

One-Time Dweller In "The Castle" Tells Impressions

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(Mrs. von Pohle lived in "The Castle" in the years 1912 to 1913, at which time Professor von Pohle, now educational secretary of the Southwestern Union, was preceptor here. She paid a visit to the college recently.)

It was with a definite thrill of excitement and pleasure that, after an absence of eighteen years, I found myself one day in April, 1931, on my way to College View. How vividly I recalled that time in February so long before, when, with my baby in my arms, I boarded the car that traveled so slowly through the raging blizzard to Lincoln, where I was to take the train to St. Paul.

What a contrast this beautiful spring afternoon, with the budding trees and flowers and with the song of the cardinal, was to the blustering winter of so long ago! And where was the waste "howling wilderness" through which the street car used to pass on its way to and from between College View and Lincoln? Here, for the entire distance, were beautiful homes surrounded by spacious green lawns.

Long before I reached my destination, my eager eyes caught sight of the ancient landmark for which I had been watching—the clock tower. Yes, there it loomed as of old, but somewhat changed in a way I could not at first explain. What was the difference? Not until the melodious tones rang out from the tower did I discover that now there was a real clock striking the hour. "No longer," thought I, "can a sleepy student blame his slow clock for his tardiness to his early morning class."

The arches over the entrances to the campus are beautiful additions since the old days, but the brick walks are just the same, as I discovered to my sorrow as I walked to South hall. When I rang the bell, I half expected Mrs. Shepard to appear, but a blond young man welcomed me, and I found the place filled with young men. "Is not this where the young ladies live?" I inquired. "Oh my, no!" was the reply. "They moved a long time ago to what used to be the sanitarium, and is now North hall." "Do all the young men live here now?" I queried. "Are there no more 'Knights of the Castle' nor 'Senators of the White House'?" "All room here," was the answer, "the Castle is now deserted, and East hall has become the Normal building."

As I walked around the campus, I noted growth and progress on every hand. There was the new print shop, the new gymnasium and swimming pool, the new tennis court, lily pools, shrubbery, and flowers of all kinds. And the changes were not confined solely to the out-of-doors. I rejoiced over the beautiful furnishings of both North and South halls and the added equipment in the class rooms and laboratories. The appearance of even the chapel was changed, for what used to be the rear of the room was now the front—a decided improvement, I thought. I was glad to note, however, that one item, at least, remains unchanged—the young men and women who crowd the chapel now seem the same in earnestness and zeal as those other young men and women of long ago, and it was indeed gratifying to see on the map above the rostrum the many, many Golden Cords which now reach out to all parts of the world.

The dining room, as I entered, looked just the same as it always had. "Ah!" I said to myself, "here is a place which

remains unchanged!" But again I was mistaken, for an up-to-date cafeteria style of serving has replaced the old American way. My most vivid recollection of the old dining room service centers around the little, red, sour cherries that used to be served at every meal. The only way to get rid of them was to eat them, with results similar to those experienced after biting into an under-ripe persimmon. It was with a distinct feeling of relief that I noted the little sour cherries were conspicuous by their absence.

Of course, I had to take a trip to the Castle, where, for a short time, I had lived with the Knights. As I peeped into one deserted room after another, I tried to recall the particular Knight who had occupied it. Many of these Knights, now nearing middle age, are men who hold positions of trust in the homeland and in lands across the sea. As I leaned over the stairway railing in the Castle and peered below to the very basement, it was not without a smile that I recalled the laundry bags (to say nothing of paper bags filled with water) which were sometimes catapulted into the abyss, often to the surprise and the complete discomfiture of an unsuspecting pedestrian below.

It was indeed a great pleasure and privilege once again to mingle with the teachers and the students of "Old Union," and to note how, in every line of endeavor it has become a bigger, better, busier college.

Hardships May Be Great Benefit to Individual

President Thompson, addressing the students in chapel Friday said, "Many people think that because they have identified themselves with Christianity everything will go smoothly with them and there will be no afflictions permitted to come upon them as in times previous." After reading the twenty-ninth and a portion of the thirtieth chapters of Job, President Thompson called attention to Job's complaint because even though he had been diligent in good works, yet afflictions had come upon him and had put him in derision among those who once held him in esteem.

He pointed out the similarity between the experiences of Job and the experiences of many Christians. "Not only the loss of prosperity or personal esteem, but also the coming of bodily afflictions into the lives of people sometimes cause them to complain against God and to lose faith in Him," he said.

"It ought to be the Christian's prayer that when the hardships of life come upon him that they may try and purify him," he concluded. Illustrative of this thought he read Arthur Stringer's "A Wanderer's Litany."

Habits May Be A Chain or Defense

By ARTHUR LENO

Habit is a result of repeated action. It may be good or bad. Nature is entirely indifferent as to what the action is. It received the impression and repeats the expression without regard to the morality of what is happening. The faculty to form the things called habits is a great gift of nature to the economy of life. Nature seems to say to us "Do what you wish to do; I will make it easier for you to repeat your action each time you try it. If you continue long enough I will cut the matter deeper and deeper in the phonographic disk of your personality so that in time you can start a particular record of past action and it will run its course without your immediate attention. I will see to it that the things you decide to do and repeat shall become a kind of second nature to you. You will be able to do them in an automatic way and the process will really release your chief attention to other affairs."

That is the sort of speech nature is making to each of us and we do not live very long in this world before realizing that nature keeps her word. This is all fine provided only that our choices of action are fine. The whole remarkable experience begins with the choices and decisions that lie back of our action. Back of choice and decision is the thought that produces these and back of the thought is the source of ideas. Habit, therefore, has a natural history, and whoever watches the process all along and forms habits that are good may become so strong that he establishes an immunity against evil so that it cannot touch him nor break through the powerful defense of repeated good. The great question is, "Are you the master of good habits that work well for you or are you the slave of habits that are ill?"

COLPORTEURS SPEAK

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James Gaitens compared the miner and the colporteur in their search for hidden treasures. He said that the canvasser, like the prospector, is many times not privileged to see the results of his work.

Fred Gibson discussed some questions frequently asked colporteurs. He related how one lady's life was saved by a health book which he had sold her. "I believe that it pays to stop at every house, and to go back the second time," he said. "Canvassing does pay, and many experiences could be told proving that it is worth while."

Lowell Welch told an experience of finding a lady who had accepted the Sabbath through the book, "Bible Readings," and who desired more literature.

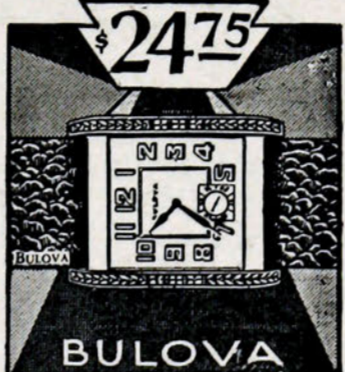
FIFTEEN MINUTES IN A DIME STORE

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or erasers, typing paper heads the sales. By this time my watch revealed a fact—fourteen of my fifteen minutes were gone. I hastened to the lunch counter. My

husband stood waiting patiently and smiled as he looked toward a customer eating a sandwich. He said, "They have just sold fifty frankfurts in five minutes, and nearly as many root-beers."

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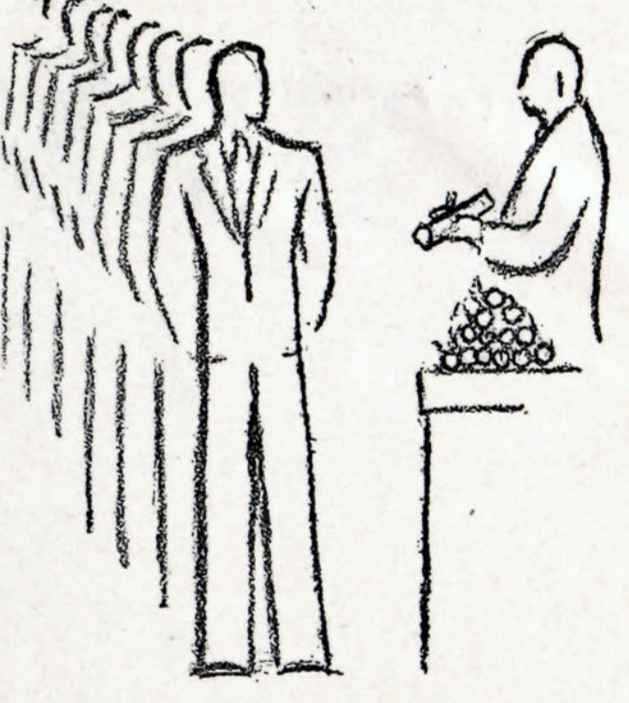
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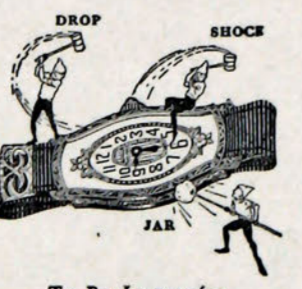
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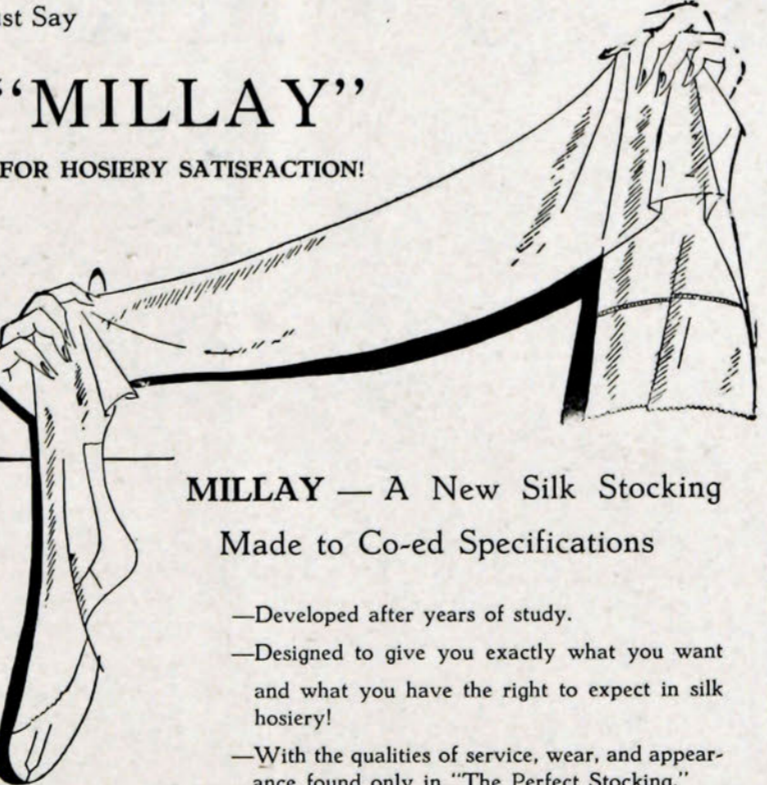
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Miss Lilly Larsen, who has been working in Denver for the past few months, returned to College View to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sophus Larsen, Pioneer boulevard.

The Dorcas society of the Seventh-day Adventist church, held a quilting bee at the home of Mrs. Rea Wakeham Thursday afternoon.

Miss Carmie Owen, '27, who has been teaching the church school grades at Campion academy, Loveland, Colorado, will teach the intermediate grades in the church school at Keene, Texas, next year.

A family dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Church, 5326 Cooper avenue, Thursday evening. The occasion was Mr. and Mrs. Church's first wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Walker and daughter, Alice, of Cherokee, Iowa, spent the week at Union in order that they might attend a special recital given by LaMerne Walker Sunday afternoon.

The Misses Verd Nell Rice and Helen Foreman arrived Friday from Campion Academy. They will be at Union until after the commencement exercises. Both are former Union students.

Miss Barbara Chase, who has been teaching in Kansas this past year, stopped to spend the week-end at Union on her way to her home in Vermont. Miss Chase is a Union graduate.

Miss Victoria Larson returned to Union Sunday after having been absent a week. Miss Larson was called home because of the death of her father.

Woody Leslie recently sold to Frank Baer his partnership in the print shop that they have been running in the room formerly occupied by the Lair Furniture company.

Glenn Wood, Bob Davis, and Albert Seltmann went to Enterprise, Kansas, to spend the week-end. They returned Sunday.

Ralph Cash recently moved from South hall to the W. E. Hardy home, where he plans to work the coming summer.

George Brebner, of Hastings, Nebraska, was a week-end visitor of Mary, Roy, and Hazel Brebner, who attend the college.

The Union college band, composed of fifteen pieces, gave a short concert in chapel Monday morning. "Columbia March," "Roses and Orchards Waltz," "Morning Serenade," "Royal Emblem Overture," "Bell Isle Waltz," and "Fidelity March," by Carl L. King, composed the numbers of the program. "One reason for this program," said Professor Ledington, director, "is to inspire others to learn some musical instrument during the summer so that they can join us in the fall."

Mr. Sherrig, of the Pacific Press office at Omaha, recently called to see Emil Fick, leader of the colporteur band in the interest of the book work.

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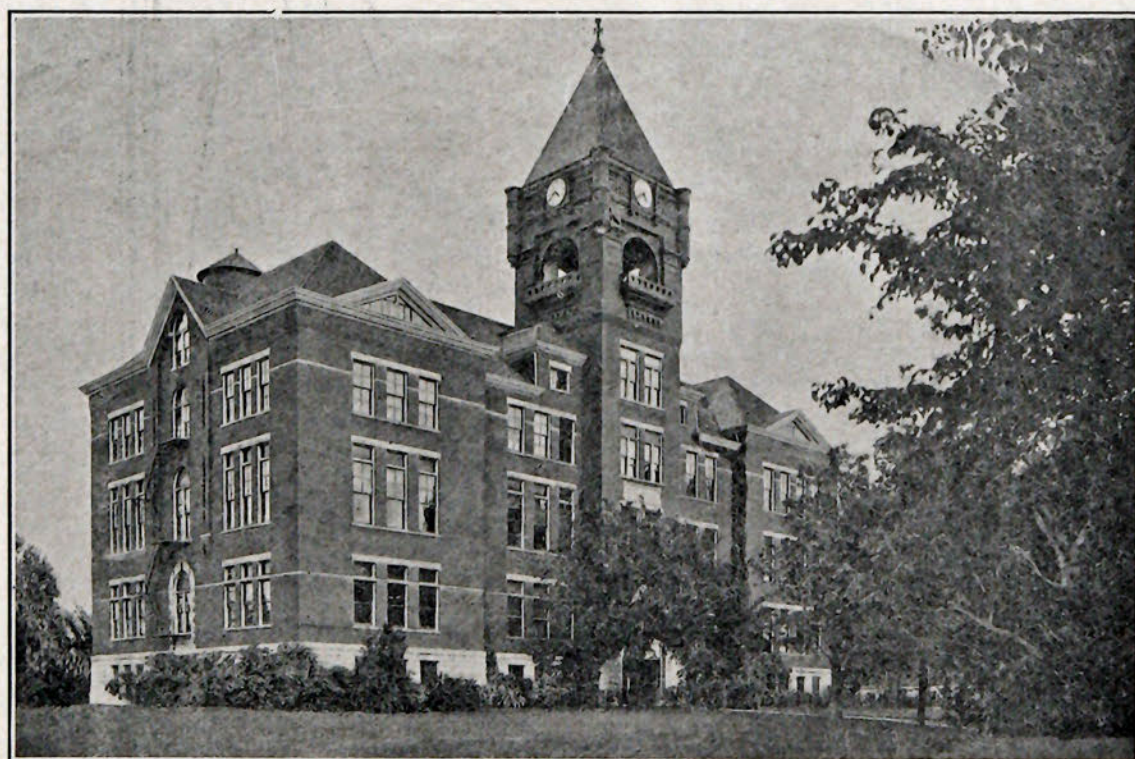
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