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## Just A Little Hunk Of Real Stuff!

A Michigan store owner reported the theft of \$75 to police recently and the figure appeared in the newspaper accounts of the armed robbery. Soon afterward the police chief received the following letter: "That fellow claims he lost \$75 Saturday, but I say he lost only \$40.20. My boys are asking for a full split, and I can't give them \$20 each because I'll lose money on the job. Now I want you to see that he puts a retraction in the papers. If he don't he can't say he wasn't warned."

**FACTS WORTH KNOWING:** Rats three feet long live in Dutch New Guinea . . . Ten million Americans suffer from some form of allergy . . . 1400 different shades of cosmetics are used by American women . . . Jasmine flower petals lose as much as a hundredth of their weight in a day through the evaporation of perfume oils . . . The visible smoke from one cigarette weighs .0031 ounces . . . Girls have more toothache than boys . . . Southern sides of New York skyscrapers receive 350 per cent more sunshine than northern sides.

**QUOTE AND OVERQUOTE:** "When angry, count four; when very angry, swear."—Mark Twain . . . "If you want to make a dangerous man your friend, let him do you a favor."—Lewis E. Lawes . . . "My idea of happiness is four feet on a fireplace fender."—Oliver Wendell Holmes . . . "Happiness is a delicate balance between what one is and what one has."—J. H. Denison . . . "Men always want to be a woman's first love. Women have a much more subtle instinct; what they like is to be a man's last romance."—Oscar Wilde . . . "A ship is referred to as 'she' because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder."—Chester W. Nimitz . . . "Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children."—Bernard Shaw . . . "I am only an average man, but, by George, I work harder at it than the average man."—Theodore Roosevelt . . . "I play a musical instrument some, but only for my own amazement."—Fred Allen.

Remember Mother Goose, who had so many children she didn't know what to do? It seems that the old gal really lived. It was in 1660 in Boston that a man by the

name of Isaac Goose married a widow with ten children. The man had ten children of his own, so that gave them a total of twenty, besides many neighbor children who used to come in to hear the rhymes and ditties made up by Mother Goose. Long after the death of Mother Goose, her son-in-law gathered her jingles together and printed them, never realizing he had a best-seller.

If you want to make your heirs happy, find a bank paying 4 per cent interest and deposit five dollars. In 500 years—or rather your heirs—will be worth \$2,084,495,605.22 . . . A brokerage house recently advertised: Let us place your name on our waiting list . . . A New York detective agency that specializes in tracing missing persons has been employed by more than 70,000 wives to find their husbands, but only 15 husbands to find their wives . . . There's no malaria in San Antonio, Texas. Over 40 years ago a bill was passed to fine people up to \$300 for killing bats. It seems that the bats are used to control mosquito populations.

April 14 of every year is commemorated by the Ice Patrol of the Coast Guard in honor of the 1517 who died in the "Titanic" disaster. The Patrol anchors off the Grand Banks on this day, and a memorial service is read, followed by a three-volley salute . . . The secret of success in conversation is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable . . . Pennsylvania forest fire prevention sign; surmounted by a huge reproduction of a match: "This is the forest prime evil." . . . Your kitchen juice won't be needed much longer if this trend continues: "Melons have been grown with a wine flavor induced by inserting a cotton wick in a slit in the melon, the other end of which is in a bottle of wine. And tomato, mustard, pimento, and other flavors have been injected into live fowl and rabbits, which, it is said, quickly gives flavor to the whole animal."

Regarding the fight against dirt, The foreman said, "I'd give my shirt

If the girls and the boys Would add to my joys By constantly being alert."

## Beneath The Pisgah The Poet's Corner

### Returned Soldier

Up the avenue and toward me,  
 New arrival of the day,  
 He walked with each step knowing  
 The months he'd been away.  
 Up the avenue and toward me . . .  
 The whole street  
 Seemed to echo with the rhythm of  
 his feet,  
 Seemed to catch, as I did,  
 His clear eye  
 As it searched the city's towers,  
 Saw the sky,  
 And to us who had been standing  
 On war's rim,  
 There was a look of God on him.  
 —Catherine Haydon Jacobs.

### First Rain

This is the first rain these young buds have known:  
 "Let us claw through the earth,  
 still seeds;  
 There is a drumming overhead."  
 Long fingers pelt the shoots;  
 The weeds are flattened down.  
 "I wish the rain would stoop  
 and touch me in this bed!"  
 The new buds strain on tiptoe toward the sky;  
 "Our seeds are bursting, now,  
 The light cracks through."  
 A whole world here to cleanse and beautify:  
 "I nudge the earth and tremble  
 with the dew!"

The rain swims down in silence,  
 Its hunger mouths the way;  
 The darkening earth lies tremulous and bare.  
 In quiet motion thirsty tendrils sway:  
 "We shift the soil and prick the living air  
 And will dissolve, rise into the rain,  
 Startle the sun, when there is sun again!"  
 —Janet Weinberger.

### Gift

She brought strawberries in a little square box,  
 All wrapped and tied with a scarlet string,  
 Ruby berries from among the rocks,  
 Tanged with the sweetness that May winds bring.  
 The box was lined with scallops of green,  
 To keep the berries dewy and cool,  
 Emerald frosted with velvet sheen,  
 That grew by the side of a woodland pool.  
 When she brought me berries, she brought a dream,  
 Dream of a hill and a starwhite spring,  
 She brought a path and a singing stream  
 All tied up with a scarlet string.  
 —Alma Robinson Higbee.

### Choice

Let others take the high road,  
 The low road or the far—  
 But I will take the side road  
 Where apple blossoms are.  
 Let others take the long road  
 The short road or the straight,  
 But I will take the winding road  
 Where honeysuckles wait.  
 Let others take the smooth road  
 Or the rough road as they will,  
 But I will take the lonely road  
 Where you tend daffodil.  
 —Lenore Warren.



## Our Book Corner

"In the spring a young man's fancy," etc., can find fulfillment in new stories of romance and adventure, now in our library.

For just such a story, we recommend the April Literary Guild selection, WAKE OF THE RED WITCH, by John Beecraft. A modern pirate in the South Seas, a brown-skinned beauty and a treasure hunt make this one of the best books in the entertainment field. The author, a dabbler in oils, paints vivid word pictures in this colorful adventure.

The Grand Coulee and the building of the mammoth dam on the Columbia River are background for the love story of a young woman and a promoter of the dam. Ellen loves the wheat country there, and tries to stay with her husband—but the attraction of the young is far too strong. As the story proceeds, the tale becomes more and more interesting! Read STILL TO THE WEST, by Nard Jones.

Remember ESCAPE and REPRISAL by Ethel Vance? They were excellent reading. Miss Vance published a new modern American love-story, WINTER MEETING. A young naval hero and a remarkable and lovely writer meet and become lovers. The girl reveals an unhappy childhood, and he, a desire to become a priest. It is a powerful novel, involving personality, love and religion. Deeply moving and heart-warming is this thoroughly satisfying novel.

As a religious selection, we offer ANTIOCH ACTRESS, a novel of Pagan against Christian. Cynthia, an actress of the Roman stage, was sent to Antioch in the attempt to overcome the growing power of the Christians, through ridicule and slander. The story is dramatic and overwhelming. In this stormy time, it would be of definite value to read this book.

If you like blood and fire, love and hate—hurry in to get your name on our list for the new historical best-seller, THE FOXES OF HARROW, by Frank Yerby.

A pig-boat arrived in New Orleans in 1825. Aboard was a red-haired card sharp, one Samuel Fox, who saw his chance to become a king, and took it. He built "Harrow," Louisiana's greatest manor house and plantation. Three women loved him, one married him—the others less fortunate. This is a story of white-hot passions, animosities and adventures. You'll never ever forget THE FOXES OF HARROW.

Anya Seton weaves a novel of historical background in her latest book, THE TURQUOISE. The heroine, beautiful and gifted daughter of Scotch heritage, leaves her New Mexico home to explore the gaieties of New York of the early seventies. Her life is filled

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