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THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

We communicate happiness to others not often by great acts of devotion and self-sacrifice, but by the absence of fault-finding and censure, by being ready to sympathize with their notions and feelings, instead of forcing them to sympathize with ours.

—James Freeman Clarke.

Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and the angels know of us.

—Thomas Paine.

What makes life dreary is want of motive.

—George Eliot.

CUCKOO!

Everything this past week has seemed to be carried through under the handicap of a general "hang-over" from the Christmas vacation. Even the *Salemite* has felt its evil influence and has shrunken to half its usual size as the result. Yet little as we are, there should be a few golden drops floating around somewhere in these half-pint pages.

You know the old saying about the early Bird catching the worm? Of course, you *all* do, but perhaps you did not know that by the use of an ancient Cuban mathematical theorem the conclusion has been reached that no Early Bird who suffers from a hangover can see the worm—there's really no use in being early in that case. The point to this, believe it or not, sticks in the fact that the sooner the over-lapping influence of the past few weeks are gotten rid of, so much the better. Worms and exams are about equally easy to digest and even the Early Bird wishes he had been a little earlier about some things. It's the same old idea of "Do your Christmas Shopping Early," and getting the proper amount of sleep and fresh air—(That's a misplaced ending—those last thoughts belong in an article about an efficiency cup, but we think they make a swell period.)

There are only a few people who do not dread examinations. These happy ones have learned the secret of early preparation and its gratifying result. There are many who will come back with the reply that the ever-impending problems of daily preparations make a review even at this stage, impossible. This would be amazed to discover how much ground could be covered from now on by means of a fifteen or twenty minute review before beginning a new lesson. When one really faces the situation squarely, the absurdity of going through this brain-twisting process known as "cramming," is evident, and methods of improvement for a better adjustment of time and effort are not obscure.

At any rate there shouldn't be any unemployment question floating around the campus the next two weeks for there is no ether in the air—"ether" we study or flunk! Now is the time to reach out and grab opportunity while it fumbles with the knocker. Get rid of these Christmas and New Year hangovers and be one of those birds who have the sleepy worms to crawl right up, entwine themselves around the bill—in this case personality is not used—it's hard work!

SIMPLY THOUGHTS

Hope everybody is "welcoming each rebuff, that turns earth's 'smoothness rough'"—for there are lots to be made welcome right now. . . . Salem is like a face without a nose with both Miss Stipe and Miss Smith among those missing—here's wishing them a speedy recovery . . . Christmas hangovers are much in evidence—and it's fun to look for Christmas presents proudly blazing forth on every hand (No, no, Rollo, I don't necessarily refer to engagement rings) . . . It saddens me to hear of Squat Caldwell's having taken up bootlegging during the holidays—she used to be such a fine, upright character . . . I don't know of anything that can look as purely chaste as snow on the first day—or as vilely foul as snow on the twenty-first . . . Miss Katherine J. Riggs—a Southern Pines girl who has made good in our fair city . . . How many of you burnt your Moravian candles on Christmas Eve?—I did . . . Did you ever watch people's expressions when they are in the library studying—or in the dining room eating? It's great sport . . . But my favorite sport on classes is swinging on electric light cords—in fancy understand. It's fun back and forth across the room—but round and round is best of all . . . I know a woman who doesn't smile—she bares her teeth . . . If Woodrow Wilson had had to sit in the back of a class and gaze for an

hour at people's would-be coiffures, he'd have changed his favorite poem to "It's th' epeople behind that I jar." . . . I learned a snappy come-back during the holidays—"If the Lord loved a liar, you'd have a front seat in Heaven"—O yes, I improve my mind even during vacations . . . Overheard from a group headed up town—"Is my face on straight?" Ah, me, they've become of nature's roses that used to bloom on daisies' cheeks? . . . If Jinks comes, can Gooch be far behind? . . . I wish Miss Fuller wouldn't wear her dress with buttons on the sleeves to class—just when I get her fortune almost told, she moves and I

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