

is necessary or not. Some say that a man with a good memory is the man of first intelligence. Memory is half the substance of the art of the poets. If a man has no memory, he will be called mad. A man may forget his baby in a perambulator in order to enjoy a sunny morning by taking a glass of beer. Such absent mindedness cannot be tolerated.

Thus Lynd presents a different kinds of forgetfulness. Lynd's references to himself throw light on his character and his attitude to life. His references are humorous and witty.

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His memory is crowded with many names. In his ordinary life he remembers everything that he is expected to ~~remember~~ remember. But only a methodical man can remember the medicine he has to take. Psychologists will say that people forget things because they wish to forget them. But a man does not wish to forget his medicines. Lynd refers to himself and says that he always forgets to take his medicines. He remarks that chemists make fortunes out of the medicines people forget to take. Here Lynd makes fun of the chemists.

The commonest form of forgetfulness is leaving articles in train and in taxis. Lynd always forgets his walking sticks. He never carries an umbrella. Many have lost much property on their travels through forgetfulness. The ordinary man reaches his destination with his things. But the young and the adult will forget things. Sportsmen have worse memories. Anglers will also forget their fishing rods. Absent-mindedness of this kind thus becomes a virtue. The absent minded man is a man who is making the best of life and therefore has no time to remember the mediocre. Here Lynd is witty. It is a question whether a good memory

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Q. Discuss the Summary of the essay entitled "Forgetting"

An essay is a short composition in prose on any subject. Dr Johnson called it "a loose sally of the mind". There are two kinds of essays — Objective and Personal. Objective essays are generally thoughtful and didactic. A personal essay is an elegant trifle. The subject matter may be anything but the treatment must be elegant. A. G. Gardiner and Robert Lynd are two great essayists.

Robert Lynd's essays are uniformly light, playful, witty, humorous and gently satirical. They are written in an elegant and polished style.

Lynd's essay "Forgetting" has been taken from "9 tremble to think". In this essay Lynd presents different kinds of forgetfulness in an elegant and polished manner. His presentation is humorous. Sometimes he is witty. Lynd points out that men suffer from absent mindedness. But a modern man can remember many difficult things. He remembers telephone numbers. He remembers the addresses of his friends. His ~~memory~~ ~~is~~