

GARDENS AND THE GIRL

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The gardens in the little suburban village that nestled at the foot of the Chiltern hills were beginning to show the lack of care. The war had robbed those tiny cottages and left them stripped of masculine hands. Wives and mothers and sisters who were left behind to grieve and toil had no time for gardening when there were children to care for and homes to keep tidy against the day when the soldiers would once again be welcomed back.

However, there was one pair of masculine hands in the village that might not fire shots at the enemy because his physical body had been found far too weak to stand the strenuous life of the battlefield. George Bassington grieved sorely that he was unfit to go with his fellow men to fight the great fight, but he realized there must be some way in which he could be of service to those left behind.

"I could take care of those gardens," he pondered as he walked through Laurel lane and witnessed the condition of growing things. "Perhaps it will help the struggling women as much as the outdoor work will benefit my own body."

At the end of two weeks George Bassington had done wonders with six small gardens. Flowers again raised joyful heads, vines clambered over gate posts and vegetables continued to add table necessities to the six tables.

There was one house on Laurel lane that Bassington took infinite care over and that one was the home of James Holiday. Bassington realized that because of the inmate he found himself lured there in spite of himself. He supposed the fair woman within to be the wife of Holiday because she tended Holiday's two tiny children and seemed ever busy with household cares. So busy was she that Bassington had never, during his short stay in the garden, had more than a word or two of conversation with her.

"I can hardly ask her if she is Holiday's wife," laughed the temporary gardener to himself.

As weeks slipped past Bassington began to regain the health that had escaped him. The recruiting offices would not turn him back again, he felt, and with that thought in view he once again went into town in order to offer himself for active service.

This time he was not sent away from his medical examination with drooping head. He had been accepted for active service and he was to join his old regiment and leave for the front with them.

It was with joyful heart that he approached the little cottages in Laurel lane and told each of his now excellent friends of his success. It was going to be a trifle difficult to tell Jim Holiday's wife, and as he dropped the shining brass knocker of her door he braced himself as if for the first volley of shot from the enemy.

Once inside the trim little house Bassington looked long and earnestly at the fair girl who seemed ever to elude his level glance.

"I am going to the front," he said in his straightforward manner, "and I wanted to tell you that I have arranged for another man to care for the gardens. I am off on Saturday."

"Oh!" gasped the girl, "then you are not a shirker! I have been thinking you were a coward not to enlist when all our brave brothers and husbands have gone to fight for us."

A deep flush spread even up to his temples at the girl's words.

"I am sorry you thought me a shirker, Mrs. Holiday," was all he said.

The quick apology in Jean Holiday's eyes was mingled with amused surprise.

"But I am not Mrs. Holiday," she told him, "I am Jim's sister. Mrs. Holiday has gone down to be near Jim as long as possible before he goes to the front. He's in camp now."

"Not anybody's wife?" questioned Bassington, and realized that he would change that situation when he returned from the war. "I am sorry you thought me a shirker," he said, "and that I thought you a wife and mother. Otherwise we might have spent many wonderful hours here in the shadow of the Chiltern hills—just you and I."

"The hills will always be here," Jean said with dainty frankness, because she had loved Bassington in spite of herself, "I, too, expect to be here—when you return."

"May that day be soon," Bassington said, and took both of her proffered hands in a warm clasp and raised them in turn to his lips. "Until that day," he added softly.

Both in Sad Condition.

Sublime satisfaction in one's own powers must be a very delightful condition, but a celebrated English musician, Doctor Arne, who flourished in the first half of the seventeenth century, for once wittily turned the tables on some singers of this type. He was asked to decide on the respective powers of two vocalists whose talents existed entirely in their own imaginations. After hearing them Doctor Arne said to one: "You are the worst singer I ever heard in my life. Then, exclaimed the other: "I win." "No," answered the just judge, "you can't sing at all."

BETTER BABIES SCORE CARD.

After the preliminary questions as to each child's name, age, sex, etc., the following score card will be used:

I. MENTAL DEVELOPMENT.
Perfect Score for all ages, 20.

Attention, facial expression, irritability and disposition should be considered during the examination and included in the total marking according to the judgment of the examiner.

Six Months—Child sits unsupported for a few minutes (3).—Balances head (3).—Eye follows a bright object (5).—Looks in direction of an unexpected sound (5).—Child seizes an object and holds it (4).

Twelve Months—Stands and walks with support (4).—Makes a few sounds, such as mam-mam, da-da, coo (4).—Plays with toys (4).—Attempts to use paper and pencil (3).—Shows interest in pictures (4).—Clings to mother (1).

Eighteen Months—Child walks and alone (5).—Says a few words, such as Mama, Papa, Baby, (5).—Points to common objects in pictures (5).—Imitates a few simple movements, such as placing hands on head or clapping hands (5).

Two Years—Runs (4).—Repeats two or three words (5).—Knows features (4).—Obeys simple commands, such as "Throw me the ball" (4).—Imitates movements (3).

2 1/2 Years—Talks in short sentences (5).—Knows names of members of the family (3).—Roughly copies a circle (4).—Recognizes self in mirror (4).—Imitates more complex movements (4).

Three Years—Talks distinctly (4). Repeats sentences of six simple words (6).—Repeats up to two numerals—meaning repeats first one numeral and then two numerals (5).—Enumerates objects in a complex picture and attempts to describe it (5).

III—ORAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATION—Score 8.
Mouth—Mouth habitually held open (5).—Abnormal gums (5).—Tongue (coated) (2).—Protruding (5).—Abnormal palate (5).—Offensive breath (4).—Deformity caused by pacifier or thumb sucking (5).—Lips, pale (4).—Fissured (5).

Teeth—Number—Number decayed (5).—Irregular (5).—Discolored (5).—Prolonged retention of deciduous teeth (5).—Supernumerary teeth (5).—Notches and ridges (5).—Malocclusion (1).

III—EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT, Score 12.
Eyes—Abnormal size (1).—Position (1).—Cross-eyes (1).—Conjunctivae (5).—Discharge (1).—Sight (1).—Lids, abnormal (5).

Ears—Abnormal size (2).—Position (2).—Shape (2).—Discharge (4).—Hearing (1).

Nostrils—Stenosis (1).—Discharge (1).

Throat—Tonsils enlarged (1).—Diseased (1).—Adenoids (2).

IV—PHYSICAL EXAMINATION—Score 50.
Head—Abnormal shape (1).—Abnormal size (1).

Hair—Scanty (5).—Bald spots (5).—Brittle (5).

Scalp—Poor condition (5).

Fontanel—(Normally closed at 18 months) Open (1).

Face—Features irregular (1).—Chin receding or projecting (1).

Neck—Enlarged glands (small palpable glands not abnormal) (1).—Scars of glands (1).

Chest—Asymmetrical (5).—Abnormal shape (pigeon breast, barrel or funnel shaped) (5).—Ribs, beaded (5).—Poor development (5).—(With stethoscope) Lungs, abnormalities of breathing sounds (2).

Back—Spine, curvature, lateral (1).—Antero-posterior (1).—Scapulae, winged (1).

Abdomen—Abnormal distention (1).—Enlarged spleen (5).—Enlarged liver (5).—Hernia at navel (1).—Hernia in groin (1).

Arms and Hands—Asymmetrical (1).—Enlarged epiphyses (5).—Clubbed fingers (5).—Nail defects (3).—Discolored (2).

MEASUREMENTS—Score 10.
Height (2).—Weight (2).—Circumference of head (2).—Circumference of chest (at nipple line) (1).—Circumference of abdomen (at umbilical line, standing) (1).—Diameter of chest, antero-posterior (calipers at level of nipple line) (5).—Diameter of chest, lateral (calipers at level of nipple line) (5).—Length of arm (tip of acromion process to tip of middle finger) (1).—Length of leg (greater trochanter to sole of foot) (5).

UNCLE SAM WILL TEACH HIS INDIANS DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Washington, Oct 22—Uncle Sam is going to teach his Indian wards to farm and cook. The boys will be trained in scientific methods of tilling the soil and the girls in the latest system of preparing foods.

Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, is directing this newest effort of the federal government to make the Indians self-supporting and independent.

He recently issued a call to the Indian service educators to come to Washington to confer with him on the plan. It is the purpose of the commission to prepare a uniform course of instruction for the Indian schools.

His scheme includes a broad and comprehensive plan to put all the Indian schools on a more efficient basis of special attention to be given to the economic needs of the Redskins.

The uniform course the commissioner has in mind is to include both academic and industrial training, but special emphasis is to be placed on agriculture and domestic science with full instruction in practical farming and cooking. It is his aim that the boys and girls, when they shall have completed the courses in the Indian schools, will be able to take their places among the expert farmers and cooks of the country and be able to earn their own living.

The committee of educators who will aid Commissioner Sells in the task of training the uniform course of study consists of H. E. Pearls, supervisor of Indian Schools; W. W. Coon, assistant supervisor; F. M. Conser, superintendent of the Sherman Institute at Riverside, Illinois; E. A. Allen, superintendent of the Chillico Indian School in Oklahoma; O. H. Lipps, superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Dr. Charles M. Buchanan, superintendent of the Tulalip Indian School in Washington State, and Peyton Carter, superintendent of the Indian School at Wahpeton, North Dakota.

The committee in its work will draw upon the leading agricultural and domestic science schools of the country and the Indian Service officials expect that the course that finally will be arranged will be the best of its kind obtainable.

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Tax Collector's Notice.

OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 1915.

The Rate of State, County, School and Special Tax, Including One Dollar Poll Tax, One Dollar Commutation Tax.

In accordance with an Act to raise supplies for the fiscal year commencing January 1 1915, notice is hereby given that the office of County Treasurer for Abbeville County will be open for the collection of taxes for said fiscal year from Friday, October 15th, until Friday, December 31st, without penalty. There will be added—

A penalty of one per cent, on all taxes not paid on January 1st, 1916.
A penalty of two per cent, on all taxes not paid on February 1st, 1916.
A penalty of seven per cent, on all taxes not paid on March 1st, 1916.
Rates per cent. of taxation are as follows:

State Tax	7	mills
County Tax	6	"
Past Indebtedness	1 1/2	"
Constitutional School Tax	3	"
Total	17 1/2	mills
In addition to the above, a special tax will be collected for school purposes as follows:		
Abbeville Shop Bonds	1 1/2	mills
Abbeville Special School	8	"
Antreville	6	"
Bethel	3	"
Bold Branch	4	"
Central	2	"
Calhoun Falls	2	"
Cana	2	"
Eureka	3	"
Rocky River	2	"
Donalds	8	"
Due West	6	"
Fonville	3	"
Hagan	2	"
Keowee	3	"
Lone Forest	4	"
Lowndesville	8	"
McCormick	9	"
Mt. Carmel	4	"
Omega	4	"
Pineville	2	"
Parks Creek	3	"
Reid	2	"
Rock Springs	2	"
Lebanon	4	"
Long Cane	2	"
Buffalo	5	"
Broadmouth	2	"
Bethiah	4	"
Sunny Slope	4	"
Sharon	4	"
Vermillion	4	"

Willington	5	"
Warrenton	3	"
Young's	2	"
Cold Springs	4	"
Comer	2	"
Ray	4	"

A poll tax of One Dollar per capita on all male citizens between the age of 21 and 60 years, except such as are exempt by law, will be collected. A commutation road tax of One Dollar will be collected the same time as other taxes from all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 58 years, except such as are exempted by law. Unless said tax is paid by first of March, 1916, eight days work upon the public highways will be required under an overseer, if so much be necessary.

Taxes are payable only in gold and silver coin, United States currency, National Bank Notes and Coupons of State Bonds which become payable during the year 1915. A tax of 50 cents will be collected on each dog.

Parties desiring information by mail in regard to their taxes will please write before December 16th, stating the location of their property, and including postage for reply, and those paying taxes by check must include the charge for collection.

J. F. Bradley,
County Treasurer.
September, 1915.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE BAR.

When court was about to adjourn on last Wednesday, Hon. Wm. N. Graydon, the dean of the Abbeville Bar, arose and addressed the court, expressing the appreciation of the members of the bar of the services rendered by the Presiding Judge, Hon. F. L. Wilcox, of Florence. At the conclusion of his remarks he presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the members of the bar present:

Be it Resolved by the Bar of Abbeville:

1. That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the Hon. F. L. Wilcox, for his faithful and efficient services rendered to the Bar and the people of the County, during the present term of our Court.

2. That by his patience, ability and learning, he has made a warm place in our esteem and affection, and we hereby tender to him our best wishes for his future welfare and happiness.

3. That we would be glad to see him adorn the Bench of South Carolina.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his Honor, Judge Wilcox, by the Clerk of this Court, and published in the County papers.

The following members of the bar in endorsing the resolutions, expressed their pleasure in having a man of the ability of Judge Wilcox come here and hold the court: Messrs. Wm. P. Greene, J. Moore Mars, D. H. Hill, J. M. Nickles, R. S. Owens, W. M. Graydon and Sam Adams. Judge Wilcox thanked the lawyers for their words of appreciation, and stated that in his judgment it would not be so hard to get men to serve on the bench if all the counties could equal the record of Abbeville. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with our people, and was gratified to note the progress of our people as evidenced by our fine lands magnificent public buildings, and good business houses, etc

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