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A WAR RELICT.

Fredericksburg Free Lance.

The following is a copy of a letter found on the battlefield at McCoull's farm, near Spotsylvania C. H. The paper on which the letter is written has grown yellow from age, and where folded has been carefully sewed together.

The genuineness of the letter is fully attested by veracious people among them the finder. It is highly interesting and emanated from a young lady evidently bent on marrying her dear Henry:

My Dear Henry,

I embrace this here opportunity to let you know as how I had a spell of aiger and I do hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same Gods blessing. Why don't you write a sweete line to tell suffering Kathrin all about her sweete Henry oh Henry my sweete Henry my turtle dove my pilgimng my deer deer Henry how my poor sole is longing to hear your sweete voyce I hear him singing yankers dulle as he comes from his plow now Oh my Henry do come home and lets get married so no more at present but remain your lovin KATHRIN AN TILDEN

To my sweete Henry

P S part sakin Zeek Black has rased a nne house and Polly does live so snug she fits him some times when he gets a little Antony over my sweete Henry let us keep house and if you love me I wont whip you indeed nor I wont look at any body so I wont. Daddys I must get married because I have 2 long already. So no more at present KAT

P S part thurd

My part is tod my ink is pale my love for you shall never fail for Henry is my own true love My pilgimng duck and turtle dove KAT TILDEN

P S Noty Boy

Mothers dead and Timothy are got the fever. So no more at present from your lovin KATHRIN AN

Noty Boy

I forgot to say as how that air corn on my big toe dont hurt as it use to did. so once your wife as it is to be send 2 kisses and say farewell, yours till death do us part. KAT

BEAUTIFUL FATHER.

"Tell your mother you've been very good boys to day," said a school teacher to two little new scholars.

"O' replied Tommy, 'we haven't any mother'.

"Who takes care of you?" she asked.

"Father does. We've got a beautiful father. You ought to see him"

"Who takes care of you when he is at work?"

"He takes all the care before he goes off in the morning and after he comes back at night. He's a house painter; but there isn't very much work this winter, so he is doing laboring till spring comes. He leaves us a warm breakfast when he goes off, and we have bread and milk for dinner, and a good supper when he comes home. Then he tells us stories and plays on the fife, and cuts out beautiful things with his jack-knife. You ought to see our father and our home, they are both so beautiful!"

"Before long the teacher did see that home and that father. The room was an attic, graced with cheap pictures, autumn leaves, and other little trifles that cost nothing. The father, who was preparing the evening meal for his motherless boys, was at first glance only a rough, begrimed laborer, but before the stranger had been in the place ten minutes the room became a palace and the man a magician.

His children had no idea they were poor, nor were they so with such a hero as this to fight their battles for them. This man, whose grateful spirit lighted up the otherwise dark life of his children, was preaching to all about him more effectually than was any man in priestly robe in costly temple.

He was a man of patience and submission to God's will, showing how to make home happy under the most unfavorable circumstances. He was rearing his boys to be high minded citizens, to put their shoulders to burden rather than to become burdens to society in the days that are coming.

CURING A SICK CHILD.

When a child is taken sick in China the parents believe that one of the souls has wandered away and is lost, so the mother runs to the open door and cries "Laila!—Soul come home! Soul, come home!"—and the father hastens out into the street and crosses the nearest bridge smaching for the transient spirit. He hears the mother's wail and shouts back the cheering answer, "Coming! Coming!" Then a paper horse is burned in the house for the soul to ride home upon, and the mother still uttering her weird cry begins to search the corners of the floor—mud, if she is poor, brick or marble if she be rich—and the first thing of life she finds is supposed to contain the missing spirit. Often it is a flea or beetle. When it is secured she places a great cry of joy, wraps it in paper and gives it under the pillow of the suffering child and expects an immediate recovery.

NORTH CAROLINA.

PRESIDENT K. P. BATTLE TELLS OF ITS ADVANTAGES.

News and Observer.

I have rarely heard so complete and eloquent a presentation of the natural advantages of our State as that made by President Battle at the recent Farmers' Convention. It was a capital speech, well delivered and well received. It ought to be printed and circulated over the United States and Europe by the Board of Agriculture. I send a brief and inadequate summary:

"North Carolina has, as a farming country, many extraordinary advantages.

1. Range of productions—the sea coast if the State stretched along the sea coast from the Gulf of Mexico to New York.

2. The climate—Our average isothermal is that of South France, Florence, Yuclo. Dakota's range of temperature is 105 degrees F. in summer to 38 degrees below zero; Kansas from 98 degrees to 25 below; Indianapolis from 100 degrees to 22 degrees below zero; West Texas from 102 degrees to — below zero. In Pennsylvania and New York farming operations are hindered about five months in winter.

3. North Carolina has no blizzards, and as the cold waves start from the north-west the telegraph gives our people one or two days' notice of their coming.

4. We have pure air and pure water in most of the State and therefore good health. With eastern water the eastern counties are also healthy.

5. North Carolina has comparative freedom from drought. We have 47 inches per annum of rain, while Dakota has only 51, and West Texas only 18. At El Paso there were one year only 114 inches and about one-third of this fell in one month.

With deep ploughing and good cultivation we need not suffer from drought.

6. Grasshoppers (called locusts in the Bible) flourish where there is dry land near rich vegetation. They will always infect Kansas, etc., while North Carolina is free from them.

7. We have good, orderly population, composed of the best blood of England, Germany, France, Highland and Lowland Scotch, etc., who have been in the State long enough to become homogeneous. No religious denomination is dominant. All are represented.

8. Our geographical situation is excellent. The most civilized nations with 240,000,000 of people, with ten thousand millions of dollars of imports and exports per annum are clustered around the North Atlantic. North Carolina is on the water front of this great lake of the nations.

9. As the mountains opposite the southern Chesapeake have been recently pierced by railroads the building of a great city somewhere on its waters is in the near future. But even if the prediction be not verified, New York is now the second commercial city in the world. On Manhattan Island alone there were sixty seven millions of dollars worth of new buildings last year. Counting Brooklyn, Jersey City and other places, there are clustered here already about two and three quarter millions of people, with wealth beyond conception. Between here and New York are other populous cities, rapidly growing, so that it will not be long before the lands of North Carolina will be adjacent to forty millions of non-producers. Farms in twenty-four hours of New York should not be worth \$100 per acre. They have not only the advantage of a ready market for their productions but they are in close proximity to the store houses and manufactories whence they get their supplies.

What are the disadvantages of North Carolina?

1. The presence of slavery excluded men unaccustomed or adverse to that institution. After the great civil war the uncertainties of Reconstruction and the bitterness of party feeling have retarded the influx of Northern men. It will not be long before these disturbing elements will have passed away.

2. Some unaccustomed to colored labor do not like to settle where negroes are a large portion of the population. To this there is a sufficient answer—first that many counties are largely white and in the eastern counties the negro element is superior to that in the North, because for many years it had been the custom to sell to that region the turbulent and vicious slaves. And lastly, the proportion of the colored must rapidly diminish, because they have no accessions from immigration.

Want of schools is urged as an objection, but that does not result from hostility on the part of our people, but from sparseness of population and poverty. When settlers come schools will spring up.

3. High railroad freight will disappear when our farmers demand it. The railroad companies will lower their rates from policy whenever farm products increase in bulk.

4. All these objections to North Carolina are remediable. We come last to the most serious, viz, that our lands are not naturally fertile.

As to this, President Battle contended that if our lands are not naturally rich, they are cheap and easily made rich, so

that the total cost will only be one half or one third of the cost of land at the same distance from New York in any other direction. He quoted from a letter from a friend in Kansas City to the effect that the land in western Missouri and eastern Kansas brings thirty to sixty bushels of corn to the acre and cost \$25 to \$50 per acre. He asked if a North Carolina farmer should put on his land the difference between the cost of land here and there, our lands would not produce as much more.

OLD BOB.

A TOUCHING STORY OF AN OLD NEGRO.

Old man Bob was dying.

He had always been a quiet man. The artist would not have painted him with regard to any aesthetic rule but rather, if he had thought of him at all, as a stupid clown, with rounded back and weather beaten face, that had bent over the spade and done the rough work of the world.

He had "struck" the town years ago, but he worked hard and his big heart found means to do charities that the world with its cold smile and self obligation, would never have seen.

No one knew anything of his past history, no one cared to ask, and his bowed and trembling form at the altar, when God's people were called to the Holy Communion was seldom noticed, for his coat was faded and patch-d.

He was dying as he had lived—unknown—but his love for the God that he had served was of the kind that "Passeth all understanding," and there was a silent glory in his death that gives the lie to the thought in the fool's heart, "There is no God."

A few sympathetic women had gone to the humble cottage on the last mission of love. Death is the common enemy and hard is the heart that hath no sympathy.

The sun went down and the soul of old man Bob parted with the body as the fires of evening burned low in the west, flickered and went out.

His mind wandered before he died, and the silent watchers knew that he was a boy again, among the hills of old Scotia, but when he came to the river's bank, there was a glad smile on his face, and he plunged into the cold waters. He saw on the other shore what is withheld from human eyes—angelic bands.

The world had sneered at his ragged coat and passed him by, but not so the chariots had come down through avenues of ether, and carried him to his home beyond the stars.

The good women, brushing the tears from their eyes, saw only the deserted tenement. Old man Bob was a king and wore a crown.

THE MOON.

Atlanta Constitution.

Harris Gillette, a well-to-do farmer of Sidney, has the hobby of strictly governing all his doings by the phases of the moon. Interviewed on the subject, he unfolded his creed as follows:

"I always go by the moon's changes, because then I know I'm right. I see a great deal in the papers about how to choose a cow, but I can tell you a rule worth all the rest: If a cow is born when the horns of the moon point down, then she will be a good milker; but if born when the horns point up, then she will be nothing but skin and bone. I always butcher cattle and hogs in the new of the moon, and then I have a quarter more meat. I always sow and plant in the new of the moon, and I have better crops than my neighbors. I always build fences when the horns of the moon point up, and put on the stakes and riders when the horns point down; for then the two pull together, and my fences never fall down. Our school house, contrary to my advice, was roofed in the full of the moon, it leaks badly, and last winter all the children had the measles. I once attended camp-meeting and got converted in the dark of the moon, but my religion has stuck to me ever since."

THE BEST.

An English general in reviewing a corps of cavalry suddenly stopped before a splendid-looking fellow and asked abruptly:

"Which is the best horse in the regiment?"

"Number 40, sir."

"What makes you think it is the best horse?"

"He walks, trots and gallops well; is a good jumper, has no vice, no blemish; carries his head well; is in his prime."

"And who is the best soldier in the regiment?"

"Tom Jones, sir."

"Why?"

"Because he is an honorable man, is obedient, tidy, takes good care of his equipment and horse, and does his duty well."

"And who is rider of the best horse?"

"Tom Jones, sir."

"And who is Tom Jones?"

"I am, sir."

The general could not help laughing, but he gave a sovereign to his informant, who received it without moving a muscle.

DANCEROUS BUSINESS.

"Taking up a reproach against a neighbor," says the *Free Methodist*, "is a dangerous business. Persons have been killed recently by handling old shells that had been dropped twenty-five years ago, during the war. If you should happen to plow up one, you had better bury it again. If people bring to you reproaches against their neighbor, carry them no further. If they lay them down at your door, leave them there till they die. Positively refuse to have anything to do with them. You take them up at your peril. They are an unclean thing, which we are not permitted to touch. Scandal-mongers should find no market for their wares at the house of a Christian. They may offer to give them to you; but you should spurn all such offers, as you would an offer to give you the small pox or the yellow fever."

Instances might be cited where people in trying to kill others have succeeded in killing themselves. The devil's mail-bag makes a heavy load for a saint of God to lug about, and it sometimes happens that those who play post-boy for Satan find they are most esteemed where they are least known. "Lord who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is condemned, but he honoreth them that fear the Lord."

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