

AMONG VENTNORITES

By Grace Mary Moore

One isn't natural if he doesn't plant something in the spring-time, I think. It doesn't matter to me what it is that I plant—vegetables or flowers, but when I feel the least bit warm, and discard the heavier winter outer-garments, it is just as instinctive for me to dig in the soil, as it is for my kitty to scratch behind his ear when he is disturbed in that vicinity.

And so, a recent warm day found me in companionship with a spade, an envelope of seeds and a can of water. It was then that Mr. —, well, say Mr. Jingle happened along.

Mr. Jingle is a dear old gossip who lives off in the country and has eggs and things which he peddles every week as an excuse to "visit" with the housewives. If his supplies give out, he continues the "rounds" anyway, and tells his friends that "he's ran out o' stuff this week, but he kinda thought he'd stop in an' talk a minute er so jes' the same." This time he greeted me with "Hello, sister, what you doin'?"

"Yes, I am. I always grow something in this little spot every spring. Several years ago I started a bed of "Special" pansies, but I went to Maine before they blossomed. A few weeks later mother wrote, "Thanks, Grace Mary. This evening the family enjoyed a mess of delicious radishes from your pansy garden. They're beauties! So now I'm planting lima beans in hopes of having some petunias spring up."

The old man chuckled. "Say, ain't that girl there Celia Steiner?"

I looked down the street. "Yes, it is."

"They say she's a wonder at the violin."

"You can just bet she is. She plays beautifully."

"I hear she's been studyin' in New York."

"Yes, for the past few years. She has had a concert at the Ambassador, too."

"Sartin' would like to hear her!"

"She's going to play at a musical tea Tuesday, May 11th. The "Ventnor Auxiliary" is giving it at "Sunny Haven," on Portland Avenue. Why don't you go hear her, Mr. Jingle?"

"Reckon I will. I don't want to miss anything. Who else is going to perform?"

"Virginia Dunn."

"Say, can't she play, though? I heard her fiddlin' away once when I was in the kitchen countin' eggs."

"And Emily Hepler."

"She plays the harp, don't she? And the piano, too! Say, her ma sure is great at it! Mrs. Hepler's a mighty fine lady, mighty fine!"

"Indeed she is. And then, Suzanne Finley."

"Know her, too! She's a right nice girl!"

"She will accompany the other two in a trio. Then there will be Mrs. Roberts, soprano; Mrs. Steele, and Mrs. Grubler."

"She lives in Ventnor, don't she?"

"Yes, I think she does. Mrs. Tilton will sing, too. The resident missionaries will give some short talks, and—"

"Aren't you doin' nothing?" I laughed loud and long.

"But don't you dance?"

"Not the exhibition kind, I'm sorry to say. Just that modern—"

"Don't you go to balls? Well, did you go to that one the other day? It was at the—the—"

Mr. Jingle scratched his head and tugged at his white beard. "Lemme see. Lemme see! Mrs. Downey was telling me that her daughter, Pauline, had something to do with it."

"Oh, yes. Friday evening.

The sorority dance at the Chelsea Yacht Club. Pauline Downey was on the committee. She was awfully pretty, Mr. Jingle, all in white. Her dress was canton crepe; but, then, of course, you don't know what that is—and she wore a flower the color of an American Beauty rose."

"She's an American Beauty herself, child!" The old man gave his habitual chuckle. "All the Downey's are good looking. Was you at the dance, sister?"

"No, I'm sorry to say, I wasn't. I expected to go until that very evening, but at the last minute I was prevented."

"Pshaw, now!"

I dug into the ground crossly. I had wanted to go very badly, but the circumstances were unavoidable. The orchestra was exceptional, too. Several people told me that the music was really the best ever. It was the Venice Orchestra from Philadelphia.

I got very peeved when I hear how enjoyable everything was! Then, too, I was deprived of one of women's dearest pastimes—primping. The other girls primped, and, I am told, achieved more than the usual attractive result.

Miss Santa Maria was "done" in pink taffeta, with a girle of flowers. Ruth Shaffer, too, wore taffeta-rose with lace. Mabel Anderson was a pleasing old-fashioned picture in rose, with puffs at the sides. Vera Wall's frock was lavender crepe de chine, and that of Sam Ireland's wife was white. Dot Ireland's primping had been done to the tone of green taffeta and silver lace. Gertrude Coffy chose grey. Then Marjorie Richmond, in black lace with American Beauty tulle. Judy Rittenhouse in rose velvet, and Betty Coffin were there, too.

But, Mr. Jingle interrupted my meditations.

"Say, wasn't Mrs. Fox's niece at the dance?"

"Yes, indeed. Dolly was one of those who were telling me about it. She must have been lovely." (I was addressing myself more than my friend.) "She had on a tangerine gown beaded with iridescent beads."

"That girl's purty, anyways!" Mr. Jingle declared. "She's got such nice eyes. Every time I see her I think of that saying:

"'Everybody loves a goody-goody girl,

But not too good. For the good die young, And nobody wants a dead one!"

"Say, is your ma in? I got some real fresh eggs—just laid."

"No, she's over at the delicatessen sale that the ladies of the Community Church are giving."

"Didn't the church have a festival for strawberries or something last night?"

Someone laughed.

It was Esther Cape's laugh, so, of course, Esther was with it.

"Why, it's Miss Esther!" The old man exclaimed. "Congratulations, Missy, for the honor they give you up at High School. You sure are smart, and Julius Sachse, he is, too! Well, I guess I'll be a-trottin' over to Mrs. Harris'. She's a right nice lady, ain't she?"

"She certainly is that," I agreed heartily.

"You girls have probably got things to discuss which would be better said without a old geezer like me bein' around." He stepped over the low fence.

"Say, Miss Grace, don't you want this egg? You might plant it, and tomorrow a chicken would grow out."

"No thanks, Mr. Jingle. "I called throwing him a kiss, "I far prefer raising limas. They make less noise!"

There was a meeting of the Executive Board of the Ventnor City League of Women Voters

on May 2d. It was in the morning, at the home of the League's president, Mrs. O. J. Hammell, 11 S. Somerset. Mrs. D. A. De Vanny, vice-president of the Atlantic City League, addressed the ladies in a very laudible fashion, for her remarks were instructive as well as interesting. The members who were there were Mrs. O. J. Hammell, of course, Mrs. Arthur Knauer, Mrs. Charles N. Baroux, Mrs. William C. Ulery, Mrs. G. I. Finley, Mrs. Horace M. Leeds, Mrs. Lucius L. Wright, Mrs. Richard E. Wheeler and Mrs. George H. Barrett.

Mrs. Knauer will be hostess at the next regular monthly meeting of the League. That will be at her home, 25 South Oakland Avenue, at two-thirty o'clock, on Monday, the 15th. I understand that this date will be an important one and that it would be well if each member would bring an additional voter—lay voter, dear me, yes!

The president extends to the members of the Ventnor League and to their friends an invitation for tea Thursday afternoon, May 18th, at two-thirty. There will be entertainment.

Here is the program which the Christian Endeavor of the Community Church had at its social last Friday evening:

- 1—Joe Robinson's Orchestra.
 - 2—Soprano Solo by Mrs. Wm. D. Burch: a "My Jacquemint" (Johnson), b "An Irish Mother's Love Song" (Margaret Long).
 - 3—Piano Solo by Charles Chubb: a "Humoresque" (Bohn), b "Lazinojina" (Dvorak).
 - 4—Recitation by Alice Burch: "Boy in a Dime Museum."
 - 5—Soprano Solo by Mrs. J. N. Key: a "I Build a World in the Heart of a Rose" (Nicholson), b "Smilin' Through" (Penn).
 - 6—Piano Solo by Charles Chubb: a "Sextette" from "Lucia" (Donizetti), b "Clinging Bells."
 - 7—Recitation by Alice Burch: "Minuet."
 - 8—Joe Robinson's Orchestra.
 - 9—Community Singing.
- Refreshments were served immediately after the community singing.

Longport News

The regular weekly meeting of the Borough Commissioners was held on Saturday afternoon with Mayor Grieb and Commissioners Lavino and Goldsmith in attendance. The Clerk was instructed to order one car of gravel and three cars of cinders and also was instructed to have Sixteenth and Seventeenth Avenues repaired. A resolution was adopted authorizing the County Board of Freeholders to proceed with the opening of Ventnor Avenue through Longport and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute a quit claim deed to be given to the County for the rights of way. The Commissioners received numerous letters from property owners approving of the stand taken by the Commissioners to exclude campers from the Borough. Longport's property owners and residents have every reason to be well pleased with the efforts of the new Commissioners who spend many hours each week trying to improve conditions in this borough. We know of no other municipality in this State whose City Fathers not only receive no salary but also pay all their own car-fare and other expenses. Mr. John C. Gossler, Manager of the Hotel Aberdeen, Freeman Parker, a member of the County Board of Freeholders from Ventnor City, Charles F. Bonsor, B. J. Krause and others attended the Commissioner's meeting.

Thomas Gaskill, whose father is one of our local U. S. Coast Guards, is the star pitcher for the baseball team at the Winchester School, and it is an assured fact that when "Tommy" is on the mound all residents of Longport

are pulling for Winchester to win. This boy possesses both a wide curve and a cool head and should win many contests for the local institution.

Mrs. Helen P. Ancker has rented the Snedaker cottage at 26th and Atlantic Avenues for the summer.

Michael McCoy has a flock of thoroughbred plymouth rock hens that are producing a bountiful supply of fresh eggs.

Somers J. Endicott and family are again residing in Longport.

Mrs. William P. Young, of Lansdowne, Pa., has rented the Mathis cottage at 24th Avenue and the Beach.

Mrs. Howard Sheck has completed his new home at 16th and Atlantic Avenues and is now starting to erect a concrete garage.

During the month of May, in previous years, fishermen in the local waters baited their hooks for flounders and were proud to show the fish they landed but this year none of the fishermen even display their bait. They do not show their catch or tell (in public) of the big ones that got away, but one or two have intimated that Mr. Volstead would protest if he knew what wonderful luck they have had. When the ship Comanche disposed of real Scotch wiskey in our Bay it gave a wonderful impetus to fishing.

Mr. Arthur Hewitt, private secretary to the postmaster in Atlantic City, will spend the summer with his family in the Majestic parlments at 17th Avenue and the Beach.

Mr. O'Donnell and wife have rented the Townsend cottage on 17th Avenue for the summer.

W. S. Gilmore took part in the Red Men's parade in Atlantic City on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Josephine Foltz, of Lancaster, Pa., has rented the Remington cottage on Atlantic Avenue, near 20th Avenue, for the summer.

Charles H. Heustis, Editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Inquirer and a property owner and summer resident of Longport, visited here on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Heustis will sail for Paris within the next ten days and will visit England, Russia and other foreign countries and will return to Longport about the first of August.

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- 50c Turkish Towels 39c
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