual distance was measured at Depauw University with the aid of a device known as the pursuit-meter, by which every movement of a playe could be recorded with considerable accuracy by an observer. The result s announced in the research quarterly of the American Physical Education Association, by Lloyd L. Messehmith and Stephen M. Corey of the Psychology department.

They found that a player moves more than 11 feet every two minutes. From the first to the last four-minute period of the first half of the game the distance covered falls from 1,561 to 934 feet. The player is never as active again as during the first fou minutes. He reaches almost the sam level again during the third four-minute period of the second half but 6.

Most players estimate that th distance covered in a game would be about three and a half miles.

### Singing Waters

One loud and crashing deluge is the sky, And all the hills are laced with

flashing falls, and loud from strath and glen as we sail by The voice of water calls

The voice of singing water; and the

deep (
Long-buried wellspring that has slept so long In the dark cavern of my heart, from

sleep Wakens again to song -Wilfrid Gibson in the Commonweal.

## Britain To Discuss

Effect of Movies on Youth Birmingham, Eng.—The effect of notion pictures upon children is to be discussed at a national conference in Birmingham within the next few months, according to present plans.

Several inquiries of the sort already have been started in English towns, modeled after a study made in Birmingham and explained in the report of the Birmingham Cinema In quiry Committee.



"What is?" When he's five miles up in the air and his gasoline gives out."

Nature Those who have obtained the far thest insight into Nature have been in all ages firm believers in God .- Who

Sorrow Nothing so increases one's rever ence for others as a great sorrow to

one's self. It teaches one the depth

ENJOYMENT

When we say we enjoy ourselves it means that we forget ourselves

# Sunday School Lesson

Missionary Experiences—Acts 16
823. Golden Text—Blessed ar
they which are persecuted for
righteousness' sake: for theirs it
the kingdom of heaven—Matther 5: 10.

ANALYSIS . A CRIPPLE HEALED Acts 14: 7-10.

IL DEIFIED AND STONED, Acts 14: IIL COMPLETING THE TOUR, Acts 14:

INTRODUCTION,-In Asia Minor the apostles' esperiences were, in general outline, the same; preaching first in the synagogues, rejected there, appealing to the Gentiles, received by them, attacked by the unbelieving Jews, inally forced to leave and thereby carry the gospel for the affect. by carry the gospel farther afield. I. A CRIPPLE HEALED. Acts 14: 7-10.

Tucked away in a remote highland glen, twenty-five miles from Iconium glen, twenty-five miles from Iconiumlay le little Lycaonian town of Lystra. Its people were chiefly native Asians, enough Greeks and Romans to nave built a temple of Jupiter, and a few Jews, but not enough to form a synagogue. This country-side was sacred to Jupiter. Was it not in the near vicinity—Phrygia—that he, with ris attendant Mercury, once visited an old couple, Philemon and Baucis? The humbic peasants alone recognized and entertained their magnificent guests and were by them magnificently revarded. The populace, however, were solemniy warned that another failure to recognize visiting deity would be recognize visiting deity would be

to recognize visiting deity would be properly punished. Into this primitive paganism came the messengers of the

gospel.

In the course of his preaching, Pau In the course of his preaching, Paul acaled a cripple, v. 8. It was the impact of a superior and dominating mind upon a feebler one. The same kind of thing happeas whenever a powerful will acts upon a weaker one. What is the transforming power of God, but the action of Mind and Spirit in human lives? in hu.nan lives?

II. DEIFIEL AND STONED, Acts 14:

The cure electrified the whole town.

The old legend flashed into these uncultured minds. Slipping into their native tongue, the crowds cried out, "The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men!" Paul and Barnabas, interesting the leaf space, ware conignorant of the local speech, were con-scious only of the enthusiasm. Swift-ly the news spread. On it came to the ears of the priest of Jupiter. He was equal to the occasion. Not this lime ould the populace be caught napping when the gods arrived. Sacrifice must be made.

when the gods arrived. Sacrifice aust be made.

When the aposties heard of it they immediately stopped the proceedings. "We also are men of like passions with you," they said and Paul began to preach to them. His address is \_ fire example of what all preaching should be. He used the knowledge which they possessed to bring them to the knowledge of God.

The work of evangelization was soon interrupted. The persistent hatered of the unbelie ring Jews followed the apostles, even to Lystra. The new arrivals had little difficulty in persuading the people that these men were impostors. The Lystrians stoned Paul. He, however, must have managed somehow, in the hail of stones, to protect his temple, and his heart. Toward evening, as they watched, his astonished friends saw the body move. "He rose and came into the city." v. 20. One would think it was quite the ordinary thing for men to walk back: their would-be murderers! Most men would have gone in the other direction. Years after, writing to Timothy, whom, as a boy, he had won for Christ in Lystra. Paul said, "I know whom I have believed," 2 Tim. 1: 12. If was 'hat knowledge that kept him steady in Lystra.

III. COMPLETING THE TOUR, Acts 14: 20b-28.

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"And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe." Derbe was not far from the "Cilician Gates," the pass which crossed the Taurus Mountains which crossed the Taurus Mountains down to Tarsus. Just around the bend of the Mediterranean from Tarsus was Syrian Antioch. It was now Autumn. The travelling season was drawing to a close. After their uninterrupted success in Derbe (v. 21) what more natural than that the two men would head for home?

Not they! Work was still to be done?

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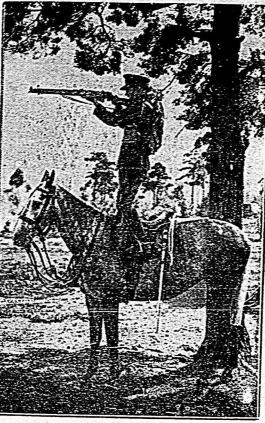
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Back to the cities from which hatred had driven them they went, strengthering the faith of the unsteady Galatians. Paul organized the various tians. Faul organized the various groups under elders, ind, commending them unto the Lord (v. 23), they male their way across the mountains agaic, and down to Perga where they stopped to preach. Back in Antioch they th'd how God had "opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles," v. 27.. It was the door which led into the kingdom, but not through the works of Judaism. door which led into the kingdom, but not through the works of Judaism. Many Jews also were converted, 12: 43: 14: 1; 16: 1. Luke evidently not liking Jews, did not say much about them.

PLEASURE To make pleasures pleasant, short-To make postern them.—Buxton.

Can wealth give happiness? Look around and see splendid What gay distress, what -Pope. from a jeer. misery.

At Aldershot Manoeuvres



A sniper of Greys in action during Aldershot, England, war manoeuvres, recently, in which 15,000 men took part. scale operations since the war.

## The Summer Goes

How swift the summer goes, Forget-me-not, pink, rose.
The young grass when I started. And now the hay is carted And now my song is ended. And all the summer splendid; The blackbird's second brook Routs beech leaves in the wood: The pink and rose have speeded. Forget-me-not has seeded. Only the winds that blew, The rain that makes things new The earth that hides things old, And blessings manifold.

> O lovely lily clean. O lily springing green. O lily bursting white, Spring in my heart again That I may flower to men.
>
> -John Masefield, The Everlasting Mercy.

### Prince Edward Island

The inten name of Prince Edward Island, Canada's island province, is Epagwit" meaning "resting on th waters" according to the Geographic Board of Canada. The island was known in early times to the French as "He St. Jean" and to the English as "St. John's Island." In order to prevent confusion with St. John's, Newfoundland, and Saint John, New Brunswick, an Act was passed in 1780 naming the island "New Ireland," but as the name had already been used, it was disallowed. Eventually in 1798 the island received its present name, after Edward, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria, who was then in command of the troops at Halifax. Nova Scotia.

# Briefs

A little self examination brings to most of us a verdict of regrets . Folly brings more lost hopes than

rarely appear to view.

It is not want of thought so much as selfishness makes many forgetful. From a horny hand of toil come the richest harvest of content. There is one thing in the world our

# Religion

the many things he is in doubt of and tries to believe, but of the few things effort for believing.-Carlyle.

The bread of life is love: the salt of life is work; the sweet poetry; the water of life, faith,

If we do not reason we are bigots: if we cannot we are fools; if we dare

not we are slaves .- Dr. Black. Some men are so self-confident that

they are unable to distinguish a cheer square meal."

The Hollow It is quiet here. Tree shade is a cool place. I will rest Easily in the shadow. I will lie On the earth's breast, And look at what sky I can see Throug' leaves, or perhaps look At dandelions bowing gravely To themselves in the brook.

Not thinking of this thing or tha thing, will lie And forget the road I have trav-led

To look at the sky. Perhaps I shall forget the brown bluff

Over the brook I just climb As high as the trees are high. Perhaps I shall forget time And lie here forever, forgetting How soon it will be Before I must leave this hollow Reluctantly.

-Lynn Riggs, in "The Iron Dish."

# Rain is Healthful

Rain has fallen nearly every day for months past in England, but medical authorities say the summer as a result, has been unusually healthy. Tests made this year in Brighton,

Margate, Yarmouth, and the Isle of with ozone to a degree impossible in a hot summer, and a Hariey Street specialist has stated that the air of London has probably never bee

## Geodetic Bench Marks

The method of the Goodetic Survey of Canada, Department of the Interior, of noting the various eleva tions above sea level throughout the Dominion takes the form of affixing three-inch bronze tablets to suitable permanent walls or bases whenever necessary. By reference to one of t will ever bring fortunes. these beach marks, as they are call-The dangers the mind fears most ed, the elevation above sea level of any part in its vicinity can be as

## Excuses

When you are tempted to make an oxcuse, remember that it will look ugly to others, however plausible it may seem to yourself. Only the Only the strongest necessity should tempt you to put on this livery of the devil.



Well, old man, how are things? Bad, with skirts lower this year fellow has a hard time getting a

# THE CAR OWNER'S SCRAP BOOK

By G. W. Donald

Locating Knocks

When the fibre and spring have been

fastened in place, insert them into the receiver in the position formerly

held by the magnet. Cover with tape

the hole at the other end of the re-ceiver, where the rod passes through.

Next replay the disphram and ear-piece on the receiver and be sure that

the diaphram presses firmly against

the brass spring.
Now by taking soundings at differ-

ent parts of the motor with the re-

ceiver to the ear and the other end of

making it very easy to locate the source of the trouble.

Repairing Cracks in Engines

sistency slightly thinner than putly and work into the opening while the

engine is warm and the cooling sys-tem is drained. The engine should not be used for a few days, or until the

paste. After mixing this paste, allow

How to Make a Grease Gun

Mud Holes An instrument for locating knocks With one wheel in a bad mud hole, the car will usually be as disabled as can be made from an old telephone receiver and an iron red. Procure a disthough both wheels were in the mud, carded telephone receiver, remove the magnet and insert an iron rod about the one wheel to spin. To get out of two or three feet long. Thread three such a difficulty, proceed as follows: quarters of an inch of the end of the Disconnect the emergency brake rod rod and screw a small nut all the way on the wheel which rests on solld down on this end. Then place a piece ground. Then pull bac: the brake of round fibre on this end and screw lever hard, which will lock the wheel another nut on the end of the screw lever hard, which will lock the wheel another nut on the end of the rod to in the mud hole. By letting in the another nut on the end of the rou to in the mud hole. By letting in the hold the fibre securely. The fibre ciutch, all the power will be applied should be of sufficient diameter to hold to the wheel on solid ground, which the rod snugly in place. A fairly heavy will usually drag the other wheel out brass spring should now be placed on the end of the rod and secured with a Tuning the Horn

### Tuning the Horn

The pitch, or tone, of an electric horn can be raised or lowered at will by the following method. After removing and taking t' horn apart, place the disphram, or disc. from which the sound is produced, on some smooth the lightly all around the edge of the disc This raises the tension in the center. which causes a quicker and higher pitch I tone. If one desires to lower the pitch, hammer a few light blows in the centre of the disc.

### Celluloid Curtain Lights

the rod resting on the motor, the knocks in the motor will be magnified. The best way to clean and renew celluloid curtain lights is first to use clean vinegar, applying it with a soft piece of cheese cloth or gauze. Keep jackets of an engine may be closed by applying a paste composed of glycerine and litharge. Mix to a consistency aliable this control of the lights are scratched they may be renewed by applying acetons varnish, which will restore the curtain material, as it might discolor it. Then, if the lights are scratched they may be renewed by applying acetons varnish, which will restore the curtain material, as it might discolor it. Then, if the lights are scratched they may be renewed by applying acetons varnish, which will restore the curtain material, as it might discolor it. Then, if the lights are scratched they may be closed. their original transparency.

### Leaks in the Ton

Small leaks in the top of the car can tom is drained. The engine should not be used for a few days, or until the be repaired with the same rubber commixture has thoroughly hardenel.

For parts which are exposed to interest heat, such as the exhaust manifold, the following mixture should be the excess. Allow it to stand for a few ised: Fine iron filings, 40 parts; flow- hours and then apply heated flat-irons ers of sulphur, 10 parts; sal-ammoniac, to both sides, pressing together firmly. 1 part; Portland cement, 20 parts. The heat of the irons will vulcanize Then add water to form a fairly heavy the rubber in place.

### Repairing a Spark Plug

paste. After mixing this paste, anow it to stand for a few hours and then apply. In about two days this mixplug, the outer electrode will sometime hardens, forming a substance times break off, rendering the plug. ture hardens, ferming a substance greatly resembling cast iron. useless. But it is not necessary to throw the plug away. Merely bend the center electrode so that it stands A very serviceable grease gun can A very serviceable grease gun can be constructed from an old single close to the outer shell, setting the space to the usual gap space.

When the Engine Stops Suddenly Space is the pump is sawed off just above.

of the pump is sawed off just above the foot piece. Then take a fairly Sometimes when out on the road, the engine sized funnel (one that is made of heavy gauge metal) and cut it off just above the spout. Solder the funnel to the bottom of the pump cyline supply. Spark plug broken, Electric circuit disconnected at some roint. tric circuit disconnected at some point. Oil or light transmission grease can be drawn into the gun by putting the

### To Clean the Glass

end into the oil or greese and pulling

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on the handle. To fill with heavy, Try dipping a clean cloth in gasogrease, unscrew the cap and remove line and rubbing lightly over the windthe plunger; fill the gun with grease, shield and windows, then polishing then replace the plunger and cap. | with a dry cloth.

Who was the inventor of the

"Don't you know that? Any fool could tell you."
"That's why I asked you."

# A Discoverer

There is one man known to history and long illustrous among his fellow men, who in his own meditations have reached the conviction that there was a new world far across the sea, and no ris of a brave nature; which it is the a new world far across the sea, and no ris of a brave nature; which it is the disappointment or vexing delay could aim of all religion to be. All work of disappointment or vexing delay could aim of all religion to be. All work of the season expel that conviction from his earnest mind. Neither the froms nor the neglect of monarchs, neither hope deferred, nor the terrors of the deep, nor mutiny, nor tempest, nor death, could turn Columbus from his resolute pur-turn columbus from his resolute pur-as its conqueror along. "It is so," all—serene amid the tempest—full of says Goethe only of despair; and he stood at last on the shores of a lovely island in the ocean—the discoverer of lands whose discovery has changed the history of the world!-Tweedie.

## Power

Man has one power in particular, which is not sufficiently dwelt on. It ishing the amount of unnappuress in it as to make quite a different world from what it is at present. The power of courage.—Shaftesbury. is called kindness.-F W. Faber

# Exits

Smith, on the way to the city, found a slip of paper just outside the gate of his house. It was a detailed plan of his private office. The exact position of the stairs was shown. Notes showed which doors swung in and which swung out. Even the windows were set down. Smith, alarmed, rushed back into

is house

"Some burglar must be going to raid ny office," he told his family. "Oh, it isn't that!" cried his daughter, glaucing at the sketch. "Those notes are in John's handwriting. He's

# Work

you to let him marry me."

coming to your office to-day to ask

it lusty rebuke and buffet of it, behold dertake in this world."-Carlyle.

## Courage

True courage has so little to do with auger, that there lies always the strongest suspicion against it where this passion is highest. True courage s cool and calm. The bravest of men have the least of a brutal bullying inwhich is not sufficiently dwelt on. It solence, and in the very time of dan-is the power of making the world, ger are found the most serene, pleasant, and free. Rage, we know, can make a coward forget himself and

MUTT AND JEFF- One Good Turn Deserves Another.

