

STORIES of New Jersey

successful careers through the pages of St. Nicholas. Edna St. Vincent Millay first received honorable mention by the League for her verses when she was but fourteen. Then she won, each in turn, silver and gold badges, and at last the longed-for cash prize. She is acclaimed as one of the foremost American poets. Children of the gifted Benet family all contributed to the League.

It is interesting to compare the poem called Mystery, written for St. Nicholas by Stephen Vincent Benet when he was only fifteen, with his prize poem John Brown's Body, which has won him a high and lasting place in American literature. Faith Baldwin, Ring Lardner, and Cornelia Otis Skinner are among the many other noted people who first won recognition through the department established by Mrs. Dodge.

In the Weequahic section of Newark, where the parents of Mary Mapes Dodge had their home, Mapes Avenue has been named in honor of the family. It was almost at the corner of Mapes Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue that the spacious old homestead stood. Today a huge modern apartment house and the dug-out side of a hill mark the place where Mrs. Dodge lived with her children and where the storybook boy, Hans Brinker, was born.



THE MAPES FARM
1847-1866