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Many years ago

it was a custom when a child was born to commemorate the event by planting a tree. As a result of this beautiful and tender custom, today there are many trees sacredly guarded because they were planted by or for someone whose memory it was desired to perpetuate.

Every reader of The Journal no doubt recalls one or more trees with which are associated pleasant recollections. It may be the one in the yard under which you played when a child. It may be the one that sheltered you from the storms that overtook you on your way to and from school. It may be the one on the river bank under which you sat with fishing pole in hand. Or it may be the one under which your lover and you exchanged vows.

A law of the state requires the governor to proclaim each year an arbor day. Governor Goodrich has proclaimed tomor-

row, Friday, April 16, to be Arbor Day.

Why not plant a tree or a shrub tomorrow? Give your child when it passes into maturity an opportunity to possess a living tree it can call its own. Or if at any time during the year you have lost a loved one, how better could you keep sacred his or her memory than by the planting of a tree?

Even if you are not planting because of some sentiment, you may have some practical purpose in observing Arbor Day. Shrubs are not to be lost sight of and in many places are more desirable than trees. If a screen is desired no better shrub is available than the lilac.

We have often

remarked that happiness is primarily a state of mind, meaning that each of us can find happiness in whatever we are doing and in whatever our surroundings may be if we but so order our thoughts. Mr. Nielsen recently touched upon the same idea in an article he contributed to The Journal entitled, "Don't Get Sour." We would have carried the idea a bit further and advised shunning discontent.

Syracuse is a good place to live. In fact, there are many blessings here bestowed by nature that thousands of other so-called good towns can not enjoy. We do not need recite them again, as we have done before; but we advise every one to think of these things when he feels discontented with living here. Syracuse is a happy place to live.

In another column of this issue we publish portions of a letter recently received from a former Syracuse, and he speaks from experience when he tells us it is a happy place to live. We are often receiving letters from the folks who have left the old home town, and invariably they ask all about this and that person living here, or how such and such an

undertaking is progressing. These questions indicate that the folks and the things in the town continue to occupy a warm spot in the hearts of these former citizens.

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State of mind
can also make us young or old. Cartoonist Briggs would have us think that "the first hundred years are the hardest."

But Briggs is just kidding us, you know. Let Dr. William S. Welch, the noted pathologist of the John Hopkins medical college, give us a little advice—he says that we should not worry until after we are one hundred years old.

And then, there is Maria Theresa Stefanescu, 137 years young, (4153) William Gray Loehr.

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