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A SONG OF HAPPINESS

Hymn of happiness, joy is every-
where.
In the world about us, plenty and to
spare;
Heard little trees whispering
merrily,
Hear the tiny crickets chirping cheer-
fully;
Hear the music of breezes, blowing high
and low,
Hymn of happiness everywhere
you go.

Hymn of happiness; blossoms
gray and white,
Bosoming all the air with sweetest of
perfume;
Roaring hills and hills bellowing low to
greet,
Daintiest of violet caressing wan-
derer's feet;
Dandelions golden make the sun's
bright glow.
Hymn of happiness everywhere
you go.
—Grace J. Yostwick.

BAKING QUALITY OF THE LOWER GRADES OF FLOUR

With the ever increasing cost of living, it has become necessary to find corresponding means of saving. The housewife is the person on whom most of the responsibility of economical cooking rests. The use of any kind of grades of flour is another means of saving that may be added to the above. During the war, all members of the community were urged to use government standard flour which was of a lower grade than most people had been accustomed to. Never before, however, had we needed so much in furnishing homes as now, and few people would have considered it distinctly inferior had it not been for the difference in color. Too much attention, however, always paid to color in flour has been blamed for healthful as well as somewhat lower quality of flour. The war-time bread was really superior as far as the extremely white product in use previously. Lower grades of flour somewhat similar to the government standard flour have been purchased but are not usually in much demand on account of their inferior color. These second and third grade flour bakes up to a higher percentage of protein and contains phosphates. These features are distinctly advantageous.

WHY THE COON WAS SPARED

Miss Pulsom was laying the eggs out of the hen house when her prize barred Plymouth Rock hens.

"It's a coon," said "Uncle" Ed Peters, when she pointed him out. "Set a trap for the pests there."

The next morning "Uncle" Ed came into the house while Miss Pulsom was eating her breakfast.

"I caught him," he announced jubilantly. "Want to see him before I kill him?"

Miss Pulsom went out to the chicken-pen and looked at the little wild animal. "I can't kill him," she said.

"It seems too bad to kill him, he's so cunning. You'd better let him go," Uncle Ed said.

"Oh, no," answered the old trapper. "Women folks are too tender-hearted. You want him to eat all of your eggs!"

Miss Pulsom sighed and went sadly back to the house.

In about half an hour, "Uncle" Ed came sheepishly into the kitchen.

"Ray, Miss Pulsom," he said, "you don't think, I hope, that I didn't kill him after all. John couldn't, for the tamest thing happened." That little fellow seemed almost human. When I put my revolver against his head, he just lay down on my back, and put up his paws just as if he was begging for his life, and I could not do it. No, sir, I could not. I told him to lay the egg if he wanted to. I let him go. I don't know what you'll think."

"I'm certainly glad you let him go," answered Miss Pulsom softly. "Now, we'll have to get another chicken for the hen-house window!" Miss Shannan Howles.

THE ARISTOCRACY OF GOODNESS

The aristocracy of goodness is the only aristocracy that is real. The aristocracy of blood is foolish and illogical. To honor a profligate because his great-great-grandfather did the same is ridiculous. It is not dignified by any law, human or divine.

The aristocracy of money is even less logical, for the fact that a man has made a million dollars by sharp practice is only one reason for his receiving the homage of his fellows.

The aristocracy of goodness is the real aristocracy. It is the one who can command respect without being popular, with the authority over his fellows. It is the man of clean life who deserves the veneration of the world. Purity of heart, kindly, joyous, honest; these are the qualities of estimable men. A prince may be a degenerate as history proves abundantly. Wealth may be only a badge of distinction, but the aristocracy of goodness is real.

HARD MILKERS

To those who contribute to the support of human work and the animals' welfare only under pressure of what is called "the capitalist attitude of Farmer Applequist," the attitude of Farmer Applequist's cow applies:

"How much milk does that cow give?" asked the summer boarder.

"Well, I don't know," said "Uncle" Ed, "but you mean by voluntary contribution, she don't give none. Let's see if you can get her cornered so she can't kick the burl, an able-bodied man kin take away about 'teven quarts a day from her."

THE CHILD-MOTOR-DRIVER

Annie who handled a fifteen-year-old girl a loaded revolver and told her to wave it in a crowd would be regarded as viciously and criminally inclined. Human life is sacred; these are the qualities of estimable men. A prince may be a degenerate as history proves abundantly. Wealth may be only a badge of distinction, but the aristocracy of goodness is real.



THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK

had built the brick kilns at the corner of Young and Queen streets when Mr. Carl Hansen now owns. His wife was a Miss Hutton of Crowsnest, Alberta, originally, and in time of sickness and trouble, she was much help to the community than Mrs. Sharp. Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp attended the funeral. Church services were general in that church, I am told. The gentleman had a son, but he was old. He found that the original cost of the erection of the church in 1876-7 had been \$1,500, and the amount outstanding now, he said, to the minister, "that should be paid off." If you had got the \$1,500 to pay off, you could put \$200 in my will and the rest with the rest. "The old man died within two years and that \$300 was paid over. I understand the Methodist congregation in that church has had some difficulties and in a few weeks raised the balance, and since then—about ten years ago—the church has been free again. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sharp died within a few months of each other.

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