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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

Let a handsome, sprightly and stylishly garbed woman walk down the street and every eye will be turned upon her. It is our instinctive recognition of that which appeals to us. The eye but obeys the will of the brain and of the mind.

And as we gaze in admiration upon the wonders of womanhood so it is when the brightest and the cleanest of nature and the works of man are opened up to us. We see, we admire, and we retain our impression throughout the years to come.

Scio may be like the woman. It may be clean, spotless, sanitary and a thing of beauty, or it may wither and decay through neglect and indifference. It may be garbed in the beauties of the handicraft of man, or it may drift along in tatters and obscurity. It may compel the admiration of other people and draw them to our fold or it may be a place to be seen and snubbed and forgotten. It is for us to say, for us to write the verdict of our future.

The birth of a new year should see the dawn of a new order of things here. It should see every man and every woman striving to make this the brightest and the most attractive spot in this whole section of the state. It should see us striving with might and determination to convert a pleasant country town into a garden spot of beauty with health, happiness and prosperity as the heritage of our daily life. It can be done if we want to do it.

Take a walk around the business section of town. It will compare favorably with the average town of its size, but it should not simply be on a par with other places. It should be the best of all towns of its class.

Broken sidewalks could well be replaced and new ones added where they are needed, and some time could be spent to good advantage on the streets in many sections of Scio. It might even be possible to clean up and cart off some of the rubbish and refuse that litters up the streets and the alleys and many of the back yards.

And then there are many houses in town that have the appearance of age simply for want of a coat or two of paint. They are good houses and shelter excellent people, but the visitor from abroad gets the impression that the town is run down and is a good place to shun, and his ideas are passed on to other people and we lose.

In some places the fences and yards are well kept and present

an attractive appearance, but there should be more of them. Every place should be in the artistic class and then other people would talk and the talk would be all to our credit. Tongues were made for use and people will use them, therefore, it is up to us as to how they use them when we are the subject of conversation.

AN ANCIENT TRAGIC FEUD.

Historic Combat That Gave Us the Game of Blindman's Buff.

It is hard to realize that the innocent childish game of blindman's buff owes its origin to a tragic feud between two warriors of the rival cities of Liege and Louvain as long ago as the year 999.

Jean Colin of Liege was a mighty fighter of gigantic stature and strength, whose chosen weapon was neither sword nor spear, but a heavy mallet, which he wielded with such terrific effect that it soon earned him the nickname of Maillard, or the mallet man. Throughout his own and all the neighboring provinces he became known and dreaded as Colin Maillard. Everywhere he was victorious until only one chieftain, the Count of Louvain, still held the field against him.

At length they met in a final battle. At the first onset, before the terrible mallet could reach him, the Count of Louvain, with his long spear, thrust straight for the giant's face and destroyed the sight of both his eyes. With the leader of his foes thus disabled he had no doubt of putting them to flight. He counted the victory as good as won.

But the blinded giant rallied presently from the shock, ordered his esquire to take him into the thickest of the fight and dashed raging against his enemies, brandishing his mallet on either hand as he rode. He slew many a man he could not see, and the terror inspired by his dreadful aspect, the execution done by the swinging mallet and the renewed courage of his followers, charging close at his heels, first dismayed and then destroyed the men of Louvain. Not one survived to tell the tale.

Robert the Devout, then king of France, was an ardent admirer of deeds of valor. Such an exploit as Colin Maillard's was entirely to his taste. He not only showered gifts and honors upon the hero, but caused the players of the court to produce a pantomime representing his achievements on the stage. They made, as may easily be imagined, an exciting melodrama, which soon became so popular that it was played everywhere and imitated even by the children on the streets. The great scene was, of course, the blind man seeking for his enemies, and the lad who played Colin was blindfolded and given a stick, while his playmates dodged and ran as he pursued and struck or clutched at them.

Today the drama, the chieftains and the king are forgotten. They are relegated to dry and dusty chronicles. But the game still lives. To English and American children it is blindman's buff. In Europe it is still called Colin Maillard.—Youth's Companion.

Mice and the Moon.

Certain tribes of American Indians have a curious explanation for the different quarters of the moon. Every time a new moon appears all the mice assemble in one spot and march steadily eastward, at last climbing up into the sky. But the trip is so long that when the mice reach the moon she has had time to grow round and full, whereat they at once set to work and nibble at the moon until she gradually grows smaller and smaller, and when she has at last disappeared they scamper back to earth again.

Eddystone Lighthouse.

The first Eddystone lighthouse was finished in 1699 and destroyed in the dreadful storm of Nov. 27, 1703. A wooden one by Ruydard was then built by order of parliament, which was burned Dec. 4, 1755. Another wooden structure was burned later, which was replaced by stone. The foundation of this one giving way, a new structure was designed, the foundation stones of which were laid in 1879. The cornerstone was placed in 1881, and the first light flashed out over the waters May 18, 1882.

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His Observation.

"While it is quite true that you cannot raise flowers with last year's sunshine," said J. Fuller Gloom, "I have often observed that it is perfectly possible for persons of the most mediocre qualifications to exalt themselves to fairly high positions in social or political circles on the strength of their relationship to their ancestors or their resemblance to the grand old statesmen of the past."—Judge.

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