

The Busy Bees

WHAT are the Busy Bees going to do on the Fourth of July? Have any of you thought of having a safe and sane Fourth? This sounds rather stupid, but it need not be. The neighborhood out on Harney street, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-third streets, commemorated Independence day safely and sanely last year, and all the children and grown-ups had a good time and came through without an injury. They are going to repeat their celebration next Thursday.

The plan which the Harney street folks are going to follow, and which any of the Busy Bees could carry out in his or her own neighborhood, is to be about like this: Early in the morning they will gather at one of the homes and salute the American flag; then they will begin a day of athletics and games—running and jumping, base ball, tennis, with croquet; drop the handkerchief, farmer in the dell and ring-around-the-rosy for the little ones; they will all have supper in the evening outdoors in their front yards, and after that will come a parade, in which all will march, carrying flags and red, white and blue banners, followed by fireworks at some special place by one of the men who is an expert.

All the houses on the street will be decorated with flags and in the street will be a tent, in which lemonade and cakes will be served.

Don't you think this a good way to celebrate our great national holiday? If any of the Busy Bees carry out this idea, or in whatever way they celebrate, write the other Bees about it.

RULES FOR YOUNG WRITERS

1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only and number the pages.
 2. Use pen and ink, not pencil.
 3. Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use too many adjectives.
 4. Original stories or letters only will be used.
2. Write your name, age and address at the top of the first page.
- First and second prizes of books will be given for the best two contributions to this page each week. Address all communications to CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

wonderful bird—a journey of some 15,000 miles.

Making Books from Metal.

Those of you who are at all familiar with the Bible will remember that part which describes how Moses received the ten commandments, carved in stone. In the olden days that was the only material that people know of for the purpose of recording their thoughts.

It hardly seems likely, when we think of our mammoth forests of standing timber, that the time will ever come when they shall be so depleted that it will be impossible to secure pulp for paper-making.

Yet that is exactly what is going to happen, according to leading lumbermen. What is more, that time is not more than thirty or forty years off, they say. If these prophecies are correct, it will be necessary to find a substitute for paper, and in the substitute that has been suggested by Thomas A. Edison we find a great surprise.

The wizard of electricity says that the books of the future will be printed on metal. In fact, he confidently expects that nickel and steel will supersede present-day writing materials.

It has been discovered that, by an electro-chemical process, sheets of nickel,

Little Stories by Little Folk

(First Prize.)

Playing Paper Dolls.

By Fern Thornton, Aged 11 Years, Fairbury, Neb. Blue Side.

Two of us girls decided we wanted some paper dolls, so we used Little Lane paper dolls until we wanted some other kind.

We looked in the fashion sheets, Ladies' Home Journal and other books for all kinds of women, children and men.

We used the younger women for young girls, the elderly for older women. We had the young girls be one girl, and changed her clothes as we liked and the other paper dolls we did likewise.

We kept getting more and more until we had 300 paper dolls apiece.

We thought we would have some furniture for them, so we took paper and folded it into chairs, tables, etc.

We like to play paper dolls and I hope the other Busy Bees will try it and see what fun it is.

(Second Prize.)

Four Clever Little Birds.

By Mollie Coorsman, 805 South Seventh Street, Omaha.

One day I was standing out in my back yard when I saw four little birds on our fence. They were twittering and making all kinds of noise.

One of our cats happened to be out in the yard when the little birds were on the fence. Then the cat thought she would catch one. So she went as softly as she could climb the fence, but the birds were quicker than she was, so when she got to the top of the fence they had flown away.

(Honorable Mention.)

The Storm.

By Helen Herrmann, Aged 10 Years, Wisner, Neb. Red Side.

One night about 11 o'clock a great storm came up. It hailed, rained and the wind blew. We all got up to see what it did. My papa walked down the street to see what it had done. Down the street the water stood two feet deep. It washed away a bridge. The next morning all the cherries, apples, plums and other kinds of fruit lay on the ground. All the gardens lay flat on the ground, also. Trees were blown down, too. Mud was everywhere.

I am a new Busy Bee.

The Happy Miller.

By Esther Oltman, Aged 11 Years, 1205 P Street, South Omaha, Neb.

Once there was a miller whose mill was near the Dee river and who was so happy that he would sing all day.

So one day it happened that a king heard him. He was singing this: "I envy nobody, no not I, and I don't think any one envies me."

The king asked him why he was so happy and he said: "I owe no penny I cannot pay. I have this river that turns the mill that feeds my babies and me."

The king said, "Such men as you are I could be as happy as you are. If I could gladly change with you."

Try to be happy without riches.

On My Summer Vacation.

By Grace Moore, Aged 10 Years, Silver Creek, Neb. Blue Side.

Dear Busy Bees: I am going on my summer vacation at Lincoln, so I will not write any more stories to the Busy Bees page. But I will write when I get home again. From your old Junior, GRACE MOORE.

Camp in Our Back Yard.

By Mildred White, Aged 11 Years, 2004 Chicago Street, Omaha.

Last summer I had the pleasure of having a tent in our back yard. The rear end of the tent was next to a grapevine and the front was shaded by a small tree. Father made a table and a cupboard for this playhouse. I also had two

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chairs, a small bed, a few pictures and a stool. We used an old dinner bell for the door bell. I had many appetizing lunches in this tent and spent many pleasant afternoons there.

The Birds' Retreat.

Bird migration always has been and is yet a thing of much mystery. Let the man who has never felt the thrill of this mystery take his atlas and turn to a map of the Western hemisphere, says H. M. Laing in Outing. Let him locate the Arctic islands north of North America, say 75 degrees N. L., and with his pencil draw from there a line down the coast of Labrador, across to Newfoundland and

Safe and Sane Fourth



GLADYS AND GEORGE E. MICKEL, JR., OF 321 HARNEY STREET, OMAHA.

down to Nova Scotia, then across the Atlantic to the Lesser Antilles in the West Indies, from there to Brazil and across Argentina, and finally halt his pencil in Patagonia. He will have traced then what is said to be the southward migration of the American Golden Plover. But let him continue the course across the Pacific, northward up the coast, then across Central America and up the Mississippi valley, through Central Canada and back to the northern islands. He will then have mapped what naturalists have given as the yearly itinerary of this

copper or steel can be made to absorb printers' ink. It is possible to produce a sheet of nickel one-twenty-thousandth of an inch in thickness that is cheaper, tougher and more flexible than ordinary book paper. According to the great inventor, a one-inch volume would weigh about eight ounces and would contain 30,000 pages, which is sixty times the number contained in an ordinary book.

The cost of this metal paper would be about \$1 a pound, which is certainly a low price for something like 40,000 sheets. —American Boy Magazine.

Why Don't Men Go to Church

BY SIR HARRY JOHNSTON.

The London production of Mr. Zangwell's play, "The Next Religion," which has been refused a license by the censor of plays, coincided with the dawning realization of the full horror of the Titanic disaster and public attention was distracted from giving due consideration to one of the most remarkable dramas which has ever been put on the stage.

This play deals drastically with the question which is ever and anon raised by newspapers: "Why do not men go to church?" or "Why are the churches empty on Sunday?" This question meets one everywhere at the present time in the country as well as in town. Some of the clergy are sensible enough to raise it no longer. If people will not go to church they carry what is best in the church to people's homes and into their lives. The deans and canons of cathedrals seldom have to ask for it, for there is that about most cathedrals—their architecture, embodied history, organ and choir, which never fail to attract a good congregation to week-day and Sunday services alike, whether those who come appreciate or not the fact that the words of many of the hymns and some of the anthems are rubbish—useless, meaningless doggerel, and that a good deal of the liturgy, like that absurd political tract, the Thirty-nine Articles, is much too plainly dated sixteenth century A. C., or 1500 B. C., and has little to do with the complex problems of our modern life.

But the intelligent hard-worked man or woman will not voluntarily give up two hours of their precious rest day to a religious service so long as their twentieth century minds are to be schooled by the narrow theology of sixth or sixteenth century divines; and while the average clergyman of the average church never draws his text and his subject from any other source but the Old Testament or the New Testament. These after all, though their language in some places is of imperishable beauty, and of vivid truth, as Zangwell's play brings out so rever-

ently and convincingly—are only two amongst the many Bibles now in the possession of the reading world, while none of these Bibles span out of men's heads and set down imperfectly in letters on parchment or papyrus, on palm leaves or clay tablets, the blade-bones of camels or the bark of beech or birch, are in any wise comparable in interest, majesty or importance to the new Bible, the story of the earth itself and of all man's life on the earth from the days—high upon 1,000,000 years ago—when he definitely emerged from the half-human Simian into the perfect man.

Zangwell's writings have raised help above the rut of the "Mistress"—has felt to his heart's core the divorce between our conventional religion framed in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and common sense; between what is taught and enunciated in the churches (often solely against the mental grasp of the teacher and preacher) and what is taught in the schools; and equally has realized the need for a religion; that is to say, for putting into some stereotyped form and personal the emotional interest of humanity in the great mystery which surrounds this tiny planet, that mystery which is most acutely presented by the dreadful fact of death. The play-writer holds the balance curiously even—perhaps more in the written and acted play than in the author's own conception of the tenor and of the effect of what he has written. At least, so it seemed to me after following the play a most careful and unwavering hearing, a feat rendered possible, not to say easy, by its unflagging interest and its vivid and unimpaired dialogue.

I left the theater with the conviction not only that Israel Zangwell is a Christian of the most pronounced type, that is apparent when one reads his "Italian Pastimes," more especially the remarkable essay on "The Carpenter's Wife," which is the best life of Christ ever written, but in a somewhat vague way,

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a believer in and a supporter of the Church of England. He may repudiate this position himself, but it is that taken up by one of the strongest and best played characters in the piece, Hal McFadden, who asks, at any rate, for some established expression of "respectable Christianity which might be applied to the most vigorous and beneficial manner not to the reorganization of humanity—we want and he seems to ask for, no revolution, no turning of society upside down so that some class is always at the bottom—but an increased permeation of our social and political life by the principle of Christianity as set forth in the direct teaching of Jesus Christ, the greatest Reformer the world has ever known.

Christianity as thus defined, not-Haven forbid—the Christianity of the fathers, the Puritans or the fetish-worshippers, is a lying in the face of nature, an opposition to the otherwise ruthless results following the mathematical policy of the survival of the fittest, greediest, selfishest or most meanly adaptable. The impartial workings of natural laws may have created man and the nightingale, but they have also led to the development of forms with monstrous horns and armatures with spines and poison glands, or to the reduction of some sense organs and the enlargement and exaggeration of one or two others; to the complementary degenerate male or the dwarfed and wingless female; to giants that become too cumbersome for existence and minute forms too puny to serve God's purpose.

In short, unopposed nature would seem to be the devil and Christianity the attempt of God to abate that devil and to shape the living forms on this planet into accord with some wonderful scheme of progress in the vivification of matter.

Herein Zangwell's philosophy touches the skirts of another unauthorized pronouncement—the remarkable views expressed by Du Maurier in "Peter Rabbit-son." I write "unauthorized," because "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength." Hordes of theologians have filled a thousand libraries with the useless lumber of their vaticinations. (It is melancholy to take up even the present edition of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" and see the space allotted to Malachi or Job, worthy at most of a short paragraph, and note the scant treatment for Sir Joseph Hooker or Winwood Reade); unaccountable revivals and re-expositions of Christianity have taken place; and yet very few professional expounders of religion have put into print such far-reaching and in some cases such convincing ideas as those of Du Maurier, the caricaturist and the draughtsman in pen and ink, and Israel Zangwell, the school teacher of London birth, Polish origin and German name; who is theoretically a Jew, but whose writings are likely to assist greatly in the re-birth of Christianity.

There are two faults to be found with the play, though they are not so marked in its written form as in its acting. One was the character and utterances of the missionary-bishop (though we are supposed to be contemplating such a type as existed ten or twelve years ago). I have known intimately not a few of the great missionary-bishops of Africa and have made some acquaintance with those of Asia and America, and I cannot remember meeting any one of such who would have taken such a middle nineteenth-century view of orthodox Christianity as does the type somewhat caricatured by Mr. Zangwell. I think that without in any way disturbing the

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Grace T.: I would not advise taking "patent" medicines. Your "worn-out" feeling and lack of appetite indicate a sluggish, poison-laden, condition of the blood, and the best and safest thing of which I know is an old-fashioned kare-dene tonic, made by dissolving ½ cupful sugar in ½ pint alcohol, then adding 1 ounce kare-dene and hot water to make a quart. Take a tablespoonful before meals and in a short while the blood will be free from all poisons. Nothing can take the place of this simple kare-dene tonic as a body-builder and strength-giver for youth or old age.

Maudie: It would be a shame to hide the beauties of violet blue eyes behind glasses, and I truly believe you can avoid wearing them if you will use this harmless, strengthening eye-tonic. Into a pint of cold, clear water, dissolve an ounce crystals, then put 2 or 3 drops in each eye daily. This simple crystal tonic reduces inflammation, overcomes the watery condition, and to weak, dull eyes gives strength and brilliancy. For removing foreign particles and taking out soreness the crystal eye-tonic is unsurpassed.

Mrs. T. S.: Cutting the hairs on the cheek only encourages them to grow thicker and heavier. Mix a little powdered delatone and water and spread on hairy surface, then after 2 or 3 minutes rub off, wash the skin and it will be left smooth, firm and hairless.

Tess: The nightly application of pyroxin to eyebrows with finger-end will encourage a thick, slinky growth. Your stubby lashes can be made to grow long and curly if you apply pyroxin at last-roots with thumb and forefinger. Use care and don't get any pyroxin where no hair is wanted.

C. T.: No woman who prizes her complexion will think of choking the skin's lungs with powder or greasy creams. Dissolve 4 ounces spermax in ½ pint witch hazel (or hot water), then add 3 teaspoonfuls glycerine and you will have a lotion far superior to powder, and at a trifling cost. The spermax lotion should be applied sparingly and rubbed lightly until it dries. It is invisible when it dries, cleanses the skin of impurities and gives to the complexion a refinement and gentility truly delightful. This does not rub nor blow off and perspiration fails to spot or streak it.

B. L. T.: I frequently advise the use of a quinson hair tonic, because of the very beneficial effects following its use. To prepare it, add ½ pint water to ½ pint alcohol, then pour in 1 ounce quinson. The scalp should be massaged with this at least once a week. A few treatments stop falling hair and restore the original gloss and soft fluffiness. This is especially fine to banish dandruff and encourage a healthy growth of long, thick, brilliant hair.

Agnes: (1) I appreciate your grateful feeling toward me for suggesting the spermax skin-lotion. (2) Your weight is unusual, but that need not worry you for reducing it is a simple matter if you use parrotin. In ½ pint hot water dissolve 4 ounces parrotin, and when it cools take a tablespoonful before each meal. This is a harmless, inexpensive fat-dissolver, and while it is positive, its action is so gentle that not the slightest inconvenience is experienced. This method leaves the flesh firm and the skin smooth and clear.

M. L.: With the approach of summer it is necessary to safeguard the skin against freckles, tan and sunburn. This can be done by using a simple almond cream-jelly on the face, neck and arms before retiring at night, then in the morning applying a spermax lotion (for formula, see answer to "C. T."). The almond cream-jelly cleanses the skin or pore-dirt, blackheads and other impurities and gives to it a rose tint and velvety softness, at the same time protecting it against the ravages of the sun's rays. To make the almond cream-jelly, dissolve 1 ounce almond in ½ pint cold water, to which is added 2 teaspoonfuls glycerine.—Adv.

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