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ABOUT SPRING

Funny how the earth can call you
When the spring begins to hum,
How your hands just itch for digging
When the "seed books" start to come.

Funny how a robin's "Cheer up"
Brings a whistle to your lips,
And you smile all out of reason
At the greening willow tips.

Funny how the early sunlight
Seems to warm you through and through
With a different kind of warming
From that the coal-burners do.

Funny how the good old springtime
Makes you know that you're alive,
And rouses feelings in you
Thick as bees are in a hive.

--Solveig Paulson

UP
and
DOWN

THE CORRIDORS

We are glad for reports from Mrs. Hunter that her mother is feeling very much better, and we hope that she will continue to improve.

If you should happen to notice Dolly Long looking a bit down-cast, she probably is thinking about those tonsils she is going to part with very soon.

On one of the icy mornings, did you hear Mrs. Quinn laughing? She was giving a detailed account of her spill on the ice, and showing the black and blue mark caused by her would-be rescuer. We are sure the episode was amusing. However, her later fall temporarily upset the tranquility of the Sabbath School Department until she assured them all that she was not seriously hurt. Watch your step, Mrs. Quinn!

Numerous Keepers are watching the parade of the planets nightly, and hoping for clear nights. We are told the planets will not be as close together for four hundred years, so now is your only chance to see this brilliant display.

Mrs. Grace Mace will spend two weeks in Florida early in March in the interests of the Dorcas Society work.

Mrs. Wyatt says the exodus of the General Conference auditors is about to take place. On March 8 Mr. Barrows sails from San Francisco for China and the Far East, and Mr. Phillips from New York for Panama and South America. Both going solo. Mr. and Mrs. Conard entertained the members of the department with their wives and husband, on February 15, for a little get-together before they scatter.

Esther Benton has a new General Electric Radio with phonograph attachment. She says she is enjoying it very much, when she has time to listen.



VOICE of the SPONSORS



ATTENTION:
"WHEELERS"

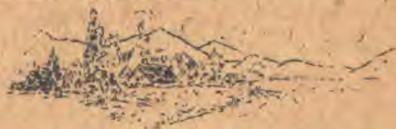
"It won't be long now," folks, until we'll be calling all adventurers to hie them forth in search of the healthful sport supplied by sitting astride "a light vehicle having two wheels, one behind the other, and propelled by the feet acting on treadles." (Courtesy of Webster.) Of course,--BICYCLING. Really, you-all, it's grand sport, and we'd love to have a large crowd sharing our fun this summer.

Aside from the fact that it is rejuvenating, inexpensive, and lots of fun, it might also serve as a means of lessening excess avoirdupois in case anyone is interested.

Seriously, we want all of you who can to participate in this sport of sports.

For further details consult your April number of the Key Note.
Mildred Davis (Cycling)

LET'S TAKE A WALK!



"Thank God for anybody who can walk. You cannot see the world from an automobile. You cannot even feel its contours. You must get out and walk." These are the words of Walter Prichard Eaton, and I second them.

Medical science tells us that a good brisk walk keeps one looking young, and that may not be ALL there is in store for you. For further information just ask me!

We hope to have you all with us on the hike, which is coming soon.

Hazel J. Shadel (Hiking)

HOW To Be SICK

We've read how we ought to keep healthy,
Enough a large volume to fill;
I now will present a new subject,
By telling you how to be ill.
Never bathe in a drop of cold water,
For fear it may make you take cold,
By loosening the shell which encrusts you
And make you feel stiffened and old.

Eat plenty of meat in all weather
And vegetables swimming in grease;
Of soda, and biscuit, and pastry,
Eat freely, as much as you please.
If one should suggest that 'tis hurtful,
Treat all such advice with a sneer,
Just tell them you work for a living,
You'll have it, too, while you stay here.

And when you retire, close the windows,
Exclude all the evening air quite,
Draw closely the curtains around you,
And thus pass the hours of the night;
Then stupid and dull in the morning,
Crawl languidly out of your bed,
Drink a cup of strong tea or of coffee,
To ease the sharp pain in your head.

Keep storming and scolding at trifles,
No matter where blame may belong,
All accidents lay on to some one,
Though no one but you may be wrong.
Search almanac, pamphlet and paper,
Take every quack nostrum you find,
And thus in the prime of your girlhood,
You'll ruin both body and mind.

Your thoughts will whirl round in confusion
Your form with disease will be bowed,
And thus e'er your days are half numbered,
You'll need both a coffin and shroud;
Your neighbors will gather around you,
And wonder why death thus should come,
They'll call it a sad dispensation,
And lay you away in the tomb.

--By C. M. Willis.

(Published in the first number of the Health Reformer, August, 1866)

Stella Thompson (Health Spons



THE PAGEANT OF THE STARS

ARRANGEMENT OF NAKED-EYE PLANETS ON THE EVENING
OF FEBRUARY 28, ONE-HALF HOUR AFTER SUNSET

WHAT'S UP?

Stop the war!
Turn off the radio.
Let the newspaper lie.
Skip the lecture.

• PLEIADES

Bigger than the World's Fair.
More dazzling than Broadway.
More beautiful than the Taj Mahal.
More rare than a total eclipse.

• URANUS

WHAT?

The 1940 Pageant
of Planets -- the most
complete display of the
solar system ever known.

• MARS

WHEN?

Any time during February
and March, but particularly
from Washington's birthday
to the eighth of March.

• SATURN

WHY?

Because this is probably
the first opportunity you
have ever had to see the five
brightest planets all in a row.
Quite likely you have never
seen Mercury at all.

• VENUS

WHERE?

In the evening sky,
west and southwest.

• JUPITER

The five bright plan-
ets may be seen through
the first week of March,
after which Mercury
will disappear.

THE CLIMAX on February 28.

Mercury sets one hour and 40 minutes
after sunset. Other planets than
those indicated on the diagram may be
seen with the aid of a telescope.

• MERCURY

--NATURE BULLETIN.

Alice La Bonte (Nature Sponsor)



The Chatter Box

Esther Kuckenmeister, the Twins, Dolly Long, Mildred Davis, Alice Love, Hazel Peter, Bethel Rice, Helen Porter, Thelma Durrell, Kathryn Haynal, and Edna Helms are members of the Review and Herald Ladies' Chorus. At the Review and Herald Constituency meeting in Columbia Hall February 22, the Chorus made their first public appearance of the year.

A slip-up--Clivia Lockwood is also a February birthdayite. She brings the number up to a dozen. Something ought to be done about this!

"What's in a name?" said good Will Shakespeare. Evidently there is a good deal of significance in names if one is to judge by the frequency with which similar first names appear in our office roster. There is one cognomen with so much charm of association that three girls are blessed with it; we have three Esthers--Esther Kuckenmeister, and Mallernee. Then in addition there are thirteen duces demonstrating that the "pair" idea is appealing even if only in a name. There are the following: Mary--Scott and Paul; Edna--Edeburn and Helms; Kathryn--Jensen and Haynal; Mable Hinkhouse and Mabel Smith; Margaret--Weir and Elliott; Stella--Thompson and Fleisher; Helen--Miller and Porter; Hazel--Peter and Shadel; Marion Nyman and Marian MacNeil; Thelma--Wellman and Durrell; Louise--Suri and Meyer; Alice--LaBonte and Love.

Have you had the experience of wearing a new dress or coat a time or two and then realizing to your dismay that the neckline, style, or color was not your type? Whether or not this has been your experience you will find the book "Designing Women" by Margaretta Eyers of interest (obtainable at public library). It tells how to determine your best lines, choose attractive hats, becoming colors, how to conceal a short neck or wide hips, how to get your money's worth, and budget your wardrobe.

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Books! Books!

During the year 1939, just seven less than nine hundred books were added to the General Conference Library, bringing the total number accessioned to date (February 25) to 6710. During the same time 542 books were added to the Seminary Library, bringing its present total to 2604--not to mention three huge packing cases of books which have recently come from China, further donation from the library of the late Elder Crisler. The available space for both libraries being already full to overflowing, these cases are not being opened till the proposed new Seminary building is ready to receive them. With 9314 volumes under my direct charge, I feel like the old lady who lived in a shoe--I have so many books I don't know what to do. Oh me!

T. Rose Curtis, Librarian

PROGRESS

As a result of our meeting the evening of February 20, we now have our own theme songs--Mrs. Quinn's contribution being our first choice and Miss Curtis' second choice--and our own Keepers' Prayer for use at our meetings. The idea of organizing a Big Sister group for helpful association with Junior girls of the Takoma Park Sabbath School also met with an encouraging response. We hope soon to have a definite plan to report concerning this project. Thanks was expressed to the Music Sponsor, the Household Arts Sponsor, the Spiritual Sponsor, and the Social Sponsors for their part in giving us a pleasant evening.



FROM HERE AND THERE



Miss Weir was made very happy by having her sister and her husband from Albany, New York, stop for a week with her before going on to Florida.

Marion Nyman, Marie Mcneey and Gwyneth Thompson report a pleasant week-end trip. They motored to Wilmington to visit Virginia and Fenton Wilcox, and stopped at Elkton, Maryland, to visit Ruth and James Hughes, and Ruby Terrill.

Several of the Keepers have recently enjoyed the exhibition drills and rides given by the cavalry at Ft. Meyer, Virginia, on Friday afternoons.

Gertrude Hansch, a former member of our staff, now of the division office in Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, is spending her furlough in the city with her mother and family.

The Theological Seminary Winter Quarter, which began December 6, closed Tuesday, February 27. The enrollment was fifty-six, with representatives from Section Two of the Central European Division, China, the Far Eastern Division, Inter-America, South America, Southern Africa, and Southern Asia. There were students from nine of the ten union conferences in North America. The library and vicinity seems quite deserted after the activity of the past week. We also have word from Professor Kern that the work of excavating for the new Seminary building will begin in about two weeks.

Irma Lee Hewett enjoyed a vacation in the old home town of Chicago during February. But two weeks are very short when there is a young nephew, aged two and a half, called Penny.

Word has been received from Esther Adams telling of her safe arrival in Buenos Aires, and that she is enjoying her new field of labor. We expect a letter from her for the Key Note in the near future.

