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IN GOD'S FIRST TEMPLES.

It may be a little early for a comfortable stroll in the woods, but if there be any patch of forest you can easily reach, we would recommend that you put on a pair of stout shoes, some old garments, and spend a part of today among the trees. However familiar you may be with outdoor life, you will find inspiration in the experience.

You will be in almost at the start. Not quite, though, for the sap has started to flow through the veins of the trees. The swelling bark shows its presence. You will note, maybe, some little sign of the buds that precede the leaves, tendrils more than usually tender in the first kiss of the air and the sun. Little green things will be noted, pushing their way up through the turf alongside a log, or where the boll of a sturdy trunk offers a little protection. Some of these have made remarkable growth during the last week. They are the promise of the wild flowers that soon will deck the dells and hillsides. One of the most interesting of all your experiences will be your chance to overhear the birds making plans for

Do you know how the sap in a tree gets from its roots up to the topmost branch and twig? This was a mystery to men of science for many years. It is obvious, of course, that the sap does get up to the top of a tree, no matter how high, and many forget trees overtop the tallest building in a city. To get water to the upper floors of a modern skyscraper is a great engineering problem. It has been worked out, but the process is not so simple as it might seem to one who turns on the spigot on the top floor and finds the water flowing.

So it is with a tree, whose sap is its life-blood. Every twig, no matter how far from the root, must have its quota of sap, and have it every day, or it dies. The leaves must have their sap. It is through the leaves that the tree breathes. The trunk must be steady and strong, for it has to sustain a great weight. At times it must withstand tremendous pressure, as when a gale blows it about. All these things are commonplace, but the breathing of the tree is as regular as that of a human being, and its circulation is the same.

s thought that the circulation of sap along the system of a tree was the result of capillary attraction. Some experiments proved that this force was not strong enough to lift the sap to the top of a tall tree. The power of atmospheric pressure would not do. Its effect soon is lost, being only equal to a lift of 82 feet at sea level. An eastern scientist has recently made announcement that sap in a tree circulates just as blood returns to the heart through the veins. A cell is filled, closes at the lower end and opens at the upper, then contracts, thus forcing its contents into the one next above. This goes on steadily. Through this intricate system of veins and valves the sap is carried. Return, of course, is similarly accomplished. Through the summer season it is believed that the upward process is continual, the excess of moisture being taken off through the leaves in exhalation and evaporation.

When next you hear anyone classifying trees or other growing things as among inanimate nature, just recall that they live a life that in many of its functions fairly duplicates ours. The poet who wrote "The Woods were God's first temples," told more of the truth than he could have known at the time. It was in this same inspiration that Joyce Kilmer wrote:

"I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree. A tree, whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing breast; A tree that looks to God all day And lifts her leafy arms to pray; A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair, Upon whose bosom snow has lain, Who intimately lives with rain. Poems are made by fools like me. But only God can make a tree.

No time spent in communion with Nature is ever vasted, and nowhere can man better "Look through Nature up to Nature's God" than in the woods. Just try it, even if you can get no farther than the tree on your lawn, or the one on the parkway in front of the house.

BEAUTY FOR BEAUTIFUL OMAHA.

One of Omaha's outstanding appeals to the visior, especially in the summer season, is the vista presented down almost any street in the residence section. Shade trees, in many places arching entirely over the street, broad, well trimmed lawns, and beds of flowers and flowering or foliage shrubs, compose a picture that is a delight to all who look upon it. We properly boast of this attraction.

These vistas are now to be made even more attractive. A competition for the boys and girls has been set up by the Omaha Real Estate board, open to any who desires to engage in it. The test will be the beauty and the variety of flowers. These must be planted, tended and cared for by the competitors, and will be judged according to their merits. Conditions that have been laid down for the competition are not hard to meet, and none need refrain from entering the contest if a plot of ground big enough for a flower bed is available.

Naturally, the object is to stimulate the growing of flowers out of doors, this in turn to cultivate the innate sense of the beautiful. With estheticism developed in this direction, it will find other avenues for expression. Thus the spirit of the city as well as its appearance will be improved. Whatever adds to one element of beauty adds to all.

We may also expect that the boys and girls who are interested in growing their own flower beds will have pard for those of their neighbors. It will be

surprising if we hear much of the petty vandalism that has been so annoying to some housekeepers. Love of the beautiful can not be too early instilled. It brings a reward in many ways, not the least of which is gentle behavior and self-control.

WHAT ARE THE YOUNGSTERS THINKING OF?

School is the avenue through which the boy or girl moves to a permanent place in the world life of which they must become a part. It is interesting to know what hopes or aspirations they carry with them on the journey, the goal at which they aim. The State Board for Vocational Education has just tabulated and published replies from 25,914 Nebraska high school students, in answer to a questionnaire which sought to develop what these boys and girls are thinking in regard to the work they expect to do when school work has been completed. Here is a summary of the replies:

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Agriculture	2,210	61	2,271	
Athletics, sports, etc	129	106	235	
Art	140	239	370	
Auctioneer	19		19	
Aviator	90	, 1	91	
Army and navy	23		23	
Business	1,382	816	2,198	
Clerical	361	2,715	3,076	
Communication	99	18	117	
Engineering	2,386	1	2,387	
Government work	138	9	147	
Homemakers		245	245	
Law enforcement	17	3	20	
Literary	88	96	184	
Professional	2,436	10,248	12,678	
Science	105	18	123	
Social and religious	22	155	177	
Stage or platform	51	187	240	
Railroads	168		168	
Trades	952	114	1,066	
Miscellaneous	34	36	70	
Totals	0 849	15.065	25 914	

While any such tabulation is open to the objecion that some vague or uncertain quality may attach to the replies, yet it affords a basis for interesting speculation. It may as well serve for an attack on the general system of vocational training as to support it. What it does contain worth while is an ndication of the ways the pupils in the public schools are seeking to shape their lives. .

A few more than one-fifth of the boys propose to go back to the farm. A similar group plan to take up engineering, and another of about the same size will engage in other professional work. Of the remaining less than two-fifths a third expect to enter business, leaving about 18 per cent of the entire number for the other classifications. The great number of girls listed as planning on professional work is accounted for by the fact 7,970 expect to become teachers, 1,218 aim to be nurses, and 799 plan to make music their life work. On none of the answers can greater reliance be placed than these, for the girls will probably carry out their plans.

What the report emphasizes, if anything, is the aspiration of the boys for "white collar" jobs. That is not to be wondered at. The boy of ability and ambition naturally seeks to equip himself. for such places. Until some change comes over our social system, through which the so-called "overall" occupations will be given better standing than comes through mere wages, the drift will be in the other direction. The boy is not to blame, if he turns his pursuit of fame and fortune along the lines in which he has seen those who have gone before him

More than mere vocational training will be men may as well set themselves to the problem, for it is now their greatest challenge.

BACK TO THE FARM FOR MRS. MAGNUS.

Eyebrows are being raised in Washington over omething other than oil. The wife of a senator has declared herself homesick for the farm. To the amazement of the quid nuncs and high brows of capital society, this good woman admits she is not appy, even with her prospect for admission into at least the outer fringes of the dizzy whirl of society. You know a senator's wife can glimpse herself every

low and then in "The Mirrors of Washington." Mrs. Magnus Johnson knows some joys those ophisticated persons may have heard of but never realized. She has seen a baby chick pip its shell, and then come forth, soon to stand a delicious little ball of fuzzy down. Little calves are coming to town, and baby lambs, and a colt or two. All these appeal to the woman heart that has warmed to cuddling babies of her own. Then all the other wonders that are now coming to pass, in forest and field, in garden and everywhere under the April sky call to

No wonder she is homesick. What can Washington offer her in place of the things she is accustomed to? She may go down to the Botanical garden, or watch the coming of the leaves along the avenues; Cabin John drive may lure her, but none of these will fill the void that aches for the farm. Mrs. Magnus Johnson may never have heard the ragtime

"I think your big city is very, very pretty, But I want to be there, I want to see there-Down on the farm."

'It is motherhood, the motherhood of nature calling to her, and she will not be happy until she has responded to that call, down on the farm.

McAdoo supporters are claiming the Iowa delegation, but they are ignoring the fact that some of them are outspoken anti-McAdoo, and none are instructed. The fight at Davenport has just been adjourned to New York, that is all.

A luncheon club speaker sought to classify all the fools in the world, but it is a safe guess some got away. There are too many kinds for one man to know them all.

The Irish Free State puts in with Uncle Sam on the crusade against the rum runners. Life on the Atlantic may yet become quite an exciting affair.

Senator Pepper wants a national baseball monu-ment erected at the capital. Why not wait until Washington wins a pennant?

An Omaha judge has just sentenced a speeder to walk exclusively for 60 days. Wonder how the sentence will work out?

So, Omaha is to be dry as dust this summer. All right, but please do not stop the sprinkling wagons.

Charley Gardner wants a slogan for Ak-Sar-Ben. How would "Go get 'em" do? Hurling of charges at Washington will soon give way to hurling of baseballs.

A candidate says he can see light wines and beer,

Iowa democrats fight just as earnestly as if they Charley Bryan knows now where Charley Graff

Cock Robin can now say "I told you so."

"Jake Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet"

DAY DREAMS.

I long for the days of the barlow knife, And the sore toe tied with yarn; For the "mumblepeg" and the "Boston taw" In the shade of the moss-grown barn.

I even yearn for a stone-bruised heel, Or a back burned red by the sun; For the old-time zest for my couch of rest I had when the day was done.

I long for the days of the "sight unseen." And the peg tops spun with twine; For my old-time place down at second base As one of the village "Nine." I even yearn for the finger bunged

Of the thumb with a ragged split; Or the old-time lump on my bulging brow That showed where the baseball hit.

I long for the days of the swimmin' hole, And the "swish" of the old fishline; For the "crockries," "aggles," "glassies" and

The "nealies" that once were mine. I even yearn for the blistered hands That came from the old grub hoe; For the appetite that came with night

In the days of the long ago. It is rather difficult to get Alliance people all het up over the oil investigations down in Washington. It will be remem-bered that Alliance was at one time about as deeply interested in potash as Sinclair is in Teapot Dome.

A lot of people along the line of the Union Pacific are thinking seriously of Having a Law Passed compelling General Manager Jeffers and Chief Claim Agent Watts wear distinguishbadges. They look so much alike that people often tell secrets that are intended for the other, Jeffers and Watts because it affords each an opportunity to get a

> Nebraska Limerick. There was a young man in Alliance
> Who had only one button for tieance.
> At a swell party ball
> He rushed from the hall,
> For it had betrayed its reliance.

A tourist drove up a nivver to a minimum port the other day and shouted:

"Gimme half gallon of gas and a half pint of oil!"

"Great gosh, they've begun putting the durned things on a A tourist drove up a flivver to a filling station at Bridge-

The political campaign is deadly quiet in a certain western Nebraska community, compared with the excitement going on in a certain church sewing society. One elderly sister had her bobbed and missed the next meeting of the society. she heard about some of the caustic remarks passed by her sisters concerning her bobbed hair, and now the ecclesiastical

fireworks is something gorgeous. In his campaigning around Charles H. Sloan often runs into some young fellow who served with his sons overseas. And right there and then Mr. Sloan adds a staunch supporter

An ardent republican at Valentine proposes a ticket made up of Coolidge and Dawes. We have an enlarged crayon portrait of Charley Dawes playing second fiddle to anybody.

A swing around the Nebraska circle right now is a liberal education in optimism. The partisan investigators down Washington way would be interested if they came west and got the reaction of the people towards all that evidence of ex-bandits, forgers and homicidal suspects.

Next Tuesday is primary day, but a lot of fellows will be so busy cussing the things that are that they will neglect to vote to make things what they should be. WILL M. MAUPIN.

Merchant Marine Bill | Road to the Fountain

From the Kansas City Journal.

of his candidacy.

merce commission for any purpose that may arise where the joint interests may be involved, and also places section 28 of the merchant marine act in such a position that it can be made operative. (Section 23 prohibits special joint railroad and steamship rates except in connection with American vessels.)

Describes the home port of a ship

Describes the home port of a ship so that it can be properly placed in any mortgages or other financing of

any mortgages or other mancing of shipping property.

In addition to these aids, Mr. Edmonds has added a number of new sections calculated to aid our merchant marine. One provides for load lines on ships in the foreign trade, Mr. Edmonds explaining that "recent requirements of load lines on vessels or several foreign countries on ships." in several foreign countries on ships of foreign registry forces us into the position of the necessity of having a loan line of our own, so that we can obtain recognition of our load line by these marine powers of reciprocal arrangements. Again, the pilferage section extends the United States section extends the United States merce to the numerous intermediaries, like wharves and warehouses, automobiles, trucks, lighters, wagons, etc., which are not covered by this section at present, and are subject to the local laws, interpreted and carried out by local authorities.

He Deserved It. "If I stole 20 kisses from you, what and of larceny would that be?" asked the wise one.
"I should call it grand," sighed the sweet young thing without bat-ting an eyelish. Penalty-life sen-

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From the Kansas City Journal.

Representative George W. Edmonds, republican, of Pennsylvania and ranking member of the committee on merchant marine, has introduced a bill in congress calculated to ald our merchant marine without the payment of subsidy.

The aids in the subsidy hill incorporated in the new bill are:

The insurance clause, which allows the shipping board to carry through its insurance department such insurance on its sold ships as would be exported if satisfactory terms and rates are not obtainable in this country.

Provides that 50 per cent or as nearly as possible to that percentage shall be carried in our ships. That the army and navy transport shall be abolished and that merchant ships shall be used for this purpose, and that all movement of army and navy material shall be made in American ships.

Provides for the establishment of a joint commission between the shipping board and the interstate commerce commission for any purpose that may arise where the joint intersects are as the involved and also places that may arise where the joint intersects are as the involved and also places that may arise where the joint intersects are as the involved and also places that mination. Then, in the light of that sandardors that and intersects and and the interstate commission. Then, in the light of that animation. From the Milwaukes Journal.

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Indian Reviews Case for the Indian

winnebago, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: I cannot control myself from repeating the true woman's voice which is heard from far in east, whose woman's heart has pleaded so eloquently for the poor red men. The materials for her story have been taken from official documents. The sad revelation of broken faith, of violated treaties and of inhuman deeds of violence will bring a fush of shame to the cheeks of those who love their country. They will wonder how our rulers have dared to so trifle will justice and provoke the anger of God. The Indian owns, no telegraph, employs no press reporter, and his side of Nestony is unknown to the people. Nestony, like individuals, reap exactly what they sow; they who sow robbery reap robbery. The seed sowing of iniquity replies in a harvest oblood. The American people have accepted as truth the teaching that the our Puritan fathers that these are the Hittites who are to be driven out thefore the the servants of the Lord, they do accept the teaching that manifest destiny will drive the Indians from the earth.

The inexorable has no tears or pity at the cries of anguish of the doomed trace. Ahab never speaks kindly of Nahoth, whom he has robbed of his vineyard. It soothes conscience to cast mud on the character of the come the Milled have cost the government of the Indian synd the Department of the Indian wars, which cost the United States 3500,000,000 and the soothed the sound of the trader, the people on the border, the Indian agents, the united States 3500,000,000 and the soothed the sound of the same and the soothed the sound of the same at the door of the trader, the people on the border, the Indian synd here of the Indian wars which cost the United States 3500,000,000 and the soothed the same of the Indian stream of the I

pendence. If the trader oppressed the Indian he was in danger of losing his debt. If the Indian refused to pay his debts, the trader must leave the country.

the country.

The factors and agents of the old fur companies tell us that their goods were as safe in the unguarded trading post as in the civilized village. The pioneer settlers have had too much at stake to excite an Indian massacré, which would overwhelm their loved ones in ruin. The army is not responsible for Indian they are ""

Do They Want Another Fight?

The United States senate has called upon Secretary of War Weeks for data concerning shipment of arms to Mexico. Are the senators looking for another fight.—St. Louis Star.

Lure of the City.

It is said that 1,000,000 persons left farms last year for the may be may be may be may be as "" The pioneer settlers have had too much at stake to excite an Indian massacre, which would overwhelm their loved ones in ruin. The army is not responsible for Indian wars: they are "men authority," who go where they are sent. The men who represent the henor of the nation have a tradition that lying is a disgrace and that theft forfeits character. General Crook expressed the ter. General Crook expressed the to a friend who said, "It is hard to go on such a campaign." "Yes, it is hard; but, sir, the hardest thing is to go and fight those whom you know are in the right." The Indian bureau is often unable to fulfill the treaties, because congress has failed to make the appropriations. If its agents are not men of the highest character, it is largely due to the fact that we send a man to execute this difficult trust at a remote agency and expect him to support himself and family on \$1,500 a year. The Indian bureau represents a system which is a blun-

er and a crime. The Indian is the only human being within the territory who has no individual right in the soil. He is not amenable to or protected by law. The executive, the departments of the government recog-nize that he has a possessory right in the soil: but his title is merged in the

Twas a beautiful day, the twentieth Soft zephyre to drive dull care away, Making all feel alive and anew.

The Storm

Sweet scented blossome fill each with delight, Twittering birds mating in treetops

Happy children romp with main and might, All nature seems attune, for sup-

As evening nears., a sense of wears ness prevails, The air is hot, like a breath off the

burning sand.

Look! yonder cloud, foretells a gale,

Striking terror to the heart of man. On and on it comes, now rising, new

Like a storm-tossed ship, on a winds swept sea.

Long fingers of death, snatching lives, not faltering.

Oh God! save us, now we humbly pray Thee.

With a crashing din, the storm passes Leaves death and ruin, in a wreckstrewn path.
With anguished hearts to relieve we

Thus the sad ending of a perfect day, The golden hours of living, with same row were rent. Beauty and happiness were swept

Make haste, for lives are ebblag

The memory of which we'll never forget.

-Anne B. Pierce, Carroll, Ia. PUSSY WILLOW.

Pussy Willow by the brook, "Spring is here!" reflecting,
I know why you back in breaze,
Eagerly expecting
Me to understand every sign—
Smiling and directing!

Violet is over there—
Where the fays have tarried—
Neath a mushroom parasol
By Sweet William carried:
Jack-in-pulpit waits the twain—
Means to make them married.

Pussy Willow by the brook,
There's just no resisting
Such appeal! I'll up and go
Where my heart is listing—
Useless 'tis from lovable
Spring's embraces twisting. -Alta Wrenwick Brown

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