Poet's Corner TREES OF HOME

like the stately trees that grow By garden, street, or dome; But there are those I treasure most-The friendly trees of home.

The sprightly spruce tree stands so straight, A smug, complacent fir; About his sturdy fragrant form The winds with healing stir.

the lombardy has velvet robes, mystle old and wise. And I would learn the prophecies He whispers to the akies.

Three elms, as every morning Lift peaceful arms in prayer: Their names are Faith and Hope and Love. Their lives screne and-fain-

The little poplars young and The maples gray with sears, Weave myriad sunsets through their leaves,

And pluck the twilight stars Oh, there is grace in many a tree, By rock or surf or loam; Of the friendly trees of home.

-Mary E. McCullough In "The sky was my friend.



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Lesson

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1951 GOD'S COVENANT WITH HIS

PEOPLE Golden Text.-I am thy shield, Gen. 15:1.

18-19.

fed by Faith, 15: 1-6. Abram had won a great victory kings after they had defeated the five kings who went against them. But after his victory-fear entered into the heart of Abram. Such as had escaped might rally and attack him or new chemics might rise to fight him, seeing that he had now word of God came to him in a visfor his shield. Over and over again 7). God had brought him out to so no harm can touch him and ev- (2 Cor. 6: 17, 18). ery good thing is assured to him

(Ps. 84:11; Rom. 8:31), But Jehovah said more to Abram than "I am thy shield." He added. I am thy exceeding great reward." Abram had refused any reward from the king of Sodom (ch. 14:23) se His reward. God is better than ill gifts, even His own gifts, and to ave Himself for our reward better than to have all else (Ps. 16:2; 73:25). But there was one hing Abram desired above all else, child (vs. 3, 4). God bids Abram in his uncertainty and doubt to look up. His seed should be as countless as the starry hosts above his head (ch. 13:16; 22:17). The starry heavens in the land in which Abram ived produce an impression countlessness that they do not in

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our atmosphere. This promise seemed absolutely incredible. God's promises often do, but God has fulfilled it (Deut. 1:10; 10:22; Heb. 11:22). Abram did not stumble at the sceming incredibility of the promise, nor at the apparent insuperability of the obstacles to its fulfilment, "he believed in Jehovah." Against all hope that looks at probabilities, and resting in the hope that bullds upon the naked word and thy exceeding great reward. of God, he believed, and through simply believing the promise was Lesson Text.-Gen. 15:1-8; 17:5- fulfilled and Abram became the father of many nations (Rom. 4:18) All God asks of us is that we believe in Him and therefore take Him at His word; so God counted (ch. 14) over the four confederated Abram's faith to him for righteousness. In the same way today; if we simply take God at His word, especially in regard to Jesus Christ, God reckons that faith to us for righteousness, no matter how unrighteous we have actually been in our lives (Rom. 4:3-6; Gul. 3:6; 7). become a warrior. In his fear the God's method of justification and salvation in the O. T. and N. T. are ion, with that message that God precisely alike. Faith is reckoned sends so often to His servants, "fear for righteousness; but without faith But none hold half the tenderness not." Then He gives Abram an all it is impossible to please God (Heb. sufficient reason why he should not | 11:6). Jehovah further strengthens fear, "I am thy shield." No harm Abram's faith by reference to what can touch the one who has Jehovah | He has already done for him fv.

does the Psalmist ring the changes give him an inheritance; and it 's upon the glad thought that Jehovah for the same purpose that God is our shield to every believer and brings us out of the world today II. God's Covenant with Abram.

At 00 years of age, a full thirteen venrs after the birth of Ishmae! Abram received a visit from the Lord. This was a Theophany, or a manifestation of Deity in angelic and now Jehovah Himself was to form. It was evidently necessary at Fields Not Seen that day, when there were no Scriptures as we have them today. God dealt with men in direct manner. "I am the Almighty God" is the title employed in the time of the patriarchs. It was to show the power of God (Gen. 18:14; 28:3;

Ex. 6:3) Abram was an old man. The promise given him had not yet been fulfilled (Gen. 15:5, 6) Every day made it more impossible. But with God, all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). God assured Abram the covenant would be fulfilled. God's covenant Twas one of grace and assurance, of like nature with the covenant we have with our Lord Jesus Christ (Heb. 8:6).

There was a change of name, Abram-meaning a "high father"-to Abraham, which means "father of a multitude of nations." In anticipation this looked forward to two seeds: (1) that of the Israelites and (2) that of believers in every age who should be looked upon as his spiritual seed (Rom. 4:11-18; Gal. 3:28, 29). In those days a change of name meant a change of status God adopted the custom of the country to reveal the certainty of His covenant. It is God's purpose that we shall believe Him. Nothing so grieves Him as our disbelief. He goes far to confirm what falth we have and encourages us to have more (Mk. 9:24). Looking down the centuries God assured Abram that his seed should possess the land They did. But not as fully as God said they should and as th descendants of Abraham surely will. "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance" (Rom. 11: 29; 8:33-39; Jno. 10:29, 30). The romise of the land to Abram and o his seed is a type of the coven ant of our Lord in regard to heaven. We are to possess our heavenly home in everlasting bliss (Jno. 14:

"If I were 21, I would do what

have been doing all my life - go

around asking a lot of fool questions

and taking chances." Clarence Birdseye, frozen food pioneer, says

in the April Reader's Digest. In ar article condensed from the Ameri

can magazine Birdseye says that at

26 he gave up his sure civil service position to go to Labrador and see

if silver foxes could be transplanted to the United States as breeding

stock. The venture failed, but he

recouped his losses in the fur trade

and brought a bride back to live in

the wilderness. Like other dwel-

lers in arctic climates, the Birds-

eyes used their backyard for an ice-

box. One day, Mr. Birdseye won-

dered why the foods frozen almost

instantly in midwinter kept better

than those frozen in spring or fall.

frozen foods," he relates, "and dis-

covered that the quick-frozen flesh

were grainy because of large ice

crystals in the flesh, and leaked

He remembered this fact, he says,

when he returned to the United

States and went into the fish busi-

ness. Experimentation based or

the observation laid the foundation

of the frozen food industry. Clar-

ence Birdseye, now 64, has sold out

his frozen food patents for \$22 in

juice when thawed."

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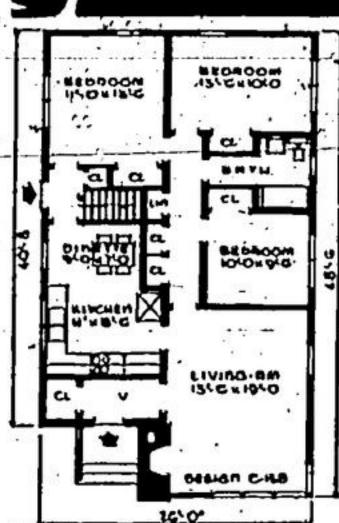
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narrow lot, is only 26 feet wide, is totalled at 23,828 cubic feet

Front entrance, leads' into vestibute with conf closet. Cabinets and kitchen equipment are grouped at one end of kitchen, leaving other free for dining. This is, large enoug for three bedroom house, but for larger groups living room may be used for dining.

The side entrance leads directly to basement and kitchen. The three bedrooms have large wardrobe type closets, while the bedroom hall has closets for linens, clothes and general storage.

Rear bedroom opens from side vestibule and is convenient as workroom, having access into kit-

Exterior has siding except for brick veneer at fireplace. Roof shingles are asphalt.

The overall dimensions are 26 feet by 48 feet 6 inches with a floor

Value of Languid

Fields are the holiday spots of the poor. They would prefer a month at the seashore or in the mountains or the piney forest, but they can afford to get to the pienic grounds at the bus stop and spread themselves for the afternoon, or at least until it rains. A great thing about a field is that the children can run farther without falling off, into and under so many things so

A field may be used for looking at, or for playing games, or for fighting a battle, or for growing certain things while trying to prevent other things from growing. A field is for walking and sometimes for sitting or lying supine to mark the course of clouds, how they move across the sky.

Mountains and the sea and the forests are natural wonders more; acclaimed by humans, but the fields are more used by them. The fields feed them even more than does the ea, and the fields bring them even more wealth than do the forests and the metals and water power of

Those who live in those vast fields, the prairies, and who have not merely remarked them from a pullman or plane window, but who have been sweated and have pondered and laughed there and een defeated and got up again and ave eaten grain-grown turkey = these are professionals from the big time fields and they have their special feelings about fields.

Lesser folk-the small-time field people of the East-cannot match the Westerners' peculiar emotions about fields, but they spend a great deal of time in fields one way and another. Some of them farm, although the prairie man queries. "Do you call that a field?"

Then there is the Sunday stroller, whose traditional habitat is the fields. There is the park loafer. He is a real field man, a pro in his small way, for he has found the Take Chance, Urge cops do not make you move on so much when it is a park you pick of Frozen Food Man for loafing, rather than a street corner. There are the fellows pitching horseshoes beyond the end. of the subdivision, the thousands at. the ball game, the mushroom hunter, the golfer (although the field is to him just something not to get off of into the woods), and the lovers calthough conversely with them the field is just something to cross to reach that chummy grove of

Fields are bare places on the earth, but many have in their memory, some particular field that is not bare of wonder. Perhaps they were taken there as a child, or walked there among the bird calls of evening or at sunrise, or saw there one time the twined grass flowers-really saw them. Fields are for the poor, but he is indeed poor who has not some such visioned field for his very own.

REFUGEE MONEY

was firm. The slower-frozen foods Canada is becoming to an increasing degree a refuge for European capital, reports The Financial Post

> The trend has been noticeable ever since the end of the war, but it has been accelerated greatly in the last six months. Some of it is going into direct investment-into the setting up of new plants, expansion of existing ones - but even more is in the form of purchases of Canadian securities.

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