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BIRDS FOR SALE

Three steps down from the street; the window was gray with grime, and it was cold ice for the gloom outside in the gay springtime. A start of wings in the room.

There sang around the wall, A lonely company, It's my one and all And the lone conture.

I know not what to say— I'll say nothing, I'll say nothing, In a misty corner.

A starting ventured a word, A short look home at grass, Laughter, and then— There goes a wistful snare.

At the four hours' eve in a bush, The birds have made their nests, Home in a dried oak.

A singing faltered a phrase, Faltered, faltered, shadow falcon in skyward spoke:

"I think the wheat breath high in the meadow."

The sun—wind opened "The" door, A soft of country weather,

An old message said, From woods where rain had been, And the sun had shone more.

Up the same path led them, They alit among the trees.

They all sang together Of quickened cap in the sod, Of flowers breaking the clay, Of leaves that were falling, Other, Of nests in secret places, New green on older uplands.

Now, here and there, Wings feed to wide spaces— For those wonders seven.

They alit again to heaven.

Their steps in the street And the sun was low, I went on hasty feet, But I followed him all the way, Haste, and then singing, The eager without ringing,

"Alas! to May!"

I heard my brother sing,

"I heard to God they sang."

Turp.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, May 19, 1910

The lawn bowlers are enjoying themselves on the green again.

Bathing operations are becoming lively.

The Council should take steps to keep the main streets sprinkled at once.

Officer Harvey's train tripping has improved the appearance of the streets.

He has also done some work on the walkways of Parkview Cemetery.

The improvements in the general conduct of the town, since whisky selling was made illegal, is really marvelous.

Mosher, Beardmore & Co. have purchased the property of Mr. James A. McNaughton, 100 Main Street, the 1910 lot, and the lots of Dr. Acton fronting on Queen Street.

Since the foundations for the new Bradstone warren have been laid, the building is progressing rapidly.

It will be built in the Gladwin Street, and citizens in the south section of the town have now free access to the G. H. ground by that street—a decided convenience.

Dr. Antill's much-anticipated anniversary sermons in Galt on Sunday.

The first baseball match of the season was played in the Park on Saturday afternoon between two teams of Acton players.

Mr. James McDougall sold his liverpool last week to McCann & Patterson, and is again in the business.

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McDougall and Howard Black are successful in their first year examinations at McMaster University and the School of Practical Sciences. Mr. Vincent Goodwin has passed his examination in mining at the U. P. B.

A brand new flag floated at half mast over the Town Hall on Saturday and is still there. The flag means "We are sorry," and will be held in the Methodist Church on Friday evening. Address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Antill, Revs. Hynd and Mr. Exchum and Rev. Mr. Burrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston left on Tuesday morning for a four month's trip to the West.

"UNCLE EBEN" ON KEEPING WELL

Horses and Cows Aid Us Against Disease

A horse can keep you from dying of diphtheria, and a cow can prevent you from catching smallpox.

"Uncle Eben" tells readers of the Country Guide of Whittington an article on the subject.

Eben is a retired farmer, who, finding time hanging heavily on his hands, took up the study of health, and got ahead of all the free practical books he could find.

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