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"Death has called: 'As you forget them,
Give them back at least one day.
In the dark and silence let them
Know your thoughts are on the way.
Where the Meuse and Marne are flowing,
Where the Ourcq rides down the glen,
Let them start the day by knowing
One more glass is raised again! '"

AN IMPROMPTU Staff meeting was called yesterday afternoon to hear Dr. A. J. Riker, plant pathologist at the University of Wisconsin, tell of recent developments ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in crown-gall investigations with fruit trees. The problem has an important bearing on horticultural practices, particularly in the nursery industry. Dr. Riker is making a study of nursery practices in the East and their relation to crown-gall.

ABOUT forty-five members of the Experiment Station Club spent a thoroly enjoyable time at cards last evening. While "Bridge" proved to be the most popular sport, there were tables of "500" and even one or two chess engagements. The library was tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums and cyclamen. Dr. Rankin's radio supplied entertainment thruout the evening. Miss Rachel Haynes carried off the honors in high score at Bridge, while Mr. Harlan was well in the lead in "500".

INDICATIONS are that the Station Capablanca and Laskers will soon get under way in a chess tournament of their own; which altho probably not recognized by the authorities in Moscow, will nevertheless afford considerable satisfaction to its participants. For details consult Mr. Gloyer.

THE NOVEMBER number of INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING CHEMISTRY has as its feature in the department on "American Contemporaries" a biographical account of Dr. Van Slyke prepared by Dr. Thatcher. It gives an interesting review of Dr. Van Slyke's activities in the field of chemistry and an appreciation of his contributions to chemistry and to agriculture. The reader is introduced to Dr. Van Slyke in his role of Santa Claus at a Station Christmas party, and from there is led back thru the years of Dr. Van Slyke's active work in his chosen field. "Devotion to chemistry for its scientific value, as well as for its industrial applications, has marked his whole life work", concludes Dr. Thatcher, "and his happiness in it thru these later years of service is a constant inspiration to the younger members of the staff.

MR. CECIL and Mr. Marquardt departed this morning for the mountains north of Utica where they hope to trace the elusive deer to its lair, and if fortune favors, to bring at least one back to Geneva.

MRS. CHURCHILL, who has been suffering from a severe attack of neuritis, is beginning to make progress toward recovery. Mrs. Trepfagen is reported to be well on the road to recovery from her recent encounter with the medical profession.

DR. J. H. MUNCIE, plant pathologist at the Iowa State College, was a visitor at the Station last Friday.

DR. THATCHER and Mr. Lockett leave Saturday to attend the meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and the convention of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges to be held in Chicago next week.

ONE REASON WHY MEN LEAVE HOME:

"The chrysanthemums will be given out on Tuesday morning to the married men and to the women of the staff". - Notice on bulletin board.

JUST BY WAY OF FILLING UP THE PAGE, we are tempted to tell about the little girl who was told by her teacher to write a sentence containing five "and's". She wrote that she had seen a sign which read "BOOTSANDSHOES", so she wrote a letter to the advertiser as follows: "Make a space between boots and and and and and shoes".