

Tom Masson's Wit and Humor

ÆSCULAPIUS UP TO DATE.

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WHEN Nature first began to rear up the destructive forces so that man would not increase too rapidly upon the face of the earth she found that, after all her planning, man had not the best of her and would multiply more than was good for him.

Doctors were then added, and since this happy thought we have done very well.

It is estimated that nineteen out of every twenty "cases" would recover naturally if left to themselves, but medical science has made such advances that only about one case in every twenty has a chance. There are various different kinds of doctors who prey upon human life, but they are easily classified.

The Family Doctor is perhaps the best known. His ignorance is not specialized, but extends to all parts of the human anatomy. He comes usually about four or five hours after he is needed, feels of your pulse, looks at your tongue, probes your diaphragm for appendicitis, writes in a mortified language on a printed slip and goes away with the remark that you will be all right in a day or so that you may possibly live three months, as the case may be. If you are young and ignorant, you are either frightened to death or sufficed with a gentle glow of convalescence, in accordance with what you have been told. But if you are an old stager you roll over in bed, call for a stiff drink of whisky, throw the prescription out of the window and sweat it out. A Family Doctor is nothing but a personified habit. You pay him to come and tell you there is no danger, and if he thinks there is you drop him and move up one. You began at the foot of the class, and now you rush off and consult a Specialist.

A Specialist is a man who lives in town, either on the first floor of a smart apartment house or in a house of his own. When he lives in an apartment house you pay him \$15 to shake hands with him, but when he lives in his own home you place a first mortgage on all the property in your wife's name. As you enter his office you see a china closet full of glittering instruments, which you begin to feel entering your system at various points. Your eye lights then upon a nickel plated fountain of running water, which you surmise is to wash away all evidence of the crime. You feel at once that you are in no condition to cope with this array of science. You are all run down anyway, and a brave man would quake. But, summoning up what little courage is left, you tell him what the other doctors have thought was the matter with you, and he shakes his head dubiously. Then he raises his hand warningly and tells you to desist. He doesn't want to know what the other doctors thought.

Why should any one with such a fund of ignorance in himself wish to have it encroached upon? You don't make this remark to yourself then, but you do about six months later.

You are requested to disrobe. You do so, feeling pale all over and hoping he may not notice it, and he pounds gently with a hammer, peeks in through your ribs, listens at the door of your heart for murmurs and flashes a dark lantern through your alimentary canal. By this time you are frightened to death. You feel that all hope is lost. You see a long funeral procession winding its slow way along. You are playing the leading part in it. You can feel the lavender satin and that awful stillness, like a reunion of the Metropolitan club. It is all over. After all, what difference does it make? Suddenly you awake from your vision, and your friend the Specialist taps you on the shoulder and says that if you will stop smoking, drinking, sitting up late nights, leave your business and come and live in his office for six months or a year and give him all you've got there is a faint chance that you may get well. And if you don't? Well, there is that three months' limit.

You leave him cordially and tell him you will let him know. Then you go to some dark corner and figure out how much it will cost, with the three months staring you in the face. There is that funeral procession again. Never mind. A short life and a merry one. You resolve to die.

Six months later, as you meet your friend the Specialist on the avenue unexpectedly and how pleasantly, you feel a secret sense of shame to think that he has caught you alive.

Before marriage and After.

Before marriage a man holds an umbrella over a woman to keep her from getting wet; after marriage, to keep her hat from getting wet.

On the Stage of Life.

We are like puppets in some conjurer's hands. Who, smiling, easy, nonchalantly stands and says, amid the universal cheers, "You see this man—and now he disappears!"

Perfection can only be attained in the physical by allowing Nature to appropriate and not dissipate her own resources. Carthartics gripe, weaken—dissipate, while DeWitt's Little Early Risers simply expel all putrid matter and bile, thus allowing the liver to assume normal activity. Good for the complexion. Sold by Standard Drug Co and Asheville Drug Co.

Long Shanks Observes.

We can't imagine who will do the cooking and general housework after the good mothers die who let their daughters sleep every morning until—what time did she say?

From the number of mountain deer packages shipped to this place from other States it seems that the Watta Law is good at least for the Southern Express Co.

The good old christian gentleman who expressed himself a few days ago, by saying, while condemning the use of whiskey, that he had just as soon have a rattle snake in side of him as to take a single drink of whiskey, and on being asked if a poison snake were to bite him would he not be willing to take some whiskey to save his life he said yes but he was not talking about that. So it is hard to understand one another as there are so many side tracks.

The old gentleman who was telling us a few days ago what New Christmas and old Christmas days were derived from, said he was noticing in his alma ac yesterday that Easter would come on Sunday next year.

A sheriff of, we won't say what county, who was so very kind recently in waiting on and administering to the wants of one of his prisoners, who was so ill that he had to aid and assist in turning him in the bed, wants to know if the disease is "catching". At a moment when the officers back was turned toward him the prisoner lost control of his feet and made good his escape for a time. He was afterwards cured and placed in confinement again.

Cole's Store Items.

We are having some very bad weather now, plenty of rain and some snow.

Mr. J. T. Lambert, of this place, has recently moved his family to Moffitt's Mill. We are sorry to lose Mr. Lambert, but another good man now lives in the place. Mr. Ed. Spence, we wish him much success.

Mr. J. M. Caviness and family have moved from Moffitt to the city. We are glad to have Mr. Caviness with us.

Mr. Lawrence Brandy spent Christmas at Cedar Falls with his friends and relatives. Guess he had a nice time.

Miss Fleta Cheek has been quite ill this week.

Misses Mata and Clara Dixon visited at Mr. J. R. Cheek's last Saturday night and Sunday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Craven were both hurt very badly this week. Mr. Craven dropped a stick of wood on his foot breaking a toe and bruising two others. Mrs. Craven fell and was bruised very much.

Mr. Wade E. Cheek, of Cole's Store, and Miss Annie Davis, of Coleridge, were happily joined in wedlock Sunday last, at the home of the bride's father, Rev. J. J. Eads officiating. We wish them much joy and happiness.

There was a nice Christmas tree at Maple Springs Saturday evening Dec. 23, and there were 285 presents on the tree. They also had speaking by the school. We had a fine time. Old Maple Springs is little but loud.

County Commissioners' Proceedings.

CONVICT FINE.

H H Kennedy Supt	\$45.00
M C Crawford Asst Supt	22.00
L E Hoover Guard	15.00
B L Gaddis	15.00
S E Kearns	15.00
J C Cox	12.40
J D Pearce Asst Supt bridge force	50.00
James Pease Guard	15.00
G R Farlow	15.00
J H Robbins Cook	16.00
Standard Drug Co Mdee	2.75
Liberty Milling Co Mdee	15.75
J R Stout Mdee	1.95
Wood & Moring Mdee	9.90
J H Robbins Provisions	2.94
Curtis Hardware Co Oats	4.25
Lexington Grocery Co Mdee	43.17
Curtis Hdw Co Mdee	24.90
Roddy Swain Provisions	32.35
H H Kennedy Syrup etc	8.50
Liberty Mer Co Mdee	39.46
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J R Marley Bridge	9.65

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lewis & Winslow Mdee for bridge	4.58
J C Allen repairs Randleman bridge	2.05
Amick & Smith Lumber pub road	1.25
C C Hubbard ex Joanna Coble Lunatic	2.00
Shabe W Laughlin Lumber pub roads	5.32
H L Cranford Work on bridge	3.00
Standard Drug Co Mdee Ch Ac	9.95
J T Redding Hauling Ac bridge	17.40
N H Ferguson Agt tax returned	1.38
Reg of Deeds 1st and 2nd Copy special	58.53
T W Andrews 4 days officer Grand	0.00
Jury Dec term 1905	0.00
Farlow, Dickens & Spencer Lumber	9.42
for bridge	
McNoyell Bros Con Grand Jurors to	2.50
Co home	
J C Cox Work on Caraway bridge	19.06
Wood & Moring Mdee Jail	2.85
" " " CH	1.03
H L Andrews Work on bridge	8.93
S C Cranford Court Crier Dec term	8.00
J W Lassiter repairing Lassiter's	114.10
bridge	
M A Cagle Services as Deputy Dec	4.50
term	
J R Marley Jailor Dec	16.00
H T Caveness ex and receiving bridge	2.00
Mill Stone Creek	
A E Hall Jailor Dec term	4.00
J F Jarrell Mdee bridge force	25.20
R L White Services as Deputy Dec term	4.50
J M Luther same	4.50
C H Lucas same	4.50
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West Disinfecting Co Mdee Jail	13.14
J F Hamilton ex Joanna Coble Lunatic	1.00
H G Hayworth Con prisoners to Han-	2.50
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Reg of Deeds 1st orders	15.00
John Rich Janitor and cleaning C H	1.50
W T Foushee Lumber Ac bridge	50.91
W T Foushee & Co Building bridge	225.00
across Mill Stone Creek	

COUNTY HOME.

W J Dolk Steward 3 mo	50.00
W F McCrary Mdee Co Home	41.40
A W Fuller Mdee Co Home	35.90
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News has been received in Carthage that Capt John L. Tull has been made Superintendent of the Durham & Charlotte Railroad and will have headquarters at Elise. Capt Tull is a most excellent and admirable gentleman and the people who have dealings with this railroad are to be congratulated upon having a man of such pleasant manners and accommodating disposition at the head of its affairs.—Carthage Blade

Ray Edmundson

Has refitted and refurbished his **BARBER SHOP** and now has one of the nicest, cleanest and best fitted shops in the county. (Opposite Wood & Moring's.)

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Gone or Back Pains, Swollen Joints, Itching, Burning Skin

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CURED THROUGH THE BLOOD BY B. B. B.

Leading Symptoms—Blue pain, stiffness on starting, pain up and down the leg, aching back on shoulder blades, swollen joints or swollen muscles; difficulty in moving around; you have to use crutches; blood thin or skin pale; thin fingers and hands; starting and shutting of teeth; itching, spots, etc. **Special Blood Balm** is all around every day, giving quick relief from the first dose, and B. B. B. sends a rich, tingling food of warm, rich, pure blood down the paralyzed nerves, bones and joints, giving warmth and strength just where it is needed, and in this way making a perfect, lasting cure of Rheumatism in every form.

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Staley, Friday forenoon, " 12
York & Frazier's Store, " afternoon, " 12
Allen's Store (Empire), Saturday forenoon, " 13
Kemp's Mills, Monday, " 15
Thos Hinshaw's Store, Tuesday, " 16
Coleridge, Wednesday, " 17
H T Caveness, Thursday, " 18
J M, Friday forenoon, " 19
Tyson's Store, " afternoon, " 19
Yow's Mills, Saturday forenoon, " 20
Mitchfield, " afternoon, " 20

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