

AN HISTORIC DOLL.

The First of a Multitude of Doll Immigrants.

In Independence Hall at Philadelphia there is preserved among notable revolutionary relics a quaint little doll dressed in the fashion of Louis XVI. Long before there was a United States this pretty Parisienne found her way over the sea, carrying with her into William Penn's woodland a little of the folly and fashion of the Old World, for she was not only a plaything but the fashion-plate of her time. Can you picture to yourself the countless multitude of dolls that has followed in her way? In the last six months, for instance, Paris sent over to New York toys worth \$219,819—and over half of that sum was represented by dolls. In recent years France has lost a little of her supremacy in the toy-market. She can no longer compete with Germany in homely toys—the triffles that are sold for a song; but in playthings of a finer sort she still holds her own. Not without effort, however. The local authorities of Paris offer tempting rewards for the invention of new toys.—Vance Thompson in "Where the Toys Came From," in the Christmas Everybody's.

The Farmers Have Turned the Tables.

When farmers turn the tables they will not put any other people down, but they will lift themselves up. When they lift themselves up they will also lift up every other person doing a useful and legitimate business.

However, people who have been enjoying a graft at the expense of producers and consumers will find their graft gone. In its place will be certainty of movement of commodities to market, certainty of profits and greater volume of business.

Every fair person will welcome such a change. Those who are not fair, or don't want to be fair, will be compelled to deal fairly.

Can you imagine anything of greater good, or more logical, than that the middle people should serve their principles in equity, instead of their bossing the great people whom they serve?

For instance: Who ever heard of an agent being greater than his people, or the waiter in the hotel being of more importance than the proprietor or his guest; or a messenger boy dictating to the sender, or receiver, of the message?

It is just as absurd for farmers and consumers to let a few people set up in business between them and boss them. Why those people couldn't turn a hand, or do a lick of business except by the tolerance of the other people.

It is almost inconceivable why all the farmers' pretended friends and teachers, supposed to be shrewd people, would allow such a condition to obtain.

Farmers are going to turn the tables. They are going to teach the few people who handle their stuff a lesson and show them their place. They are willing to have them perform their rightful work of carrying the goods to the consumers, as agents, but not as bosses. No, never.

And ten million consumers rise up and shout, "Amen!"—Up-to-Date Farmer.

Program for North Carolina Day.

The following program has been arranged for North Carolina Day in the public schools of the State:

The Old North State—William Gaston.

Charles Duncan McIver, a Sonnet.—C. Smith.

Charles Duncan McIver, a Sketch.—R. D. W. Conner.

The Coronach—Sir Walter Scott.

Chas D. McIver As I Kenw Him.—J. Y. Joyner.

"He Died Poor That He Might Make Others Rich"—Josephus Daniels.

America—S. F. Smith.

Stories of Charles D. McIver—J. Y. Joyner.

Southern Education! Policies—Chas. D. McIver.

Ho! For Carolina—William B. Harrell.

Thomasville Furniture Factories.

That part of the Cramer Furniture Company's factory building, which was destroyed by fire several months ago, is now being replaced by a large and more commodious structure.

A deal has recently been consummated here by which the Leggett Furniture Co., the Standard Chair Co., and the Cates Chair Co., will be combined and be under one management after January 1st.

Mr. Blair Goes to Greensboro.

Mr. W. P. Hutton has sold his grocery business at Greensboro to Mr. A. F. Blair, of Randolph county, and a brother of Mr. Walter E. Blair, of the Southern Real Estate Company. Mr. Hutton will organize a company to do a real estate business.

FIGHTING INSECTS.

Soil Preparation is a Very Important Means Open to All.

Soil preparation is one of the legitimate ways of fighting insects. There is not a reputable stockman in the country who does not understand the worthlessness of a stunted pig, calf, colt or lamb, and who is not aware of the necessity of keeping a young animal in a vigorous, growing condition from its birth. If this is essential with animals it is equally so with cultivated plants. It is the stunted or starved plant that is more often the prey of insects, though it cannot be said that this holds good in all cases. However, a field of young grain in a healthy growing condition will sustain without material injury an attack that a less vigorous one would not. So far as plants are concerned, it matters little whether a soil is lacking in fertility or whether this fertility is present and beyond reach. There is sufficient nutriment in a healthy soil to enable it to throw a shoot upward to light and air and rootlets downward to draw from the soil. But suppose these rootlets go about among solid clods begging, as it were, for food. Stunted plants are no more profitable than stunted animals.

A Compulsion.

Take two fields of equal fertility of soil. One is plowed a considerable time before seeding and is thoroughly pulverized, compact seed bed is formed. Seed placed in this ground will begin to draw from it as soon as the rootlets enter it, and the plant above ground will be full of vigor. If the first shoot is destroyed by the Hessian fly the result is only to stimulate the throwing up of tillers, and the soil will sustain them. Grain sown late in such a field will soon get sufficient root growth to enable the tillers to withstand the winter.

Now, take a second field indifferently plowed and the surface smoothed over by a single harrowing that has only rattled a little loose soil down into the spaces between the clods. A rootlet starts out to feed the plant, but goes begging. The single shoot thrown up is destroyed by the Hessian fly, and the root is unable to find food enough among the clods to sustain tillers, so no tillers are thrown up, and the crop is seriously injured by what in the other case resulted rather beneficially than otherwise.—D. A. Brodie.

For Culverts.

When culverts are at hand the best method of construction is shown in Fig. 1. It is often necessary, however, to bridge a stream across which a single flat stone will not reach.

The plan shown in Fig. 2 can then be used to advantage. This is really

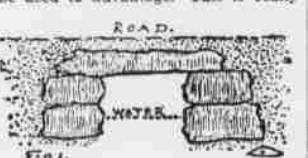


Fig. 1. CULVERT FOR SMALL STREAM.

an arch and can be extended even farther than shown. The only point to be observed carefully is that the side stones should all be broad and that enough earth is placed above them to hold them all in place when the weight of the team is at the center of the



Fig. 2. SMALL ARCH CULVERT.

span. Fig. 1 needs but little earth. Fig. 2 needs a heavy ballast of earth, concludes a correspondent who makes these suggestions in American Agriculturist.

In View of Wheat Seeding.

If I could have my choice of ground to sow on, I would choose a field where a heavy clodder and or where cowpeas had been plowed down and potatoes raised the present year, using at least 1500 pounds high grade fertilizer on the potatoes, says a Rural New Yorker writer. The potatoes having been dug clean and dug in good time, I would not plow for the wheat, but harrow at least four or five times and then drill in the wheat, drilling with it 400 pounds of good fertilizer, with at least 3 per cent of quickly available nitrocellulose, 8 per cent phosphoric acid and 6 per cent potash. Then in the spring, if it did not start to grow promptly, I would sow broadcast 150 pounds nitrate of soda per acre. A heavy dressing of stable manure will make a large stand of straw which will not fill well unless one is sure the ground contains plenty of phosphoric acid and potash.

When to Plant.

The 1st of September is plenty early to plant in our latitude. Where no water is available for irrigation one must wait for a rain and cloudy weather for transplanting. The plants must not be pampered with too much water while in the bed, or else they will not grow well when planted in the open. About two days before wanting to plant, the bed should be made quite wet. This will cause a lot of new roots to form, so when the plants are set out in the field when taking up, with a good shower in the ground either by rainfall or irrigation, there is no danger of making plants grow if they are set out.—J. W. Stenhouse in Tobacco News and Trade.

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STANLEY COUNTY.

Many People Move to Albemarle—Other Briefs.

Rev. C. J. Black will preach a special sermon to the Juniors the 1st Sunday in December at Albemarle. D. A. Lowder has returned to Dayton, Fla., where he has business interests.

The Presbyterian congregation of Norwood recently presented their pastor with \$100 as a token of their appreciation of his work.

Sheriff-elect J. Duvon Love has purchased a home in Albemarle to which he will move at once. J. M. Harwood has also moved to Albemarle from the country.

Messrs. Leonard and Wallace Godfrey have moved their families to Albemarle.

The Albemarle post-office will soon be moved to new quarters. W. A. Tucker will be assistant postmaster, vice Miss Muzk, resigned.

A young colored boy was killed at Palmerville last Thursday afternoon. No one was the cause but himself. He was trying to get on a running dinky, his feet slipping and he went under and was killed instantly. The Company gave him a very nice burial at the colored church, at New Hope.

Delius Tyson, of Norwood, caught the negr "Hawk" Lee, for whom a \$75 reward was offered for his capture by S. M. Clark, of Anson county. This negr burnt two dwellings for Mr. Clark under a minor provocation.

1 pastor, son of Rev. G. W. Bick, was accidentally shot by Marshall Parsons while shooting larks near the Albemarle depot last week. Though painful the wounds are not serious.

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