

SHAKESPEARE

All He Learned Was In a Constricted Area Of Twenty Miles Around Stratford-In-Avon.

Shakespeare was probably the most thoroughly alive man that ever lived. He was alive in this sense: That he saw, felt, heard, smelled and tasted more than any other human being.

That is why a popular edition of Shakespeare, even today, will outsell, year in and year out, the best of the current novels.

Shakespeare was through school at fourteen.

Travel was difficult in his time. The range of his observation did not extend beyond a twenty-mile radius of Stratford-on-Avon. Later he went to London where he was able to see how men lived in cities.

Within this constricted sphere he learned all he knew—by observation.

Shakespeare got his plots from books. For the rest of his information he relied on his senses.

Note what a wealth of detail, based on close observation, is packed in these few lines in which he outlines the construction of Queen Mab's carriage:

"Her wagon-spokes made of long spinners' legs;
The cover, of the wings of grasshoppers;
The traces, of the smallest spider's web;
The rollers, of the moonshine's watery beams;
Her whip, of cricket's bones: the lash of film;
Her waggoner, a small gray-coated gnat,
Not half so big as a round little worm
Prick'd from the lazy finger of a maid:
Her chariot is an empty hazel-nut,
Made by the Poiner squirrel, or old grub."

You will find these lines in Romeo and Juliet.

How many birds could any one of us describe? Shakespeare mentions something specific about each of the following: The cuckoo, lark, bunting, chough, owl, crow, dove, eagle, vulture, raven, pheasant, jay, swallow, kite, thrush, robin, woodcock, daw, wren, sparrow, cygnet, buzzard, goose, nightingale, snipe, duck, lapwing, finch, blackbird, martin, pigeon, rook, hawk, hen, starling, cock, mallard, and osprey.

A gentleman named Patterson who had plenty of time on his hands went through Shakespeare's writings carefully and made memoranda of the many times natural objects were mentioned. When he had completed this job he found had one hundred closely written pages of letter paper. Of these twenty-two pages related to mammalia; sixteen to birds; nine to reptiles and fishes; two to shells and minerals; nine to insects; thirteen to trees, flowers and fruits; and twenty-nine to various natural phenomena with which every farmer is familiar.

Shakespeare was conscious of the opportunity which is offered all of us for self-education, if we will but be alive to our environment. He says: "And this our life exempt from public haunt;
Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones and good in everything.
I would not change it."
I don't know that this discussion has any particular place here, and it would not be included except that it seems to me there is a tendency today to look to much to books for development. Why not listen to the tongues of trees and study the sermons that are to be found in stones?

—The county agent of Pasquotank County aided his farmers to sell 700 bushels of soybeans recently netting then \$105.00 more than they could obtain locally.

HAVING TROUBLE WITH YOUR ROSES

Raleigh, N. C. June 6.—Mildew on roses may be checked by dusting flowers of sulphur over the bushes and vines. The sulphur will not remove the mildew already present but it will prevent further spreading, suggests G. W. Fant, extension plant pathologist for the State College and State Department of Agriculture. He advises that the sulphur be dusted on the plants several times after blossoming this year, preferably while dew is on the plant, and then repeated next spring before blossoming. With this care the rose plants should be free from mildew by the time they begin blossoming next season.

Mr. Fant says that considerable complaints have come in to the College this year about mildew and leaf mildew getting a start. If one has a blotch on roses. He recommends the dusting of early spring to prevent the spray outfit, the use of commercial lime-sulphur spray will be found more effective than the flowers of sulphur. In that case the liquid should not be allowed to strike the painted surface of the house as it acts on the paint. It will also remain as a stain on the foliage until washed off by the rain and for this reason should not be applied just before blossoming.

"Well established rose bushes represent a considerable amount of trouble, are very beautiful and therefore should be given the proper preservative care," says Mr. Fant.

—Cultivate the garden after every rain. Plant vegetables for succession.

—A good feed ration brought the production of 50 hens from 15 eggs per day, reports County agent A. B. Reeves of Pitt County.

Foot Comfort.

These balmy days, no matter how your fancy may "lightly turn to thoughts of love," you have got to bring it down shorally to your humble servants—your feet. Hygienic shoes a-plenty may be found in the stores, chic and refined, but many prefer to tread the primrose path, with dainty toes and high heels, and to endure and cure the aching, swollen feet which result. A nightly wash and olive-oil rub; clean hose of a morning with a sprinkle of talcum in the shoes—this is the relief, if you must know.

—That postoffice official who says the moderns don't write real love letters hasn't attended any divorce trials recently.

ECZEMA

Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fail in the treatment of Itch, Ecz., Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.
J. G. HALL, Druggist.

MEET YOUR FRIENDS AT OUR FOUNTAIN

When you make an appointment to meet a friend downtown, plan to meet them at our fountain. Comfortable chairs and cool breezes make it an ideal rendezvous.

OUR DRINKS ARE SUPERB!

Are you acquainted with our magazine department?

J. N. PITTMAN
Druggist.

The Windows to Your Soul

YOUR EYES. KEEP THEM RIGHT BY GETTING GLASSES FROM J. W. KNIGHT, THE

OPTOMETRIST, 6 COLLEGE ST.

DURING FRUIT SEASON

you will need **JARS, TOPS AND RUBBERS.** We have the Mason and Ideal in half gallons, quarts and pints. Extra tops to fit any can, also rubbers. **Prices Reasonable.**

H. J. COUNCIL

College Street.
A FULL LINE—SEE THEM.

SUBSCRIBE TO OXFORD PUBLIC LEDGER!

\$ 5⁰⁰

Deposited With Us
Will Enroll You
In The

Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

Most of your neighbors drive motor cars. They can go where and when they choose. Their cars play a large part in their daily life, furnishing them with quick and convenient transportation for both business and pleasure.

Realizing what the automobile means to the average family in bringing them greater enjoyment of life, we have arranged to extend our facilities to those who desire to become owners of Ford cars through the new Ford Weekly purchase Plan.

Under this plan you can begin an initial deposit as low as \$5.00. Then select the type of Ford car you want—Touring Car, Runabout, Coupe, Sedan, etc.—and arrange to make weekly deposits on which will be computed at our regular savings rate of 6 per cent.

Come in and let us further explain the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan to you. Start today, and before you realize it you will be driving your own car.

CRENSHAW'S

Lincoln, Ford and Fordson.

"BUY A BUSHEL OF SWEET POTATOES"

"Feeling Fine!"

"I was pale and thin, hardly able to go," says Mrs. Bessie Bearden, of Central, S. C. "I would suffer, when I stood on my feet, with bearing-down pains in my sides and the lower part of my body. I did not rest well and didn't want anything to eat. My color was bad and I felt miserable. A friend of mine told me of

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

and I then remembered my mother used to take it. . . After the first bottle I was better. I began to fatten up and I regained my strength and good, healthy color. I am feeling fine. I took twelve bottles (of Cardui) and haven't had a bit of trouble since."

Thousands of other women have had similar experiences in the use of Cardui, which has brought relief where other medicines had failed.

If you suffer from female ailments, take Cardui. It is a woman's medicine. It may be just what you need.

At your druggist's or dealer's.