

IS BETTER EQUIPPED THAN ANY EAST OF RALEIGH. ALL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE PROMPT AND EFFICIENT ATTENTION.

TRY US.

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

HE TALKS OF THE GOOD AND BAD THINGS OF LIFE.

How He Was Treated to a Warm Bath Unexpectedly.

Things are strangely mixed in this suburban world. There is some bad with most every good and some good with most every bad.

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It is a right good world, nevertheless, and we can all be happy if we desire to be.

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Through the window of my room, Suddenly beside my pillow, Like the murmur of a falling, Or the sigh of a weeping willow, 'Mid the shadow and the gloom, There was heard a gentle sound, Fluting on the air around.

As an echo from above: And I, waking, saw a dove Perched upon the whitened head Of a statue near my bed.

And it seemed with soft, low cooing, My lone heart to soothe with woeing, Or a spirit hovering nigh.

While I lay entranced and dreaming, Startled by the echo seeming To be whispered from above, In the starting of my waking, With its form of beauty beaming.

I beheld the snowy dove, With a thrill that thrilled my soul, On the altar, amazing, I demanded, "Who art thou?"

And the gentle bird of whiteness, With its speech of gentlest tones, Answered with a coo: "I am sent, said, 'from Aldea, By a fair and lovely maid, To bring thee tidings true: I am come to soothe thy sorrow, Bid thee from despair to borrow, And to hope that thou shalt see, For thy cherished one is living, And her thoughts to thee are giving, Of a bright and distant shore; With a message from thy love, And his name is forevermore."

By this joyful news excited, Raptured, raptured and delighted, I the snowy bird addressing, Assaid, with earnest voice inquiring, What my soul was most desiring, Of my absent, cherished love, He would set my heart at rest— Still the tumult in my breast, And the light of heaven's maid, In the distant fields of Aldea?— "Waited for me on that shore— The light of heaven's maid, I, the maiden's ardent love, "Does my own departed live?" To the kind of words I listened, While my eyes were glistening, "For the answer he should give; 'Till his, O thou carrier dove, He would set my heart at rest— Whom I love in days of yore; Has she passed the shining portal, Of the blessed land immortal, To the distant fields of Aldea?— Does she move in light and splendor, And the doves all attend her?" Words and tones and looks revealing All my depths of inward feeling, Moved, anxious by my pleading, And my anxious question heeding, "This is the only way to know— In the distant fields of Aldea, On a bright and sunny shore, Dwells a fair and lovely maiden, And her name is Elinore; 'Mid the lights about her blooming, In the light of heaven's maid, At the balcony air around, She, angel of whiteness, With a wreath immortal crown'd, The bird, his wings unfolding, Let us, as I behold thee, Fill with rapture and delight: With a soft, wondrous coo, Nodding, bidding me adieu, And that which thou dost say, Out into the gloomy night, But the bright, glowing vision Of the distant fields of Aldea, As a fair and lovely maiden, Dwelling in the land of Aldea, With a wreath immortal crown'd, There shall I, my loved one greet, At our future, rare meeting, On that distant, radiant shore, With ecstatic gladness, Free from pain, pain and sadness, Clear again my Elinore, Call her mine forevermore!"

Is W. A. Potts, Jr., Really Dead.

This seems to be the all absorbing question now among the country people of the county, and we are told this large and respectable number of them insist that he (Potts) is not dead, but that a trick was played by the physicians and others, and that he remains as seen in the case was not really Potts but a figure gotten up for the purpose and buried. We are also informed that his spirit or himself in person has been seen at various places in the county. These are only a few of the many rumors afloat throughout the county. We beg leave to assure all who are curious to know that they are mistaken, and that the fact is no doubt that the spirit of W. A. Potts, Jr., has been in flight "that land from whence no traveller returns," and that his body rests in the family burial ground. We would also suggest that it is now time to let the matter rest. He is done with earth and earthly tribunals, and it seems to us far-fetched for any one to want to carry their feelings beyond the grave. Let him rest in peace.—Washington Gazette.

Nothing Equals It.

Zalaha, Fla., June 27, 1887.

N. E. VENABLE & CO.

I have been using B. B. B. in my family as a blood purifier. Having never used any medicine to equal it. Respectfully, MRS. R. M. LAWS.

Makes An Old Man Young.

[Extract from a Letter]

P. S. I bought 3 bottles of your Botanic Blood Balm from my friend H. D. Ballard, at Campobello, S. C. I have been using it three weeks. It appears to give me new life and new strength. If there is anything that will make an old man young it is B. B. B. I am willing to sell it. I earnestly and honestly recommend Botanic Blood Balm.

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An Explanation Necessary.—Johnny—"Pa, what is a female crank? Father—"Go ask your mother, my son." (Father is busy explaining the next moment that he meant no reflections.)

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