

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn.

February

February, frosty, frigid,
Roads adrift and trees all rigid;
Leaping fires, styles of spring,
Walls that crack like everything.

—Blanche Kerr Usher.

A Valentine

What can I send you, for old Winter's
reigning!
Snowflakes are flying past my window
pane;
Bare the friendly wildwood, gone the
nodding blossoms.
Sad the empty meadows and the wind-
ing lane.
Yet are mem'ries fadeless, precious
beyond telling.
Friendship links together days of shade
and shine.
Some of May's soft laughter and the
Summer's glory.
These I offer: take them for a Valen-
tine.

—Alix Thorn.

Valentine

I think I'll make a Valentine,
A sweet and cheerful Valentine
To fly through falling snow.
'Twill bear a smile and maybe two
A little wish tucked in for you,
'Twill please you, yes, I know.
But leave your window open wide
So it can quickly slip inside,
And be it shade or shine
'Twill bring the Springtime in to you
With dreams of flowers and breezes too
This wondrous Valentine.

—Alix Thorn.

Winter Night

A wind is hurrying by my door tonight
Weeping and wailing a wild and eerie
song;
A song of sorrow learned when nights
were long
And shot with pain. The trees are
frosted white
And shiver at times and bend and bow.
They cast
Fantastic shadows behind them on the
snow,
The pale young moon disdainfully and
slow
Moves through the clouds until the
night is past.
Someday this boisterous wind will tire
and turn
All soft and gentle with the dream of
flowers
Then too, the moon, with tenderness
through hours
Of night will glow. Expectant trees will
yearn
To hear the new life in their branches
sing
Then in the wood the first faint stir of
spring.

—Rebecca Helman.

Dreaming Meadows

I think the drowsy meadows
Must have some lovely dreams
Of bees who bend gay blossoms,
Of silver-throated streams,
Of fleets of clouds slow sailing
Away and still away,
And all the wondrous pictures

That make a summer day.
And as they lie 'neath blankets
Of snow so pure and white
I wonder if they softly stir,
A starry winter night
And wonder if the wild winds
As thrilling songs they sing
Are telling of glad wak'nings,
The coming of the Spring?

—Alix Thorn

Song

When summer days were here
And earth was arched with blue,
My heart was filled with fear,
My head was crowned with rue.
But now that Winter reigns,
Despoiled each flower and tree,
I count the summer's gain
And joy abides with me.

—Thos Curtis Clark.

A Mantle of Mercy

White mantled lie the fields beneath
the snow,
Light-sifted from the deep compassion-
ate sky;
The restless leaves that drifted to and
fro
In dark forboding now contented lie:
The faded grass, wind-trampled, dead
and dry,
The wanton weeds that bow repentant
heads,
And whitening bones that still for
vengeance cry
Are hidden where the snow its mantle
spreads.

So in my life, now patent in review,
What scars of failure, waste and false
desire
What beauty missed, that now too late
I rue;
How shall I, Lord, to peace of soul
aspire,
Unless Thou, pardoning my humanity
Thy kindly mantle spread of mercy
over me?

—W. Clark Sandercock.

February seems to be the a month
that has given but little inspiration to
the poets. The little verse at the first
of this article is the only poem we could
find with the month's name as its title.
All the other months of the year have
poems dedicated to them but February
seems only to inspire comments on
winter, and the desire for spring and
a few thoughts on Valentine's Day.
This one lone verse is a true picture of
our usual February but does not apply
to this winter's weather.

Alix Thorn does suggest to us just the
nicest valentine we could possibly pass
on to anyone, "mem'ries fadeless, pre-
cious beyond telling, May's soft laugh-
ter, summer's glory, springtime with
dreams of flowers and breezes too"—we
all need to have these memories of
Nature's unflinching charm brought to
mind and to make them practical in
our lives. It is so easy to let our
everyday tasks become humdrum or
drab and when we introduce some new
ideas, to and behold, the drabness is
changed to "flowers and breezes and
summer's glory." This thought is con-
veyed to us too by Rebecca Helman's
"Winter Night":

"Someday this boisterous wind will tire
and turn
All soft and gentle with the dream of
flowers."

The suggestion of beauty always
ahead of us is found in Alix Thorn's

"Dreaming Meadows". And Thomas
Curtis Clark's little song bids us find
our joy in counting "the summer's
gains". W. Clark Sandercock in his
poem "A Mantle of Mercy" compares
the winter scene to our lives, to the
"Scars of failure, waste and false de-
sire and beauty missed" with the
"faded grass and wanton weeds" and
just as these are covered with the
mantle of snow so will the good Lord
cover our failures with a mantle of
mercy.

TIPS FROM SCIENTISTS

When in doubt as to the purity of
water the following simple test will
determine whether or not it is suitable
for drinking purposes: Fill a glass
tumbler with the suspected water and
add half teaspoonful of granulated
sugar. Then set the glass in a place
where it will be exposed to the sun
for about three days. If the water has
a dangerous content of germs they will
thrive on the sugar and the water will
turn a "milky" color, while, if the water
is pure, it will remain clear.

Soap moistened with water and rub-
bed over a small piece of metal imbed-
ded in the flesh will often help remove
it.

When a bullet becomes lodged in a
gunbarrel it can be removed with mer-
cury without any harm to the rifling of
the gun. Place the gun in an upright
position and pour a teaspoonful of mer-
cury into the muzzle. After a few hours
the mercury will dissolve enough of the
bullet to allow it to fall out at the
breach.

Fireproof liquid for cloth can be
made by dissolving ammonium sulphate
1 lb.; ammonium carbonate, 5 oz.; com-
mon laundry starch, 4 oz., into 1 1/2
gallons of hot water. The fabric is
saturated with this solution, which
should first be heated to about 86 de-
grees Fahrenheit.

Shellacking has been an accepted
method for sealing knots before paint-
ing, but is not a positive preventive of
bleeding. The following heat treatment
has been found more effective: The
flame of a blow torch is played over
the knot, taking care not to burn or
scorch it, so that the resin will be mel-
ted out, after which it is washed off
with turpentine and linseed oil. This
method actually removes most of the
resin, and a sealing coat of shellac is
then unnecessary.—Popular Mechanics
Magazine.

Known

A gentleman was walking along a
street in Buffalo when his attention
was attracted by the remark of a little
girl in front of a fruit store: "I wish
I had an orange for ma."

The gentleman saw that the child-
ren, though poorly dressed, were neat
and clean, and, calling them into the
store, he loaded them with fruit and
candies.

"What's your name?" asked one of
the girls.

"Why do you want to know?" said
the gentleman.

"I want to pray for you," was the
reply.

The gentleman turned to leave,
scarcely daring to speak, when the little
one added: "Well, it doesn't matter I
suppose. God will know you, anyhow."



Durham

Hurrah! The bond selling campaign
is on and the boys are out trying to
make up part of the \$13,000 dollars that
keeps their work going.

This boys' work is a wonderful thing,
it builds boys up into fine men and de-
vout Christians. It fights for peace.
Why? Because the Tuxis and Trail
Rangers of today are the soldiers of
tomorrow and they don't want to have
to take another man's life. Why? Be-
cause Christ would not do it if He were
on earth, and we are followers of
Christ.

The Tuxis and Trail rangers are
planning on having a night for the
parents and followers of the work the
boys are doing. They are going to put
on two hours or more of plays, stunts,
songs, etc. Watch for further particu-
lars. They are going to have a
father and son banquet in the near
future.

Watch the Tuxis Boys' hockey team
this year—if they ever get any ice.

The Rob Roy Tuxis Square met in
Queen Street church on February 1 at
8 o'clock. The meeting opened with
Gordon Grant, the pretor, in the chair
and was presided over by M.H. Bailey,
mentor. All repeated the opening cere-
mony and prayer. The devotional pe-
riod under leadership of the mentor fol-
lowed, after which Mr. Almack led in
a discussion on "Good Sportsmanship."
The business period followed in which
the boys planned to visit the Tuxis
groups in Holstein and Hanover. Then
best of all, came the fun period. The
meeting was closed by all repeating the
Omaha tribal prayer.

The Mohawk Trail Ranger Camp met
in Queen Street church on Monday
night at 6.30. The meeting opened with
Albert Almack, Chief Ranger, in the
chair and was presided over by Glen
Lloyd, the mentor. The devotional pe-
riod followed in which Eldon Whitmore
read next Sunday's Sunday School les-
son and George Prew gave a short talk
on last Sunday's lesson and the mentor
led in the discussion period. In the
business period the boys organized a
hockey team and have had a couple of
practices on ponds. The meeting ad-
journed to the fun period and was
closed by the Mizpah benediction.

Holstein

The Argonaut Trail Ranger group
of Holstein held their weekly
meeting in the basement of the Presby-
terian church. After the opening cere-
mony and business period we had some
impromptu speeches and Dr. Brown
gave us a very interesting and in-
structive talk on Water. The boys en-
joyed looking at the tiny creatures of
the water through Dr. Brown's mi-
croscope.

Guelph

Trail Rangers and Tuxis boys held a
very enjoyable inter-group game tour-
nament in the Y.M.C.A. on Friday, Jan-
uary the 29th. Mr. Edward Devitt, the
popular boys' work secretary of the Y
was master of ceremonies. Following
this tournament, Alex Sim, Minister of
Education in the Boys' Parliament, ad-

ressed the gathering in the interests
of the Bond Campaign. "Gus" Murray,
their local member of parliament is
very enthusiastic about the prospects
for the campaign.

Dundas

The inaugural meeting of the 1932
Dundas County Boys' Council was held
in the court house council chamber.
The new members were sworn in and
committees chosen. Edward Shaver of
Ancaster is the warden.

Wingham

The Tuxis Square has had the priv-
ilege of contributing several noon hour
programs to the broadcasts from the
local station. Kenneth Lott, member
of parliament, was a recent speaker.

Walkerton

The Chippewa Tuxis Square con-
ducted the initiation ceremonies for a
local C.G.I.T. group. Reports from both
groups are enthusiastic.

Owen Sound

Students of the collegiate who are
strictly up to the minute in sartorial
elegance are wearing the Trail Ranger
tie. It appears that Eddie Sargeant re-
turned from parliament wearing one.
It was noticed immediately that the
Trail Ranger colors of maroon, black,
gold, correspond exactly to the col-
legiate colors. Thus it came about that
Eddie secured a number. "It's a great
little tie for the money," he says.

Warton

With Trail Rangers in the Baptist
church, Tuxis boys in the Presbyterian
and both in the United, boys' work is
enjoying a good year. Sixty men and
boys attended a Sunday afternoon mass
meeting. Rev. J. W. Mills, C. Dunlop,
U. Springer and J. D. Disher are men-
tors

National Secretary Helps

J. M. Finlay addressed a father and
son banquet at Bracebridge on Mon-
day; a convale of all the groups in
the Barle district at Barrie on Tuesday
and the Trail Ranger and Tuxis Boys
at Midland on Thursday. Sunday he
spoke at a boys' service in the United
church at Ingersoll.

Boy Premier Has Busy Time

Premier John Hunter is devoting a
week of his holidays to visiting impor-
tant centres throughout the province.
Wednesday he addressed a gathering
of Trail Ranger and Tuxis boys in the
Y.M.C.A. at Kingston. Thursday he
assisted in launching the bond selling
campaign in Toronto. Friday he ad-
dressed a large gathering of boys in
St. Catharines. Sunday he speaks in
three churches in Hamilton. This week
he will be in Peterboro on Monday;
Brantford on Tuesday; Galt on Wed-
nesday; St Thomas on Thursday and
Woodstock on Friday. Saturday he will
assist Dr. Langford and Gordon Lapp
at the Boys' Work Conference at
Stoney Creek and on Sunday evening
he will address a special boys' service
in the United church at Port Colborne.

BEST TIME TO ADVERTISE

"My son," ran an editorial in the
Bridgeport (Conn.) Post—an editorial
that should be reprinted by hundreds
of newspapers, for the benefit of them-
selves and their local merchants—
"There's nothing on earth so myster-
iously funny as an advertisement. The
prime, first, last and all the time object
of an advertisement is to draw custom.
It is not, was not, and never will be
designed for any other human purpose.
So the merchant waits till the busy
season comes and his store is so full of
customers that he can't get his hat off,
and then he rushes to the printer and
goes in for advertising. When the dull
season gets along and there is no trade
and he wants to sell goods so bad, he
can't pay his rent, he stops advertising.
That is, some of them do, but occasion-
ally a level-headed merchant does
more of it and scoops in all the busi-
ness while his neighbors are making
mortgages to pay the gas bill. There
are times when you couldn't stop people
from buying everything in the store if
you planted a cannon behind the door,
and that's the time the advertisement
is sent out on its mission. It makes
light work for the advertising, for a
chalk sign on the sidewalk could do all
that was needed and have a half
holiday six days in the week; but who
wants to favor an advertisement? They
are built to do hard work, and should
be sent out in the dull days when a
customer has to be knocked down with
hard facts and kicked insensible with
bankrupt reductions and dragged in
with irresistible slaughter of prices be-
fore he will spend a cent. That's the

aim and end of advertising, my son,
and if you ever open a store, don't try
to get them to come when they are
already sticking out of the windows, but
give them your advertisement right
between the eyes in the dull season and
you will wax rich and own a fast horse
and perhaps be able to smoke a cigar
once or twice a year. Write this down
where you'll fall over it every day.
The time to draw business is when you
want business, and not when you have
more business than you can attend to
already."

STAGES OF CIVILIZATION RECORDED BY CURRENCY

Money, according to Farnam Zerbe,
former president of the American Num-
ismatic association, is a historian of the
first rank.
Money is a documentary record of
the progress of man and the stages of
civilization. Coins are imperishable
manuscripts in metal, unfolding a con-
cise story of the refinements and energy
of the people producing them. The
history of money for the past 5,000
years, is also the history of mankind.
Coins indicate to what estate has
risen the art, architecture and metal-
lurgy of a people; mythology and reli-
gion here are graven in imperishable
record Greece in all her glory and
Rome before the fall of the empire are
portrayed for all to see in the bushels
of coins uncovered by modern excava-
tion.
The deterioration which followed the
universal tragedy of a dead empire is
reflected in the barbarously crude
coins of the Middle Ages. Money tells
a story of conquest and siege, of victory
and defeat, of culture and ignorance.
Money records lost causes, tells of the
rise and fall of the affairs of men; it
suggests civilizations destroyed and
forgotten.

THEY TELL ME THAT IN CANADA

They tell me that in Canada,
In happy, smiling Canada,
You're treated, if you're grown up,
As if you were of age,
And not as a pet monkey
That has got out of his cage.
You aren't told you mustn't swear,
You aren't told what you must wear,
You aren't told what you must think,
You aren't told what you must drink,
You're not talked to in childish prattle,
You aren't clobbered with the ten year
mites,
Nobody cares if you're out late nights;
Nobody cares your acts to scan,
They treat a man just like a man
Great Scott, can this thing really be?
I'll go to Canada and see
They tell me that in Canada,
In happy, smiling Canada,
Folk'll attend to their own business
And let me attend to mine,
And no one there will care if I—
Drink buttermilk or wine.
They do not think that grownups be-
long in bassinets,
They do not pinch a lady for smoking
cigarettes,
They like to see you happy and none of
them desires,
To spoil your happy holiday by shoot-
ing off your tires;
They have no stern reformers there
and no self-righteous beaters,
No boards to guard your morals and
(three cheers) no civic greeters,
They don't require of you to be a saint
upon a shelf,
They only ask (it isn't much) that you
behave yourself.
Now can these things be really so?
Which way is Canada? Come on:
Let's go.

Efficiency

"Where is that sealed blue envelope I
left on my desk at lunch-time?" asked
the business man of his new secretary.
"I posted it," she replied.
"Posted it? Good heavens, there was
no address on it. Didn't you notice
that?"
"No, it was turned over, and I didn't
think it polite to look."

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