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HATTERAS.

By Jos. W. Holden.

The Wind King from the North came down,
Nor stopped by river, mount or town;
But, like a boisterous god at play,
Resistless bounding on his way,
He shook the lake and tore the wood,
And flapped his wings in merry mood,
Nor furled them, 'till he spied afar,
The white caps flash on Hatteras bar,
Where fierce Atlantic landward bowls
O'er treacherous sands and hidden shoals.

He paused, then wreathed his horn of cloud,
And blew defiance long and loud:
Come up! Come up, thou torrid god,
That rul'st the Southern sea!
Ho! lightning-eyed and thunder-shod,
Come wrestle here with me!
As tossest thou the tangled cane,
I'll hurl thee o'er the boiling main!

The angry heavens hung dark and still,
Like Arctic night on Hecla's hill;
The mermaids sporting on the waves,
Affrighted, fled to coral caves;
The billow checked its curling crest,
And, trembling, sank to sudden rest;
All ocean stilled its heaving breast,
Reflected darkness, weird and dread,
An inky plain the waters spread—
So motionless, since life was fled!

Amid this elemental lull,
Then nature died, and death lay dull,
As though itself were sleeping there—
Becalmed upon that dismal flood,
Ten fated vessels idly stood,
And not a timber creaked!
Dim silence held each hollow hull,
Save when some sailor, in that night,
Oppressed with darkness and despair,
Some seaman, groping for the light,
Rose up and shrieked!

They cried like children lost and lorn:
"Oh, Lord, deliver while you may!
Sweet Jesus, drive this gloom away!
Forever fled, oh, lovely day?
I would that I were never born!"
For stoutest souls were terror-thrilled
And warmest hearts with horror chilled.

"Come up! Come up, thou torrid god,
Thou lightning-eyed and thunder-shod,
And wrestle here with me!"
'Twas heard and answered: "Lo! I come
From azure Carribee,
To drive thee, cowering to thy home,
And melt its walls of frozen foam."

From every isle and mountain dell,
From plains of pathless chapparel,
From tide built bars, where sea-birds dwell,
He drew his frigid legions forth
And sprang to meet the white-plumed North.

Can mortal tongue in song convey
The fury of that fearful fray?
How ships were splintered at a blow,
Sails shivered into shreds of snow,
And seamen hurled to death below!
Two gods commingling, bolt and blast,
The huge waves on each other cast,
And bellowed o'er the raging waste!
Then sped, like harnessed steeds, afar,
That drag a shattered battle car
Amid the midnight din of war!

False Hatteras! when the cyclone came,
Yours waves leapt up with hoarse acclaim
And ran and wrecked you argosy!
For e'er nine sank! that lone hulk stands
Embedded in thy yellow sands—
An hundred hearts in death there stilled,
And yet its ribs, with corpses filled,
Are now caressed by thee!

Smile on, smile on, thou watery hell,
And toss those skulls upon thy shore;
The sailor's widow knows thee well;
His children beg from door to door,
And shiver, while they strive to tell
How thou hast robbed the wretched poor!

You lipless skull shall speak for me,
This is Golgotha of the sea!
And its keen hunger is the same
In winter's frost, or summer's flame!
Then life was young, adventure sweet,
I came with Walter Raleigh's fleet,
But here my scattered bones have lain
And bleached for ages by the main!
Though lonely once, strange folk have come
Till peopled in my barren home.
Enough are here. Oh heed the cry,
Ye white-winged strangers sailing by!
The bark that lingers on this wave
Will find its smiling but a grave!
Then, tardy mariner, turn and flee,
A myriad wrecks are on thy lea!
With swelling sail and sloping mast,
Accept kind heaven's propitious blast!
Oh, ship, sail on! Oh, ship, sail fast,
Till thou Golgotha's quicksands past—
Hath gained the opened sea at last!

Raleigh, N. C., 1867.

An Old Trick Revived.

Here is a way in which you, too, may join the ranks of those who control the magic power over the seen and unseen. It is perhaps a very humble experiment with which it introduce yourself into the wizards' circle. Yet it will demonstrate conclusively that you have the same power (in a sense) as the greatest practicians of the black art.

Procure an empty basin. Set it near the edge of a table. Place a coin in the centre of the bottom. Then ask one of the spectators to first stand alongside the basin and then to walk slowly backward until the coin is hidden from his eye by the rim of the bowl.

Now direct the person to watch the bowl intently. Make him admit he sees nothing. Then modestly state that you will cause the coin, which he knows is in the bottom of the basin, though invisible to him, to become visible without his moving an inch or you touching it.

He says it can't be done. You call for a pitcher of clear water and pour it slowly into the basin until it is about half full. When it settles the result will be the coin will be perfectly visible to the eye of the surprised onlooker, and you will have proved your power to make the invisible become visible, in this case at least.

The Charlotte Chronicle remarking upon recent observations of Congressman Finley, of South Carolina, and The Yorkville Enquirer, upon making the Catawba navigable, says it "expects to see the day when the Catawba will float the commerce of its adjacent territory, not from the North Carolina line, but from Mt. Holly to the sea."

THE CIGARETTE BOY.

Cambridge Chronicle.

Who and what is he? Has he any characteristic difference from other boys? Ask some of the teachers in the school and they will tell you that some who were their brightest boys are growing dull and stupid, listless and indifferent, losing their moral senses, lying to cover their habit of smoking, and even so dominated by it as to ask leave of absence from the room long enough to satisfy the cravings for its indulgence.

Now, whatever may be brought forward by adults in favor of the use of tobacco, there are very few fathers who would advise their young sons to begin the habit. It seems to have such a drawing effect—mentally and physically—that the victim who begins to smoke the cigarette before he reaches years of adolescence, wishing to be manly and copy his elders, finds himself like a boy on our own street. When a lady remonstrated, he said: "I can't help it. I began when I was seven years old, and now I can't leave it off." What will be the future of such a boy? "Consumption, palpitation and enlargement of the heart, or insanity," to quote Dr. A. Clinton, of San Francisco, physician to several boy's schools.

What is the future of the boy who is a cigarette smoker? Will he try to get a place in a store? A lad in Chicago applied for ten positions, being met each time with the question, "Do you smoke cigarettes?" and was rejected in every instance.

In many offices notices are posted prohibiting smoking by employes under 18 years of age. The manager of a large department store says: "We don't want cigarette smokers; the firm has no use for a boy with dried-up brains."

Will he try railroad work? The Panhandle system, the Michigan City division, the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, the South Carolina division, the Union Pacific, the Rock Island, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy have all issued orders against the employment of cigarette smokers, because, they say, "it is harmful and renders men unfit for service requiring steady nerves." Chief Moore, of the weather department in Washington, says: "A cigarette smoker is not a fit man to be trusted with the important work of this bureau."

Perhaps he is thinking to enlist in the army, but the United States government has prohibited smoking by the cadets at West Point and Annapolis. An army surgeon says that "nine-tenths of those who fail to pass the medical examination fail because of smoking, and some whose term of service has expired desiring re-enlistment are astonished to find themselves turned back in examination, with all their soldierly perfection in the manual, simply because Uncle Sam has no use for the tobacco heart, which might fail him in some emergency. The same is true of the navy."

The instances adduced have reference to the physical side of the question. What of its effect upon the moral nature of the boy?

J. J. Stone, superintendent of the John Worthy Reform School in Chicago, says that 60 per cent. of the boys committed to that institution were cigarette smokers.

Of the State reformatory in Pontiac, Ill., Hon. George Torrance said, in an address in Cincinnati: "The cigarette is making more criminals of boys than the saloon. Of nearly 1,500 inmates, 85 per cent. were cigarette fiends."

These are not the vagaries of a few ribboners, to be pooh-poohed and laughed at, but public utterances of men appointed to position of authority and experts.

We are studying along these lines, collating facts, and seeking to help in the work of education. Frances Willard once said, "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is organized mother love," and this is an appeal to fathers, even those who are smoking themselves, to teach the boys the deadly, stunting influence upon their young, undeveloped lives, of "Lady Nicotine."

Better even to do like my father, who promised a good watch to his grandson when a boy, if he would not smoke until 21 years old; and the young man won his prize. After that age, the body being developed aright, the mind having been cultivated the will has perhaps become strong enough not to succumb.

This paper is partly an answer to the appeals from all sides, "Can't you do something for the boys to stop the use of cigarettes?" and is not intended as a disquisition upon the subject of tobacco. That would open too wide a door for the purpose of this little article.

CONCERNING SPANKING.

Atlanta Journal.

One Mrs. Effie Klink, residing in an Iowa town, has been sent to jail, according to the press reports, because she spanked some children belonging to Mrs. William Klink, her sister-in-law. Her defense in court, while it did not keep her out of jail, is nevertheless interesting:

"The children needed spanking, judge," she told the court, "and their mother wouldn't spank them. Somebody had to."

Which shows that Mrs. Effie Klink acting not upon impulse, but upon a sound sociological principle. She found the work ready for her to do, and she did it with all her might, not shrinking her duty because of any specious plea that she might not be her husband's brother's children's keeper.

This question of to spank or not to spank is as old as Adam—or rather as old as the youth of Cain and Abel. It may be that Cain was not spanked enough, and turned out bad; it may be that he was spanked too much, and turned out bad. It is an axiom that a spanking in time will save nine spankings later. Also Solomon, who would have been an excellent authority upon the bringing up of children, remarks casually that spare the rod is to spoil the child. Every language has its proverbs to the same effect. The principle must be all right. It is its proper application that is difficult to determine. We see one-half of the penitentiary space of the world filled with men who have not been spanked enough in their youth, while the other half is filled with men who have been spanked too much. When a man comes to the gallows it is always an even bet as to whether he has been spanked there, or might have been spanked in some other direction.

In spanking, above all other things, judgment should rule rather than the impulse to spank. Perhaps Mrs. Effie Klink could tell when to spank Mrs. William Klink's children better than she could her own, for in the case of Mrs. William Klink's children she was able to bring the calm, judicial mind to bear a hard thing for a parent to do in the case of his or her own children. Unfortunately, no general rule for the guidance of mothers occurs to us. We leave that for the spanking experts of the Ladies' Home Journal. Besides, different temperaments require the application of different quantities of spanks.

A Drug Store in a Dry Town a Bonanza.

Statesville Landmark

Editor Caddell, of the Salisbury Sun, who always speaks out in meetin', observes that a "Beaumont or Kansas oil well is not to be compared to a drug store in a dry town," and judging by the business of the Charlotte druggists, Editor Caddell has it down about right. An oil well may go dry but a drug store in a dry town never, and as a revenue producer it is better than a gold mine. Although there was objection from prohibitionists at the time, Statesville solved the problem at the beginning by refusing to license druggist to sell liquor, and even those who thought it was a move of the "Morally Stunted" to make prohibition odious now admit the wisdom of the action. Druggists and doctors who desire to observe the law are saved from annoyance and suspicion, and up to the present we have heard of nobody dying for want of a little "spirits."

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Somehow the Chicago papers are not printing any editorials these days on "mobs" and "lawlessness in the South."

CENSUS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Youth's Companion.

From the United States Census Bureau has recently come the report of the first complete census of the Philippine Islands. This census, therefore, is the first in modern times which a tropical people have made of themselves.

At first the Filipinos were hostile to the idea of a census, because, under Spanish rule, an enumeration of the people in any district was usually preliminary to a new and heavier tax levy; but the Philippine commission succeeded in impressing on the minds of the people that this census was preliminary to the apportionment of delegates to a popular elected legislature to sit in Manila. Consequently it soon had the hearty co-operation of the native provincial governors, who acted as supervisors of the census for their districts.

Many interesting facts were disclosed by the canvass of the islands. In the first place, it was found that the population numbered seven million six hundred thousand; that nearly seven million possessed some degree of civilization and professed the Christian religion.

It was also discovered that almost the whole population live in villages, as there are nearly fourteen thousand villages with an average population of five hundred. Of the larger towns, thirty five have five thousand population each; four have ten thousand; and Manila has two hundred and twenty thousand. The people own the houses, or "huts," in which they live—only six per cent. of the houses are rented—and the farmers own their farms. About four hundred thousand children are enrolled in the schools, and they are said to be eager to learn. The night-schools in Manila, twenty-one in number, have an enrolment of more than four thousand adults, who are studying English.

Ex-Gov. Aycock Will Run for the United States Senate.

Charlotte Observer.

"What is the news politically?" asked an Observer man of one of the State's closest students of the political weather vane.

"Not much of anything, but you may say that ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock will be a candidate for Senator Simmons's place. I do not think there is any doubt that he will be a candidate. Mr. Aycock is strong with the teachers, the educators and the preachers of the State, and these forces are in the saddle in North Carolina.

"I have heard that Mr. John C. Drewry, a popular insurance man of Raleigh, would be in the race for B. R. Lacy's place, two years hence."

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