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By CRAWFORD LUTTRELL

1920, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) It was a foolishly sentimental little poem, yet there was something so intimately friendly about the lines that Jim Reynolds felt no great surprise when he glanced down at the writer's name and found it to be Mary Me-Ghee. Mary McGhee!

What a troop of ghostly little memories those words conjured up for the man, as he sat by a window in the great book-lined room! Glancing out, he was conscious for the first time that spring, with age-old magic, had touched the earth again and that burand thus, perhaps, save your baby's geoning boughs, and buttercups flaunting scalloped yellow petticoats, gave evidence of the revivifying power of

Lilacs that his mother had planted which might be dangerous to your in her own youthful days tossed purple and white plumes in the light Price 50c. a bottle; put up by the breeze. White-throats were busily Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, building in the blossoming pear tree by the driveway. A pot of tulips on the window sill caught and heid the sunlight and glowed goldenly.

Strange that those lines of a girl he had known back there in the unforgetable days of immaturity' should make him conscious of bird and leaf and blossom that had been there, unenjoy beauty alone. She had always if we can keep you out of the way for less appreciative eyes.

Jim looked at the silver-framed pleture of his wife that stood on the huge flat-topped mahogany desk before him, The little ruffled dress she had worn when the picture was taken was no less light and airy than the pretty, smiling girl herself.

It was indicative of her attitude to life. For the ten years of their married life she had laughed and danced and played, and when at times, in moments of real need, he had turned to her she had been able to offer him only the star dust on her brightly hued butterfly wings.

He read once more the lines of the poem expressing the romantic ideas that the thought of youth's first love forever lingers in the heart. All at once there registered in the recess of his memory the look in Mary Mc-Ghee's face when he had told her that Claire Inman had promised to marry

tender he had felt toward the little girl to whom he had often made love lightly before the great and blinding feel himself suddenly a grown man, with the desire to possess and cherish her filling his whole life.

If Claire's fortune had had anything to do with his choice, he had tried desperately to put the thought behind him. But sitting there by the window, years after, he winced a litface, with her heroically suppressed heart's secret blazing like a scarlet banner across her cheeks.

For one terrifying second Jim had warmly congratulated him, hoping with all her heart, she had said, he would be as happy as he deserved. She had gone away before the wed-June morning, of how she would have | ceived .- London Times. loved the madonna lilles and great banks of daisies that filled the house

He had missed her, and then the joy of possessing the pretty, spoiled girl he had asked to be his wife had blotted everything else from his mind until the day came when he realized that Claire had never loved him, that she could not, perhaps, love anybody

Once in awhile he had seen stories written by Mary in the current magazines, had wondered for a few minutes where she was and what life had offered her, felt briefly conscious of the pain that his careless youth had given her, and then considered grimly that the healing touch of years had doubtlessly erased him even from her

Yet the thought of her strangely persisted. He reflected that he had been a very sick man lately and that he might attribute to his present weakness of body the reading of po etry, in which he never by any chance indulged, and his sentimental thought of youth, of unattained ideals and of shattered dreams. Life did that

It took you, young and vigorous and idealistic as Galahad, and broke you on a turn of the wheel. Here he was with nothing to satisfy him except the knowledge of his business success: and he was not yet forty.

The junior member of his firm came in noisily, bringing a bottle of ancient vintage and a basket of strawberries from his own hothouses. "Everything is going fine down at the office. We agreed today that you need a nice vacation, and we want you to go right away. What do you think about it, old

Jim glanced once more out of the window. Something, soft as a bird call, seemed to challenge him; some thing, sweet as the lilt of a half-for gotten love song that vibrates the chords of the heart, seemed to den that life was done for him.

He was still young, eager, buoyant

The taste is the test.

and now he had understanding and udgment. He whirled about to face his young

partner. "Well, Bill, I believe that I will go away for a little while. I have a feeling that I would like to visit the old town where I went to college, to see the old landmarks, to see the boys and girls grown up into fat and forties.' I have been considering it for a

"Bully for you," said Bill warmly. "I'm terribly glad and relleved, too, in a way." He smiled, a mischievous twinkle in his eyes. "Til be glad to have you and your good looks out of the way for a while. You know that advertising agency across the hall from our office? Well, they have a new employee, a widow, to write ads

"Everybody in the building has fallen for her. She is not exactly beautiful, but the woman has something, a sort of subtle charm, that makes men just naturally gravitate to her. You have a feeling that she is thinking with you. anticipating everything you say, understanding you-"

like this!" "Harlan is worse than I am. He's

been sending her flowers for a week and books of poetry and everything like that. She's so darn sensible. You wouldn't believe a woman could be advertising business is just a side line. then she likes to travel, she says, and meet new people all the time.

traveling expenses for both of us the rest of my life. Old Harlan says that | tional Native Council, is granting a while-you know how it is with wid-We are just naturally afraid of you-" Bill was laughing, "Anyway, I'm sure glad that you fell for our idea and that you are leaving town soon because I'm going to try some quick work on Mrs. Mary."

"So her name is-Mary?" Jim wondered why his heart thumped so hard. The grippe must have played havoc

"She's got a cute name, Mary Mc-Ghee Martin. She signs her stuff Mary McGhee. Now, most women put on a lot of superior airs and say that their stories brought red cheeks and everything, but she's different. They say old Norse pays her a whooping big price for her ads.

Jim flicked the ashes from his cigar with a hand that trembled a little. "I'll be down to the office in the morning," he remarked casually, hoping that his heart was not pumping all the blood of his body into his face, as he He recalled dimly how awkwardly felt it must be doing, from the heat in his throat and cheeks.

"I'm not in any great hurry to start on my little trip. Perhaps it will be passion for Claire had caused him to pleasanter to go a little later on!" And something as subtly new and indescribable as spring magic itself quivered in his heart.

> Bairnefather's Feelings The Blackfriars club gave a peace

commemoration dinner recently at Cafe Monico. Capt. Bruce tle at the memory of Mary McGhee's Bairnsfather, responding to the toast of "The British Imperial Forces," said that when he started drawing pictures he was merely interpreting what British soldiers were feeling-what "Ole known and Mary McGhee knew he Bill" and "Bert" and "Alf" were think. understood. Then she had rallied and ing and saying at the time. He drew his first picture at "Plug street," and he wrapped it up in an old newspaper and posted it to London and then forgot about it. In the course of time ding, and Jim remembered how he received a letter and inside he strangely he had thought of her that found a check-the first he had re

Virgin Timber in West The forests of Western Oregon and Washington contain the largest reservoirs of virgin timber left in United States; and a large proportion of the lumber used by the country comes from this region, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington, D. C. Washington has, since 1905, held foremost place among the states in quantity of lumber produced Oregon now ranks third in production, but first in volume of standing timber, and it will not be long before the increasing annual cut will place her at the head, or next the head, of timber-producing states.

Tobacco Statistics.

It is variously figured that 70 per cent of our adult male population and a third of our total population use tobacco in one form or another. The per capita consumption, counting each man, woman and child is seven pounds year. The average consumption among the tobacco users is twenty pounds. There are, according to one of the compilers of data, 25,000,000 smokers and chewers whose average yearly capacity is twenty-two pounds per person, 8,000,000 cigarette smokers each dighting 4,500 cigarettes a year and 5,500,000 cigar smokers each de stroying 1,500 cigars.

Real Sympathy. A country schoolmarm sent word one morning that as she was suffering from an attack of illness there would be no

school that day. Late in the afternoon she received a large bouquet of wild flowers from her pupils, with a note attached which read: "Teacher, please stay sick tomorrow, too, and we'll send you another bunch."-Boston Transcript.

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tnee breeches and stockings for men. We are opposed to any such movement. We'd hate to see the ladies laugh themselves to death. Speaking of affinities, have you

A Chicago man advocates the old

ever noticed what a strange attraction ugly girls and freak clothes appear to have for each other?

Mrs. Annie Besant to Counteract Activities of Gandhi, Radical Agitator.

Paris, Aug. 2.—(By Mail.)—Mrs. Annie Besant, the English woman who has devoted the latter years of her life to the cause of India, and who, as president of the International Theosophical Society presided over the first world congress of the society which has just closed here, is hastenmg back to India to counteract the activities of Gandhi, the radical agh

Mrs. Besant said she had received several disquieting cablegrams from Madras since she had been in Europe,

as to the activities of Gandhi, "Gandhi is getting desperate, and likewise losing his head," said Mrs. Besant, "and I must get back to my people as quickly as possible. They have great confidence in me, and I am sure I can in a large measure lead "Why, Bill, I never heard you talk | them away from the radical, vicious teachings of Gandi."

The Indians, Mrs. Besant said, want home rule under the Empire, and want to attain their freedom through peaceable means rather than by violence. While this may not be like that. Why, she writes stories and as far off as some think, India must poems and things for magazines. This be able to defend herself against aggression with native force rather She says there's so much money in it than English before she is ready to that she just can't turn it down, and take the reins of dominion government into her own hands.

Great Britain, Mrs. Besant be-"Gives her ideas! Believe me, if she lieves, is at last awakening to the take me along. I'll pay all the needs of India, is more sympathetic, and through the newly formed Namany of the demanded reforms.

Mrs. Besant expressed great adowers, Jim. when they do start out! miration for Lord Reading, the Viceroy, whom she said had shown since his arrival in India a profoundly sympathetic understanding of the Indian character, and she felt, would gradually further the cause of "Home Rule."

Gandhi, whom she described as the Tolstoi of India, is losing his following, she said. He had preached boycott of schools, legal machinery, even hospitals, gaining for a time a tremendous following but, in all cases where the boycott was effective, many of the agitator's disciples returned to the schools, and utilized

the legal machinery and medical aid. Revolution will never gain headway in India, Mrs. Besant believes, first because the people are unarmed, secondly, because they do not want to gain political liberty that way.

Mrs. Besant frankly talked of her internment during the war for her teachings and, with pride, said a large number of the reforms she has been striving for are gradually being

"During my recent suit for libel," she said, "the presiding judge remarked that most of the reforms for which I was agitating, thus causing my internment, have since been granted by the mother country. look upon that statement by the judge as being my justification."

STILL SEEK "DUMBELLS."

New York Producers Are After Clever Canadian Actors. New York, Aug. 20 .- New York producers are still camping on the trail of "The Dumbells." During their recent successful run here offers were received by a number of the members of the Canadian soldier company of roles in various New York productions. The boys rejected all these proposals as they were determined to keep the Canadian organization intact. But local producers have evidently not given up hope of enticing some of them to join the casts of Broadway shows, Charles McLean, who plays one of the leading roles in Biff! Bing! Bang!, the Dumbell's show, has just received an offer from the Capitol Producing Corporation to play the principal comedy role in a new musical comedy which goes into rehearsal within ew weeks. Andre de Croisset, French composer, has supplied the musical score for this piece and he wrote from Paris suggesting that Mr. McLean be selected for the part.

Some medicine is so mean that one can't even forget to take it.

Of The British Offer to Supply Cheap Clothing in Vienna. British concern to sell in Vienna 400,000 ready-made suits of men's neighborhood think they have to clothes at £1 and 10 shillings each, | learn to play a piano or a violin? has been occupying more space in the newspapers than the disturbed politi-

cal situation. Master tailors and ready-made clothing merchants are fighting it and thus far successfully as the Ministry of Trade has refused the import

icense. The entire Vienna press, backed by the countless civil servants and workmen's co-operative societies, is demanding the deal be permitted, pointing out that native tailors charge at least 10,000 crowns for a suit of equal quality, while the British offer equals about 4,600 crowns.

the chief strain on the eyes come from the pictures being shown too high up, so that the eyes of the spectators in the front rows have to be raised. It recommends that the height of a picture on the screen be such that the angle formed by lines from the centre of the top of the center of the bottom to the eye of a spectator in the front row be not greater than 35 degrees.

Eye Strain And The Movies. A committee appointed by the illuminating Engineering society of England, to inquire into eye-strain resulting from watching the movies has just made its report, which



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