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## A FABLE

**Which Contains a Moral—Read and Apply.**

Three roosters lived in the same barnyard. One was a fine game cock, admired by all for his graceful and upright carriage, his independent conduct, and above all for the manner in which he scratched up for the little chicks under his protection, and the wonderful bravery he exhibited in keeping the hawks out of the barnyard of the family to whom he belonged.

The second of these cocks was a Shanghai, the third a common Dunghill, a kind of Domineck, with black and white spots.

The game cock was naturally the favorite of the farmer's household, and consequently he got the choicest bits when feeding time came, which was at stated periods. This gave rise to a feeling of jealousy on the part of the other two roosters, and they began to conspire together to accomplish the downfall and humiliation of this favored fowl, knowing full well their own weakness separately. The Shanghai promised the Dunghill if he would assist in making him cock of the walk, he should have half of the hens in the whole barnyard as his very own, and of the choice bits that came that way he should eat his fill. The Dunghill's breast was filled with joy and he actually dared to crow. He had never hoped to be anything but a figurehead in this barnyard. The proposition was accepted with alacrity, and they set about to find the means to this end.

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The end is accomplished. We will not take time to review the divers ways and means. Suffice it to say the Dunghill gave his hearty support to every scheme of the Shanghai, and between them they succeeded in crippling this beautiful game cock, and he has been forced to retire to a safe distance to recuperate, but he is in no wise humiliated.

When the Shanghai found himself master of the yard, he took on all the airs of a full blood game cock, and sprang upon the highest place in the fence and crowed lustily, and the Dunghill was allowed to join in the chorus. But—when the good farmer's children came out to feed the fowls, the Shanghai, which had become very much swollen with pride, did not recognize his old friend the Dunghill, and he was unceremoniously driven from the yard with the remark: "Get out of here; I know ye not." The Dunghill departed sorrowing, but he is a much wiser chicken today.

In the meantime, the wounded game cock watches the fun from a safe distance, and gives utterance to a wise piece of advice to the disappointed rooster as he comes by:

"Stick to your own dunghill if you expect to get any worms!"

**Read This, Boys.**

There is a city ordinance which forbids the shooting of fireworks within the city limits. This ordinance will be strictly enforced by the authorities, THE STANDARD is informed, up to 'Xmas day. In consideration of the fact that dealers have laid in large supplies of fireworks, the commissioners don't want to cause them any loss, and the ordinance will probably be suspended on Christmas day, but for that day only. So the boys had better hold their fire if they don't want to appear before His Honor.

Some men are afraid of death, some are not. Most of us would rather not meet the grim destroyer today. We would rather put it off until to-morrow, or until next year. Mere wishes do not count for much in the matter. A man may not want to die. He may not want to be sick. He may wish and hope and pray that he will not be sick nor meet death, but wishing and hoping won't help him. It is what he does, and not what he wishes that serve his purpose. If a man is losing flesh, and is nervous, irritable, sleepless and debilitated, he may wish he would get well, but one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will do more than an ocean of wishes. If a man is on the way to consumption, he should make a step as quickly as possible. He should put on brakes. He needn't be afraid he has consumption if he will do the right thing—if he will just take the right medicine. The "Golden Medical Discovery" cures incipient and well developed consumption. Consumption is a germ disease and a blood disease. The "Golden Medical Discovery" kills the germs and purifies the blood. It increases the appetite, helps digestion, makes assimilation perfect, and so builds up solid, *wholesome* flesh. Hundreds of grateful people afflicted with consumption, bronchial, throat and kindred diseases, have testified that it has actually saved their lives. For the sake of the information they contain, some of these letters have been included in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, a thousand page, illustrated book, which will be sent *free* on receipt of twenty-one (21) one-cent stamps to pay for mailing *only*. Every family should have a copy for ready reference in case of sudden sickness or accidents. World's Dispensary Medical Association No. 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

## SENATOR CULLOM

**Makes a Ringing Speech Against Spanish Misrule.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Senator Cullom held the floor of the Senate for an hour to-day in a speech denunciatory of Spanish methods in Cuba. Among other things, Mr. Cullom said:

"There may be no warrant in international law for any interference between a government and its subjects, provided that government belongs to the family of nations, or is recognized as one of the powers of the earth. Still, does not the great heart of humanity beat in sympathy with the poor souls apparently forgotten by their Master and left to bear the burden of cruel and relentless oppression? Is there no way, no light, no hope? Must the brutality of might alone judge the offence and mete out punishment, with no human power to whom intercession may be made? Oh, Spain! Oh, Spain! When shall thy day be fulfilled? Were there no loyal Spaniards who would and could, amid all these centuries, stay the hand of death or raise the sword of justice while there was time to save?"

**"Hobo's Rest."**

The old dummy passenger coach, which has stood on the sidetrack at the depot until it has fallen into decay, is being used just now as a lodging house by the many tramps who are seeking a congenial clime in the Sunny South. In it are an improvised stove and beds of straw, and Weary Waggles makes himself comfortable here, without fear of interruption by the police, and lays himself down to rest and dream of a land where work is no more and he may forever bask in eternal sunshine.

**He Gave It Up.**

"Papa, don't fishes have legs?"

"They do not," answered papa.

"Why don't they, papa?"

"Because fishes swim and don't require legs."

The small boy was silent for a few minutes and papa forgot about his question. Then he said:

"Papa, ducks have legs don't they?"

"Yes."

"Then why don't fishes have legs if ducks do? Or, why don't ducks not have legs if fishes don't?"

Papa gave it up.—Pearson's Weekly.

**Annual Statement.**

Annual statement of the amount and nature of all compensation audited by the board to the members thereof severally:

For the year ending 1896 J Dove received $58.05 compensation to services as a member of the board, mileage, etc, and $25 to looking after chain gang. Wm. Propst received $61 85 compensation to services as a member of the board, mileage, etc. J S Turner received $76 30 compensation to services as a member of the board, mileage, etc. Jos. W Foil received $67 compensation to services as a member of the board, mileage, etc. The board was in session twenty one days during the year. Number of miles traveled per day by members of board: J Dove, 3 miles; J S Turner, 30 miles; Wm. Propst, 11 miles; Jos W Foil, 10 miles.

No unverified accounts were audited. W. M. WEDDINGTON, Clerk to Board

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**A Great Work.**

Mr. S M Sayford, College Evangelist, has recently visited the following institutions in North Carolina: Trinity College, University of North Carolina, Davidson College, Agricultural and Mechanical College and Wake Forest College. Although his stay at each institution was very short, the Christian men were very greatly helped and many students entered into a convenant to move forward in their Christian life. Mr. Sayford is in a unique position; representing no organization or movement. He has for the past nine years devoted all his time and strength to Christian work among the Colleges, during which time he has visited more than 300 institutions.

**Supreme Court.**

Cases heard on yesterday:

Withrow vs. D Priest, argued by M H Justice for defendant appellant.

Little vs. Railroad, argued by Osborne for plaintiff; L R Watts and MacRae and Day for defendant.

Campbell vs. Potts, argued by L B Westmore for plaintiff.

Mauney vs. Redwine, argued by W J Montgomery for plaintiff; MacRae and Day for the defendant.—News and Observer.

## SHORT LOCALS.

All the trains are coming in on time now.

Mr. R J Moody, who lives at the Buffalo Mill, is laid up with a severe attack of the rheumatism.

The Lutheran congregation will hold their entertainment on Christmas night.

Dr. Talmage denies the newspaper report that he is going to marry his daughter's sister-in-law.

The inside work on the new bank building is about completed, and a handsome place it is.

The public schools will close on Wednesday before Christmas and will not resume till the Monday week following.

The burning of Brown Bros. tobacco factory in Winston threw 400 men, women and children out of work.

Capt. Wm Propst is also in the ring if not for the prize at least for honorable mention. His porker weighed 505.

Some long needed improvements are being made on the sidewalk in front of Fetzer's drug store. Let the good work go on.

A whist club has been organized by the young ladies of Concord. The club will meet weekly to while away the long winter evenings.

Mr. M C Waller is erecting a brick store room near his residence on West Depot street, which will probably be used as a drug store.

Messrs. J L Boger and R Will Johnston have purchased the restaurant of Mr. Charles Stampenfield, and will continue business at the same old place, with the same splendid cook.

A telegram from Winston says the tobacco manufacturing plant of Brown Bros. at that place was destroyed by fire Wednesday. Loss $150,000; insurance $59,500.

The Odell mills have shipped within the last few days many thousands of bags to Saltville, Va. The order was a rush one and the goods have been sent by express.

Maceo, the Cuban leader, has been killed again. This makes the seventh time, but he has always proven himself a very live corpse, and will no doubt continue to do so until Cuba is free.

The biggest hog we have yet heard of is the one killed by Mr. George W Bost, of No. 1. This one was two years old and weighed 704 pounds, and had to be cut in three pieces to get it on the scales.

Free—64 page medical reference book to any person afflicted with any special, chronic or delicate disease peculiar to their sex. Address the leading physicians and surgeons of the United States, Dr. Hathaway & Co., 22½ South Broad Street, Atlanta, Ga.

The twenty-first annual State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet at Winston-Salem, February 19 to 22. Messrs. W C Dowd, Charles W Tillett, J M Rogers and George R Hanna, were appointed a committee to arrange a programme which will be one of the strongest ever presented. Delegates from all the Young Men's Christian Associations in North Carolina, and all Christian workers will be welcome. All persons interested should correspond with Mr. F P Turner, State Secretary, Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Harrison Nathaniel Johnson, of Mooresville, and Miss Annie Lou Harbin, of Statesville, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the Methodist church at Statesville yesterday evening by Rev. Dr. Rowe, the Presiding Elder of the Statesville District. Mr J L Harris, of Mooresville, was best man. The ushers for the brilliant occasion were: R Y McPherson, D Will Mills, Mooresville; S S McNeely, Charlotte, and Mr. Poston, of Statesville.—Mooresville Record.

Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair,
While in Lowell was Doctor Ayer;
Both were busy for human weal
One to govern and one to heal.
And, as a president's power of will
Sometimes depends on a liver-pill,
Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow
For his liver, 50 years ago.

**Ayer's Cathartic Pills**

were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with griping medicines. Being carefully prepared and their ingredients adjusted to the exact necessities of the bowels and liver, their popularity was instantaneous. That this popularity has been maintained is well marked in the medal awarded these pills at the World's Fair 1893.

50 Years of Cures.

Cabarrus Light Infantry will occupy the old New South Club rooms when the club moves into their new quarters.

The pension warrants, amounting to $101,735, have been sent out by the State Auditor to the registers of deeds of the various counties.

An Australian paper got off the following, and was able to survive the ordeal: "If a cigar makes a man ill, will a cheroot make a manillar?"

Gov. Carr has appointed Oliver H Allen, of Kinston, superior court judge of the Third district to succeed Judge Boykin. The appointment is to take effect January 1st.

Mr. F S Sharrette, editor of the Mooresville Record, will probably soon be connected with the editorial department of the Charlotte Democrat.

An old gray mule driven by a countryman, was overcome with that tired feeling this (Saturday) morning and laid himself down on the streets to rest, without undressing.

Newsdealers here have received notice from the New York Journal and New York World that after the 15th, these papers will be sold at two cents, "outside of Greater New York, Jersey City, and on all trains."

Mr. H Wettstein, of Marengo, Ill., found that Ayer's Pills, taken when the first symptoms of la grippe appear, prevent further progress of the disease, and he has yet to find the first case where these pills did not cure the malady. Every dose was effective.

No other remedy is so reliable, in cases of sudden colds, or coughs, or for any and all derangements of the throat and lungs, as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. This wonderful medicine affords great relief in consumption, even in the advanced stages of that disease.

A dose that is always seasonable is a dose of Simmons Liver Regulator. It regulates the liver and the liver regulates the person. If the liver is regular then health is good, but if sluggish or diseased then there is constant Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache and all the disorders of the stomach that one hears of. Try Simmons Liver Regulator and prove this.

## THAT ACCIDENT

**At China Grove Thursday—How It Occurred.**

Our special correspondent sends us the following particulars of the accident which occurred near China Grove last Thursday which resulted in the loss of an arm to the unfortunate young man, and mention of which was made in THE STANDARD:

"A stranger, whose home is in Georgia, attempted to get on a slow-moving freight train in a cut a mile and a half above China Grove on Thursday morning about 10 o'clock and falling was thrown and one wheel ran over his left arm and so mangled it that amputation was necessary. Drs. Ramsaur and Boyden performed the operation. The amputation was above the elbow. He is much reduced from loss of blood, having walked about half a mile to Mr. John Ketchie's before he could receive any care. He stood the operation fairly well and his condition is hopeful.

"The young man was fairly well dressed and possesses marks of respectability and stated that he was short of means and was very anxious to get home and resorted to this means of stretching his resources in us to accomplish the end."

The young man gave our correspondent his name and address, with the request that it be withheld except in case of his death.

**Resigns as Judge.**

Judge Boykin, of Clinton, Wednesday tendered his resignation as judge of the Superior Court of the 4th district, which position he has held for eleven years with great credit to himself and the State. It has been known to Judge Boykin's friends that he would take this step at an early day, and does not come altogether as a surprise. He will resume the active practice of law at his home in Clinton.

Had a Democratic Governor been elected Judge Boykin would probably not have resigned until spring, but as it is, his resignation was tendered at this time that Governor Carr might have the appointment of his successor.

**For Sale.**

A nice farm of 137 acres 8 miles east of Davidson on Concord road, good water, fine orchard, and splendid locality. Terms to suit purchaser. Call on or address

J. LEE STEELE, Jr.,
d26. Davidson, N. C.

In Norway a law has recently been passed which makes girls ineligible for matrimony until they are proficient in knitting, tending and spinning. Certificates of proficiency have to be earned, and without these no girl may marry.

## OUR MERCHANTS.

**Give Them Your Patronage During Holidays.**

Every patriotic citizen, who desires to see our beautiful little city grow and prosper, our business spread out and increase in all lines, should remember that the very best way to accomplish this is to patronize your home merchants. Just now the holiday trade is opening up, everybody has a little money laid aside to make Christmas presents to gladden the heart of some friend or loved one during these joyous days. However small this sum may be, let it be spent with our own merchants, who give employment to so many of our young people, and who deserve our patronage by reason of the fact that they have endeavored to lay in stocks of Xmas goods to please all classes and suit all purses. You can get just as nice a present for your wife, your child or your best girl right here in Concord as you can anywhere, and the mere fact that you need to walk a distance for your Xmas goods does not make them one whit better. Our merchants have laid in unusually extensive holiday stocks and no matter in what line your taste may run, can be suited here as well as elsewhere. Patronize your home merchants this time, keep what money you have at home, and it will eventually come back to you.

**Street Improvement.**

Work is steadily going on in the neighborhood of the depot on the old plank road, or West Corbin street, and it will soon be one of the best streets in the city. The hill beyond the roller mills has been cut down several feet and the dirt from there is being distributed in various parts of the city, where improvements are most need. Sidewalks, crossings and gutters will be laid so as to, at least, strangers will be in good shape before winter sets in. The contractors are doing some good and time's work in the line.

**The Newspaper—Its Value.**

The making of a newspaper, in these progressive days, has become as much a business as the manufacturing of a watch or piano, and is necessarily subject to the same practical rules and business methods that control any other business undertaking.

The successful newspaper is not blind, unreasoning "party organ," nor an old fogy fossil, moss-grown with timidity, but a fresh, bright force, that cares for other interests regardless of the outcry its utterances may provoke; that will be controlled by no outside influence, no secret monopoly, no mighty corporation to influence its judgement and direct its policy; that will labor with earnestness to withdraw the veil of vices, and all that is good over the public mind; that always keeps its columns clear and free from anything that our wives and daughters should not read, and in the midst of all temptations will always refuse to crook the hinges of the knee "that thrift may follow fawning."

To produce a good paper requires the liberal patronage and good will of the merchant and citizen in general, but it must be remembered that the newspaper valuates in the exact reciprocal of all forms of trade. It not only expects life, but gives one life in return. For the patronage which it solicits and expects, it will carry trade to countries or business houses in return. Its business and the people's each affects and is affected by the other.

In appealing thus to the good people of a place for their subscriptions and advertising patronage the newspaper is not soliciting mere favors, but it proposes and does return all the patronage it receives in some cure well fitted, pressed down, shaken up and running over.—Exchange.

**Is a Watch a Deadly Weapon.**

In a magistrate's court yesterday two mill operatives were arraigned for a fight. They acknowledged and were fined $1 each. The officer who made the arrest was considerably disgusted as a point was involved that he wanted to have passed upon, namely: "Is a watch a deadly weapon?" It seems that as the two men came together, a big silver watch dropped from the pocket of one of them. The other picked up the watch and beat the owner over the head with it. The watch was ruined for all time, and the owner's head was knocked out of repair. The officer was anxious to have that part of the fracas put in evidence, but the case being submitted, the magistrate did not have a chance to consider that unique feature.—Charlotte Observer.

## BRYAN'S TOUR

**Will Embrace Fifty Towns and Cities—Will Pay Him Over $20,000.**

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—The dates for the before tour of Hon. William J Bryan, though not positively fixed, is practically arranged.

Mr. Alexander Comstock, who has active charge of arranging the tour, has spent a busy week of it at his headquarters in the Kimball house.

It has been definitely decided to begin the tour from this city. Atlanta has the honor of hearing Mr. Bryan's initial lecture. It is probable that the talk will be made in the afternoon, thus giving it a second time during the night.

The opening lecture will be delivered here on the night of January 6th. Mr. Bryan will come to Atlanta direct from his home in Lincoln, Neb.

From Atlanta Mr. Bryan will go to Nashville, and then, in all probability, to the following cities, unless there be some very great change in the arrangements:

Memphis, Little Rock, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans, Mobile, Montgomery, Jacksonville, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Louisville, Evansville, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, Butte, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In addition to the above it is announced that Mr. Bryan was to receive, Mr. Comstock declined to reply saying that the home of the candidate is a private one.

It is learned that the much heralded press report of this, 000 (or more, he knows he is below the mark) Mr. Bryan is more than ever pleased with the Democratic campaign in the South. Mr. Bryan's many unexpounded admirers may rest assured that the Democrats are doing some good and time's work in this line.

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## CHINA GROVE.

**Its Growth and Prospects—Its Wonderful Enhancement in Trade—Enterprises of Equal Importance—A Good Place to Live or Do Business.**

China Grove is located almost [illegible] Concord and [illegible] Salisbury. The location of the depot here is South Carolina Railway land, hence it is exclusive. A store or two and a few families were possible of such business as was not sought by the towns on either side. But the energy that brought the depot here and made China Grove [illegible] the [illegible] of China Grove [illegible] the [illegible] as the [illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]