

A REMARKABLE STORY.

The following singular story is taken from "Illustrations of Human Life," by Mr Ward, author of Tremaine:

The story to which we shall now advert has the double value of being told, we presume on Mr Ward's personal knowledge, and of illustrating the extraordinary chances on which human life is suffered to depend. The circumstances occurred to the well known Sir Eyan Nepean, in the Home Department. The popular version of the story had been, that he was warned by a vision to save the lives of three or four men condemned to die, but reprieved; and who but for the vision would have perished through the under Secretary's neglect in forwarding the reprieve. On Sir Eyan's being subsequently asked how far this story was true, his answer was: "The narrative romances a little, but what it alludes to was the most extraordinary thing that ever happened to me." The simple facts, as told by himself, are these: One night, during his office as under Secretary, he felt the most unaccountable wakefulness that could be imagined; he was in perfect health, had dined early, and had nothing whatever on his mind to keep him awake. Still, he found all his attempts to sleep impossible, and from eleven till two in the morning, he never closed his eyes. At length weary of his struggle, and as the twilight was breaking (it was in summer) he determined to try what would be the effect of a walk in the park. There he saw nothing but the sleepy sentinels. But, in his walk, happening to pass the Home office several times, he thought of letting himself in with his key, though without any particular object. The book of entries of the day before still lay on the table, and through sheer listlessness he opened it. The first thing he saw appalled him—"A reprieve to be sent to York for the coiners ordered for execution." The execution had been appointed for the next day. It struck him that he had received no return to his order to send the reprieve. He searched the "minutes;" he could not find it there. In alarm, he went to the house of the head clerk, who lived in Downing street, knocked him up (it was then past three), and asked if he knew anything of the reprieve being sent. In great alarm, the chief clerk could not remember. "You are scarcely awake," said Sir Eyan, "recollect yourself, it must have been sent."

The clerk now recollected he had sent it to the clerk of the Crown, whose business it was to forward it to York. "Good," said Sir Eyan. "But have you his receipt and certificate that it is gone?" "No." "Then come with me; we must find him although it is so early." It was now four, and the clerk of the Crown now lived in Chancery Lane. There was no hackney coach to be seen, and they almost ran. They were just in time. The clerk of the crown had a country house, and meaning to have a long holiday, he was at that moment stepping into his gig to go to his villa. Astonished at this visit of the under-Secretary of State at such an hour, he was still more so at his business. "Heavens!" cried he, "the reprieve is locked up in my desk!" It was brought. Sir Eyan sent to the post office for the trust and fleetest express. The reprieve reached York next morning just at the moment the unhappy men were ascending the cart.

With Sir Eyan Nepean we fully agree in regarding this little narrative as one of the most extraordinary that we have ever heard. We shall go further even than he acknowledged, and say that to us it appears a striking evidence of what we should conceive a superior interposition. It is true that no ghost appears, nor is any prompting voice audible; yet the result depended upon so long a succession of seeming chances, and each of these chances was at once so improbable and so necessary, that we are almost compelled to regard the whole as a matter of an influence not to be attributed to man. If the first link of the chain might pass for common occurrence—as, undoubtedly, fits of wakefulness will happen without any discoverable ground in the state of either body or mind—still what could be less in the common course of things than thus waking, he should take it into his head to get up and take a walk in the park at two in the morning? Yet, if he had, like others, contented himself with taking a walk in his chamber, or enjoying the cool air at the window, not one of the succeeding events could have realized. Or if when he took his walk, he had been contented with getting rid of the feverishness of the night, and returned to his bed, the chain would have been broken; for what was more out of the natural course of events than that at two in the morning, the idea should come into the head of any man to go to his office, and sit down in the lonely rooms in his department, for no purpose of business or pleasure, but simply from not knowing what to do with himself?

Or if, when he had let himself into those solitary rooms, the book of entries had not lain on the table; (and this we presume to have been among the chances, as we can scarcely suppose books of this official importance to be generally left to their fate among the servants and messengers of the office); or if the entry, instead of being on the first page that opened to his eye, had been on any other, even the second, as he might never have taken the trouble of turning the page, or if he and the chief clerk had been five minutes later at the clerk of the Crown's house, and instead of finding him at the moment of getting into his carriage, had been compelled to incur the delay of bringing him back from the country, all the preceding events would have been useless. The people would have died at York, for, even as it was, they were stopped on the very verge of execution.

The remarkable feature of the whole is that the chain might be snapped at every link, and that every link was equally important. In the calculation of the probability of any one of those occurrences, a mathematician would find the chances very hard against a sufficient ground for saying the lives of a few wretched culprits, who, as frequently in such cases, probably return to their wicked trade as soon as they escaped, and only plunged themselves into deeper iniquity; the answer is, that it is not for us, in our ignorance, to mete out the value of a human life, however criminal, in the eyes of Heaven.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of E. B. Monteith, at the October sessions, 1861, of Mecklenburg County Court, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to come forward and make payment; and those having claims against the same are required to present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

A. A. ALEXANDER, Adm'r.

TAKE NOTICE. The Accounts and Notes due I. LOEWENSTEIN are in my hands for collection and settlement. All persons indebted will please come forward and settle without delay.

J. EIGENBRUN.

NOT MINE, BUT THINE.

Thy way, not mine, O Lord, However dark it be; Lead me by Thine own right hand, Choose out the path for me.

Smooth let it be or rough, It will be still the best; Winding or straight it matters not, It leads me to Thy rest. I dare not choose my lot, I would not if I might; But choose Thou for me, O my God, So I shall walk aright.

The kingdom that I seek Is Thine; so let thy way That leads to it, O Lord, be Thine, Else I must surely stray.

Take Thou my cup and it With joy or sorrow ill; As ever best to Thee may seem, Choose Thou my good and ill.

Choose Thou for me my friends, My sickness or my health; Choose Thou my joys and cares for me, My poverty or wealth.

Not mine, not mine the choice, In things of great or small; Be Thou my Guide, my Guard, my Strength, My Wisdom and my All.

FACTORY FOR SALE.

The undersigned propose to sell, at a low price and upon liberal credit, the COTTON FACTORY, located on the South Fork of the Catawba River. The machinery is comparatively new and in good order for work. The water power is good and the buildings ample, and a good FLOURING MILL attached. The principal machinery consists of 1200 spindles, 9 cards, 26 looms, and all the machinery to work the same. J. & E. B. STOWE, Stovesville, N. C.

M. S. OZMENT

Keeps for sale Lard, corn and corn meal; also, chickens, &c. A fresh supply of candies just received. For the cheap for cash. Two doors below the Jail. October 15, 1861

Hoop Poles, Staves and Cord Wood.

Wanted at the Charlotte Steam Mill, JOHN WILKES, Oct. 15.

SUBSTANCE DEPARTMENT.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office, for the delivery of SALT BEEF, according to the following conditions: The beef must be from well-fatted Cattle, slaughtered after the 20th of October, and weighing not less than 350 pounds.

The legs and leg-ends of the hind-quarters, and the ribs, and at least six pounds of the neck end of each fore-quarter must be excised from each barrel, and the remainder of the carcass instead of being cut with a cleaver, must be cut with a saw and knife, to give the meat a square, neat and smooth appearance, in pieces of not less than six pounds, nor more than ten pounds.

The beef must be salted at the rate of one bushel of pure Turk's Island Salt, or 14 bushels of Liverpool Salt, and 2 ounces of pulverized Salt-petre to every 200 pounds, exclusive of a pickle to be made from fresh water, as strong as salt will make it, and must be perfectly bright and clear. This Department will furnish salt to contractors at cost and charges, if desired.

The beef must be put in barrels; the barrels must be tight and well coopered; the net weight of beef and the contractor's name marked on each barrel. The beef will be inspected by inspecting officers, to be appointed by this Department, at the point of delivery. The securities will be required in sums equal to the amount of the contract.

JOHN DEVEREUX, Com. of Sub.

SUBSTANCE DEPARTMENT.

The undersigned is desirous of purchasing a large lot of these articles for the use of the Troops. Application may be made to him, or to any one of the Agents engaged in purchasing for the State.

JOHN DEVEREUX, Com. of Sub.

State of North Carolina—Gaston county.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—Aug. Term, 1861. David Friday and Marion Friday vs. John C. Smith and wife Elizabeth, Jacob Link and wife Margaret, Jacob Samney and wife Mary.

Devisavit vel non. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Jacob Samney and wife Mary, two of the Defendants in the above case, reside in this State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Western Democrat, a paper published in the town of Charlotte, for six successive weeks, commencing on the 4th day of August, 1861, and continuing to the 4th day of October next, and there to be held the 4th Monday of October next, and there to be held the 4th Monday of July, 1861, and in the 86th year of American Independence.

W. K. REID, Clerk.

State of North Carolina—Mecklenburg county.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—July Term, 1861. John Hicks vs. The Mecklenburg Gold and Copper Co. Original Attachment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Defendants are not inhabitants of this State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Western Democrat for six successive weeks, notifying said defendants to be and appear before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, at the next Court to be held for said county at the Court House in Charlotte on the 4th Monday of October next, and there to be held the 4th Monday of July, 1861, and in the 86th year of American Independence.

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State of North Carolina—Mecklenburg county.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—July Term, 1861. John F. Little vs. The Mecklenburg Gold & Copper Co. Original Attachment.

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"Daddy," said a young hopeful, "let's go up to the nine-pin alley and roll?" "Roll what boy, what do you know about rolling?" "Me know about it? Why, I can roll your darned eyes out in less than ten minutes." [Daddy ought now to quit going to the nine-pin alley.]

A married lady being asked to wait, gave the following appropriate answer: "No, thank you sir, I have as much hugging at home as I can attend to."

If any person who is obliged to take offensive medicines would first take a bit of alum into the mouth, they could take the medicine with as much ease as though it were so much sugar.

PROCLAMATION.

In pursuance and by virtue of a resolution of the General Assembly of North Carolina, I, Henry T. Clark, Governor ex-officio of said State, do hereby notify and require all male citizens of this State, now in the enemy's country of the United States, to return to North Carolina, where their allegiance is justly due, within thirty days from the date hereof; and I do hereby declare as an alien enemy, subject to all the pains, penalties and forfeitures which are or may be incurred by an alien enemy, every person failing to obey the requirements of this Proclamation, except he be a soldier in the army of the Confederate States, or some one of them, or in prison, or detained by force.

HENRY T. CLARK, Governor, ex-officio. Executive Department, Raleigh, Oct. 1, 1861.

WANTED.

Wanted for the Confederate Army, 10,000 pair Wool Socks. YOUNG, WRISTON & ORR. July 30, 1861

BOOTS AND SHOES.

A fine assortment of Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes; also, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes, just received. For sale by JAS. HARTY. Oct. 1, 1861

HEADQUARTERS NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

General Order, No. 18. Raleigh, Sept. 26th, 1861. I. All companies of twelve months' volunteers offering their services after the 1st of October, are required to furnish their own arms, for which the State will pay. II. Officers raising the companies are hereby authorized to collect all the public arms in the counties in which they reside for the use of their companies. III. Should the above modes fail to furnish arms enough for any company, the Captain will receive authority to purchase on application to this office.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief, J. G. MARTIN, Oct. 1, 1861. Adjutant General.

Confederate Loan.

The undersigned having been appointed local Commissioners to receive subscriptions of stock to the Confederate Loan, would respectfully and most earnestly appeal to the patriotism of the people of Mecklenburg, to come forward with their known liberality, and uphold the Government and sustain the credit of the Confederate States, by such substantial aid which their ample means would seem imperatively to demand. It is no mere gift we ask of you, nor are they empty promises made in return. We offer you good dividend paying stock, and a promise of perpetual relief from Black Republican rule, for your money.

JOHN WALKER, JOHN A. YOUNG, W. R. MYERS, JOE H. WILSON, JAS. H. CARSON, Commissioners. July 30.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

MOUNT PLEASANT, N. C. The next Session of this College will open September 25th, proximo, and continue the usual session of 42 weeks. The location is healthy, the community intelligent, and the charges moderate. Board, tuition and room-rent, in College, \$115 to \$126 Department, 107 to 128 The Board of Trustees have introduced military tactics and drill as part of the daily exercises (Sundays excepted) under the management of a very competent instructor always on hand. For further particulars, send for a catalogue.

D. H. BITTLE, Pres't. August 13, 1861

C. R. Taylor's

VIRGINIA PRINTING INK ESTABLISHMENT, Corner of Adams and Leigh streets, RICHMOND, VA.

C. R. TAYLOR, Printing Ink Manufacturer, takes pleasure in announcing to the Southern Press that his Ink-Factory is now in successful operation in the manufacture of every description of Printing Ink, which he is prepared to furnish on reasonable terms. News, Book and Job Inks of every description always on hand. Orders promptly attended to. Address, C. R. TAYLOR, Richmond, Va. July 24.

Wil, Charlotte & Ruth, Railroad--

WESTERN DIVISION. On and after Monday the 15th instant, the Passenger and Mail Train will be run on this Road daily (Sunday excepted) as follows:

GOING WEST.

LEAVE. ARRIVE. 7 00 A. M. Charlotte, 7 43 A. M. Tuckasegee, 7 45 A. M. Brevard, 8 10 A. M. Sharon, 8 37 A. M. Lincolnton, 9 09 A. M.

GOING EAST.

LEAVE. ARRIVE. 11 00 A. M. Lincolnton, 11 20 A. M. Sharon, 11 45 A. M. Brevard, 12 15 P. M. Tuckasegee, 12 15 P. M. Charlotte, 1 00 P. M.

By order, V. A. McBECK, Acting Master of Transportation. Lincolnton, April 4, 1861

State of North Carolina—Mecklenburg county.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—July Term, 1861. R. Baringer vs. Charles Wilkes. Original Attachment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Defendant in this case is not an inhabitant of this State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Western Democrat for six successive weeks, notifying said defendant to be and appear before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, at the next Court to be held for said county at the Court House in Charlotte on the 4th Monday of October next, and there to be held the 4th Monday of July, 1861, and in the 86th year of American Independence.

W. K. REID, Clerk.

State of North Carolina—Mecklenburg county.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—July Term, 1861. Charles H. Newbold vs. The Mecklenburg Gold and Copper Company—Original Attachment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Defendants are not inhabitants of this State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Western Democrat for six successive weeks, notifying said defendants to be and appear before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, at the next Court to be held for said county at the Court House in Charlotte on the 4th Monday of October next, and there to be held the 4th Monday of July, 1861, and in the 86th year of American Independence.

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W. K. REID, Clerk.

F. SCARR, (Late Scarr & Co.) Chemist & Druggist, Charlotte, N. C. RESPECTFULLY invites attention to his complete stock of DRUGS, CHEMICALS and MEDICINES, selected with great care and without regard to price; purity and quality being especially regarded.

To Physicians.

New Chemicals and Drugs just received. Hypophosphites of Soda and Potass, Tilden's Fluid Extracts, Churchill's Syrup of the Hypophosphites, Ammoniac Ferric Alum, Perchlorate of Iron (solid), &c.

Country Merchants

Will find at this establishment a full assortment of articles in the Drug line at Charleston Prices.

Babbitt's Pure Potash, in tins. Concentrated Lye. Soap Potash, in barrels.

Vinegar.

Alspice, Cloves, Mace, Ginger, Pepper, Cinnamon, &c.

OILS.

Lined Oil, Train Oil, Sperm, Tanners' Oil, Lard, Sweet

A full supply of Paints.

White Lead, Red Lead, Paris Green, Chrome Green, Chrome Yellow, Prussian Blue, Raw and Burnt Umber, Terra de Sienna, &c., &c.

Elegant Preparations for the Hair.

Savage's Ursin, Bazin's Ox Marrow, &c., &c. At SCARR'S Drug Establishment.

Jan'y 1, 1861

ROBERT G. RANKIN. ALFRED MARTIN. RANKIN & MARTIN, COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Wilmington, N. C.

Consignments of Produce will meet with prompt personal attention. March 19, 1861

PULLIAM & CO., Auctioneers for Sale of Negroes, Odd Fellows' Hall, Franklin Street, RICHMOND, VA.

ALBERT C. PULLIAM, ROBT. P. PULLIAM, DAN L. K. WEISBERG. Daily sale—public and private. We pledge our strictest attention to the business entrusted to us, and will answer all communications promptly. Porter always at each Depot. May 22, 1860

Carriage Materials.

We would call special attention to his stock of the above goods, consisting of Springs, Axles, Hubs, Bows, Nails, Damask, Sattin, Cloth, Laces, Fringes, Enamelled and Patent Leather, Enamelled Cloth, Oil Carpet, Paints of all kinds, dry and oil; Varnish, Turpentine, Lined Oil, Tyre and oval iron, Bolts, and everything in the way of Carriage Trimmings, at prices that cannot fail to please, at the Hardware Store, A. A. N. M. TAYLOR, Opposite the Mansion House, Roofing, Guttering and Job Work, Of all kinds, promptly attended to at TAYLOR'S Hardware Store, Opposite the Mansion House.

The Great Clothing Emporium

Fullings, Springs & Co., DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF Ready-made Clothing, Furnishing Goods. Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, &c., &c.

FULLINGS, SPRINGS & CO.

Would call the especial attention of their friends and patrons to their New Stock of Clothing, now opening. They think they can offer greater inducements to buyers than they have ever done, their goods being bought at reduced rates and at such prices as they feel confident no house in the State can compete with.

They are offering very nice Cassimere Suits at from \$12 to \$25. All manner of CASSIMERE PANTS, Cassimere, Silk, Matalasse and Velvet VESTS, OVER COATS of all grades and styles. The above Goods cannot be surpassed in style and make, having been manufactured under the constant supervision of one of the firm.

FULLINGS, SPRINGS & CO. Sept. 25, 1860.

MERCHANT TAILORING.

FULLINGS, SPRINGS & CO. have also added to their Ready-made Clothing Store, a Merchant Tailoring Department, to which they call the especial attention of their many friends and customers. They intend making this department second to none in the State, either in style and quality of Goods, or in the manufacture of Garments. At all times will be found a good stock of Black and colored Cloths, English, French and American Cassimere, and a variety of Vestings. Also, an assortment of Rock Island Cassimere. They feel confident of their ability to undersell any other house in the State, from the advantages they have in getting their goods. Their goods are bought by the quantity, by one of the Firm who resides in the Northern markets, which gives him the opportunity of taking advantage of the prices of goods, thereby saving at least twenty-five per cent on the cost.

Orders from a distance solicited. Cutting done on short notice. Sept 25, 1860. FULLINGS, SPRINGS & CO.

Agricultural Implements,

at the Sign of the Golden Pad-Loek, A large supply of the above, consisting of Thompson's celebrated Ploughs; also, Corn-Sifters; Straw-Cutters; Shovels; Spades; Hay and manure Forks; best cast-iron Axes; Picks, Mattocks, Grubbing Hoes, Weeding Hoes, Trace Chains, Log Chains, Wagon Chains, Garden Hoes, Rakes, Hedge Shears, Pruning Shears, Pruning and Bidding Knives, &c., &c. COCHRANE & SAMPLE.

NEW RESTAURANT.

Having connected with my Establishment an Eating and Refreshment Saloon, I am prepared to serve my friends and the public in the culinary line in the best style. Epicureans will please give me a call, and I shall be my constant study to please them. J. D. PALMER, One door above the Bank of Charlotte. January 1, 1861.

CHARLOTTE DRUG STORE, E. NYE HUTCHISON & CO. RETAIL DEALERS IN Foreign and Domestic Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery, Fancy Articles, Oils, Paints, Varnishes, Window Glass, Putty, Dye Stuffs, Turpentine, Burning Fluid, Alcohol, Pure Liqueurs, Candies, Teas, Field and Garden Seeds, &c.

Having closed our Books, we intend hereafter to sell for cash only. May 7, 1861.

DR. GREEN W. CALDWELL

Has resumed the Practice of Medicine in association with Dr. P. C. Caldwell. He may be found at the office lately occupied by W. A. Owens, Esq., or at the residence of Mr. Owens. October 1, 1861.

New Family Grocery Store!

I. A. PASCHALL & CO. Wholesale and Retail dealers in Family Groceries, choice Old Wines, (highly improved by age.) Also, Havana Segars, Tobacco, Wooden and Willow Ware, &c.

Having established ourselves in Charlotte, and in consideration of the hardness of the times, we desire and intend to sell to the entire satisfaction of purchasers. All orders accompanied with the cash will be promptly attended to. Store on Tryon Street, one door above Palmer's Variety Store. March 26, 1861.

NOTICE.

THE TAX LIST, for the year 1860, is now in my hands, ready for inspection. All persons are requested to inform me of any taxables which may not be listed. All TAX PAYERS are requested to prepare themselves to meet their TAXES promptly. W. W. GRIER, Sheriff. April 16, 1861.

Tailoring.

JOHN VOGELI, Practical Tailor, respectfully informs the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country, that he is prepared to manufacture gentlemen's clothing in the latest style and at short notice. His best exertions will be given to render satisfaction to those who patronize him. Shop opposite Kerr's Hotel, next door to Brown & Sutt's store. Jan. 1, 1861.

PEA MEAL.

We keep at our Steam Flouring Mill in this place Pea Meal for feeding cows and stock. Also, we have on hand at all times, Family, Extra, Superfine and coarse Flour. We warrant our family flour. Corn Meal and Grits can always be had at the Mill. J. WILKES & CO. Jan'y 1, 1861

CHARLOTTE HOTEL,

BY J. B. KERR, Proprietor. EVERY ACCOMMODATION afforded the patrons of the Charlotte Hotel. At this Hotel is kept the line of Daily Stages from Charlotte to Asheville. Oct. 1, 1860. J. B. KERR.

The Celebrated Female Pills.

These Pills do not cure all diseases, but they are warranted to cure Leucorrhoea, or Whites—that dreadful scourge to female health, happiness and usefulness. They are not patented and are no humbug, but are prepared by a North Carolina physician, of high standing and of long experience in the treatment of female diseases. All that is necessary to convince you of their efficacy is a fair trial. For particulars, see wrappers. Price \$1 per box. For sale at the DRUG STORES. Jan. 15, 1861

Quinn's Rheumatic Remedy

Has effected cures of Rheumatism that were considered hopeless, certificates to prove which can be exhibited. The