

At Home Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

Dear Prudence:
Today I had a most delightful surprise, one that kept my heart singing little melodies all day. It was the gift of a little book from the author. I remember your liking her first book, so I hasten to make you acquainted with the second, which I think is even better than the first.

"Little Songs for Sale"
by Anne Sutherland
60 McTague St. Guelph
The Ryerson Press Publishers.

The little songs between the covers of this little chap-book have the cheeriest, brightest, most encouraging and inspiring messages from a vast variety of sources, so that the heart and mind of the reader is filled with little lulling melodies.

The first verse in "The Vendor of Songs" tells us where the author has the little songs for sale and the price:

"My shelves are filled with little songs
Of hope and trust and cheer.
I sing them at the open door
For all the world to hear.
I sell one for a penny or
A prayer or a smile,
I give a sample song away
Every little while."

The second verse gives us a glimpse of the variety of places where the little songs can be found:

I make my little friendly songs
Of all the things I see
I found one in a daffodil,
I heard one from a bee,
I wove one out of little winds,
I caught one in the rain,
I piped one out of laughter and
Stitched one out of pain.

The third verse tells us where she would like to find more songs.

"First Glow" shows us a few more places where these cheery little songs are found by the author

All things but just begun I love:—
—Oh: the sweet o'dreaming on the
thing that's just begun!

The subdued tones of the lullaby can be distinctly heard when the reader follows the thoughts suggested in "Baby Clothes" and "The Land of Lady-Babies."

The mother of the boy and the mother-heart with only a dream boy, cannot help but feel as they read "Starting School" the tugging of the heart strings as the little life starts out into the world and breathe the little prayer that follows every pair of little feet that go out from homes where love dwells.

There are a variety of strains and tones expressed in the songs "Ambush" and "Philosophy on Gardens". There is the happy joyous strain of freedom from care, and ease from arduous work as one strolls through the garden on the path of "Discovery". There are the lively, dancing, modern tunes of "brand-new" gardens, and the soft, humming, lovely, memory strains of the home songs which the old garden awakes in the hearts of home loving people. "Oh, a little old garden has a very special grace".

If we listen attentively while we read "Isolate", we will hear friendly, soothing melodies in the loving words of counsel.

Who but the author could have

found such a happy little song as "Wild Strawberry" or started ringing the little, tiny, tinkling bells of thought that we find in the little poem "Curtains".

What a happy little song we could sing every hour of the day if we put into action the harmonies expressed in "The Beauty Shop".

"The Younger Pilgrim" is a little unspoken prayer in the hearts of all who wish the evening of their life to have the hopeful vision of youth—"The hunger for the road".

Then we have the quiet, earnest, longing strains of "A Prayer for All Time". These too, are unexpressed desires of many a heart. How beautifully the author has expressed them for us.

"Centennial" and "Guelph—Our Heritage" are the home songs that touch the lives of all who love their childhood home and community.

"Closing time" is not only the quaint little melody that closes the book, but it is a little prayer in a soft, melodious tone for a beautiful closing time in life.

The author certainly did use wisely her time and talent in composing these little songs, and she had eyes that could see, ears that heard, hands with the gentle, caressing touch, and the senses of smelling and tasting that were alive and not mechanical.

I hope, Prudence, you will have just as many happy moments with this little chap-book as did your old friend,
RUTH RAEBURN.

JACK MINER'S "FEED BILL"

In the August issue of Forest and Outdoors it was stated in an article by L. W. T. Waller, Jr., that it cost Jack Miner \$3,000 to \$4,000 for food this year for birds. That is true, but Mr. Miner calls our attention to the fact that this is for spring only and there is still the fall to feed the birds, which will mean at least \$2,000 more. In 1927, for both spring and fall, it cost him practically \$5,800 for feed, and usually runs between \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year. This, of course, is only feed, saying nothing about the expense of building nests to catch birds to study their route of migration for scientific purposes, besides aluminum to make the tags; and also Mr. Miner and sons giving their time in caring for same. At the present time, the Dominion Government gives Jack Miner \$750 grant and the Ontario government \$400. The balance, which totals nearly \$5,000 is raised by Jack Miner's lectures. Jack Miner and his sons' business is brick and tile manufacturing. From this source they derive their bread and butter.

FOR A WINTER HOLIDAY— TRY FLORIDA

This is the Florida social season. Trains from almost every part of the Continent are bringing their quota to this famous winter resort country.

Who wouldn't spend a few weeks or months in Florida? Days of sunshine, nights of music, lights and laughter. Wonderful links for the golfer. Courts for the tennis enthusiast and lawn bowling greens. Polo, riding, motor-boating, surf bathing, deep sea fishing and other sports and pastimes in abundance.

Then the exotic scenery of Florida! The marvelous cuisine! The tropical atmosphere! You'll never forget nor regret a Florida holiday.

Any Canadian National Railways Agent will help you plan an itinerary . . . give you full information . . . and make reservations for you.

Buyers Are Warned About Seed Bargains

Graded Seed Is Government Approved
and All Bags Tagged.

Rainy weather during the summer and fall last season resulted in heavy weed growth all over Ontario and the crop of red clover particularly, was dirtier than usual, seed buyers report. On this account more than the usual amount of seed was rejected by these buyers, who realized that the crop could not be cleaned up to meet the standard imposed by the Government on all field seeds offered for sale through the seed houses. These rejected lots, it is pointed out, constitute a real menace, as there will be considerable temptation for the owner to offer them to a neighbor at a low price and thus nullify the value of the Seeds Act, which was designed to protect the farmer purchaser of seeds. It is, of course, strictly against the law to offer ungraded seed for sale, but this illicit selling is hard to check up.

Graded Seed

Because of the amount of this rejected seed in the country, farmers are warned to take every precaution in securing their supply for spring sowing this season. "Good seed," points out a bulletin issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, "means clean, fresh, plump, well-graded, sound seed of the best varieties." If it is graded, it will be plainly stated on the bag, and the buyer knows that the stock he is buying has been tested and approved in one of the five Government seed laboratories scattered over the country, at which samples of all seed offered for sale by reliable sources must be tested. These Government laboratories are also at the service of the farmer, and will test up to three samples of seed for him free of charge. Officials of the seed branches urge that advantage be taken of this service where the farmer is doubtful of his supply of seed.

Spread of Weeds

Undoubtedly much of the spread of weeds throughout the country in recent years is due to the purchase of ungraded seed from a neighbor. The buyer of such seed, unwittingly, adds to the number of these soil robbers on his own farm. The seed offered to him may look fairly clean to the unpracticed eye; a handful held up to the light appearing to be all clover. But one should remember that our very worst weeds produce seeds about the same size and weight and often the color of the clover, and because of this they are hard to remove and are therefore dangerous. In the Government laboratory no casual hand inspection is given, but a representative sample is put under the microscope, and if it does not come up to the high standard required by the Government the lot represented by that sample is rejected. One can only be safe by insisting on Government-grade seed, and the fact that the regular seed trade has rejected more red clover seed this year than usual, on account of the prevalence of weed seeds, should make one doubly suspicious of anything that is offered at a bargain price.

MILLION-YEAR-OLD STONES FOR THE POPE'S ROSARY

A rosary composed of stones a million years old was recently completed and presented to Pope Pius. It was the idea and work of Dr. Francis Nicholas dean of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, who made the rosary out of staurolites, a mineral consisting of basic aluminum and iron silicate, which has the qualities of crystal and is one of the most ancient of stones. The presentation was made by Rev. Hugh Duffy, S. S. J., of the Apostolic College, Newburgh, N. Y.

An odd fact about staurolites is that they invariably come in the form of crosses. Some of the best specimens are mined in Patrick County, Virginia. They are dug out of the hillsides by the mountaineers, who consider that the staurolites are their property, and resent any attempts on the part of strangers to dig them out.

There is a legend of the staurolites which explains why they are more familiarly known as "fairy-stones". This legend recites that when the fairies heard that Christ had been crucified they wept bitter tears, which fell to the earth in the form of crosses and were solidified by time and nature. So that the rosary of "fairy-stones" recently presented to the Pope by Rev. Duffy, was entirely appropriate. Dr. Duffy made the trip especially to hand His Holiness the chaplet. The presentation took place in the throne room of the Vatican. The Pontiff, says Dr. Duffy, was greatly interested in the history of the gift and deeply grateful for it.

Between 18,000 and 22,000 staurolites were examined by Dr. Nicholas and other experts, and only those stones which matched perfectly in size and symmetry were used for the beads. Staurolites or fairy stones, are found in differently shaped crosses—but always in cross-form. Each Pater Noster on the Pope's new and unique rosary is a Maltese cross. The Aves are made up of Roman crosses and the crosses are strung together on a golden chain. The stones are dark brown in color and beyond cleaning and polishing are untouched in any way.

It was Lord Dewar who remarked that divorce is a great institution. It keeps women in circulation.—St. Catharines Standard.

New Things Are "News"

Every member of every family in this community is interested in the news of the day. And no items are read with keener relish than announcements of new things to eat, to wear or to enjoy in the home.

You have the goods and the desire to sell them. The readers of "The Chronicle" have the money and the desire to buy. The connecting link is ADVERTISING.

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