

Wednesday, September 22, 1875.

THE X.—We adopt the usual custom of notifying subscribers of the expiration of their subscription, by placing a cross mark (X) on their papers. So, if you find the mark on your paper you may know that the time you paid for has expired, and that, unless you renew the paper will be discontinued.

We hope none will be offended at having the paper stopped when they fail to pay up, as we couldn't publish it on credit if we would; and wouldn't if we could, and we can make no exceptions. When, therefore, you see the X on your paper, send the money for renewal right along.

CONTRIBUTIONS.—These have come in better since our last issue, but it must be remembered that, owing to the fact that but little was received for over a month previous, we had gotten considerably behind hand, and the improvement has just enabled us to catch up and pay off our outstanding liabilities. We are still unable to make the necessary preparation for winter in the way of shoes and clothing. Fires are also coming into demand, but we have not the means, beyond what is necessary to purchase meat and bread, to obtain wood.

We beg every friend of the Asylum not to relax in the effort to procure and send forward help; it will be needed before we get it.

We thank those friends that have already responded to our appeals so liberally; their contributions were timely and helped much to relieve us from the perplexities under which we labored.

PEAS.—Notwithstanding the rainy weather in August injured corn and cotton, the peas crop seems to have escaped damage, and judging from present appearance, an unusually large crop will be produced in this section.

TOBACCO TRANSCRIPT.
We are glad to learn that our good friends about Thisnot have a fine pea crop. Now, we failed almost entirely in raising peas this season and as they are a very healthy and nourishing article of food we hope to have a large contribution of peas from that section, and we hereby request our good brother of the Transcript to get us up a lot and forward them to us, when the crop is gathered. If he will do so, and wishes bags to put them in we will send him as many as he thinks he can have filled.

HEALTH OF THE ASYLUM.—We are happy to be able to announce that the health of the children here is very good indeed. At the time of writing this paragraph, (Tuesday morning) we have but one name on the sick list—a little girl—and she is rapidly improving. We have been remarkably blest in this respect the present season.

A correspondent of the Fayetteville Gazette, writing from Raleigh, speaks as followers of Raleigh's schools:

"Outside of the Convention, Raleigh is quiet. St. Mary's School and the Raleigh Female Seminary have opened under favorable auspices, and Peace Institute (one of the best female schools in the South, and well represented from your section) will commence its exercises on the 23d inst., with better prospects than ever heretofore. Mr. Scott, assisted by Rev. J. M. Atkinson and John Martin, has also resumed the duties of the Raleigh High School (for boys), with a bright future before him. Raleigh feels proud of her schools."

Everybody is lovely to somebody, and homely women are loved the best.

Some years ago a Frenchman, who like many of his countrymen, had won a high rank among men of science, yet who denied the God who is the Author of all science, was crossing the great Sahara in company with an Arab guide. He noticed, with a sneer, that at certain times his guide, whatever obstacles might arise, put them all aside, and, kneeling on the burning sands, called on his God.

Day after day passed, and still the Arab never failed, till at last one evening the philosopher, when he rose from his knees, asked him, with a contemptuous smile: "How do you know there is a God?" The guide fixed his eyes on the scoffer for a moment, in wonder, and then said, solemnly: "How do I know there is a God? How do I know that a man and not a camel passed my hut last night in the darkness? Was it not by the print of his foot in the sand? Even so," and he pointed to the sun, whose last rays were flashing over the lone desert, "that foot print is not that of a man."

TRICKS OF SPEECH.

Nothing is easier to acquire, nothing more difficult to lose than a trick of speech and manner; and nothing is more universal. If we look round among our friends and acquaintances we shall find scarcely one who has not his favorite word, his perpetual formula, his automatic action, his unmeaning gesture—all tricks caught probably when young, and, by not being corrected then, fixed to impossible to abolish now. Who does not know the familiar "I say" as the preface to every remark?—and the still more familiar "you know" as the middle term of every sentence? Who, too, in these late times, has not suffered from the infliction of "awful" and "jolly"—milestones in the path of speech interspersed with even uglier and more obtrusive signs of folly and corrupt diction—milestones that are forever turning up, showing taste and true refinement have receded in this hideous race after slang to which our youth is given. Then there are the people who perpetrate ejaculations; who say "Goodness!" as a mark of surprise, and "Good gracious!" when surprise is a little mixed with reprobation; lower in the social scale it is "My word!" "Patience!" "Did I ever!" and indifferently to all stations, "You don't say so!" or in a voice of depreciation, "No!" and "Surely not!" To judge by voice and word, these ejaculatory people are always in a state of surprise. They go through the world in unending astonishment; and their appeals to their goodness and that indeterminate quantity called good gracious are incessant.

THE SWORDFISH.—The swordfish is allied to the mackerel, which it resembles in form, and is a swift swimmer. The sword is a most formidable blade, consisting of a strong straight bone, sharp and flat, projecting horizontally from the nose, of which it is a prolongation. The swordfish is found in considerable numbers off the island of Martha's Vineyard, coast of Massachusetts, at this season of the year. Its flesh is considered excellent food by many persons, and the annual catch is quite large. The ordinary length of the body of the fish at full growth is fourteen feet, and its sword six feet, or twenty feet in all.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM SEPTEMBER 13th TO SEPTEMBER 21st INCLUSIVE.

- IN CASH.
- Paid \$160.00, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117.
 - 77.00, Collection at Concord.
 - 50.00, B. F. Hall, of Edwards & Hall, Wilmington.
 - 48.55, Collection at Statesville.
 - 21.00, Collection at Davidson College.
 - 20.50, Collection in Newton.
 - 20.30, W. F. Cooke's collection in Charlotte.
 - 17.00, Orphans' Friend.
 - 16.00, Forestville Lodge, No. 282, through S. M. Stone.
 - 13.53, Congregation at Chapel Hill, through Rev. A. W. Maugum.
 - 11.85, Meherrin Baptist church, through Rev. J. N. Hoggard.
 - 10.00, William T. Baiz Lodge, No. 231.
 - 5.00 each, D. A. Davis, E. H. Pass.
 - 3.50, Greenville Lodge, No. 284.
 - 2.50, Anchor Lodge, No. 234, through J. E. Whiteley, chairman of committee.
 - 2.00 each, Dr. Talbot, of Minneapolis, Mrs. Margaret Hooper.
 - 1.00 each, W. Walker, Samuel Book, Wm. Walos, Rev. J. B. Boone, Miss Fannie Richardson.
 - 65 cents, Isaac Williams, through G. W. Jones, Rosedale.
 - 60 cents, W. D. Edney, through G. W. Jones, Rosedale.
 - 50 cents, Member of Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 208.
 - 10 cents, S. R. Edney, through G. W. Jones, Rosedale.

IN KIND.

- Misses Eliza and Emily Gilliam, 1 bottle wine for sick.
- Friends' Bible and Tract distributing committee, Philadelphia, 24 Bibles, 48 Testament & Psalms.
- J. M. Croushaw, 1 sack flour.
- S. M. Thompson, " " "
- G. B. Allen, " " "
- S. B. Stone, " " potatoes.
- Rev. John N. Hoggard, from Meherrin Baptist Church, 6 yds cotton cloth, 16 yds calico, 11 yds pants goods, 6 pairs socks 1 pr stockings.
- Win R. Averitt 50 lbs flour.
- Thomas R. Ayvritt 100 lbs flour.

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year from this date:

- G. W. Howlett, Miss Narcissa Daniel, Maj. R. S. Clegg, P. C. Weaver, Miss M. B. Kennedy, W. E. Weaver, L. Whiteley, Sidney S. Lea, Sr., J. M. Hinton, C. S. Lynch, H. Howett, J. S. Jones, James Warren, E. Overman, Rev. John Ollis, D. M. Washburn.
- For six months:—Miss J. A. Simpson, F. M. Williams.

A Hard Spell.

Says the New Orleans Bulletin: We used to have some good spellers in New Orleans. Some years ago, Capt. Kimball, having had his steamboat, the Asia, repainted, sent a sign-painter to paint her name on the wheelhouse. A day or two after, he returned to find the painter finishing up the job, and there, in six-foot letters, stood out, "Asha." Kimball, red with rage, collared the poor painter, hauled him along the wharf, pointed up to letters.

"What does that mean, you scoundrel?" said Kimball. Didn't I tell you to put Asia on there? Do you call that Asia?
"Yes, I do, and you needn't be so rough about it. I know how to spell as well as you do, and if A-s-h-a don't spell Asia, what does it spell?"

Sleep Walking Extraordinary at Cumberland.

The Cumberland (Md.) News of the 9th, has the following: On Tuesday night Mr. S. S. Smith, a young man from Bedford, Pennsylvania, retired to rest in Weir's hotel, and at an early hour yesterday morning found himself on the floor in an adjoining building, but entirely unable to divine how he got there. An examination of the premises, however, suggested the manner of his transfer from one building to another, about as follows: He got out of his bed, went to the window, climbed out and stepped

on to a roof at least six feet away—a perilous feat for an athlete in daylight—walked along the roof and clambered into a window in the second story of Little's building, adjoining the hotel. In making his way in he laid hold of a piece of wood loosely fastened in the wall, and it gave way precipitating him to the floor, the fall not hurting, but thoroughly awaking him. He was very much astonished, and regaining his feet began a series of investigations to find where he was. His garments were without pockets, so he had no hope of finding a match. He thinks he was more than an hour in finding his way out of the building but he finally did it and appeared in the hotel office, frightening the night clerk and porter almost as badly as he had been himself. His difficulties were not yet ended, however, for the door of his own room was locked and the key on the inside, so, assisted by the night clerk and others, he was forced to clamber back through the window, though not exactly by the route he took in getting out. He didn't walk again until breakfast time.

A Wonderful Clock.

A marvelous piece of mechanism in the way of clocks is described in the French journals. It is an eighty-day instrument, with dead-beat escapement maintaining power. It claims the quarters, plays sixteen tunes, plays three tunes every twelve hours, or will play at any time required. The hands go round as follows: One once a minute, one once an hour, one once a week, one once a month, one once a year. It shows the moon's age, the rising and setting of the sun, the time of high and low water, half ebb and half flood. By a beautiful contrivance there is a part which represents the water, which rises and falls lifting some ships at high-water tide, as they were in motion, receding leaves these little ships dry on the sands. The clock shows the hour of the day, day of the week, day of the month, month of the year, and in the day of the month there is provision made for the long and short months. It shows the zodiac; it strikes or not, as may be desired, and it has the equation table, showing the difference of clock and sun every day in the year.

Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

- Adopted Dec 3d, 1875.
- Resolved**, 1. That St. John's College shall be made an asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children.
2. That this Grand Lodge will appropriate \$_____ annually for the support of the institution; but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility.
3. That this Grand Lodge elect a Superintendent who shall control the institution and solicit contributions for its support from all classes of our people.
4. That orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fed and clothed, and shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.
- Adopted Dec 5th 1872:
Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report each at Annual Communication an account of his official acts, receipts, disbursements,

number of pupils, &c., together with such suggestions as he may see fit to offer.

Resolved, That the Master of each subordinate Lodge appoint a Standing Committee upon raising funds for the Orphan Asylum, and require said committee to report in writing each month, and that said reports and the funds received be forwarded monthly to the Superintendent of the Asylum and that the support of the Orphan Asylum be a regular order of business in each subordinate Lodge at each Communication.

4. All churches and benevolent organizations are requested to cooperate with us in the orphan work and to collect and forward contributions through their own proper officers. Here are the resolutions:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to many benevolent ladies and gentlemen, to the ministers of the gospel, to churches of various denominations, to Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Good Templars, Friends of Temperance, and other benevolent societies, whose hearty cooperation and liberal contributions have rendered timely and valuable assistance in the great work of ameliorating the condition of the orphan children of the State.

Resolved, That all benevolent societies and individuals are hereby cordially invited and requested to cooperate with us in providing funds and supplies for feeding clothing, and educating indigent and promising orphan children, at the Asylum in Oxford.

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