

Buds AND Blossoms

By
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"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."—Mic. 4:2.

Mistletoe is a plant that has earned the name of thief, as it grows on trees and draws water and minerals from them. It is a perfect parasite.

Some kinds of birds especially like the white berries that the mistletoe produces. They eat the juicy part of the berry. Then they clean their beak off on the bark of the tree,

and more mistletoe grows. It grows on many kinds of trees. In some places a single plant may be as large as a barrel. In the southern U. S. A. it can grow so profusely that the tree it clings to is almost obscured.

In nature, animals and insects act as partners. They aren't parasites like the mistletoe. Bees help clover by carrying the pollen from flower to flower, and bees produce honey.

Roses, lilies-of-the-valley, violets, and many other flowers are very fragrant. The sweet smell comes from the special oil in them. The perfume makers get the oil from the flowers, and add a waxy substance from whales, musk deer, or beaver. Alcohol must always be added.

It takes a ton of rose petals to make a pound of rose oil. Today lots of the perfume comes from coal tar, and new fragrances have been produced from this source.

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This week, for our Buds and Blossoms poem, we bring you Friends, from the pen of Thomas Curtis Clark.

If all the sorrows of this weary earth,
The pains and heartaches of humanity,
If all were gathered up and given me,
I still would have my share of

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Through life's uncertain fortunes, year by year.

Thank God for friends, who dearer grow as years increase;

Who, as possessions fail our hopes and hands,
Become the boon supreme, than gold and lands

More precious. Let all else, if must be, cease;
But, Lord of Life, I pray on me bestow

The gift of friends, to share the way I Go.

James L. Jarvis and wife, Mary E. Jarvis, to Walter C. Hoyle and wife, Elizabeth A. Hoyle. Property in Woodrow Place.

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James R. Laughinghouse; Myrna S. Kinston and husband, Carl Kingston; and Bryan J. Salter and wife, Sondra R. Salter, to Robert A. Andrews and wife, Neta B. Andrews. Property in Sunnyside.

T. A. Karam and wife, Marion E. Karam; and Lonnie E. Pridgen, Jr., and wife, Shirley T. Pridgen, to Tryon Realty Co. of New Bern, Inc. Property in Tryon Park.

C. G. Murphy and wife, Revena H. Murphy, to Franklin Brimage and wife, Bertha B. Brimage. Property on Secondary Road 1257.

Bettie M. Becton and husband, Harvey Becton; and Harriett Holmes to Duffie Holmes and wife, Maggie M. Holmes. Property in No. 1 Township.

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