

MODERN BOYHOOD.

Are there any boys now-a-days? We have sometimes been inclined to doubt it. Real, child-like, fun-loving boys, we mean; such as some of us used to know in our early days;—boys whose very immaturity of thought struck one as beautiful. It seems to us there are very few such of late years.

In times that we can remember, children were children, and were true to their childish instincts.

Their genial frolicsome ways softened slowly into soberness; they grew grave gradually.

The shadows of manhood stole over their young faces so imperceptibly that the spiritual still seemed to predominate over the earthly.

There is not half so much flying of kites, and mulling of hoops and laughing at marbles, as there used to be, in my boyish days. Playing prison base and hide-and-seek! are fast falling into disrepute.

Instead of whooping hallowing, and shouting of merry laughter, which we went to conjure up delicious reveries in aged bosoms, we now have an unchildlike thoughtfulness, or what is still worse, a chattering pertinacity.

It is sorrowful to think that the accelerated progression of everything around us should have attached itself even to little children.

The distance from long to short clothes, from jacket and pantaloons to coat and vest, has been so narrowed down that, while you still have a distinct remembrance of the teething coral with its silver bells, the child for whose use they had been purchased, nudges your arm and quietly suggests the propriety of his wearing in future, a long-skirted coat with a velvet collar. Now if we are not exactly in a similar condition of topsy-turvy, we are at least, approximating to it.

Our boys, in spite of their shrill trouble—for nature is less disposed to hasten the evidences of maturity than republican fathers and mothers; are beginning to assert a sort of equality with grown persons, that is at all times annoying and not unfrequently impudent.

Manners they have none; but of assurance a superabundance. And then, to see with what an air they will assume a part in a discussion, as if their mental superiority rendered their remarks entitled to peculiar deference.

If you refrain from a courteous rebuke the little fellow takes it in high dudgeon, and considers himself insulted. It is very probable he will "cut" you the next time you meet in the street or on the lawn.

But the boys of a lower grade in society are infinitely worse. They have all the appearance of immature men, and are fond of imitating and even of exaggerating man's worst vices.

They stand at the street corners or pervade the public avenues, in gangs, with their hats cocked knowingly on one side, making bold and impudent remarks upon passers-by, and, not unfrequently, puffing whiffs of vile tobacco-smoke into their faces.

Boys scarcely higher than the back of a chair make it their great ambition to chaw and swear to a degree, that their constitutions are perfectly shattered before they reach the age of maturity; while their swaggering and bravado, their bullying and fighting, is far more likely to lead them eventually to a house of refuge, than the house of prayer.

Any one who has lived long in the country, or visited the large cities or even our little country towns, must have seen this forcing process, going on, and many have, doubtless, wished to see the application of a remedy.

That boys and girls of all social grades become immaturally mature beyond all question, but we fear the evil lies in the nature of our institutions and in the rush and whirl about us, quite as much as it does in the relaxed system of paternal discipline.

We regret this, progressive tendency, especially in children; and since it is impossible to check it our duty is to guide it in the right direction as much as possible.

If the old endearing graces of the infantile state are to lose some of their attractions: If betw. on boyhood and manhood is to be but one brief step, it becomes us to set a good example to those who mimic our ways so early, and to exhibit in our own persons an abhorrence of those evils which we wish our children to shun.

Another article for the ladies by and by, wait patiently.

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Raleigh News of 12th Inst.:—A furious wind storm broke upon the city yesterday about 1 a. m., and from the huge cloud of dust which whirled through the air, gave a good idea of an African Simoon. For ten minutes the air was thick with the dusty cloud, and seeing and breathing were almost out of the question. A copious rain followed after a while which continued until after three o'clock, effectually breaking up the observances of Memorial day.

The city government of New Bern is democratic.

ABOUT WOMEN.

In Massachusetts only one school-teacher in eight is a man.

The Seneca class in Boston University includes two young ladies.

Mrs. Bayard Taylor is translating her husband's history of Germany into the German language.

Many young ladies who are seized with the spelling mania should try to spell their mothers at the wash-tub.

Mrs. Mabel Hubbard of Carthage, N. Y. says that she is now 103 years of age and the mother of eighteen children.

Rev. J. W. Ware, of Boston, said in a sermon recently: "Woman is either a mistress to bless or a despot to scourge."

French girls who have no dowry seldom get married, for husbands in that country are a cash article, and command a high price.

"Sinful sectarianism" is what a Unitarian theological student called it because a Methodist girl refused to let him hug her in a camp-meeting tent.

Minnesota farmers are corn-feeding their wives and daughters, in the fond hope of securing the prize for the fattest woman, to be awarded at a forthcoming agricultural fair.

A Milwaukee beauty, who visited West Point last fall, displays a string of forty-three Government brass buttons. She claims that every button represents a desperately love sick cadet.

MORE CONFESSIONS.
The ground is falling from under the Radicals everywhere. In Alabama the negroes are leaving them, and in the last election half of them voted the Democratic ticket.

But this is not as significant as the confessions of J. H. Perrin, late a Republican member of the Legislature. It will be remembered by everybody the turmoil in Alabama last year—the exploits of Hester; the arrest of Wetmore, the wholesale arrests everywhere the suspension of civil law, the indications everywhere of general disorder. The Democrats asserted all the while that there was no foundation for this, that it was all a gotten up job for the benefit of certain Radical office-seekers. Now the truth comes out. Perrin says:

"Troops were retained in Alabama before the election on the requisition of myself and others. The troops were to be used whenever intimidation was necessary. I shot a hole in my hat and reported that I had been shot by the Ku-Klux, and I sent troops to arrest the mythical assailants. I kept the troops as long as I could use them as a political machine. Our purpose was to secure the Legislature and elect Spencer at all hazards."

The testimony was given before an investigating committee. It illustrates the true spirit of the party which has kept the country in trouble and excitement, added vastly to the public expenditures, destroyed domestic industry, that a party might succeed, and a class of villains thrive.

But the end of that party approaches.
Raleigh News.

HESTER KICKED OUT.
That superlative sneak and gad-fly, J. G. Hester, has been dismissed the service of the Department of Justice by the new Attorney General, Pierpont (hon has commenced well!

According to a Washington correspondent Hester says he was dismissed, not because he did anything wrong, but that he informed the Attorney General that he intended to publish a book entitled "The Wandering Jew in America," which is an inside history of the Credit Mobilier frauds and other celebrated national fraudulent and corrupt cases. He also intends to show up the whole system of manufacturing Ku-Klux outrages. White League murders, &c., and in fact let daylight into the whole Southern outrage factory, the headquarters of which is under it not in the Department of Justice. He fancies that his book will create a stir, and if he publishes all he knows in regard to these cases it will, beyond the probability of a doubt. He says that after he gets his book out he will remain in Washington and practice law. He don't like the idea of returning to the South, as the Force Bill did not pass.

The radical politicians of the South are filled with gloomy forebodings on account of the change in the Department of Justice, as they apprehend and with justice, that its management will no longer be conducted in their interest.

Congressman Milton Sayley, of Cincinnati, is said to be blossoming for the Speakership of the coming Congress.

W. L. Hilliard was elected Mayor of Asheville.

A sewing machine factory has been established in Shelby.

A MAN DIES OF THE HICCOUGHES.

[From the Burlington Hawkeye.]
About one of the most singular cases of death that ever came within our province to mention is that of Milton W. Blair, of Louisiana county, who died last week, in California, of the hiccoughs. Mr. Blair is an old merchant of Louisiana county, but has not been engaged in business for a number of years. He has been residing near Morning Sun, since retiring from business. Last fall he was attacked with a fit of hiccoughing, which continued for some weeks with scarcely any intermission. Becoming alarmed at the long continuance of the spell, Mr. B. came to Burlington to consult with a doctor, who, after treating him awhile, declared that he could give relief. From this city he proceeded to Chicago, and consulted the best medical authorities there, who did all in their power for him, but could not relieve him. By their advice he went California, accompanied by his sister, thinking that the change of climate would help him, remaining in that State to the time of his death, hiccoughing almost continually, and having but few intervals of rest. The continued strain and distress wore him to a mere shadow of his former self, and last week his sister telegraphed to friends and relatives in this and Louisiana counties that he was dead and she was bringing his remains on for burial.

Dr. L. S. Joyner, of Richmond, Va., has been appointed to deliver a discourse on physiology at the Philadelphia centennial celebration in July, 1876, when there will be a reunion of the distinguished medical men of the country.

The Petersburg News gets up a likeness and sketch of the life of the Hon. Joseph H. Spark the recently elected Mayor of Raleigh. He is a native of Petersburg, and that city feels justly proud of her distinguished son.

The memorial ceremonies in Wilmington were largely attended and were in every way what they should have been. The address delivered by Mr. E. S. Martin, and was altogether appropriate and beautiful. It is published in full in the Journal together with a full account of the day.

Judge Dick, at the Federal Court in Asheville made an order that no U. S. Commissioner now acting shall act after the first of July, unless reappointed by the Court.

Cabarrus county proposes to go to the Centennial in a body and camp out. A large and enthusiastic meeting has been held by the citizens and they are wide awake on the subject.

The best result of the late celebration—General Bartlett's speech. It is worth more than the eloquence of the orators and the poetry of the rhymers.—Boston Post.

It is said the amount of manufactured tobacco now on hand in Richmond is more than two million pounds short of that on hand at the same period last year.

The following contributions from New York to the Mecklenburg Centennial: Harper & Brothers, \$100; Murchison & Co., \$50; E. J. Hale \$50.

Gornelus A. Hester died near Prospect Hill in Caswell county on the first of this month. He was in his 90th year.

Henry L. Grover, of Concord, will go "up in a balloon" in the midst of a grand display of fire-works on the night of the 20th.

A Rowan County man, named Lyrelly has recently killed a hog that weighed over one thousand pounds.

Mr. J. W. Cheek of Durham presented the Baptist Sunday School of that place with an organ.

Col. A. M. Waddell will deliver the annual address before the Literary Societies of Wake Forrest College.

The Roanoke News says that Garrett's vineyard in Halifax county produces about 15,000 gallons of wine.

Hon. S. S. Cox of New York, gives thirty dollars to the Mecklenburg Centennial.

Hon. Matt W. Ransom will read the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at Charlotte on the 20th.

The Grangers' Bank has been organized at Danville. W. T. Southerlin is President.

Rockingham nominates candidates for the convention on the first Monday in June.

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