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MAY.

"Now, who art thou, my dainty maid?"  
 "In April's sister, sir," she said,  
 Then smiled so heavenly sweet,  
 And making me a courtesy fine  
 She dropped an arisal of sunshine  
 Right down about my feet.  
 Her blush was like the apple blow,  
 Her eyes like violeta that grow  
 Beside the meadow stream.  
 Oh, butterflies alone would dare  
 To match the bright gold of her hair,  
 And all the air did seem  
 Rich freighted with her fragrant breath.  
 Now surely happy natursoith,  
 "Thrice welcome, maiden May."  
 —M. V. G. Williams in Ladies' Home Journal.

Stevenson and the Haunted House.

The day before he started he spent with my wife and me, a day of stormy agitation, an April day of rainclouds and sunshine, for it was not in Louis to remain long in any mood. I seem to see him now, pacing the room, a cigarette spinning in his wasted fingers. To the last we were trying to dissuade him from what seemed to us the maddest of enterprises. He was so ill that I did not like to leave him, and at night—it was midsummer weather—we walked down into town together. We were by this time, I suppose, in a pretty hysterical state of mind, and as we went through Berkeley square in mournful discussion of the future Louis suddenly proposed that we should visit the so-called "haunted house" which then occupied the newspapers.

The square was quiet in the decency of a Sunday evening. We found the houses, and one of us boldly knocked at the door. There was no answer and no sound, and we jeered upon the doorstep, but suddenly we were both aware of a pale face, a phantasm in the dusk, gazing down upon us from a surprising height. It was the caretaker, I suppose, mounted upon a flight of steps, but terror gripped us at the heart, and we fled with footsteps as precipitate as those of schoolboys caught in an orchard. I think that ghostly face in Berkeley square must have been Louis' latest European impression for many months.—"Personal Memories of Stevenson," by Edmund Gosse, in Century.

Bank of England Safeguards.

"The safeguards adopted by the Bank of England to prevent that institution being robbed are about as thorough and complete as human ingenuity and mechanism can devise," says Morvin O. Todd of Manchester. "Its outer doors are so finely balanced that a clerk, by pressing a knob under his desk, can close them instantly, and they cannot be opened again except by special process. The bullion department is nightly submerged in several feet of water by the action of machinery, and in some of the banks the bullion department is connected with the manager's sleeping apartments, so that an entrance cannot be effected without setting off an alarm near this person's head. If a dishonest official during the day or night should take even one from a pile of 1,000 sovereigns, the whole pile would instantly sink and a lot of water take its place, besides letting every one in the office know of the theft."

Both.

Bass—And of which variety is your wife, the clinging vine or the self assertive?  
 Cass—A little of both. When she wants a new dress or a new bonnet, she generally begins in the clinging vine role. If that doesn't bring the money, then she changes to the self assertive, and—well, she invariably gets the dress or the bonnet.—Boston Transcript.

Margaret of Denmark.

Margaret of Denmark, the "Semiramis of the North," was a large woman, of powerful build and great physical strength. She said that nature had perpetrated a great mistake in not making her a man. She was fond of manly sports and threw a spear and drew a bow as well as any soldier.

Spoons were the earliest table implements, with the exception of the knife. They were long as used in China at least 2000 B. C. Specimens of spoons of gold, silver and bronze, dating from extreme antiquity, have been found in many countries.

It was perhaps ordained by Providence to hinder us from tyrannizing over one another that no individual should be of so much importance as to cause, by his retirement or death, any chasm in the world.—Johnson.

Much as worthy friends add to the happiness and value of life, we must in the main depend on ourselves, and every one is his own best friend or worst enemy.

Olive oil saturated with camphor makes an excellent application for inflammatory swellings; also for rubbing rheumatic joints.

In 1544 the winter was so severe in Europe that in Flanders wine was frozen and was cut in blocks and sold by weight.

An all round wag has placed the following placard over his coal bin: "Not to be used except in case of fire."

PITY THE ABSENTMINDED.

For These Are Some of the Accidents Which Daily Befall Them.

"It is a great misfortune to be absentminded," remarked the young woman in gray.

"Indeed it is," groaned the girl with pompadoured hair, "and I know all about it if anybody does. I went shopping with Ida the other day, and we must have exchanged parasols in the first shop we entered. She found she had mine when she got home and brought it over to me, and—would you believe it?—the one I had wasn't hers at all, and as I may have exchanged it half a dozen times for all I know her prospect of getting it back is not at all bright."

"I should think not," said the young woman in gray. "But my latest exploit is equally bad. I came up from Hyde Park the other day to go to a luncheon on the North Side, stopping on the way for a pair of gloves. When I came out of the store, I found I had only 20 minutes, so I took a cab. What was my surprise to find myself at home when we stopped, and yet I must have given the man my own address, or he couldn't possibly have known it."

"Very true. I did a funny thing not long ago myself," said the young woman in green. "I paid a lot of calls and noticed that every one looked queer, but I couldn't think why until I found that I had been leaving the cards I had left over when I was married. And now everybody is asking Harry when we were divorced."

"My goodness, that was awful!" said the young woman in gray.

"Now, I often forget the name of the woman I'm calling on—it slips right out of my head when I ascend the front steps—and am reduced to asking for the lady of the house. It sometimes gives rise to complications, too," she added, "where people have moved away and given place to total strangers."

"I should think so," said the girl with pompadoured hair, "but I can't sit in the seat of the scornful myself. The other day I wrote Mattie all about the breaking of Prue's engagement. My mind was so full of her that I actually addressed the envelope to Prue herself. She sent it back without a word, and now I'm busy dodging into stores and up alleyways to avoid meeting her."

"No wonder," observed the young woman in green, "but I'm just as bad. The other day Clara and I were out together, and on the way home I gave the conductor two nickels. 'What's this one for?' he asked. 'Why, for the other lady,' I answered. Then I suddenly remembered that she had left me before I got in the car."

"Yes, it is a real misfortune to be absentminded," said the girl with pompadoured hair. "The other day I told Evelyn an awfully funny story and couldn't imagine why she was so stiff about it until I remembered that it was about an accident which had befallen her own husband."

"You poor thing," said the young woman in gray. "But just listen to what I did last week. I went to the milliner's and tried on a lot of hats. None of them just suited me, and I was preparing to go when the saleswoman handed me another. 'Oh, it's no use to try that one on,' I said. 'It's a perfect fright.' 'It is the one you were wearing when you came in,' she replied politely, and my feelings may be better imagined than described."

"I should think so," said the young woman in green. "My goodness! What shall I do? I left my husband in the waiting room at the Babel while I went to buy a veil; then I met you and forgot all about him. Do you suppose he is there yet?"

"If he is, I shouldn't advise you to go after him," remarked the young woman in gray, "because our meeting happened a matter of four hours ago."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Sit Up Straight on Your Bicycle.

There is absolutely no reason for stooping over the handles in either of the two ways so commonly seen, and there is no excuse for so doing in ordinary road riding. It may be necessary for the "scorcher" when engaged in "scorching" to assume the one or the other of these attitudes—to sprawl with the body straight, but almost horizontal, and the head close to the handle bar, or to bend the upper part of the back as if trying to break it in its middle and throw the shoulders forward as if desiring to make them meet across his breast. Even so one who is not "scorching" does not need to make himself a hideous object to look at and also reduce the benefits of wheeling to a minimum, so far as its effect on the chest capacity is concerned.—Scribner's.

An Inference.

Mrs. Jackson—Did you see Mrs. Briggs' collection of rare old china?  
 Jackson—Yes. Her family must have been quite poor.  
 Mrs. Jackson—No. Why do you think so?  
 Jackson—Well, if they had been able to keep servants, she never would have had that collection of rare old china.—London Answers.

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