

THE OLD MILL-STREAM.

- Will you come with me to Acton When the charming bluebirds Fing. Where the weeping willows whisper-And sweet memories ever cling; While the swallows skim the waters, When the crimson sun's last gleam Pills the longing heart with gladness
- Will you come with me to Acton Where the whip-poor-will's clear call Breaks the silence 'round the cottage Where the plaintive echoes fall; In the opal-tinted twilight Where the golden cowaling dream, And the distant cowbells tinkle

By the murmuring old mill-stream.

- By the winding old mill-stream Will you come with me to Acton Been-so well from Cobble IIIII. Where the vesper bell is ringing. And the churches are a'thrill
- In that blissful vale, I ween, By the cheery old milf-stream.
- Will you come with me to Acton When the elf blows on its horn In the pasture by Hall's stable
 Where the little lambs were born;
 There the moon peeps o'er the woodland Like a fairy in a dream. And is mirrored on the bosom Of the bubbling old mill-stream.
- AN IMPORTANT HISTORIC LAND-MARK DISAPPEARS I could hardly believe my eyes the

other morning when I took a walk from the Post Office up Willow Street and, reaching the Town Hall at the corner of Bower Avenue, I found the fine old sir." Balm of Oilead tree which had stood at the corner of the property now owned by the United Church on which the Parsonage stands, was missing. Thut tree had stood there for at least seven yfive years, and I missed it sorely. But what was my diamay when y proceeded up the street past the Par opage and loward Knox Church Many to observe that the great old Wi'.ow tree

the Parsonage and the May was also gone. The explanation wy given that during the big windstorm at the first of the month both these fine old trees were so damaged that it was deemed wise to cut them down. A out half of each was blown down, ral -the remaining trunk and branches ossessed an element of danger to peoply passing. Both these me orable giants have a

history. The his by of the Willow espec-

Acton's settle at a hamlet with a grist mill ar blacksmith shop. The thre Adams brothers, who came here from he state of New York, and settled c /the three farms, upon which Messy Arra. Zenas and Rufus 1235, after hilding their mill and finding the ago quite satisfactory, concluded the locality with its water privileges other natural advantages, was adid a survey was made, streets laid out, ad lots were offered for sale to the

Mill and Main Streets were the frontages of the three farms. Willow Street Pairview Place to the creek bank at the south-later called Tannery Creek. Drink Hot Water stream. On Willow Street Zenas Adams planted a row of willow trees along the east aide of that portion of the street surveyed off from his farm. The tree recently blown down and cut up at the United Church Parsonage was the last remaining of the row which gave sold and new buildings erected the his- gas, sourcess and indigestion after cal-toric old willows have been sagrificed. ing. If they would start the agreeable One of the first to fall a victim to containing a teaspoonful or four tablets of pure Bisurated Magnesia, they would the site where the Town Hall stands. This was about forty-five years ago. In and improved that they could cat the 1900, when the Warren Block was built righest and most satisfying meals withwhich now houses the Bank of Mon- ou! the least symptom of indigestion. treal. Hassard's drug store, the Red and | Nearly all digestive troubles are caused White store, the Masonic Hall and the by an excess of acid and an insuf-second floor residences, the big willow ficient blood supply in the stomach. on the corner was cut down. It measur- can take place. A glass of hot water ed 16 feet 9 inches in circumference. draws the blood to the stomach and Bis-The wood was quite solld. H. P. Moore, prated Magnesia neutralities the stomach who was editor and publisher of Tirk actds and keeps the stomach strong-ACTON PREE PRESS at the time, secured sweet and healthy and promotes normal a section of the butt of the old willow printers digestion. Bisurated Magnesia and had it cut up and dressed at Brown's is not a laxative, is harmless, easy and

quarter inch thick and had printed on The Artin Bree Bress cach & bilet history of the tree and its environments. I was fortunate enough; to secure one of these souvenirs, and still have it and prize is highly.

There was a reunion of the pupils of the old teacher, Robert Little, in Acton on July 13th and 14th, 1900, scores of The clouds keep their promise; believe these little willow souvenirs were, distributed to the old pupils present and to

The Willow tree which stood on the Parsonage property must have been planted well on to a hundred years ago. The Balm of Oilend tree was probably there for seventy-five years. These two old trees with the fine maple standing between where they stood were held in great veneration by Mr. C. C. Henderson, whose baybood and mainlided homes had had them in view. I have heard my friend Charile refer in very endearing terms to these old leafy sentinels more than once. He was sorry to leave the associations when he removed to Torento. He will miss the two sadly shenever he returns to Acton.

If these old trees could have spoken what a story they could have told about the march of progress which came into their view during their long years "standing at attention" in their respective

TREES ARE OUR COMPANIONS Many of us who have attained old age really regard trees with which we have been familiar all our lives as our

How often have we turned our eyes unexpectedly upon a solltary tree keeping watch and ward over a hillside pasture, and at once, as if the heavens had been sopened, there came a vision as dear to us as the memory of that eacred band of the loved and lost. How often has a footpath, winding through the woods, opened suddenly upon us. and in a moment an event long past, and perhaps long forgotten, an hour of joy. has shone about us.

The trees are indeed our companions clothed by us with the most delightful associations, appealing and responding at once to our sense of beauty, and preserving, as it were, with tender care all told and well told by the young Indian, who, in the midst of the splendor Parts, regretting the simple beauty of his native island, sprang forward at the unexpected sight of a banana tree in the Jardin das Plants, embraced it, while his eyes were bathed in tears and exclaiming with a voice of joy: "Ah, tree of my country," seemed by a delightful illusion of sensibility to imagine himself for a moment transported to the land which gave him birth. So, trees which grew up with us at the old home, have endeared themselves to us, and are in our old age, and theirs, naturally regarded with a veneration and an affection which means much to

wested in our boyhood days at this time of year, "Where the sugar maple

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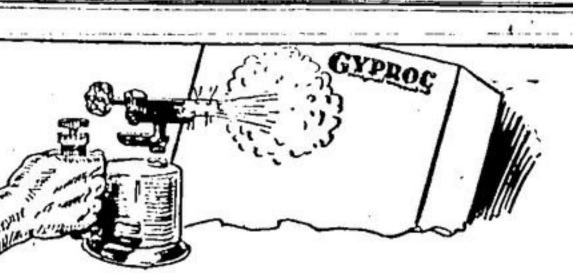
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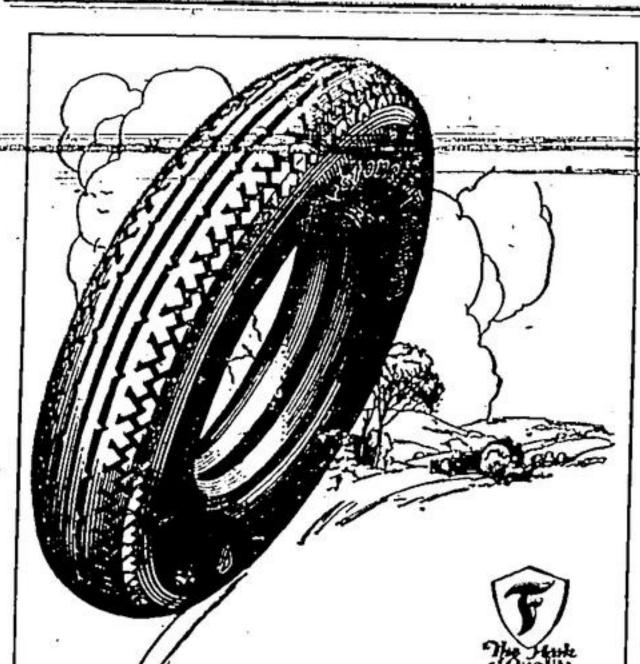
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Porty years, ago the city of Mooker was frontier town. It issuessed at that time a vast amount of unimproved realtime a vast amount of unimproved realestate, a still larger amount of confidence, and a few inhabitants, of whom
severif were interested in religion only
to the extent that there might be a
fine church in the place for the take
of its financial advantage to the community. There was a young ardent, enthusiastic minister was a young ardent, en-Thusiastic minister who solicited the extremely diffigent man, he did rouse money, to put up the new church, and his courage to the point of sending her the building was erected. 'On the day a proposal of marriage. when the money was to have been drawn Miss Catherine was a busy woman, for

The minister obtained secular employ- other things, she allaped it into her ment in the town and preached almost pocket, and forgot all about it. without salary for six or eight years. Now came the humorously tragic side more, until the amount of money that of the subsets for the letter had no had been in the bank was made good.
It was a long, hard pull. The church and town had been almost ruined by the bank failure, and no one thing did so recall it. His admiration for Catherine had not lessened, but mature consideration had not lessened, but mature consideration had not lessened, but mature consideration had not lessened. much to put new, heart into things as sideration had made him sure that they the fidelity of the minister. But the were not suited to each other. cashier had been a prominent member of At last he considered himself bound the church, and the obloquy of his trans- to communicate his change of feeling to gression fell, in no small measure on the her, but his letter had not been answer-

he had accepted a call elsewhere, his raw him approach, looking crestfallen life opportunities had gone. He was no and miserable. At that moment she langer young. Moreover, he was a nort remembered the letter, and was filled of half-and-half preacher. It was not with remorae. casy to regain full standing as a minlater; his habits of studying had been hampered and his reach of thinking had so ashamed, so sorry! I have not even been narrowed by the cares of those years. opened your letter." Often he wondered if it had really he was able to live, all the dreams and he exclaimed, with energy: hopes of large things in life, to that difficult and disappointing and, as it seemed, read it! I beg of you destroy it unread!" that unappreciated task.

back. The city had grown. The original she did not read. lot in the heart of the town- the lot he bought and paid for with his heroic toil-had been sold at large profit, and the new building was paid for almost wholly out of the land. The dedication the anniversary service, and the old nister was the guest of the church Deep-Seated minister was the guest of the church

Then in the various addresses, by the mayor and minister, by the oldest inhabitant and by the editor of the daily paper, it was prolaimed that this was he man who put heart into the town in the day of its calamity; this was the man who helped to recetablish faith when it was almost gone; this was the man who brought new life and hope to the town and to the church. The old man went back to his little country church content with life, and z-life of misery and agree "I have been asking mytelf all these years if my sacrifice was not a mistake, yet feeling in my heart that I had

WHEN WAGNER WAS A BOY

done right. But now I know."

In a sunny room at the classical school of Dresden, says an article in "The Outline," a small boy sat alone His hand gripped a pen, and the paper before him was covered with sprawling

He was writing what may be termed a portmanteau play, a generous hotchpotch of "Hamlet" and "King lear," with occasional echoes of "The Odyssey." The work was far from complete, and so far the author had contrived to remove no less, than forty-two of the characters by means of murders, suicides, and other violent aids to extinction adroitly introduced into the plot. It was at this crucial point in the drama that Wilhelm Richard Wagner aged fourteen, was forced to pause. It

had suddenly become apparent to the going tragedian that at the present rate of progress his play must be entirely denuded of performers by the time its fifth act was reached. Already the cast had been whittled to the minimum. Within a few seconds he had arrived at a beautiful solution. Why not improve upon the artifice adopted by that Englishman Shakespeare, whose plays were now under discussion in the literature class, and whose poetic eloquence had served to set Wilhelm Richard in pursuit of similar attainments? Did not Shakespeare, having killed his characters, serve them up again in a later scene as unsubstantial ghosts? The boy returned with a smile to his work, and proceeded to people his

imaginary stage with the spirits of those whom he had been so joyously despatched an act or two before.

ENGLAND'S FIRST AERONAUT

In honor of James Sadler, the first British aeronaut, a memorial tablet has been erected at Oxford. On Oct. 4, 1874, he did astonish the people by "ascending into the almosphere with firmness and intrepldity." His balloon was 170 feet in circumference, and carried a small brazier, suspended under the envelope, in order to of ascension. It shot up to a height of 3,600 feet and was blown north-west. Unfortunately, Sadler dropped the fork used to handle the fuel, and it is said he avoided coming in's wood by using oars. Eventually, after half an hour's flight, he had travelled about six miles. In his second flight he used hydrogen, and in three minutes was lost to sight in the clouds. Twenty minutes later he came down near Aylesbury, fourteen miles away.

For twenty-five years Sadler worked as a chemist, engineer, and inventor, but when fifty-seven he returned to ballooping. In 1874 he accended from Burlington House, Piccadilly, before a huge rowd. Bubsequently, however, he failed n an attempt to cross from Ireland to England

TRITE AND NEAR-TRITE "Hunk Jones wus seen carrying a packige of insect powder home last night. It jest seem's though we have to have

one suicide in town each year."

An amusing episade belongs to the listory of the Gorneys of Earlism, a

from the bank to settle the last of the she had, at the age of seventeen years, church debt, the bank cashler committed taken the entire charge of a great family suicide, and the bank vault was found of eleven brothers and sisters; and when the letter came, being occupied with

church, and the hurt of it upon the ed! Days went on, and he dragged his unwilling feet to her gate. She was By the time the debt was paid and walking down the driveway when that "O Mr. Edwards," she called, "I am

The relief and joy which overspread been worth while. He had given not his face were sufficiently puzzling, but those years merely but all the years that she was the more perplexed when he

"Oh, then, don't rend it! Pray don't A few weeks ago that town held its were very old friends when he told the promised. Years passed, and they fortieth anniversary. They invited him Catherine Gurney what was in the letter

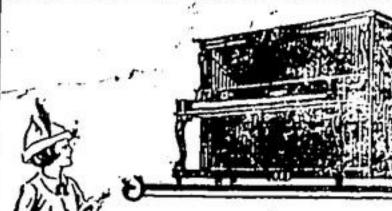
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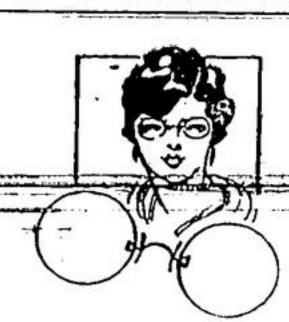
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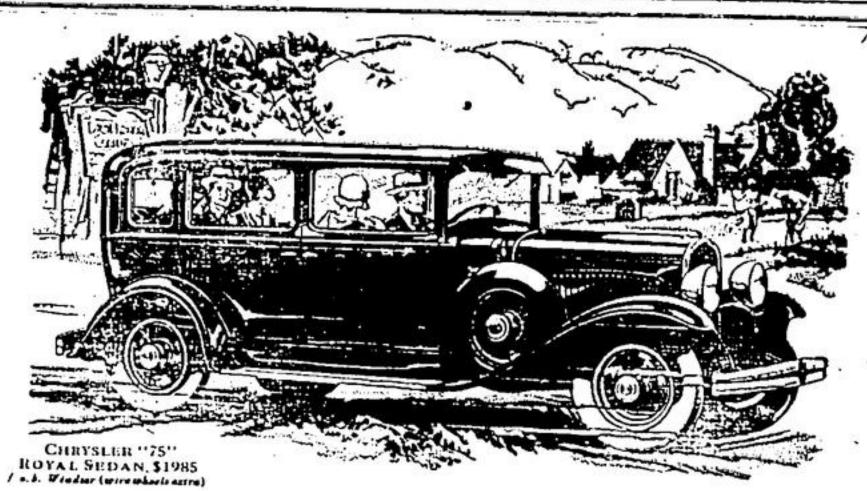


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