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SINCE BABY CAME.

Since Baby came in last mid-May I have not seen a single play. The newer books remain unread—A little life I've conned instead, So full of heavenly lines, and sweet From the silken head to rose-pink feet.

Since Baby came, with needs so great, My hats and frocks are out of date; Her carriage, cot and garments small Have swallowed up our little all; But other things I gladly miss, My baby's blossom face to kiss.

Since Baby came a look of home Upon our tiny house has come; Her toys are scattered here and there, Her little touch is everywhere; And love is dearer, holier flame, And brighter burns—since Baby came.

—London Chronicle.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

The focus of all cultivation is the fireside.—J. J. Chapman.

Electric lighting takes a conspicuous place in the decorating of city streets for conventions and all gala occasions.

An electrical cottage is used in Lexington, Ky., to demonstrate the many conveniences and new electrical devices for the home.

Eleven surveying parties will be sent out this year by the United States geological survey to investigate the mineral resources of Alaska.

The Interborough Rapid Transit subway system in New York City has carried about 2,198,000,000 passengers in the last nine years without a fatal accident to a single passenger.

Sir William Willcocks, chief engineer of the Assuan dam on the Nile, and irrigator extraordinary of Palestine, has been retained as consulting engineer by the United States reclamation service.

Sir Conan Doyle remarks a change for the better in New York's police. They haven't as much "front" as they had two years ago. The "fines" has undergone considerable extra sweating in that time.

Lee Shubert is arranging to bring to the United States for a tour next season an infant phenomenon in the shape of a boy of 7, Willy Ferraro, who has been conducting orchestras in Berlin and Paris.

Former Senator Chauncey Depew is hobnobbing with royalists in Paris. Since the abandonment of the "amen corner" Chauncey had to go abroad to obtain respectful attention for his "Joe Miller recitations."

Two girls in Budapest who had decided to fight a duel over a young man with whom both were in love have settled the matter by becoming engaged to the two men who volunteered to act as their seconds.

The gross earnings of all United States railroads making weekly returns continue to show considerable contraction from those of a year ago, the total of all roads reporting for three weeks in May amounting to \$24,746,473, a decrease of 7.2 per cent as compared with the corresponding period a year ago. The most indifferent comparison is made by the roads in the west and southwest, although a few important systems show moderate improvement, while in the south, where decreases are also quite general, the falling off, in almost all instances, is not very pronounced.

Prof. J. C. Whittier of the Missouri Agricultural College says that the fruit crop all over Missouri is a good average crop. The apple yield will probably be above the ten year average, but not quite as good as the 1913 crop. While the dry weather is playing havoc with the meadows and crops it has helped the fruit, according to Prof. Whittier. The peach crop will be above the average, and will be a little more than half of a bumper crop all over the state. There

will also be a good crop of plums, cherries and pears. Prof. Whittier said fruit could stand two or three weeks more of dry weather without injury. Rainy weather is a great breeder of the blights that destroy fruit, just as dry weather propagates and encourages the Hessian fly, the army worm and insects that destroy the field crops.

LIGHTING THE PASSENGER TRAIN.

The electrically lighted passenger train is no novelty on any first-class road but there are few passengers who can tell how the electric current is produced which keeps the electric lamps burning regardless of whether the train is in motion or not.

First-class passenger trains are not only lighted by electricity but the current has been adapted to drive electric fans during the hot summer months and, in one or two instances, it is also used in the kitchen of the dining car where the food is cooked over the invisible fires of electricity.

In lighting a passenger train provision must be made for supplying the current whether or not the train is in motion. To accomplish this a storage battery is generally installed in connection with the electrical generator. There are three systems in use for train lighting. The first is the straight storage system which consists of a storage battery large enough to store sufficient current for the needs of the train in route between terminals. Of course this storage battery has to be charged before each trip. The lamps are lighted by merely turning the switch which draws on the current stored in the battery.

In the second system a small generator is geared or belted to the wheels of one of the cars. This generator supplies electricity directly to the lamps burning when the train is standing in stations or yards. This system is rather more complicated than the first but has the added advantage that the storage battery does not have to be charged at the terminals.

In the third system a small generator driven by a Curtis steam turbine engine, which secures steam from the locomotive boiler, is used to supply the current. This tiny turbo-generator may be mounted on top of the locomotive boiler or in one corner of the baggage car. It takes up but very little room. A small storage battery is used in connection with this set so the cars may be lighted even if the locomotive is uncoupled and removed.

The advantages of electric lights for passenger trains are many. First of all they eliminate the dangerous gas tanks and gas lighting systems, and the old oil lamps, which usually set fire to the train in case of wreck. The electric lamps do not overheat the car during the warm days of summer and they do not vitiate the air of the coaches making traveling uncomfortable for want of good ventilation.

FIRE PREVENTION PLANS.

The conference of state fire insurance commissioners in New York this week will discuss many subjects aside from regulation of fire insurance companies by law, although that subject will be especially prominent at this conference in view of the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Kansas case upholding the right of a state to fix a maximum rate of insurance by law. This epochal decision, which for practical purposes places fire insurance companies on the same basis as railway and other public utility corporations, will result in a speedy revolution of the insurance laws of most of the states, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

But, judging from individual expressions of commissioners, much time will be devoted to discussing laws that will directly affect owners of property. There is much sentiment in favor of standardizing fire marshal laws. The experiences of states that have an entirely separate fire marshal force will be compared with those of states where the local firemen are inspectors and other duties are performed by the regular peace officers, the only special officer being the state fire marshal and such assistants as he needs for general supervision. A complete revision of building laws will be urged in some states. The maintenance of unsafe conditions should be made a misdemeanor, in the opinion of all the commissioners. While Fire Prevention Day has been generally observed throughout the country, on the anniversary of the great Chicago fire, the general tendency to carelessness is still marked. The United States maintains its unenviable record for number of fires and amount of losses by conflagration.

The head of the bureau for prevention of fires in New York City is advocating the enforcement of an obsolete statute in that state and its enactment in other states to make the owner of a building pay the expense of the fire department called to put out a fire in the same and also for any injuries to firemen incurred at the same when such owner has violated the law against maintaining fire hazards. He says that this penalty is enforced in France with excellent results. While this course will appear drastic to some, who will argue that it is the duty of officers to enforce the law against fire hazards in advance of a fire instead of penalizing the owner after he is already ruined, something should be done to check the criminal carelessness which has made America's fire loss the scandal of the world. A Boston newspaper, in discussing how largely responsible for fires carelessness really is, recalls the

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE. We meet upon the level and we part upon the square, What words of precious meaning these words Masonic are; Come, let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought, With the highest and the lowest, and the rarest they are fraught.

We meet upon the level, though from every station come; The rich man from his mansion and the poorman from his home. For one must leave his wealth and state outside the Masonic door, And the other finds his true respect upon our checkered floor.

We part upon the square for the world must have its due, We mingle with the multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew, But the influence of our gathering in memory is green; And we long upon the level to renew the happy scene.

There is a world where all are equal—we are hurrying toward it fast; We shall meet upon the level there, when the gates of death are past; We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there, To try the blocks we offer, by His own unerring square.

We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart, There's a mansion 'tis all ready for each faithful, trusting heart. There's a mansion and a welcome and multitude is there Who have met upon the level, and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level, then while laboring patient here, Let us meet and let us labor, though the labor be severe. Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare, To gather up our working tools and part upon the square.

Hands round, ye brother Masons, for the bright fraternal chain, We part upon the square below to meet in heaven again. Oh, what words of precious meaning these words Masonic are, We meet upon the level and we part upon the square.

—Bob Morris, ILLD.

fact that when, early in the civil war, towns of the north got rumors of a confederate plot to send incendiaries down from Canada to wipe out communities, patrols were established. The great care exercised during this period of alarm had its reward. Of course, the mysterious plot never went any further than the rumors, but there were no fires of any kind. It would have been financially profitable to the communities if the alarm had been penalized.

LIGHTNING A PROLIFIC SOURCE OF FOREST FIRES.

Exhaustive inquiry has established the fact that lightning ranks next to railroads as a source of forest fires. Forest officers say that the increasing care with fire on the part of the railroads and the public generally tends to make lightning the largest single contributing cause.

This statement represents a change of view from that held less than a decade ago in this country, when forest fires, though it was known that trees were the objects most often struck. Trees are said to be oftenest struck simply because they are so numerous, and extending upward they shorten the distance between the ground and the clouds; further, their branches in the air and roots well into the earth invite electrical discharges.

While certain trees are said to invite lightning, and others to be immune from stroke, it seems to be a fact that any kind of tree will be struck, and the most numerous tree species in any locality is the one most likely to suffer.

Other things being equal, lightning seeks the tallest trees, or an isolated tree, or one on high ground. A deep-rooted tree is a better conductor than a shallow-rooted one, and a tree full of sap, or wet with rain, is of course, a better conductor than a dry one.

Lightning sets fires by igniting the tree itself, particularly when it is dead, or partly decayed and punky, or by igniting the dry humus or duff at its base. The forest soil, when dried out, ignites readily, because it is made of partly decayed twigs and leaves, and it can hold a smoldering fire for a considerable period. It is probable that most of the lightning set fires start in the duff.

In the mountains of southern California, Arizona, and New Mexico there are likely to be each year a number of electrical disturbances known as "dry thunder storms." They come at the end of the long dry season, and being unaccompanied by rain are very likely to start many serious fires. For this reason the forest service has to keep up its maximum fire fighting strength in those regions until the rains are fully established. In the plans and organization for fire fighting the service aims particularly to catch these unpreventable lightning-set fires at the time they start.

The July Woman's Home Companion.

The July Woman's Home Companion contains a great variety of fiction including the first installment of a four-part mystery story entitled "The Sound of Water," by Margarita Spalding Gerry. Other contributors of fiction are: Mary Heaton Vorse, Molly Elliot Seawell, Mabel Martin Dill, Frederick M. Smith and Adele Randolph.

Special articles in the number full of new facts and interesting practical ideas are: "The Business Girl's Vacation"—made up from letters sent by various contributors; "Why I Shall Marry Again," written by a widow forty-seven years old; "How Not to be Fat," written by a woman whose report and suggestions are so specific that she declines to sign her name; "How to Write a Moving Picture Play," by Daniel Frohman, the well known theatrical manager; "Fifty-one Better Babies," "The Queen of the Garden," in which Frank A. Waugh, the well known horticulturist, tells how to grow roses; "A Girl's Rights," in which Christine Terhune Herriek discusses the question as to whether a girl with a comfortable home should earn her own living; and "A Two Week's Vacation in Old England," full of practical help to anyone who would like to take a short trip abroad at small expense.

The regular Fashion, Cooking, Handicraft, Young People's, Tower Room, Puzzle, Entertainment, and Exchange departments are full of entertaining reading and good ideas.

How to Honor the Flag.

Chicago Inter Ocean. The Flag of our country is a great deal in our thoughts these days. Every good American wishes to do honor to the Stars and Stripes at every opportunity. We all know the feeling, but do we know the form? James H. Channon of Chicago furnishes the following facts concerning the use and salute of the flag:

Holidays when the flag should be displayed at full staff are:

Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 12.

Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22.

Battle of Lexington, April 19.

Memorial Day, May 30.

Flag Day, June 14.

Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17.

Independence Day, July 4.

Battle of Saratoga, Oct. 17.

Surrender of Yorktown, Oct. 19.

Evacuation Day, Nov. 25.

On Memorial Day, May 30, the flag should fly at half staff from sunrise to noon and full staff from noon to sunset.

In order to show proper respect for the flag the following ceremony should be observed:

It should not be hoisted before sunrise nor allowed to remain up after sunset.

At "Retreat" sunset, civilian spectators should stand at "attention" and uncover during the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner." Military spectators are required by regulation to stand at "attention" and give the military salute. During the playing of the National Hymn at "Retreat" the flag should be lowered, but not then allowed to touch the ground.

When the National Colors are passing on parade, or in review, the spectator should, if walking, halt, and if sitting, arise, and stand at "attention" and uncover.

When the national and state or other flags fly together the National Flag should be placed on the right.

When the flag is flown at half staff as a sign of mourning it should be hoisted to full staff at the conclusion of the funeral. In placing the flag at half staff it should first be hoisted to the top of the staff and then lowered to position, and preliminary to lowering from half staff it should be first raised to the top.

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The Star-Spangled Banner is the handsomest flag that waves. But its beauty is only the "outward and visible show." As Henry Holcomb Bennett puts it:

Hats off! Along the street there comes A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums, A flash of color beneath the sky; Hats off! The Flag is passing by!

Blue and crimson and white it shines, Over the steel-tipped, ordered lines, Hats off! The Colors before us fly; But more than the Flag is passing by. Pride and glory and honor—all Lives in the Colors to stand or fall. Hats off! Along the street there comes A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums; And loyal hearts are beating high; Hats off! The Flag is passing by!

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Miss Flossie Wells left last week for St. John, Kans., where she expects to spend the summer with her sister.

Misses Doris Bidill and Jennie Wilson spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Warsaw, Ill.

The I. O. O. F. lodge will hold their memorial services here in the M. E. church Sunday. Rev. Alexander will deliver the address.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bidill spent from Saturday until Monday with Mr. Bidill's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Bidill of Athens, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Bidill were pleasantly met by a crowd of friends that treated them to a charavari after the crowd had made noise enough. Ice cream was served on the lawn.

Mrs. Thero Sherwick was trading in Farmington Tuesday.

C. Battin has purchased a new auto. Mrs. Kate Mills of Franklin, Penn., formerly of Santa Cruz, Calif., arrived Monday for a month's visit with her sister Mrs. John Bidill.

Miss Blanch McOmber is attending camp meeting at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

E. G. Bennett, state dairy commissioner, of Carthage, Mo., delivered an address at the opera house Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Missouri Condensed Milk Co. of this city. Due to a misunderstanding of dates and the busy times with the farmer, the audience was not large, but those present were treated to one of the best speeches along dairy and farming lines that it has ever been our good fortune to hear. Mr. Bennett urged a co-operation of the business men and the farmers of the county, and urged them to get together for their mutual benefit. He complimented the city of Kahoka on having in their midst the only condensery in the state of Missouri and said it was an institution of great value to the farmers of this section, of greater benefit than a creamery. The speaker is interested in the Jersey breed of cattle, but advised the farmers here who are interested in dairying and patrons of the milk factory, to take up the Holstein cattle. Mr. Bennett said that the state of Missouri was credited with having about 1,000,000 cows and that out of this number at least one-third or them were not paying for their feed, in fact were losing money for their owners. He advised the testing of cows and the breeding up of cows to take their places which would be money makers for their owners. He said all the effort thus required was just a little attention on behalf of the farmers. At the conclusion of Mr. Bennett's fine address, a temporary dairy association was formed with Albert Esley as secretary. Another meeting has been called for Saturday, June 13, when it is expected to make the organization permanent and add many new names to the fine list secured at Monday's meeting.

Miss Clara Talbott entertained Wednesday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower for Miss Helen Martin.

Harry Patrick Hennessy of Kahoka won the gold medal in the L. T. L. contest at Hannibal Monday night. Harold Miller of Kahoka was also one of the contestants. Mrs. J. F. Kelly and Mrs. P. F. Hennessy accom-



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panied the boys to Hannibal. Mrs. Carl Thompson of Ogden, Utah is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Fairbrother of Kahoka. C. E. King of Keokuk was in Kahoka Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Leach died at her home in Kahoka Sunday, June 7, aged 85 years, 5 months and 23 days. Funeral services were conducted at Cedar Grove church south of Kahoka Tuesday by Rev. W. F. Laidley. Interment in the cemetery near by. Deceased was a former resident of Van Buren county, Iowa. She is survived by eight children.

Mrs. Mary T. Riffle died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. L. Ramsey, near Revere, June 5, aged 85 years. Burial at Waterloo cemetery. Four children survive: Mrs. O. L. Ramsey, Revere, Mo.; M. Riffle, Waterloo, Mo.; Mrs. H. Best and James Riffle, Wayland, Mo.

Arthur Atteberry of Elmer, Mo., is serving a ten day sentence in the county jail for the theft of a railroad ticket from Medill to La Plata, Mo. The theft was committed April 24. He was arrested at Elmer, Tuesday and brought to Kahoka, by Deputy Sheriff G. A. Townsend of this city. He pleaded guilty to the charge before Squire L. M. Perry, Tuesday evening.

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