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REMINISCENCES. A Day in The Mountains Of Western North Carolina.

[Written for the ROSSORT NEWS]

Looking south, across the pinnacle or

ball of the "Yellow," is another and

nearer portion of the Blue Ridge, in

which the "Table Rock" forms the most

conspicuous figure from our point of ob

servation. Turning our eyes to the

silent sentinels looking across the distant

Long will the writer remember stand-

stood and found expression to an over-

Here once the panther's stealthy prowl Began at close of day: Here, too, the wild wolf's distant howl

Here once the native Red man stood

Here's where the eagle's piercing scre Echoed from hill to hill,

In all his savage glory ; Here he the dusky maiden wooed, And told his love's wild story.

And here the hunter first espied

flowing soul in the following lines :

Struck terror to its prey.

as have never been fortunate enough to brated "Roan," on the top of which stands visit the Alleghanics of Western North the tenowned and far-famed sanitarium Carolina-the veritable Switzerland of and summer resort-"Cleveland Hotel. America-kindly follow the writer while Looking west, the Quaker range looms up

he shall attempt to lead you in imagina. grand and imposing in the distance. To tion through the journey of a day amid the north the lofty peaks of the Clinch scenes whose stupendous grandeur forever range, in the Alleghanies, stand out like holds one spell-bound with awe and silent wonder. It was at the close of the summer of

1890, while living in the little town of in silence and pathetic dust. Away Elk Park, which nestles dreamily in a through the dreamy distance comes the beautiful valley near the North Carolina |ullaby of the angry waters as they | dash and Tennessee line, that the writer, in madly down "Doe River" canyon. company with a gay party of pleasure-

their homes in over-crowded cities and gazing out on all this broad expanse of sought this haven of refuge and rest, dewondrous beauty. Here may the thoughtcided to spend a day in the mountains- ful stand and feel the thrilling pathos "Far from the maddening crowd's ignoble that fires the poet's soul; here may the artist pitch his tent to exercise his skill

crife?! The morning of this memorable jour ney came bright and fair; never dawned a day more perfect in its loveliness, more resplendent in its calm screnity. At first the air was crisp and cool, while the valleys were yet in shadow, but soon the golden bars of light lit up the castern

burnished gold, and over a slumbering world the great king of Day arose in all his majestic beauty. Soon all nature under the gentle influence of its genial rays began to assume a spirit of awaken ing. The chilly mists of night vanished from the valleys; myriads of dew dropsparkled on the grass; the happy birds carroled their morning songs, and the pulsations of the busy world b-gan. At 9 o'clock the journey began After

sky and gilded the mountain domes with

The canyon of the "Doe," And watched its limpid waters glide Through fertile vales below. saving Elk Park our path led through a eautiful stretch of valley, bordered by Here still the sun-kissed mountain peak chestnuts, hemilock and maple on a grad In silent grandeur rise; Here still the blush of evening's checks and incline to the base of the first With beauty tints the skies seension. Now began our precipi-Here's where the morning's first fa tous climb " to the land of the sky." U beams Across the heavens dart; Here's where the lingering sunset glear the steep mountain sides-through dark recesses of hemlock and rhododendron Reluctant to depart. that arched above our heads-we gradu-Here's where the dying light of day Still leaves a crimson stain, While somber shades of twilight gray Are settling over the plain ally wound our way, stopping to rest or gather ferns and wild flowers that grew in profusion around us. On past glens Dear patient readers, a few words mor and moss-covered boulders-stopping to and I shall have finished. It is useless drink the clear, crystal waters th: to say that I have failed utterly to do my bubbled from the hillsides-we emerged

from the shady woods into a beautiful opening-the top of the first ascension Here the path doviated from its original however imperfectly accomplished, I will of vast bulk and thickly branched, but around the globe Yet this was done in ourse and turned at an angle with the route we had just traversed. Higher the tempted it, and have nothing to regret, the bole was wreathed a frightful serpent or bond. It is the greatest individual blazing orb of day ascended towards the since having realized a shadowless day, or caterpillar, which had scorehed the labor the world has ever know. You ware on apace. Still w with the fullness of unruffled joy, bark and devoured the leaves. Bencath and in the sunny presence of kind, con- the tree was a precipice. Seth beheld had not attained half our journey's end genial friends, whose fond remembrance the roots of the tree in hell. There Cain But now, tired and weary, we stopped to test and admire the beauties of our preassociated with the scenes of beauty I was striving to grasp the roots and clamlove so well, will shine with imperishable bor up them into paradise, but they laced out surroundings. Soon the pangs of lustre long after time shall have dimmed themselves around the body and limbs of hunger and thirst began to assert themsolves, and seated beside a tiny stream the brightness of the youthful eyes that the fratricide as the threads of a spider's that trickled down from rock to rock, be- gazed in rapturous wonder on that memor- web entangle a fly, and the fibers of the neath the umbrageous branches of a able day.

EUGENE WILLIAMS.

BUT SHE SMOKED.

CASTORIA.

LEGEND OF THE CROSS. Wood Derived From The Tree Of Life in the ter the king dug the pool of Bethesda Garden of Eden.

WELDON, N. C., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1896.

A STORY OF THE DEATH OF ADAM WHERE WAS REPORTED IN THE MEDICE AGES-HOW SETH GOT A GLIMPS OF PARADISE.

When Adam was banished from parplains and far-away battlefields where old Virginia's gallant heroes lie mouldering and said: " Go, my son, to the torrestrial save me from death. You will easily find the way, because my footprints seorched the soil as I left paradise. seekers, composed of four gentlemen and ing here with folded armssilently and rev- Follow my blackened traces and they as many young ladies who had fled from erently musing over the buried past while will conduct you to the gate whence was expelled."

> Seth hastened to paradise. The way wa barren, vegetation was scanty and of somber colors. Over all lay the black prints of his father's and mother's feet here will the most indifferent stand trans-Presently the walls surrounding para fixed with emotional wonder: here even dise appeared. Around them nature rethe atheist will bow in reverence to the vived, the earth was covered with ver-Creator of all this stupendous beauty; dure and dappled with flowers. The air here may the weary of the busy world vibrated wih beautiful music. Seth was find rest and sweet repose; here this writer | dazzled with the heauty which surrounded him, and he walked on forgetful of his mission. Suddenly there flashed before him a wavering line of fire upright, like a serpent of light continuously quivering. It was the flaming sword in the hand of the cherub who guarded the gate. As Seth drew nigh he saw that the

angel's wings were expanded so as to block the door. He prostrated himself before the cherub, unable to utter a word. And wakes the wild fawn from its drea Beside the shady rill. But the heavenly being read in his soul, better than a mortal can read a book, the words which were there impressed, and he said:

> "The time of pardon is not yet come. Four thousand years must roll away be-Adam, closed by his disobedience. But grow from the tomb of thy father. Belooked in:

He beheld a fountain, clear as crystal,

and recognizing its virtue had it raised. Solomon then buried it. Some time af on the spot. This pond at once acquired miraculous properties and healed the Mother. sick who flocked to it. The water owed

AND THE CRECEPTRION OF CHRIST its virtues to the beam which lay beneath When the time of the crucifixion of

Christ drew near, this wood rose to the better way. But the mother's work is surface and was brought out of the wa not a task to be lightly learned. If statester. The executioners, when seeking a men need years of training, and military

adise, he lived in penitence, endeavor- suitable beam for the cross, found it and officers a long course of education and ing to explate the past by prayer and toil, of it made the instrument of the death of drill, much more does the mother need to When he reached a great age and felt the Saviour. After the crucificion it be fitted for her sublime vocation. The death approach, he called Seth to him was baried on Calvary, but the mother difficulty is that the higher branches of a of Constantine the Great, the Empress mother's work can only be learned in the paradise and ask the archangel who keeps Helena, found it deep in the ground with doing of it, all that goes before, though the gate to give me a balm which will two others. Christ's was distinguished necessary as a, b, c, to the scholar, is only from those of the thieves by a sick wo- the a, b, c, in her great task. For this man being cured by touching it .- Baring reason the "Home Club," the "Convoca-Gould's "Myths of the Middle Ages." tion of Mothers," is very valuable. England has a "Mothers' Union" with several

GREAT WALL OF CHINA.

"China abounds in great walls," remarks a Pekin correspondent in a recent letter; "walled county, walled cities, walled villages, walled palaces and temples-wall after wall and wall within wall. But the greatest of all is the great wall of China, built 213 years before our era, of great This is what a contemporary tells us of slabs of well-hewn stone laid in regular the Convocation of Mothers who met in course some twenty feet high, and then topped out with large, hard-burned brick, the ramparts high and thick and castellated for use of arms. It was built to keep the warlike Tartars out-25 feet Value of Employments which Bring Out high by 40 feet thick, 1200 miles long, the Child's Own Activity," "The Vital with room on top for six horses to be ridden abreast. For 1400 years it kept those horders at bay, in the main, and is just as good and firm and strong as when ual Life of the Child," Difference Be put in place. How one feels while stand. tween Kindergarton Gifts and Other ing on this vast work, scratinizing its old masonry, its queer old canon and ambitious sweep along the mountain crest. In speechless awe we strolled or sat and

ragged, craggy mountain tops, vaulting over gores, spanning wild streams, netting fore the Redeemer shall open the gate to the river archways with huge, hard bars of copper, with double gates, and swingas a token of future pardon the wood ing doors and bars set thick with iron wheron redemption shall be won shall armor-a wonder in the world, before which the old-time classic seven wonders. hold what he lost by his transgression!" all gone now, save the great pyramid-At these words the abgel swung open were toys. An engineer in Seward's the great portal of gold anp fire and Seth party here, some years ago, gave it as his opinion that the cost of this wall, figuring

labor at the sume rate, would more than sparkling like silver dust, playing in the equal that of all the 100,000 miles o subject justice, for words are inadequate; midst of the garden, and gusing forth in railroad in the United States The but feeling assured that there are some four living streams. Before this mystic material it contains would build a wall who will at least appreciate the effort, fountain grew a mighty tree, with a trunk six feet high and two feet thick straight Exchange. make no further apology for having at- destitute of bark and foliage Around only twenty years, without a trace of debt stand before it as before the

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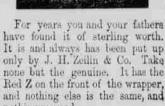
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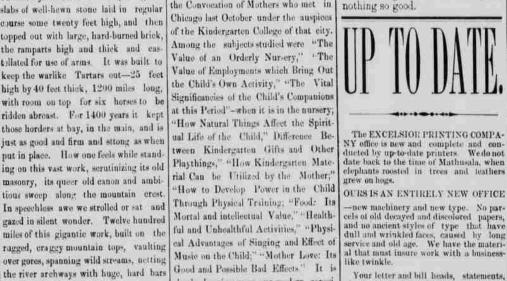
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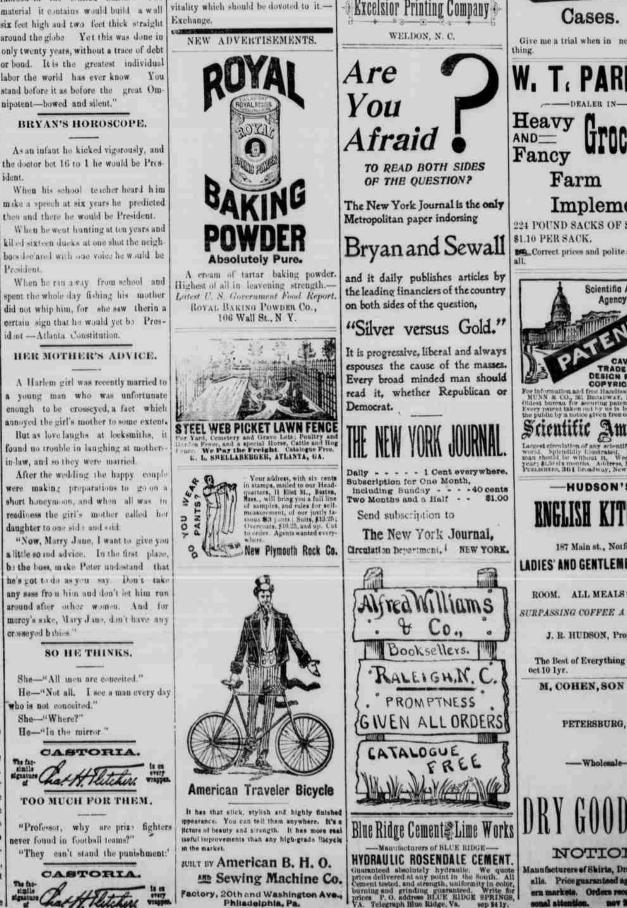
liver. If the liver is O. K. the First of all her duties the mother's man is O. K. His blood is kept pure, his digestion perfect, and h duties is simply to be a good mother. can enjoy life and act intelligently She can serve and bless the world in no and patiently upon the questions of the day, You all know what to

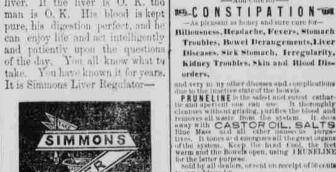






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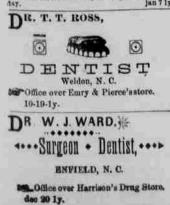
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wide-spreading maple, we prepared and ate our lunch. After partaking of the Roanoke Rapids, N. C. delicacies prepared by the shapely hands of our fair companions and refreshing ourselves with nature's own beverages,

She was a little old woman dressed in we again proceeded to scale the dizzy black and having a bundle wropped up heights. Thus refreshed by rest and in a gray shawl. She had a stat in the the late repast, we walked with quicker and firmer steps; fired with enthusiasm, as she took out her clay pipe and began ur joyous little band awoke the echoes feeling for her tobacco the conductor mong the silent hills as each new object

stopped foward and said: and dazzling some unveiled itself to th "You musu't smoke here ma'am raptured gaze; animated with rising hope, "Why not?" incited by desire to reach the goal, w "Against the rules." oitered not longer by the way, but on Who made the rules?" 'till we reached the table laut-on "The company."

through a tangled sea of weeds-m, o "Where's the company?" to the "land of the sky." We now leave "Dowo at the office." the level plateau and rest a moment a

the base of the last ascensiou. We struggle pantingly up and gain the ummit-the pinnacle of the "Elk Heart." Such a scene as now lay stretching out

before our eager gaze is beyond the power of pen to portray. Here sleeps virgin Nature in all her tranquil beauty. Not

And she found a match lighted it on a flock of cloud floated across the broad domain of Heaven's etherial blue, but away with a serene countenance until ready to get off at Twelith street hovering over all the rim of its concave

vault seemed stooping to kiss the far away mountain peaks that lifted their heads in stately grandeur to receive the fond caress. Here you seem to stand, as it were, above the earth, hemmed in by rings of eternal hills, looking down with

first attracted by the towering form of

disdain upon the puny world below. Looking towards the east the eye is Lion bridge, near Saugong, China. It extends 51 miles over an areo of the Yelthe noted "Grand Father," standing like low sea, and it is supported by 300 huge a guardian over the less lofty peaks that stone arches. The roadway is 70 feet surround it on every side; a little to the above the water and is enclosed in an iron

left the famous "Hanging Rock" is seen net-work. projecting out and hanging two thousand FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS feet above the yawning gulf below; be-

ether; beyond the Pilot the vision becomes perfect success. It southes the child,

nipotent-bowed and silent. BRYAN'S HOROSCOPE.

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tree penetrated the body of Cain a though they were endowed with life Horror struck at this awful sight Seth raised his eyes to the summit of the tree There all was changed. The tree had grown till its branches reached heaven Provident

The boughs were covered with leaves. flowers and fruit But the fairest frui middle of a Grand River avenue car, and was a little babe, a living sun, who seemed to be listening to the songs of seven white doves who circled about his head. A woman, more lovely than the

moon, bore the child in her arms.

Then the cherub closed the door said: "I give thee now three seeds taken from that tree, When Adam is dead. place these three seeds in thy father's mouth and bury him."

So Seth took the seeds and returned t his father. Adam was glad to hear

"Well, I never allow nobody a mile away to tell me when I shall or shall not what his son told him and praised God On the third day after the return o smoke. Eve got neuralgy, and when I have it I sullus smoke. You kin trot Seth he died. Then his son buried him in the skins of beasts which God had right back to the platform and be ready to jingle the bell when anybody wants to get given him for a covering, and his sepul-

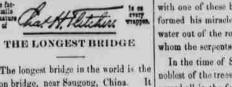
cher was on Golgotha. In course of time three trees grew from the seeds brought the under edge of the seat, and puffed from paradise. Oue was a cedar, anoth-

er a cypress and the third a pine. They grew with marvelous force, thrusting their branches to right and left. It was with one of these boughs that Moses performed his miracles in Egypt, brought water out of the rock and healed those

whom the screents slew in the desert. In the time of Solomon this was the

ablest of the trees of Lebanon. It surpassed all in the forests of King Hiram as a monarch surpasses those who crouch at his feet. Now, when the son of David erected his palace he cut down this tree to convert it into the main pillar supporting his roof. But all in vain. The

yond this, the "Pilot" looms up in bold Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been It was at one time too long, at another yond this, the "Pilot" looms up in bold relief and stands outlined in the cloudless mothers for children, while teething, with Solomon lowered the walls of his palace blurred and it is impossible to longer softens the guns, allays all pain, cures to suit the beam, but at once it shot up and pierced the roof, like an arrow driven through a piece of canvas or a bird rewhich distance renders commingled like millions of breakers on a stormy ocean until they merge into the dim blue line bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Wins-the bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Wins-the brook that marks the source of the Blue Ridge low's Soothing Syrup," and take no oth. trample on it as they crossed the brook. The queen of Sheba found it there The queen of Sheba found it there



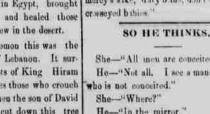
column refused to answer the purpose.

She-"All men are conceited." He-"Not all, I see a man every day who is not conceited." She-"Where?"

CASTORIA. talis Chat H. Flitchers TOO MUCH FOR THEM.

> "Professor, why are prize fighters never found in football teams?" "They can't stand the punishment:





He-"In the mirror "