

OPEN FORUM

Flowers To The Living

George W. Childs has said: "Do not keep your alabaster box of love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness, speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffin, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them.

Let us learn to anoint our friends while they are yet among the living. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened heart; flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance over the weary way."

This is not exactly an annual report on personal service (my hobby, or at least, one of them) but it is an effort to express a feeling that has been welling up in my heart that the folks (not less than 174 by a count in the night hours) who have taken the trouble to try to lessen the pain and hasten the passing of long days and nights for me and mine in the recent "hour of trial" have really helped. Mere words are poor tools of expression yet they help convey our meaning. So many things were done, so many kindly feelings manifested. Each offering, all the way from a gift of bright-colored paper strips for a little girl to enjoy during the aftermath of a tonsil operation, through cards, letters, books, papers, magazines, flowers and visits, to even that greatest gift, prayer, helped.

Now go back and read that beautifully expressed thought above

by a writer more experienced and far more apt at the art of putting thought into words than I. And let us put his ideal into the pattern of our life with all its hurry and busyness.

Lida Page Bridges

DUFFEL BAG

We heard a Sunday School teacher say the other Sunday: "Take a river, and river, flowing down the stream". What stream he did not say, but we suppose it was the stream of time.

Old lady Blotz says of her indolent son: "He kin git the sickest the quickest, and git well the slickest of any feller I ever heard."

All this discussion over whether the German soldiers in the demilitarized zone is a warlike or peace move is like the old negro who said he didn't know whether flu is infectious or contagious,

but he did know that it's mighty ketchin'.

A farmer was being asked to subscribe for a magazine, one reason given being that it would help him do better farming. "That's all right," he replied, "but I already know how to do better farming than I'm doing."

Whip light and drive slow;
Pay cash or no go.

Never yet has enough of any good been produced.

It is not good business unless buyer and seller both gain.

Short skirts make women look short, too,

Although for style they're trying;

They make the men look longer, though,

And that there's no denying.

Bread loses practically none of its vitamine B in the baking.

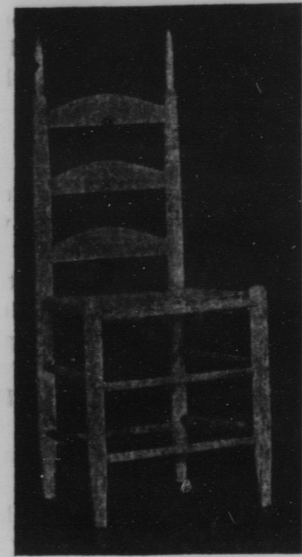
The average amount of oil removed from clothes by the dry cleaning process is approximately 5 per cent of the weight of the garment.

There are three things that children would rather do than

listen to a radio, says one psychologist, and they are, in order: 1, go to the movies; 2, listen to an orchestra on the stage; 3, read the comics.

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