

At Home Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

POEMS
by Ella H. Eckel, St. Thomas, Ont.

If Springtime Should Come
If Spring should come
With her glad garments on,
And all the witchery
Of her melody,
My eyes could scarcely see
For very ecstasy.
He, Who doth govern all
Bids first appear
Snowdrops, anemones,
His heralds these
Of gladsome days to come.
"Beauty is on her way—
Swing wide the gates of May!"

Pipes of Spring
When the pipes of Springtime merrily
play:
"Over the hills and far away!"
I hear the echo of eager feet
Answering the call of that piping
sweet.
"Come, come away where the violets
grow,
And the wood-folk dance to the soft
winter blow;
When Love's at the morn, and song's
on the wing,
And all is a welcome for beautiful
Spring."
Pipes of the Springtime merrily play
"Over the hills and far away."

In Spring
The weaver at his loom—think you
He sees—
A forest green,
Proud winged things,
Flowers, fragile, fair?
And hears—
A murmuring rill,
The wind o' night,
Full throated birds?
And knows—
A sheltered nook,
A quiet hour,
Delight therein?
And this—the pattern that he weaves?

May
Once more 'tis May!
Again I feel the urge
To bathe my soul in blossoms
White as snow,
Anoint me with fragrance
Of fair flowers;
Purge me with wind-blown breezes,
Cool and clear;
Refresh me with the song of birds,
Heavenly sweet;
Then, standing clean of all wrong de-
sire,
Thank Him, who gives me such an hour
As this.

House-Hunting
Today I had a caller,
Fancy, just at dawn!
He bowed his head
O'er his waistcoat red,
Begged a favor—then was gone.
And the favor—would you know it?
Pray come with me and see
A house so neat,
And a wife so sweet,
And himself, in my lilac tree.

A Family Man
Today, just at four,
Came a knock at my door,
And waiting outside
All puffed up with pride
Was my neighbor. Yes, he
Of the lilac tree.
I'd be honored right well,
(How his red breast did swell!)
If you'd please come to see
My dear wife and me,
And—O, it is true—
Our family of two!

A Landlord, I
I've rented my lilac tree again
To a gay and gallant young gentleman.
"I'll pay for the rent in advance!" said
he.
And straightway began to sing merrily.
And oh, the song that he sang today—
Made me merry and happy and blithe
and gay!

So, landlord, pray, if you'd richer be—
To a gallant young man rent your lilac
tree.

Dandelions
And I—might even have grown old,
Not knowing I possessed of gold
A goodly share—until today
I knelt me in the fields of May.
Oh eyes, but ever learn to see
The treasure God hath given thee!

'Tis Sweet To Live
'Tis sweet to live:
To see anemones in spring,
Flash of a blue bird's wing;
To hear at dawn of day
The lark's blithe roundelay;
To labor happily in the sun
And rest content, the day's work done;
To revel in the beauty of a tree
And hearken to its topmost melody;
To wander idly in a wooded glade
Where sweet the silence and perfumed
the shade;
To stand at ev'n on a hill-top high,
And watch the glory of a sun-swept
sky;
To think long thoughts (come quiet
winter days)
On God, who e'er doth mind of man
amaze;
Oh, Life, because thou dost me give
Such Loveliness—'tis sweet to live!

What's Wrong With The Weather?

What's wrong with the weather?
Why nothing, my friend.
Just blending together
For good in the end.
Of the cold and the snow
That the flowers may bloom
In the Spring when a rainbow
Calls each from its tomb.

Harmonious blending
Of sunshine and rain.
What's best God is sending
That we may attain,
Strength for our battle, friend,
Drink, manna and rest.
We will find in the end
God knows what is best.

The crashing thunder,
The unshrugging gale,
The splitting asunder
Of Heavenly veil,—
Is not my pleasure
But God's wondrous way
Of providing treasure
For some future day.

SHEEP INDUSTRY PROSPEROUS

The sheep industry in 1928 was very good both for meat and wool. Reviewing the year, Live Stock Market and Meat Trade Review issued by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, shows that the wool clip averaged from five to twenty-five per cent above the values received the previous year, while sheep and lamb sales were fully 11 per hundredweight above the 1927 market. Confidence in the future of the industry is expressed in that the industry showed an appreciable expansion, gains being especially good in Ontario and the four Western Provinces. The total sales at stock yards during the year reached 469,172, head being approximately 5,000 head more than the sales of the previous year. The season was characterized by the heaviest movement in any of the past five years, with values well above 1927. A feature of the year's business, according to this Review, was the strong demand for feeding lambs and good breeding ewes. Supplies moved back to the farms from Toronto, were equal to the previous year when the trade was quite heavy, while in Western Canada orders were constantly left unfilled through lack of supplies. The experience of the past year has put the sheep industry on a satisfactory basis with every indication of a further expansion.

as a brooder it is well to give her a few common eggs for a few days and if still inclined to set she may be given a setting of from 13 to 15 eggs according to size. It is important to see that the nest is perfectly clean and disinfected before allowing the hen into it. It is regarded as good practice to set the hens where the laying stock can be taken care of. A colony house makes an ideal place for this purpose. There should be kept near at hand a constant supply of fresh water and hard grain either placed on the floor

or in a hopper as well as green feed. Some hens do not sit as well as others and Mr. Elford regards it as sometimes advantageous to continue the good sitters at work for several weeks. This may be done by removing the eggs to other hens before they are hatched. If they continue to sit well and keep in good flesh it may be possible to keep them at work for several hatchings before allowing them off with chicks or putting them back into the laying pens.

The lighter laying breeds like the Leghorns, though they may become broody seldom make satisfactory sitters. Hens of the medium or larger size that are not too clumsy and awkward should be used for incubation. It is also pointed out in the circular that hens usually sit better than pullets.

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The fox, as you will notice, is applied in such a manner as to emphasize the down-in-back line of the cape.



Galyak Still Leads in the Race for Fur Smartness

The coat sketched here is typical of the trim lines and conservative design that characterize Spring fashions this year.

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STOVE BY AEROPLANE

Away up in the Quebec mining district, 350 miles north of St. Felicien, the manager of a new mine discovered to his horror that he had a fine camp but no cook-stove to feed his hungry new crew of miners. An urgent telephone call was put through to General Steel Works Limited in Montreal, and a sturdy "Algoma" camp cook stove was promptly packed and rushed to the C.N.R. Express which left Montreal at 6.15 p.m. on March 22nd.

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HATCHING WITH HENS

(Experimental Farms Note)

When chicks are to be hatched by the natural method it is well to set several hens at once. As the eggs are tested from time to time and the infertile eggs removed those remaining can be given to fewer hens. Then when the chicks hatch a few hens will be able to brood a larger flock of the same age. When this system is used the hens from which the eggs have been taken may be re-set and kept going for several weeks. Mr. F. C. Elford, the Dominion Poultry Husbandman, in Circular No. 70, "Natural Incubation", published by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, recommends thoroughly dusting the hen with sulphur or insect powder before she is set. The nest should be made ready and the hen placed on the eggs, preferably after dark. To test the hen

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