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A GEORGIA FAMILY PICTURE. BY JUDGE LONGSTREET.

"I describe a Georgia family. It is a fair specimen of Georgia families generally, the heads of which are parents of good sense, good morals, and well improved minds. To be sure, there are in Georgia, as many notions about parental government, as there are in any country, and the practice as various as the opinions .---Some parents exercise no government at all; others confine themselves exclusively to the government of the tongue ; and others rule by the rod alone : but by far the larger class, blend these several modes of government, and prefer the one or the other according to times and circumstances. To this class belonged Mr. and Mrs. Butler, the heads of the family which I am about to describe. Gilbert was the christian name of the husband and Eliza, of the wife. I was intimately acquainted with them both, before their union : and was ever afterwards, admitted to their household, with the freedom of one of its members-indeed I was a connection of one of them.

whose opinions we both respect, and who will act as umpire between us.'

n the presence of the children.'

us let not the other extend to it the least distract his attention from the candle .- vail himself of this privilege; the rest of 'Help him Chaney.' olence or sympathy.' 'In that also you have my hearty con-



from the family record.) when by way of by prescribed rules." amend, she presented her husband a pair 'I am half inclined to your opinion,' said the privilege of naming the second. As I him of desires unlawful. consider 'a good name, rather to be chosen than great riches, I called the innominate, the reasoning age, Gilbert abdicated, unafter Isaac the patriarch, and a beloved reservedly, in favor of his wife; contentuncle of mine.

manner, did Mrs. Butler close the list of ecuted her orders in cases requiring more her sons.

She now turned her attention to daugh-

ters, and in the short space of five years now introduce the reader to this family, They had been married about eight produced three, that a queen might have after most of the children had reached the months, when a dull November evening. been proud of. Their names in the order 'age of reason.' In contemplating the he conversation turned upon raising chil- of their births, were Louisa, Rebecca and scene which I am about to sketch, he will dren. "By the way Eliza," said Gilbert, Sarah. It-was one of Mrs. Butler's max- be pleased to turn his thought occasional-I have been thinking for some time past ims, . If you have any thing to do, do it at ly to Gilbert's principles of good governof interchanging views with you upon this once.' and she seemed to be governed by ment. ubject; and there never can be a better this maxim in making up her family; for time than now, while Abraham is with us, Sarah completed the number of children. old, when Gilbert invited me to breakfast 'Well,' said Eliza, 'let me hear yours.' was seated by the supper table with the appointed for his second killing of hogs: 'If we should ever be blessed with chil- child in his arms, addressing some remarks which as the Southern reader knows, is a ren. (Eliza blashed a little.) let it be a to me, when I called his attention to the sort of carnival in Georgia. I went, and undamental law between us, that neither child, who was just in the act of putting found all the children at home, and Gil- a little souse." of us ever interfere with the discipline of his fingers into the blaze of the candle.- bert's mother added to the family circle. the other, either by look, word or action, Gilbert jerked him away suddenly; which John and Anna reached the age when suffered the punishment of his fault, and 'To that rule I most heartily subscribe.' that he screamed insufferably. Gilbert first table ; though upon this occasion John

months, four days and five hours, (I speak governing children of very tender years

was made known to him, Gilbert express- several good offices. It has relieved us ed a regret, that he had not reserved his of John's insufferable noise : it has taught name upon the first born, and gave me place of correction, and always forewarn at calamities shall not be unpunished.'

Long before the second son arrived at my breakfast.' ing himself with the subordinate station In this very triumphant and laudable of her ministerial officer; in which he ex-

> physical strength than she possessed. Passing over the intermediate period, I

Sarah was about two years and a half John was about a year old, when I was with him one December morning near the again at Gilbert's for the evening. He Christmas holidays. It was the morning so incensed Master John James Gilbert, they were permitted to take seats at the let it there rest." 'When a child is corrected by one of tossed him, patted him; but he could not being engaged about the pork did not a- gravy, and some egg. and some homony.'

'Ma,' said he as he retired, 'I wish you'd make Bill quit laughing at me."

'William,' 'I've as great a mind as of blessings. As soon as his good fortune Butler. 'Eliza's discipline has performed ever had to do any thing in my life, to send you from the table, and not let you eat one mouthful. I despise that abomiown name until now, in order that the him to control his temper at its first ap- nable disposition you have, of rejoicing at twins might bear his own name and mine. pearance, and it learned him the meaning your brother's misfortunes. Remember Seeing this could not be, he bestowed my of a ('hush,') which will often supply the sir, what Solomon says : 'he that is glad

'Ma,' said Abraham, 'may'nt I come to

'Yes, if you think you can now behave but never bake them twice. yourself with decency.'

Abraham returned; and they all broke forth at once.

'Ma, may'nt I have some sassidge ?-Ma, I want some spare-rib.' 'Ma, I a'n't got no coffee.' ' Ma, if you please ma'am let me have some ham-gravy, and some fried homony, and some egg, and-'And some of every thing on the table I suppose! Put down your plates-every

one of you. George what'll you have.' 'Some sassidge, and some fried potatoe.

'John, help your brother George.' 'What do you want William?' 'I want some spare-rib and some fried

homony.' 'Chaney, help William.' ' What do you want Abraham ?'

from. 'I reckon,' said John smiling, 'he'd like

'Now John behave yourself. He has

'I'll have,' said Abraham, ' some ham-

'Ma,' said George, 'what is biscuit derived from ?

'I really do not know,' said Mrs. B., 'and yet I have somewhere read an explanation of it. John what is it derived from ? John. From the French ; bis twice, and cuit | she continued :

baked. William. Why ma, you don't bake biscuits-

wice over !

Abraham. Yes ma does sometimes; don't you ma, when company comes ? Mother. No : I sometimes warm over cold

ones, when I havn't time to make tresh ones.

and they were then baked twice over; as I believe sea biscuit still are.

Isaac. Ma what's breakfast 'rived from ? Mother. Spell it and you will see ?

Isaac. B.r.e.c.k, breck, f.u.s.t, fust, breakfast.

Mother. Well Ike, yob are a grand speller. Break-fast, is the word; not breck-fust. Abraham. I know what it comes from. Mother. What ?

Abraham. You know when you call us chik-'en to breakfast, we all break off and run as fast as we can split.

Mother. Well that is a brilliant derivation truly. Do you suppose there was no breakfast before you children were born ?

Abraham. But, ma, every body has chil'en. Mrs. Butler explained the term. Isaac. Ma I know what sassidge comes

Mother. What ?

Isaac. 'Cause its got sass in it.

Well there, there, there, I've got enough of your derivations unless they were better.-You'll learn all these things as you grow older. Just here, Miss Sarah, who had been break. fasted at a side table, was seized with a curosity to see what was on the breakfast table.

I did," mutterred Abraham, "I said t'othe piece after I got in bed.'

"Abraham,' said his mother, "I declare I do not know what to say to you. I am so mortifie so shocked at this conduct, that I am complet ly at a loss to know how to express myself about it. Suppose you had died last night af-ter triffing with your prayers as you did; who can say what would have become of you! Is it possible that you cannot spend a few minutes in prayer to your Heavenly Father, who feeds you, who clothes you, and who gives you every good thing you have in the world.' You poo sinful child, I could weep over you.

Poor, Abraham evinced such deep contrition under this lecture, (for he sobbed as if his heart would break) that his mother deemed it prudent to conclude with suasives ; which she did in the happiest manner.

Having thus restored Abraham's equanimit in a measure, with a greatly encouraging smile

"And now Abraham, tell your mother how you came to say a part of the second prayer?

"I could'nt go to sleep till I said it ma'am. "Well that is a good sign at least. And what part was it ?'

' God bless my father and mother.' Mrs. Butler felt quickly for her handkerchief It had fallen from her lap, and she was glad o Butler. They were made to carry to sea ; it. She depressed her head below the table in search of it-dismissed the children before she raised it-and then rose with a countenance suffused with smiles and tears.

> 'Poor babes,' said she, 'what an odd compound of good and bad they are ?'

> The grandmother returned just at this time, and discovering some uneasiness at Mrs. Butler's tears, the latter explained. As she con cluded-' The Lord bless the poor dear boy, exclaimed the venerable matron, raising her apron to her eyes, "that shows he's got a good heart. No danger of the child that can't sleep till he prays for his father and mother."

ANCIENT REMAINS IN TENNESSEE.

From a review in the National Intelligencer of a volumn, recently published, containg "Transactions of the American Ethnologica Society," we take the following notice of an article furnished by Dr. Gerard Troost-the distingvished State Geologist of Tennessee-and the equally distinguished Professor of Natural Philosophy, &c., in our University.

" An account of some ancient remains in Tennes-

see," by Gerard Troost, M. D. This is a highly interesting paper. Among ther information, which it contains

currence.' 'Let us never correct a child in a pas-

however, endeavor to do so.'

'Well if you will do your best, I shall be satisfied.'

ment among men.

the wrong, and taught to avoid it.

life, and no controlling it afterwards. Gilbert received these views of his wife blaze; because it would burn too little, or confidence in her opinion.

dgment in favor of Gilbert.

duct I will then promise you never to do head, and kicked and screamed most outthe like again."

'Well,' said Gilbert, 'that is very fair. one more rule will settle the fundamenals, and we may safely trust all others to luture adjustment. Let us never address that is so universally prevalent among paents, and particularly among mothers .--

it slowly towards the flame until the hand came nearly in contact with it, when he snatched it away, crying 'bunny finnies !' old black barrah weigh a heap !'

'Let us, as far as it is practicable, in- which is by interpretation, 'you'll burn The child construed this into wanton

'That is a very indefinite rule, husband. teazing and became if possible, more ob- again, and I'll by jocky you with a wit-I know very little of the principles of good streperous than ever. Gilbert now resortgovernment among men; and much less ed to another expedient. He put his own of those which are universally admitted.' fingers into the blaze, withdrew them sud- didn't weigh as much for his size as the Well, I will be a little more specific. I denly, blew them, shook them, and give believe it is universally admitted that laws, every sign of acute agony. This not only should precede punishment : and that none quieted but delighted the child, who sigshould be punished who are incapable of nified to him to do it again. He instantunderstanding the law. In accordance ly perceived (what was practically dewith these principles, I would never pun- monstrated the minute afterwards.) that that manner. And let us hear no more guishing between right and wrong, nor interpretation upon his last illustration .until he shall have been forewarned of He determined therefore, not to repeat it.

The child, not satisfied with the sport, de-'These principles seem very reasonable termined to repeat it himself: which the to me,' said Eliza, 'but they can never be father opposing, he began to reach and tail.' applied to children. If you do not correct cry as before. There was but one expeachild until it is old enough to learn from riment left; and that was, to let the child precept the difference between right and feel the flame a little. This he resolved wrong, there will be no living in the house to try, but how to conduct it properly was ly will have to take that fellow in hand. with it for the first five or six years of its not so easily settled. It would not do to He's getting so that I can do nothing with on the face of the earth.' allow the infant to put his hand into the

with some alarm, and entered upon a long too much. He therefore resolved to direct argument to convince her that they were the hand to a point so near the flame, that erroneous. She maintained her own very the increasing heat would induce the child well, but Gilbert had certainly the advan- to withdraw his hand himself. Accordtage of her in the argument. All he could ingly he brought the extended arm slowly say, however, did not in the least shake her towards the flame; the child becoming impatient with every moment's postpone-I was at length appealed to, and I gave ment of its gratification, until the hand came within about an inch of the wick, "Well, said she, 'L never was better when he held the child stationary. But satisfied of any thing in my life than I am John would not let his hand remain stathat you are both wrong. But let us com- tionary, nor at the chosen point. He kept nomise this matter. I'll agree to this: snatching at the candle, till finding all his if ever I correct a child before it is old efforts fruitless he threw himself violentenough to receive instruction from pre- ly back, gave his father a tremendous cept, and you do not approve of my con- thump on the nose with the back of his

rageously.

'You little rascal' said Gilbert, 'I've a good mind to give you a good spanking." 'Give him to me,' said Mrs. Butler. 'You'd better not take him,' said Gilour children in the nonsensical gibberish, bert in an under tone, ' while he is in such a passion.'

'No danger, she said: 'hand him to

He moved him out of sight of the lumi- the children were taught to wait for the minary, but that only made matters worse. second table. Breakfast was announced, He now commenced his first lesson in the and after the adults and Anna had desprinciples of good government.' He patched their meal, the children were sumbrought the child towards the candle, and moned. As they were bidden, and there 'The propriety of that rule I fully ad- the nearer it approached, the more paci- were some preparatory arrangements to mit; but I fear that I shall not always be fied it became. The child extended its be made, they all gathered all around the able to conform to its requisition. I will, arm to catch the blaze, and Gilbert bore fire, clamorous with the events of the morning.

'By Jocky,' said William, 'didn't that

'Look here young gentlemen,' said his troduce among our children, the univer-sally admitted principles of good govern-smiles, but neither of us said any thing. mother, ' where did you pick up such lan-guage as that! Now let me ever hear you by-jockying or by-ing anything else ness, I'll warrant you.'

> 'But the black barrah,' said George, bob-tail speckle, though.'

'He did.'

'He didn't.'

'Hush your disputing-this instant stop it-you shall not contradict each other in ish a child, who is incapable of distin- the child was putting a most dangerous of your hog-pen wonders-no body wants to hear them."

At this instant William snatched a pigtail out of Isaac's hand.

'Ma,' said Isaac, 'make Bill gi' me muh

' You William give him his-thing .--And, if I was near you I'd box your ears for that snatching. Mr. Butler, you real-

him.' ' Ma,' said Bill,' he took my blatha-

• Hush !'

'I didn't.'

' You did.'

· Dont I tell you to hush your disputing. 'Well ma, uncle York give it to me.

'He didn't, uncle Monday give it to me. 'He didn't.

'He did.'

Here the mother divided a pair of slaps qually between the two disputants which silenced them for a few moments.

At this juncture, Miss Rebecca cried out with a burnt finger; which she received in cooking another pig-tail. The burn was so slight that she forgot it as her mother jerked her from the fire.

'You little vixen,' said the mother, what possesses you to be fumbling about

the fire! Mr. Butler I beseech you to forbid the negroes giving these children any more of these poison pig-tails. They are a source of endless torment. And now young gentlemen-one and all of youthe next one of you that brings one of

those things into this house again I'll box enough : you'd no business in there. You're

'What'll you have Isaac?'

'I'll have some ham-gravy and some homony and some sassidge, and some spare-rib and some-

'Well you're not a going to have every thing on the table Lassure you. What do you want' 'I want some ham-gravy, and some homony. ' John help I-' No, I dont want no gravy, I want some spare

' John give him-

palm of her mother's hand with a rubifacient 'No, I dont want no spare-rib, I want some sassidge-

"Well if you dont make up your mind pretty uick, you'll want your breakfast, I tell you .-'m not going to be tantalized all day long by your wants. Say what you want and have done

with it.' 'I want some ham-gravy and some sassidge

and some homony." 'Help him John.

' John helped him to about a tea-spoonful from

each dish. 'Now, Ma, jist look at bud John ! He han'n' gi'me only these three little bit o'bits.'

> · John, if you cant keep from tantalizing the children, tell me so, and I will not trouble you to help them any more. I confess that I

am at a loss to discover what pleasure one of your age can take in teazing your younger bro-

thers. "Rebecca what do you want ?"

'I want my pig tail ma'am.' 'Bless my soul and body, hav'nt you forgot that pig-tail yet. It's burnt up long ago I hope. Look Bob and see, if it is'nt give it to her. wish in my heart there never was a pig-tail up-

Bob produced the half charred pig-tail and laid it on Miss Rebecca's plate.

'There,' continued her mother, 'I hope now your heart's at ease. A beautiful dish it is truly, for any mortal to take a fancy to.' ' Ma, I dont want this pig-tail.'

' Take it away-I knew you did'nt want it you little perverse brat, I knew you did'nt want it; and I dont know what got into me to let you have it. But really I am so tormented out of my life, that half the time I hardly know whether I'm standing on my head or on my heels.' 'Mis'es said Chaney, 'aunt Dorcas say

please make Miss Louisa come out of the kitch. en-say if you dont make her come out o' the fire she'll git burnt up presently-say every time she tell her to come out o' the fire she make mouth at her.'

"Why sure enough, where is Louisa! Go and tell her to come into her breakfast this instant.'

'I did tell her ma'am : and she say she wont come, till she gets done bakin' her cake.'

Mrs. Butler left the room, and soon re-appear. ed with Louisa sobbing, and crying: 'Aunt Dorcas jerked me jist as hard as ever she could 'fore I did any thing 'tall to her.'

'Hold your tongue! She served you right

Accordingly, she undertook to draw herself up to the convenient elevation by the table cloth. Her mother arrested her just in time to save a cup, and pushed her aside with a gentle admonition. This did not abate Miss Sarah's curiosity in the least, and she recommenced her experiment. Her mother removed her a little more emphatically this time. These little interruptions only fired Miss Sarah's zeal :- and she was returning to the charge with redoubled energy, when she ran her cheek against the

force. Away she went to her grandmother, crying Gramma, ma whipp'd your precious darlin' an. gel baby.

Did she my darling! Then grandma's precious darling angel must be a good child, and mother won't whip it any more.' 'Well I will be a dood chile.

"Well then mother wont whip it any more. And this conference was kept up without varition of a letter on either side, until the grand. mother deemed it expedient to remove Miss Sarah to an adjoining room, lest the mother should insist upon the immediate fulfilment of her promises.

'Ma just look at Abe !' cried out William, he saw me going to take a biscuit, and he snatched up the very one I was lookin' at.'

"Abe,' said the mother, "I do wish I could make you quit nicknaming each other; and 1 Nashville, about a mile in length and of unwish more, that I never set you the exampleput down that biscuit sir, and take anothor.' Abraham returned the biscuit, and William took it up with a sly, but triumphant giggle at Abraham.

' Ma,' said Abraham, ' Bill said Gud durn. 'Law, what a story ! Ma, I declare I never said no such thing."

'Yes you did, and Chaney heard you.' William's countenance immediately showed that his memory had been refreshed; and he drawled out 'never none now,' with a tone and countenance that plainly imparted guilt to some extent. His mother suspected he was hinging upon technics, and she put the probing question

"Well what did you say ?"

" [said, I be teto'tly 'od'urn,' "And that's just as bad. Mr. Butler, you positively will have to take this boy in hand. He evinces a strong propensity to profane swearing, which if not corrected immediately will become ungovernable.'

'Whenever you can't manage him,' said Butler as before, 'just turn him over to me, and I reckon I can cure him.

'When did he say it ?' enquired the mother, returning to Abraham.

'You know that time you sent all us chil'en to the new-ground to pick peas !'

"Why that's been three months ago at least and you've just thought now of telling it. Of you malicious toad you, where do you learn to bear malice so long ! I abhor that trait of character in a child.'

'Ma,' said Bill, 'Abe ha'n't said his prayers for three nights.'

to set two mooted questions, with respect to Western antiquities, almost entirely at rest,-The first is that of the mummics which are said to have been found in the caves of Tennessee. Dr. T. appears to prove that the bodies which have been found are not properly mummies, but merely dried cadavers-exhibiting no marks of embalming, or artificial preparation. He doubts, whether one of these, which he examined, was even of remote antiquity. The other question is respecting the numerous graves found in the Western States some years ago, and which were said to contain the remains of an extinct bigmy race of human beings. Dr. Troost supposes these graves to contain the collected bones of the slain in battle. The Indian custom was to carry their slain to their own towns, and hang them up in mats on trees. At their general burying festivals, the bones thus preserved were collected and buried, " and hence, in my opinion," says Dr. T., " those numerous small graves which are attributed, but I believe erroneously, to pigmics. I have opened numbers of these small graves, and have found them filled with a parcel of mouldered bones, two occipital bones ; of course, it was a mere mixture of bones belonging to more than one body. These bones lay without any order."-The Doctor then considers the circumstances attending the extensive ancient burying grounds. found in Tennessee. He mentions one near known breadth, in which is found stone coffins so close to one another that each corpse is separated from its neighbor by only a single stone, the side of one coffin forming one of the sides of the next. In a circle of about ten miles in diameter there are six extensive burying grounds. These graves are supposed to contain the remains of an extinct race. From conversations which he has held with the most aged and best instructed of Cherokee and Creek Indians, the Doct. learns that neither Kentucky or Tennessee was ever permanently inhabited by any existing or lately existing tribe ; they visited them only in their hunting excursions ; they had an abhorrence of Kentucky, "the land of dark and bloody ground." The burying places of the Cherekees are few and not extensive. The shape of the skulls found in these ancient burying grounds differs materially from that of all other Indian skulls in possession of Dr. Morton, of Philadelphia, whose collection is the most numerous of any in the United States. The extinct race is supposed to have been less civilized than the Indians who were found here at the time of Columbus. This is inferred from the trinkets and utensils found in the graves being of a very rude construction, and all formed of some natural product none of metal. Dr. Troost says that the examination of these trinkets, &c., has created in him an opinion that the people to whom they belonged, and in whose graves they are found, came from some tropical country; and he adduces many cogent reasons for thisking so. That they were idolaters, and, from their idols, several o

It is very silly in the first place, and it freatly retards a child's improvement, in the second.—Were it hot for this, I have no doubt children would speak their mo- ther tongue as correctly at four years old, as they do at sixteen. Eliza smiled, and observed, that this was such a small matter that it had also better be left to future adjustment. To this Gilbert rather reluctantly assented. About two months after this conversa- tion, Gilbert was blessed with a fine son; whom he named John James Gilbert, after	In a little time after some controversy about places which was arrested by the mother's eye, they were all seated; John who had dropped in in the mean time, tak- ing his father's seat. 'Is-s-sp !' said William, 'sassidges, that's	a pretty thing to be making mouths at a person old enough to be your grandmother. If I'd thought when I gave you that little lump of dough, that the whole plantation was to be turn- ed up side down about it, I'd have let you do without it.' 'Miss Louisa, after a little sobbing and pout- ing, drew from her apron, a small dirty, ashey, black, wrinkled, burnt biscuit, warm from the kitchen shovel, which would have been just pre- cisely the proper accompaniment to Miss Re- becca's dish; and upon this, in preference to to every thing on the table, she commenced her repast.	for three nights.' Abe and Bill now exactly swapt places and countenances. 'Yes,' said the mother, 'and I suppose I should never have heard of that, if Abraham had not told of your profanity.' 'I know better,' dragged out Abraham, in reply to William. 'Abraham,' said the mother solemnly, 'did you kneel down when you said your prayers last night.' 'Yes ma'am,' said Abraham brightening a little. 'Yes ma, continued Bill, 'he kneels down and 'fore I say 'now I lay me down to sleep,' he jumps up every night and hops in bed and	still more curious letters, picked up in the Custom House, some of them written by Mr. Van Buren addressed to Jess Hoyt,
after the two grandmothers and herself. Fifteen months thereafter, he received a third blessing, like unto the first; which he called George Henry, after his two her	march out of the house until you learn better manners. I'll be bound if I say you shall eat souse, you eat it. Do you hear mé sir.' Abraham raked himself lazily out of his seat, and moved slowly off, casting a longing look at the many good things on the table which he thought 'fitten for a	and good humor prevailed round the table. 'I'm sorry,' said Abraham, 'for Louisia's b-i-s, bis, k-i-t kit, biskit.' 'Well really,' said Mrs. B., 'you are a hand- some speller. Is that the way you spell biscuit!' 'I can spell it ma!' bawled out Isaac. 'Well spell it.' 'B-i-s-c('Well that's right,)-h-'Ah well that 'll do, you needn't go cay farther;	'How many prayers did you say last night Abraham?' pursued the mother in an awfully portentous tone. 'I said one, and—' (here Abraham paused.) 'One and what?' 'One and piece of t'other one.'	any consideration, for their friends, &c. &c.—The Herald intimates that this cor-