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The Big Game

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By Nell Brinkley

Death Wipes Out

By DOROTHY DIX.

If, among all its weaknesses and its failures, humanity keeps one angel trait still unsoiled, it is the sublime forgiveness it accords the dead.

No need to speak only good of the dead. Death itself becomes the crucible in which our faults are transmuted into virtues.

It is never the unkind word we recall, but the gentle deed; never the faltering act, but the high and noble purpose, and the best of us may be thankful to feel that when our time comes, too, to join the vast majority, compassion will turn its pitying eyes away from our faults and see only the good we faintly would have done.

Sometimes there is a great deal of heart breaking pathos in this loyalty to the dead. There may have been years of cruelty, of estrangement or neglect, but death wipes it all out, and we go back to some simple and quiet hour that we may remember without shame or remorse.

The mother who sobs above the dead body of her wayward son recalls nothing of the agony, of the disgrace he may have brought her. She sees nothing of the sin-marked face. She has returned to the days when, a little child, he lay upon her breast and looked up into her face with eyes that were still full of the mysteries of heaven.

Sometimes we see a wife who has been betrayed, degraded, neglected, insulted, kneeling at her husband's bier. To her death has blotted out the memory of her wrongs, and she mourns the lover of her youth, the hour that made the world an Eden, rose sweet with Love's young dream, and most of all her tears are for the dreamed and the dream, the love that faltered, the light that faded, the incense of the soul that wasted itself upon the desert air.

A story is told of a drunken hoodlum who lay dead in the poor place he called home. It was the end of a life that had begun and ended in sin, and whose days had known nothing save evil. Not one gentle deed shed its perfume above its waste; not one high aspiration shone like a star across its murky way, but none the less a weeping woman clung to the senseless clay and broke above it the alabaster casket of her love.

"Bill was always so good to me," she sobbed. "In all the beatings he gave me, he never hit me where the marks would show so the neighbors could see 'em."

Think of the pathos of such a story as that! How often he had come home crazy drunk, with curses and abuses for the poor creature who had set her heart upon him! How she must have covered away from his anger; how often she must have crouched in the dark closet on the stairs and hidden until he slept off his drunken fury, afraid of her very life.

Often and often he had beaten her, so that a very dog, if so treated, might have turned upon him and slain him; but her patience and love never faltered. She covered the poor, bruised shoulders with her ragged frock. She told futile little lies about falling and hurting herself, and her eyes dared one to doubt the story they knew to be false. Loyalty and devotion and love could go no further.

And now Bill was dead. Nothing more to fear from the heavy hand; nothing to dread; nothing, one would say, to remember but cruelty and brutality.

But not so. Her heart went back over the long, long years, and plucked the one poor flower that bloomed along the arid pathway. He had never beaten her so that the marks would show!

Death wiped out the score against him.

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Bouquets Both Ways.

Members of the Flonzaley quartet were as delighted with Omaha as the audience of Omahans who listened to them with delight with the musicians. The audience was an appreciative one, the men felt, and a compliment in the matter of size, and the members of the Tuesday Morning Musical club and their friends returned the compliment by repeating that it was a "lovely concert."

One of the most striking features of the occasion was the number of men who attended. Musical affairs (this is confidential and not reproachful) are rather boring to the average gentleman, but in this case the majority of the members of the club had brought their husbands and persuaded their friends to bring their husbands and so on, until the masculine portion of the audience was really very creditable.

At the luncheon which was given by the officers of the club for Miss Paulson and the quartet yesterday at the Fontenelle the visitors told some very interesting bits of their experiences. The first violinist is an Italian, who will have to go back to Italy this year and probably will have to do army service. Another of the quartet is also an Italian, and the third is a Swiss. Mr. Iwan D'Archembeau, the violinist, is a Belgian. With his brother and his mother, he went from his home in the country to Ostend the last of July before war was declared. He was obliged to come to this country to fill his musical engagements then and did not hear from his people until December. Since then his brother and mother have fled before the wave of the war storm. Their home has been burned and with it the musician's valuable collections of manuscripts and instruments.

Before the war the quartet went abroad each summer for study and inspiration. They vacationed in the woods and drew music from nature, but since the war they have been obliged to remain on this continent. Last summer they spent at Lake Placid among the Adirondacks. Mr. D'Archembeau confessed that during his stay in this country he has learned to play the American game of golf.

Travelers' Gossip.

Mrs. D. J. Hennessy, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Dennis Henry, returned to her home in New York Tuesday.

Mr. Conrad Young and Miss Gerude Young left Tuesday evening for New York, where they will visit relatives for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reese, who have been traveling in the east for several weeks, returned Tuesday. Mrs. Edward Eden of Chicago, a former resident of Omaha, accompanied them for a short visit.

Mrs. Fred Busch of Omaha is in Excelsior Springs for a few weeks at the Royal Hotel.

Mrs. Frank W. Bacon leaves tomorrow evening to join Mr. Bacon in Chicago, where he went Tuesday evening to attend the automobile show. She will leave Chicago Saturday for Washington, D. C., and Mr. Bacon will return to Omaha Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Scott Penfield is planning numerous affairs for her mother during her stay of two months. Mr. Bacon plans to go to Washington for the presidential inauguration.

Dr. J. C. Moore and Mrs. Moore have gone to Florida, where they will remain during the balance of the winter.

Work Special.

A daughter was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant C. Rogers.

Affairs in Prospect.

Mrs. M. D. Cameron will entertain at luncheon in honor of Miss Marie Hodge February 12 at the Blackstone. A Christian Endeavor dinner will be given Friday evening at the Young Women's Christian association.

Classes Honor Mrs. Foote.

Mrs. Edward F. Denison entertained eight guests at luncheon at her home Tuesday in honor of Mrs. D. A. Foote, who leaves soon for her winter home in California. In the afternoon the Clairmont and Clifton Hill neighborhood Bible classes united in a meeting at the home of Mrs. Lee McGreer. Mrs. Foote took charge of the regular lesson, which was followed by a social hour. Forty members were present.

Wedding Announcement.

Miss Elsie Barns, who took the part of the smaller twin in the performance of "Our Busy Ladies' Aid," given at the Dietz Methodist church a week ago, was united in marriage with Mr. Thomas E. Hanthorn of Lincoln at the Dietz Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. N. Dawson officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Hanthorn will make their home in Lincoln.

Luncheon of Sports Lovers.

Members of the Carter Lake Swimming and Bowling club held their annual banquet at the Commercial club

yesterday. The guests of honor were the president, Mrs. Alex Jeter; the winners of first and second high score, Mrs. W. J. Cattin and Mrs. F. T. Lovering, and the members of the team which made the highest score, Mrs. H. L. Underwood, captain; Mrs. J. A. Freeland, Mrs. Jack Austin, Mrs. E. F. Brailey and Mrs. C. M. Johnson. Decorations were in carnations and each guest received a corsage bouquet of the flowers. Mrs. F. P. Kenyon and Mrs. William Miller of St. Paul were guests.

Tea for Debutante.

In honor of Miss Regina Connell, one of the most popular debutantes who has made her bow in Omaha, the Misses Daphne and Gladys Peters gave a delightful tea at their home this afternoon. The decorations were in pink and blue, with a colorful bouquet of pink and blue lavender sweet peas in a blue bowl on the tea table to carry out the color scheme. About a hundred guests were included in the invitations. Assisting the hostesses were:

- Misses: Helen Ingwersen, Grace Allison, Katherine Thummel, Stella Thummel, Mary Burkley, Margaret Bruce, Emily Keller. Madames: R. W. Connell, M. C. Peters, Paul Gallagher, Kenneth Peterson, Ralph Peters, John Caldwell.

Plan for Suffrage School.

The Equal Franchise society has invited all women interested in suffrage work to a meeting to be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Young Women's Christian association, to discuss the coming suffrage school to train women for the next campaign. Mrs. W. E. Barkley of Lincoln, president of the State Suffrage association, will be the chief speaker. A 50-cent luncheon will be served, after which business will be resumed.

The Heavens In February

By WILLIAM F. RIGGE.

There is something of unusual interest in the heavens this month. The day is increasing one hour and seven minutes in length, from ten hours, exactly, on the 1st, and ten hours, thirty-three minutes on the 15th; it becomes eleven hours, seven minutes on the 28th. The sun enters Pisces, the Fish, the last sign of the zodiac, on the 19th. It is thirty-seven or thirty-eight minutes slow on central time during the month, the slowest of the whole year. True noon and true midnight therefore occur when our clocks in Omaha show 12:37 or 12:38.

Venus and Mars are too near the sun to be seen. Jupiter and Saturn are evening stars and in good position the first sets on the 15th at 11:17 p. m., and the second comes to the meridian at 10:30 p. m. The moon is in conjunction with Saturn on the 4th, with Venus on the 20th and with Jupiter on the 25th.

Table with columns for SUN, MOON, and various astronomical data including rise, set, and phase information for the month of February.

MOON'S PHASES. Full moon on the 6th at 9:25 p. m. Last quarter on the 14th at 7:52 p. m. New moon on the 21st at 12:09 p. m. First quarter on the 28th at 10:44 a. m.

Fined for Leaving Ice Stay on the Sidewalks. Actuated by several accidents due to icy sidewalks, police officers have determined to arrest all persons who permit snow to remain in front of their premises. Already eleven have been arrested and more arrests are expected.

Seven of those arrested were fined \$1 and costs in police court and the cases against four were continued. Those fined were James Adams and C. C. Galloway, Fourteenth and Dodge streets; P. H. Jenkins, Joe Litzman and Will Milder, Twelfth and Dodge; Sam Lung, 101 South Twelfth, and the Central Tin shop, 1117 Dodge street.

Those whose cases were continued are F. R. Raschman, 812 South Thirty-sixth street; Dr. F. R. Woodring, 3105 Leavenworth street; Frank J. Sutcliffe, 3717 Leavenworth street, and J. S. Horspater, 802 South Thirty-eighth.

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