

HIS MOTHER

Wendell was his night and fame. As he thrilled the world with some of the most beautiful music in the world, the light of fame's great torch.

BEFORE THE MAST

A college professor sometimes remarks playfully that he worked his way into school before the mast. But when he tells the story he makes it clear that he began by threatening to run away from school if he were not allowed to try sailor's life.

Over the Hills to Newry

Kick-kick, there, Beasie, Go long, go long. And lift your feet, Keturay. For your baggage is heavy, and ahead's the road.

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land, which are the delight of the visitor and the just pride of the native. The old elm of Old Newbury told its story to one of the recent poets. True, it was not his prime; venerable and beautiful still, but the atmosphere that had been woven away a number of great branches—large enough, each of them, for a good-sized tree, and the perfection of its growing outline was marred and marred. Nevertheless it will be sadly missed, and the glory of West India Lane is gone.

The exact age of the ancient tree is not known. It could have lived but four years of two centuries. Local tradition perpetuates its verse by the most popular but almost forgotten poetess, Hannah Gould, assigned to it a pleasing history. It stood before the Jacques-house, near the entrance gate, planted there, according to the story, of which there is no reason to doubt the truth, by young Jonathan Jacques, when it was sapling, slender, light, and small enough to be carried in the hand on a walking stick.

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QUICK QUAKER COURTHIPS

The Friends are usually supposed to be more deliberate in their ways than the world's people. Certainly they are not impatient, but they have often proved themselves capable of quick decisions and swift judgment.

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ANNE GORDON'S WHITE CARNATION

Every woman that Anne Gordon met on her way to church had one on. Mrs. Tom Johnson, plump and easy-going mother of thirteen, and a well-matched wife and automobile.

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hands. For, always would be the torturing doubt whether Billy might not have turned out different if his mother had lived. But she was so happy and so proud of the other five, splendid young people, every one of them, that she had not the heart to let the genius of the family, covering himself with glory at the art school, edit, happily married; the twins, dear, wholesome high school girls, favored wherever they went. Yet in her cup of thankfulness that they had all been such a credit to her were the bitter days of her failure in Billy's case; Billy, whom she yearned over most in her secret heart, loved more than any of the others.

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The Old Man

Two lost letters  
An English merchant was advised by his agent that a chest of six hundred pounds was sent to him by the next mail. It did not come, and the merchant at once made inquiries at the post office. The postman on that route was called in by the postmaster and in answer to a question said that the missing packet was duly received, and delivered. He remembered it distinctly—its shape, color and postmark. As he had a list of records this year, says a statement issued from the C. N. R. headquarters.

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JOY-KILLERS  
Are you a "kill-joy"? Your negative, "independent" and "emphatic" Good! But wait a minute.  
The activities of the ordinary kill-joy we know. The fraternal are out to spoil in the masses, all innocent and gaily. But there are other kill-joys. These are not organized; they don't seek to spoil the fun of others. Their line is to take the joy out of individuals, one at a time. And yet they do it without malice or deliberate intent. But the effect is exactly the same.  
Some parents are kill-joys. They are too particular with their children, too careful, too much concerned. A childish game in which angels might join is brought to a sudden halt. "Daddy, you mustn't do that!" "Elsie, little girls should not tear around as if they were little boys." Hit down quickly at once!  
The joy is killed.  
Daddy gives Tommy a quarter, and Tommy with great joy, picture what he will buy. But a kill-joy parent insists that the money must be put in the savings box.  
Little Mona, with great joy, lays the table for tea. Mother will be so surprised. But mother has a "kill-joy" never do that again, Mona! If you had of broken a cup I should have been very upset!  
Today, without knowing or meaning it, you may have acted as such a kill-joy. Have you snubbed anyone? Have you turned against the pleasure of one of the younger and joyous, your older, perhaps cynical wisdom? Have you laughed in your superior fashion at some sage idea?  
Then you are a kill-joy. Anything which dampens the sun of youth, or causes aching, eager eyes to look on and innocent happiness, kills joy, and those who do the darkening, the clouding of the day, are kill-joys.

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There is something better in me  
A year ago an employee in an ordinary position in a large concern said to himself, "There is something better in me than this, and I'm going to get it to work for me." He didn't wait for his resolve to weaken or his enthusiasm to grow cool, and although a wife and two children were dependent upon him, he threw up his job then and there and started out for himself. To-day this splendidly successful man in a business of his own, all because he had the faith to act on the belief that there was something better in him than he had been called upon to use in his dependent position as an ordinary employee.

PAPER MONEY'S SHORT LIFE  
How long does paper money last? This is a hard question to answer, unless you name the part of the United States in which the money is being used. For instance, in New York city money changes hands so much faster than any other place in America that a five dollar bill is worn out in about eight months. A one dollar or two dollar bill will not last nearly this long, but a ten dollar, twenty dollar or a hundred dollar is not handled as often as the smaller denominations, and so it lasts a long time.

MURINE NIGHT & MORNING  
KEEP YOUR EYES CLEAN CLEAR AND HEALTHY  
This is the obituary of a tree. Another old elm is gone, another of those majestic, storied elms of Newbury.