

Snow on Academy Hill, Etc.

By O. O. MINTYRE.

There has always been an ache in my heart for the children of New York. There is such restraint to their play. It is so mechanical and forced. Today in Central Park from a bench I watched them—cute little ribbed and furred girls and little Lord Fauntleroy—trying to romp.

York banker, made his first speech at a luncheon given in his honor at the age of 34. It was short and incisive. Mr. Baker has never been in a deal that did not prosper. His honesty and integrity have never been questioned. A great record—yet it would have added to his laurels, I believe, never to have made a speech. Whenever



What does the city child know of the joys of romping in the snow?

Nursemaids stood by to reprove and the whole thing was starched and stiff as a white shirt front.

There was a little snow on the ground but no one thought of throwing snowballs or washing faces with snow. That would be completely out of the pale. It would be vulgar.

And I thought of the days of snow in our town. The first snow on Academy Hill was an event to which we all looked forward joyously. Most of us scampered over before breakfast for the "first coast." It was a distinction for a child to make the first slide.

We knew when snow had fallen during the night. We could hear the men going to work at the factory stamping along calling out to one another.

How happily we responded to that tang in the air. Snow in a city means misery—blocked street cars, cold rooms, starvation, disease and death. In the small town snow is considered a happy gesture by Nature. No one suffers. Even the beaten old inmates at the poor house are comfortable.

The dogs raced through the drifts with wild abandon. The work horse's step seemed more sprightly. Every body felt it was good to be alive. And it was.

Each snow back home brought on the first of the season's taffy pullings. The parlor was deserted for the kitchen. And what room in the house is so hospitable as the kitchen? In New York the kitchen is hidden away as though it might be some frightful dungeon of torture.

I'd rather eat on the top of a pine table scrubbed white, in the old-fashioned kitchen than the best table at Sherry's with the gold service.

When the snow melted there was the "slush" season which keeps New York children in doors. For us back home it meant a trip to the attic for our rubber boots and happy hours of trudging through the slush.

And dusk with its twinkling lights and open blazing hearths in every home. No spectacle is so beautiful as a small town wrapped in a mantle of snow. You may not see much signs of life after nightfall but you will see the comforting, reassuring smoke that curls up from chimneys. How pleasant that is!

Snow lies deep in the cup-like valleys and the hills resemble high shimmering peaks with caps of white. A slushy moon reveals the stark trees—like so many faithful sentinels—waiting and watching for the white to turn to green.

Don C. Seltz has written a book about Joseph Pulitzer, the brilliant and blind publisher of the New York World with whom he was so long associated. For years Pulitzer, slight and racked with pain, guided the World through many tempestuous periods. Most of the time he sat in the seven seats in quarters that were sound proof for he could not endure noise. And yet through all these torturous days he kept his fingers to the World's pulse. He was perhaps the most amazing of all the geniuses of the period in which he lived, if not one of the most amazing in history.

If a reporter wrote a good yarn, Pulitzer in the Mediterranean or where not knew about it. He was as quick to praise as he was to censure. He could not forgive stupidity. Men after men were called to guide the destinies of his paper but only a few remained. Pulitzer was very exacting. He sought perfection in an imperfect world.

He was a sensitive man and never sought the limelight. His heart was wrapped up in the World and the editorial page was the apple of his eye. Pulitzer had many financial investments. Once he saw rough days ahead and felt that his attitude would affect his investments. He called his chief editor and exacted a promise that no matter what he might say the World would not change its course. He realized that he might be affected financially because of his investments and weaken.

His sons have proven worthy of the faith he had in them. The World is still a great newspaper.

I often wonder if these men who rise above affliction and achieve great things have any effect upon children. At my birthplace, Plattsburg, Mo., lives a well known novelist, John Breckenridge Ellis. He was born in 1870 and a childhood illness sent him to an invalid's chair for life. He has written nearly a half hundred stirring novels. He has been a professor of English literature and has a splendid musical education. Aside from his literary happiness from a life wherein many would find despair, he still carries on.

Age F. Baker, the great New

a man becomes successful he seems to want to make public speeches that very few want to hear. There is another successful and brainy New York banker who is constantly arising at luncheons with one of those "How I Did It" talks. He may not know it but he has become somewhat of a bore. Lots of folk avoid lunquets if they know he is going to be there. He seeks too much publicity. And so long as he is seeking publicity we might as well mention his name: Otto Kahn.

A Gotham wit dedicates this to "Just an Average Man."

His mother was introduced to his father in a gymnasium. He was fashioned after a semi-dumbbell; that is he had a solid knot on one end only. He finished a five-year school course in 20 minutes. That is, he was dismissed as hopeless. He was valedictorian at a sub-normal college.

Later he picked his way through an envelope stamping course at Scranton and had many an argument with the postmen. He used his head to keep his body from unraveling and, after the recent presidential election, was sore that no one had informed him about it or he would have voted.

One day his father looked at him and then wrote a letter to an Eskimo friend at Badger, Alaska, asking him to place the boy in some lucrative position where thinking was unnecessary. He arrived at Badger and reported for duty. He was given the job of head bookkeeper in a shooting gallery in the hope he would try to pass between two customers while at their work. The father received this letter a month later: "Your son is no more. He started a fund here for the cultivation of flowers and raised several thousand dollars, which he invested in rambler rose bushes and which he planted around the igloos. Alas, he is now one of God's frozen people."

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