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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1919 SPRINGTIME

I am sitting beside my window-Not in the twillight gray-Not in the number radiance,

Of the mounlight's gentle ray-But in the clear, bright morning, With its sounds of life and cheer.

And opening flowerets near. The blackbirds chatter of coming The jay of the winter is gone,

And the robin's notes ring, clear and In his ciarion voice of song.

And life in full, and rich, and glad, Joy rules the opening day, And the children bound away to schoo And drudgery changes to play.

When fover and strife will be o'er. When lagging steps and weary heafts Are seen and felt no more.

When hand clanps hand in trust and And heart finds in heart a home; Where the spirit is strong in un-- changing youth.

"FRIENDLESS AS AN ALARM CLOCK"

"Friendless as an alarm clock" the expression some one has used to denote a peculiarly forlorn existence a wakeful night. The toothache may have interfered with resful sleep. But this makes no difference to the alarm exceptions. At the getting up hour alceper has only just sunk into refresh-

It must be acknowledged, too, that the voice of the alarm clock is against these days I am going to give you a it. Most of us have a distinct preference as to how we shall be wakened. The girl who wakes up with a serenade going on under her window is not his father call his name from the floor for. We have one of the prettient below, and having his mother lay a cometeries in Ontario, but it is poor voice of the alarm clock were a little money and labor in the upkeep of his the effect on the nerves were not so ing one allowing the weeds and rasping, the alarm clock would be less grans to grow at iwil. Nor, is

Having awakened us, as was its bound- the care of the graves. They live in

Some people remind us irresistibly of

Be sure you do not lose your friends be turned over to the Corporation.

### PLANTS THAT FLOWER IN THE

Did you ever gather water lilles? If so, then you know the thrill that went through you when you have pullan unusually fine specimen. Your juy was complete when you had gathered -armful of these beautiful gifts of beneficent providence, as has the flower lover everywhere. Fow aights are more beautiful than a large largon or sluggish creek that is wholly covered with the broad-leaved water lillen; and especially so when the plants are only another effort of nature to beautify places that otherwise might become simply watery wastes.

If the water or pond lily has not the perfume of many flowers it has a beauty that is all its own and which neighbor, the venerable postmanter of is surpassed by few other blessoms, this town, Mr. James Matthews, cole-There are a number of species. The brajed his eighty-fourth birthday on American lotus is a near relative of Sunday. Though he is admitted by tinued, giving it another vigorous the famous lotus that the its home the authorities at both Ottawa and bhake, "where the profit- Hang the along the banks of the Nile. Its Washington to be the oldest postflower is yellowish, but otherwise it master in America, continuously in is very similar to the blossom of the office, practically since buyhood, he's told him that the muchine was out of white species. There are many places one of the youngest "old men" in town. where the lotus has almost wholly re- I'm often surprised to see him faithplaced the white ifly, and it is not often fully at his post every day. I couldn't that the two grow in harmony side by keep up the pace with him, and I'm

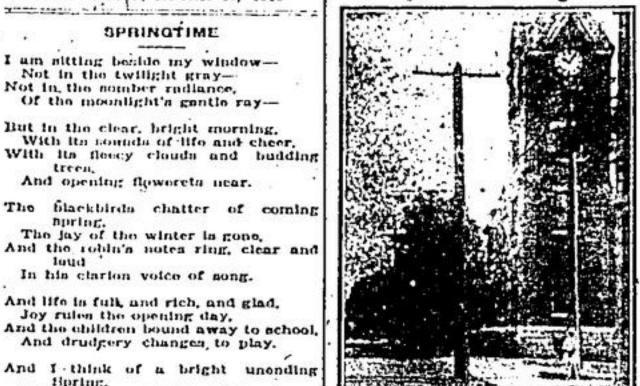
"and each was very much interested in the different processes through which the metal went on its transfercoins of commercial value. At one helpmate, is still with him and active. stage in the process the attendant re- Congratulations to you, neighbor! marked to the man, as they were watching the manipulations of moltan gold by the workmen, that if he would plunge his hand into a pail of cold water that stood by, and, while wet, allow him to pour into his paim a quantity of the molten gold, he could etry are not remantic, but they may way. Often telling the truth means hold it there a few seconds, and then accomplish things which greatly im- [difficulty, unpleasant explanations, pospour it out without receiving any in- press the imagination. By means of sibly censure, all of which could be jury. Both the visitors were astenish. them a professor at Yale University avoided by a little equivocation. Half ed at this seemingly groundless state- once found an acrolite that no one had of the untruths are told, not because ment. Notther felt like risking the ever seen. experiment, and passed on to finish

I believed it would be."

lieved, but she trusted."

#### EVERYBODY HAS A DAY. Two little girls were exchanging con-

"Why, don't you know? All suslety versity, where it serves not only as an



THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG

CLOCK TOWER

this past week at the roar over the daylight saving muddle. We have had three kinds of it now, and which kind do you like best? Three years ago Acton tried it alone with the railroads And the Springtime of heaven has and neighboring towns running on "old time." It lasted nomething about not worth a hang. It was a genuine fixie. Last year overything was supposed to be run on daylight maving time. That didn't seem to suit some people either. This year the town has boving time and part on standard time. and we cannot help wondering why it A kind of a "do as you please" about ter in some quarters. It seems to me hand that some people would find fault with clock. It is not constituted to make everything. They are chronic kickers. Nothing is ever done right and they clearing up of the situation. Some of regular sermon on this subject, but

that is enough for now. likely to feel cross and out of sorts of creating a fund whereby all the Travellers who are wakened by the plots in Fairview Cemetery might be song of a mocking bird generally feel cared for perpetually. I believe one as if the music was worth lying awake family deposited a sum of money with for. Any boy knows the difference the corporation with the understanding between being awakened by having that their plot would always be cared tender hand on his shoulder. If the encouragement for one man to spend less strident, a trifle more musical, if plot and the party owning the adjoinlikely to be regarded as a necessary it always the fault of the owner of the neglected plot that it is in such condi-The average alarm clock, too, is not tion. In numbers of cases the owners satisfied to let well enough alone. It of these neglected reating places of does its duty and then a little more. loved ones would be willing to pay for en duty, it keeps on with its clamor cities or towns miles away and cannot as if it had mentally determined never attend to these duties themselves. to stop till we were out of bed. And Might it not be well for the Council that is not the alarm clock's business. to make a provision when selling plots Having awakened us, its responsibility to require purchasers that they must either be properly cared for or a certain sum will be charged for their an alarm clock. They want to do their care. Perhaps that is a step too fur.

duty, but they do it in a chilly, me- A scheme might first be planned chanical fashion, unsoftened by sym- whereby every holder of a plot might pathy. And not natiofied with giving be informed that for a certain num his good advice, they keep on nagging, in- plot would always receive attention. deling on their point, till the recipient Pountbly I am behind the times, but of their counsel forgots all their good I have never heard of more than the intentions and finds himself in a mood one family leaving funds for care of the plots. I was wondering if the There is a good deal implied in the scheme was open to all who desired saying, "friendless as an alarm clock." to make use of it and what sum must by adopting the name unwise methods. wouldn't like to add to the already onerous duties of the Council, but it seems as if such a matter would have to be disposed of by this body.

The memorial arch idea proposed by Bon Fisha got ter do wi' me an' my the Boldiers' Memorial Committee wasn't just what I had hoped for. I told you what and why I would have liked to have seen a new public library dis mornin' when day cum an' get him. in the form of a memorial in one of Yas, sar, day cum an' got him. No. my first effusions. However, every ear, no, ear; he jest shot do sheruit last one else seems to want an arch and | night." I am going to-like it myself. When a mass meeting of citizens was called and so thoroughly endorsed the idea there is no room for anyone bucking it. I did not read or hear of any in bloom. The white of the flowers and that was certainly the place to and looked about for something interdissent to the proposal at the meeting the city one night Jones grow restless. green of the leaves form a delightful of us have said we didn't want an contrast as they float upon the level arch let's all get together and do surface of the water. It seems to be everything we can be able to the contrast as they float upon the level arch let's all get together and do "I have often wondered," he remark- injure the soul. It breeds irreverence everything we can to help the Com- ed aloud, in the manner of all truly and shallowness, where depth and wormittee make it well worthy of the thoughtful men, "where the profits on ship should provail.

Talking about old men, my near years his junior. Neither my rheu matica nor my inclination would per-"YOU BELIEVED, SHE TRUSTED" mit that. What memories come to him in his day dreams. He can look back "A gentleman and his wife were over seventy-five years lived in Acton being shown through the Government Say, he's seen the old town grow some mints by a guide," writes Guy Roberts. They tell me he lives in one of the first brick houses besit in the hamlet of long ago, in its lumbering days. It must be a great comfort to him that mation from bars of precious metal to his good wife, who has proven a real

cause it is to memorialize.

### WHAT MATHEMATICS MAY DO

THE OLD MAN

Arithmetic, algebra, and trigonom-

grapher of Ansonia, was occupied in way and find it through the gateway "Later, us they returned, the guide taking pictures, by the aid of a teles- of prevarication. again proposed that they make the cope, of a comet which was visible to experiment. At first neither seemed the naked eye. When his negatives willing to hazard the attempt, though were developed, one of them revealed their confidence in their guide was the fall of a meteor; it was tee small sufficient to enable them to believe an object to attract the attention of lated by principle has little to do with that the outcome would be as he said. unaided eyes, but its line on the photo-Minally, the lady said she would ven- graph indicated that it must have come ture the experiment. She then thrust to the earth. The picture was shown One whose life in controlled by the her hand into the cold water, extend- to Mr. Newton, astronomical professor ed her-dripping paim, and received at Yule. Ascertaining the point of upon it the molten gold, only to pour observation, and reckening with the it out again with her hand unharmed; ald of the date which the photograph whereupon her husband said: 'Just as Itself supplied, he made a calculation which proved that the meteor must "Yes,' said the attendant, 'you be- have fallen in the neighborhood of a reservoir some two miles north of

Danbury, Connecticut. Professor Newton went no further with his inquiry into the matter; but afterward the acrolite was found in the very place which he indicated. It "When I get to be a big lady," said | was oval in form; it measured fifteen one of them, "I'm going to have a and one-hulf inches in length, was Activity of any sort is hard, and in. seven and one-half inches in diameter, that hardness there is health and inof day?" asked the and weighed twenty-six pounds. It was sent to the museum of Yale Uniladle has days. It's when you have illustration of the nature of the vagrant company or do somethin' nice. Mam- bodies of the skies, but as a testimonial is Sunday."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. | accomplish.

#### PATTY'S GARDEN

The last day of the house party lichma allipped Into Aunt Catharine Froom. Her amall, vivid face was like a windbeaten flower; Aunt Catherine, from her invalid chair, looked upon it ten-

"I never had such a beautiful time in my life!" fielma crieft passionately. Every day I keep thinking, Only five well. meals more-only four- only three.' Oh, why do happy times have to endver, Aunt Catherine?" "So that now happy times may

"But they can't be the mannel" Belma protested passionutely. "No more than two akles are over the same, or two spring times. You would ot want to miss any opringtime, would

"But that isn't the name," Belma epeated. "How do I know that there will ever be any more times as happy "Tono ulift an "Did I ever tell you," Aunt Catherine asked, "about Patty Pemberton's gar-

Selma shook her head. She was not interaced in Patty Pemberton's parden. But Aunt Catherine, smilling a little, went on an it she did not not ce. "We had gardens exactly alike one February-a great armful of pumy willows that a cousin of Patty's brought in from the country. ' l'atty divided them with 'me. We were both wild. a week, I remember. That brand was over them, and watched the 'pun.'es' alde the routine of your daily occupathrough all their levely stages. I fa rly tion. If you work in a paper mill the grioved over each one that fell, end is not necessary for you to think and when, at the end of six weeks, I throw talk of rothing but paper, to take it been divided and part run on daylight very deleful note I wrote Patty about have your mind occupied exclusively

is so apt. The alarm clock is decidedly it, and it seems to me the heller has silltly at the time, and my mother suffer from your over-concentration. necessary. It is reliable, It does the been more prolonged than ever. There wouldn't let me go to see her because You will be all the better fitted to gervice we ask unfailingly. Yet we are few towns so favored as ours, how- I always had a delicate throat. It was tackle hard problems if your mind has cannot think of an alarm clock with ever, in being able to try so many three weeks before I could see her, and been refreshed by changing the direcanything remotely resembling grati- varieties as we have had. Like all old almost the first thing I said, after I tion of your thoughts. To have one tude. Its unpopularity is beyond ques- people I prefer the old time I have had natisfied myself that she wasn't interest in life, and only one, means Tact in far from the constitution always 'known, but I honestly can's fading away, was 'O l'atty, if only your a narrow manhood an alarm clock. We may have had see any reason to raise the mighty willows had stayed while you were holler that is ascending about the mat- nick! Patty laughed and caught my PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR HOME

"'Come and see my private springtime,' she said mysteriously. the alarm goes off though the unlucky are usually the last ones to help right doorway I stopped short. Patty had not pupil who graduates from the eightly these things. They like to sit back thrown away her willows when the grade an opportunity to learn the fupusales fell; there in her far they damentals of planning a house, the stood, a little forest of eager green cost of construction, and how to select caves, and, perched among them-no- harmonious colors and materials for body but Patty would have thought of Interior decoration. When the ull-year it!-a tiny yellow bird she had picked school plan goes into effect, the boys up at the toy shop for five cents. You and girls will be taught home landdear goosey,' Patty cried, 'there are scaping and will be given a chance to always new things coming, if you just work out their ideas in the school watch! You shall have half of these garden. -the bird half."

"That," Aunt Catherine finished was Patty's garden. I never forg t its leason. After that, when one joy went, instead of mourning for it I kept Preabyterian, has a method. Many on the watch for the next." "Did it always come?" Selma asked. Aunt Catherine smiled back at-the half-dolsful, half-hopeful face. "It always comes—if you have eyes to see," she answered,

A colored woman's conversation over stepped into an office and obtained

Poatress Street. Yo' known I had my important

'clare he ain't sick. Yo' sen' er man up hea right er way. I got de munny

husban', anyhow?" 'clare he ain't sick. He wussent sick long time, and if the post can so fly,

these machines-"

Here he grasped the handle with a firm and masterful grip. "Where the profit on these affaire-" Ho saying he shook the machine. "I have often wondered," he con-

thing!" Then one of the porters came up and order, and Jones realized at last where part of the profit came from!

### MICAWBER'S ADVICE

"My other piece of advice, Copperfield," said Mr. Micawber, "you know. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure, nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds, ought and six, result misery. The blossom is blighted, the leaf is withered, the God of Day goes down upon the dreary scene, and, in short, you are forever floored. As I am."-Dickens.

### THE EASY WAY

In January, 1893, Mr. Lowis, a photo- cause they are looking for the casy the speakers prefer falsehood, but be-

> cannot afford "principlea." The casy way means agreeing with everybody. compromise. Principle necessitates anword "ought" must be prepared for conflict. There is no question but that it is easier to slip and slide along through life, agreeing, compromising, yielding. Principles are not for those who are seeking the easy way. But the easy way of living does not

bring the results we dealer. One who never buts his muscles to hard use, becomes a weakling, One who shrinks from hard thinking and hard mental work, in little better than a fuel . To olioose the easy way morally means a contemplisis character. Life is bard vigoration. It is death and decay that

ma's day is Wednesday, an' the bired to the wonders of calculation which it children, and endanger their lives. Graver Worm Exterminator

#### RULES FOR CHILDREN

(1) Begin the day by drinking glass of water and drink ht least six glamfula during the day. (2) Do not go to achool without cating breakfast.

(3) Eat regularly three times (6) Drink milk every day four glamen are not too much.

(6) Eat nouse breakfast cereal every (7) Ent some vegetable besides poome," Aunt Catherine's wise voice tato every day. (8) Fat bread and butter every day

> dark, coarne breads are best. (3) Lat come fruit every day, Spend pountes for apples instead of candy. (10) Do not eat candy between meals. Eat candy and other sweets only after a regular meal. (11) Do not drink tea or coffee; It does the body no good, but harms it (12) Do not eat or touch any food

without first washing the hands. (13) Do not cat fruit without first (14) Do not cut with apoon or fork that has been used by another person without first washing it. (16) Do not cat from the mine dish with another person.

#### HAVE MORE THAN ONE INTEREST

away the bare branches, I remember to your meals with you, to carry it to how broken-hearted I was and what a bed with you. It is bad for you to with your business, and it is a question "Patty wen quaranthed with ton- whether the husiness itself does not

The art department of the public "We ran up to her room. At the achools in Minneapolis gives to every

#### HOW TO READ

Every intelligent reader, says Th books cannot be covered other wine. We suggest this general scheme: Some books should be read rapidly; some books should be scanned, and some books should be read with much care and atudy.

Fiction should be read rapidly. The fliction which will not allow of this to made a mismating of form and subthe telephone on insurance. She had stance. One of the chief purposes of And when it requires one to ponder, it should be read, rapidly, and sifted well, so that the important facts may be sustained. A girl cannot know every-"Well, dis Mary Green. Yan, na". thing, neither can she remember overy-Mary Green, yo' know, what live up on thing; therefore, she should give the

nuch yo' say I git if dat nigga get one may rapidly scan them, simply to git if dat nigga git kilt an die? The well-informed girl knows what Seventy-fi' dollan? Yan. Well, yo' thought to look for, and one also known passing conception of the books, scan-

Poetry must be thoroughly read. Any poetry which is not worth reading thoroughly, or eyen committing, in not "Who. Ber Finha? What dat nigga worth reading at all. For this reason,

> -- Hintory, when familiar, may be read rapidly. New fields will require more care. Philosophy must be studied unless where familiar, and then it may and language, then every word, phrase

There is no poisonous ingredient in Holloway's Corn Cure, and it can be used without danger of injury.

"BELLES-LETTRES" The summer visitor in the little village stopped at the Browning Circle Saturday Magazino.

library, writes a contributor to the Pos: "Please give me the Letter of Chan Lamb." he requested. The dbrarian was most obliging and

pelpful "I think you have made a mistake," she said kindly. "This is the library; the post office is the building just

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