

# Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards.

## WORK SET TO MUSIC

A man is working in a neighboring garden. To an ordinary observer he has a long, hard day ahead of him. The weeds are thick, the ground is hard. He has only the common tools. But as the gardener works, he sings that song of hope and cheer, "Palms of Victory." The click of the hoe keeps time with the words of the song—the blade glints its way gaily among the weeds. The spade, warming to the music, cleaves the hard ground easily. The busy minutes go by without fatigue.

It may not always be "Palms of Victory," but a glad, lively song it invariably is, and he sings it with a bold enthusiasm, as though he expected it to ease the work—as though it might turn the task into a pleasure.

And it does. Under the magic of a merry song the caked earth will yield more readily to the hoe and spade, so that what are often called tiresome tasks become instead pleasant activities.

The work in the home goes smoother for a song. The thousand and one things which are clamoring to be done at once, are more easily adjusted and finished under the influence of a tinkling, soothing melody. The fire crackles to the tune. The sewing-machine whirrs to the same happy key. Even the heated discussions of the children end in taking up mother's song, and—carrying it along—troubles are forgotten.

A song may not set everything right, but it relieves the tension. It soothes the nerves. It rounds off the sharp edge of disappointment or failure. We are calmed and strengthened for a forward step. The way seems clearer and the path straighter ahead of us.

A merry tune helps everywhere. It draws the mind away from the dismal routine which, in spite of us, will creep into our work. Sometimes a filmy lace covers a good substantial fabric underneath, giving to the gown softness and grace. A song is a frill, and the frill is not wholly useless—it lends beauty and glory to the necessary task. It is like a sun rift in a storm cloud.

The footstep quickens to the quick, stirring tones. The hands move to the swinging rhythm; the blood leaps to the faster measure. The heart throbs to a higher key; the tired face brightens. The sun shines everywhere; work is a blessing. There is no drudgery—there is only good, helpful work which becomes at once interesting and desirable. The day's task is not dull and lifeless—it is a glad, happy service jingling with gay music! How could we have ever thought it dull or sad?

The singing workman is surprised when nightfall comes. It has been a short day. He has not dreamed it would be over so soon. The spirit he has put into his work has given it an impetus. With the accompaniment of song, the day's task has not been so trying, after all, nor the day's march so wearying.

Work, however difficult, is not drudgery to the man who sings. He who can set drudgery to music has performed a great service. He has transformed a burden into a pleasure, plainness into beauty, tears into smiles.—Peoples' Journal.

If you have anything to dispose of, a Want Ad in The Monitor will sell it.

## WE MISINTERPRET DEATH.

We are too stupid about death. We will not learn  
How it is wages paid to those who earn.  
How it is the gift for which on earth we yearn,  
To be set free from bondage to the flesh;  
How it is turning seed corn into grain.  
How it is winning heaven's eternal gain.  
How it means freedom evermore from pain.  
How it untangles every moral mesh.

We are so selfish about death. We court our grief.  
Far more than we consider their relief  
When the great Reaper gathers in the sheaf.  
No more to know the season's constant change;  
And we forget that it means only life,  
Life with all joy, peace, rest and glory rife,  
The victory won, and ended all the strife,  
And heaven no longer far away or strange.  
—William Crosswell Doane.

## MISSES JOSEPH AND TOWLES GUESTS AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The Misses Joseph and Towles, who are the house guests of Mrs. T. P. Mahammitt, were the honor guests at several social functions this week. Sunday evening Mr. Harry Buford gave an automobile party for twelve. Monday afternoon Mrs. T. P. Mahammitt entertained at cards. Wednesday Mrs. M. F. Singleton gave a matinee party. Thursday evening they were the guests of Miss Madeline Roberts at the reception dinner at the residence of Mrs. Philip Letcher and later in the evening Mrs. Desdunes entertained at cards. Friday afternoon a picnic party was given at Hanscom park by Mesdames Josiah Brown, James C. Donley and W. H. Lacey and in the evening a delightful dancing party was given by the Phi Delta girls at the residence of Miss Willa Watson. Tomorrow Mrs. Henry Buford will give a dinner complimentary to Miss Joseph, as Miss Towles will leave tonight for her home in Battle Creek, Mich.

## VOTES REPORTED BY CONTESTANTS IN THE FREE TRIP CONTEST

### Help Your Favorite.

Frances Shaw	860
Madeline Roberts	517
Oletha Russell	200
Blanche Lawson	158
Hazel Hall	147
Ruth Jeltz	77
Pearl Ray	72
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This is the last report of the contestants which will appear in the paper. Prizes awarded Wednesday, July 12, at the Mecca.

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## LINCOLN.

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(Too late for last week.)

Miss Glesia Corneil of Springfield, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Young.

Mrs. Robert Johnson entertained at a beautifully appointed two o'clock luncheon Tuesday evening in honor of the L. L. Kensington club, which is composed of sixteen matrons. The rooms were decorated with cut flowers, the gift of the club to the hostess. The daintily served delicacies were highly enjoyed by the guests. The afternoon was spent in music, at the conclusion of which the guests were given an automobile ride about the city.

Mr. W. M. Mason of Sedalia, Mo., is visiting Mrs. Vernon Young of South Twentieth street.

The Optimistic club held their reception at the residence of Mrs. Lester Holmes, 501 South Ninth street, Thursday afternoon, June 15, from two to five. The music was furnished by Mrs. Clyde Malone. Mrs. Louis Holmes received the guests. A beautiful display of art was on exhibition.

Mrs. Vernon Young and little brother, Richard, have gone to New Madrid, Mo., to visit their mother.

Mrs. E. D. Shipman entertained a number of friends in honor of Mrs. Mattie Thompson, who is to soon leave for her home in Springfield, Ohio.

Mrs. S. Crews and little daughter, Verolia, have been visiting friends in Omaha.

Mrs. Wilber Clark, who has been sick, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Lora Gates and Mrs. John Galbraith are visiting in Kansas City, Mo.

Quite a few people of Lincoln went to Omaha to attend the State Federation. Those who went as delegates were the following: Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Lester Holmes, Mrs. Louis Holmes, Mrs. Lester Washington, Mrs. Fannie Young, Mrs. Thomas Coleman, Mrs. Paul Moore and Mrs. Bedell.

The G. R. Kensington gave a reception Thursday evening, June 15th, at Masonic hall. A splendid program was rendered. The art work on display was admired by all. The evening was spent in dancing.

One of the most elaborate weddings held in this city for some time was that of Miss Nellie Kellis and Mr. Geo. Matson, which took place at the Newman M. E. church, Friday, June 16, at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Talbort performed the ceremony. A reception was held at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Matson. Many beautiful and useful presents were received.

## LIVING UP TO IT.

From Life:

"Why didn't you come for the wash yesterday, Liza?"

"I ain't workin' no moh, Miss Elsie, since I jined de lodge. I'se a lily now."

"What do you mean?"

"I'se jined de Lilies of de Fiel' Lodge of de Daughters of Solomon, and de lilies of de fiel' toils not neither do dey spin."

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