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## WILL BE WORTH A MILLION.

### AN INVENTION CONCEIVED IN HICKORY JAIL.

Mr. D. W. Millsaps, of Lumberton, Will Sue the Town of Hickory for \$10,000 Damages for False Arrest and False Imprisonment.

Lumberton Robesonian.

That device Mr. D. W. Millsaps, of Lumberton, has invented for bundling up letters in post offices, from which he expects to realize a cool million from the government, was invented while Mr. Millsaps languished one summer afternoon in the jail at Hickory—or, to be more exact, the idea which resulted in the invention was conceived at that time. In addition to the million which he expects to get out of the government for the invention which he conceived in jail, Mr. Millsaps expects to get \$10,000 from the town of Hickory for that imprisonment, for he is going to sue that town for false arrest, false imprisonment and violation of the interstate commerce law. This is the way it happened:

Mr. Millsaps is agent for the Novelty Cutlery Co., and he sells knives. He goes from place to place and takes orders like any other traveling man, and then he goes around later and delivers. He is protected by the interstate commerce law and does not have to pay local tax. The town authorities of Hickory were not advertent to that fact, so they demanded that Mr. Millsaps pay a tax. This Mr. Millsaps refused to do, and then the mayor demanded that he put up a bond in the sum of \$50 for his appearance at court. Mr. Millsaps said that he could not put up the bond right then, so he was sent to jail. This was about 12 o'clock, noon, one day last July. One his way to the jail Mr. Millsaps asked to be allowed to get something to read, which request was granted, and he purchased a Harper's Weekly—the most fortunate purchase Mr. Millsaps ever made, no doubt. There was nothing to do but make the most of a bad situation, so Mr. Millsaps made himself as comfortable as possible in jail and proceeded to read the Harper's he had purchased. In that paper he saw a statement to the effect that the government spends hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly for twine used in postoffices for bundling letters; that many inventors have tried to invent a substitute for twine which would meet the demand for cheapness and speed; and that the invention of a practical substitute would be worth a million to the inventor.

Here was where Mr. Millsaps got his idea. In reading his Oxford Bible he is accustomed to hold in his hand the rubber band which is placed around the Bible when it is not in use. Mr. Millsaps took counsel with himself and decided that two bands like that, properly placed in relation to each other, would do the trick, and lo, it was done! An exceedingly simple device it is, but no one had thought of just that very thing before.

About seven o'clock in the evening of the day on which he was placed in jail a friend of Mr. Millsaps came to the jail in high indignation and put up in cash the \$50 bond and obtained Mr. Millsaps' release. On the 28th, of last October the case against Mr. Millsaps was tried before Judge Ward, who promptly instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. McLean & McLean, of Lumberton, will represent Mr. Millsaps in the suit which he will bring against the town of Hickory for damages in the sum of \$10,000. He is confident of winning that suit, and he is also confident

of getting the million from the government for his letter-bundling device. One never can tell what a day in jail may bring forth, when you have done no wrong and are an innocent victim.

### Ivey Dots.

Some of our people are getting tired resting. Especially two certain men who walked all the way to Connelly Springs in a day for their dinner and a chew of tobacco. They had not had a square meal since the mill stopped and they ate so much it made them both sick, but we are glad to learn they are improving.

Mrs. J. P. Toomey returned home Thursday after a weeks visit in Lincolnton.

Miss Mignie Abee has gone to Charlotte to visit friends and relatives.

Miss Lomie Berry went to Morganton Friday to visit her sister.

Misses Jessie Burch and Lomie Berry went to Brookford Tuesday on business.

Mr. Jim Abee who moved to Rhodhiss two weeks ago has moved back to Ivey.

Mr. Will Froyier and daughter Miss Ethel have gone to their farm near Catawba to spend a few days.

Miss Candace Reese spent a few days with her brother in East Hickory last week.

There is a lot of sickness in this part of town, some one sick at most every house with grippe.

Mr. M. L. Sherrill has been quite sick the last few days.

Mr. Elbert Poygne has recently moved in the house with Mrs. Cloninger.

Mrs. Griffin has been right sick but is improving.

Mrs. Malcom McKenzie has been right sick, also Mr. Burngarner and wife have been sick with grippe.

Will close with best wishes to the Democrat.

J. B.

### Brookford Dots.

After one of the most successful terms, our school closed last Friday, there were enrolled one hundred pupils, with a daily average for the term of eighty and no trouble of any kind around during the term. Prof. Phillips speaks well of his pupils and they well of their teacher.

The panic has not struck Brookford yet, new machinery has recently been put in the mill, new houses being erected among which is the "Hotel Brookford," a large two story building just in front of the new store, it is being nicely finished inside and built by W. W. Williams, the up-to-date contractor for our town, and will soon be opened for public patronage, by one polite salesman, Mr. J. J. Nicholson and his good wife, who will know how to take care of the travelling public.

Everything is quiet in our town, except the "kids," who are enjoying the big snow.

Our busy little man, W. H. Shuford, is still very busy, but never fails to take in all the small entertainments and is particularly happy when he can get the chance to swap a "few" with some pretty girl.

LOTTIE.

### THE JUMPING OFF PLACE.

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## PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

### Former Lyles Creek Correspondent Has Mistaken Idea and Begg Forgiveness.

Mr. Editor:

An article was in your paper recently from the pen of the former Lyles Creek Correspondent wherein he "attacked" your writer, "Uncle Rusticus" regarding his reference to the early settlers as descendants from the old Pennsylvania Dutch. While at the time we did not mean to reflect upon that good writer, we only wished to have him explain what kind of people the early settlers, descendants of the Pennsylvania Dutch, really were. We have often read "Rusticus" reference to them, and naturally, when we arrived here we were wont to find out all we could about them. As a consequence we were told here of a certain class of people who were referred to as "Dutch" and what we saw of them made us speak of them as "dirty, filthy, etc." This led to a communication from a writer who signed himself "An Irishman," when, seeing we were addressing the (so-called) Pennsylvania Dutch in such a reckless manner, took occasion to protect the rights of Philadelphia, its Dutch and early settlers. As we had the wrong understanding, this caused us to attack "Irishman" in a similar manner as we had previously attacked "Rusticus."

But however, the article written by "Irishman," whom we have every reason to believe is a prominent gentleman in your city, caused us to investigate further. As a consequence we find we were as badly mistaken as "Irishman" said we were. The people we referred to are not real Dutch as we were told, but are foreigners, but many of them have a slight imitation of the Dutch dialect, and they are not descendants of any Dutch of Pennsylvania, but from other quarters. We have now been correctly informed as to the real Dutch meaning and the people here correctly termed so. They are people as "Irishman" referred to: "Creditable, prosperous," etc. However we were informed right about the people we were told of, as they are low and worthless—but we had the wrong people.

We trust "Irishman" will forgive us, also "Uncle Rusticus" as we certainly did not mean to speak so rashly about people who are so prosperous as we now see the class here who are really the "Dutch." We will also take "Irishman's" hand gently and apologize and trust he will not feel offended, after he sees this from our pen in print.

"MONOTYPIT"

Formerly Lyles Creek Correspondent.

The State Republicans are to hold two conventions this year and the executive committee, in session at Greensboro yesterday, named that city as the place and April 30th as the time for the first. They had such a pleasant time in their convention at Greensboro two years ago that they no doubt feared to change the place lest it might bring change of luck, with the possibility of gentlemen threatening to use revolvers on each other and to throw each other out of the windows.—Ex.

### A SENSATION.

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## "Rusticus Scores His Point and Makes a Home Run."

A few weeks ago there appeared in the DEMOCRAT an article supposed to have been written by that youth commonly known as the Lyles Creek correspondent about the Pennsylvania Dutch, whom Rusticus had often written approvingly of them. He commands Rusticus to write an article about these old hard/ and steady Pennsylvania Dutch.

But before we begin in that theme, we will tell him some facts we suppose he does not know.

There was a time according to history, that whole country around Philadelphia was called Sylvania meaning a forest country before there was such a thing known as Pennsylvania. The country line of the Keystone was made then the word Penn was fixed to Sylvania and made it Pennsylvania in honor to that great man, William Penn, who was an excellent man and was engaged in making many treaties with the Indians who then inhabited that country. Then it was that the German immigrants flocked into the state of Pennsylvania and developed it. They and their descendants made the State what it is today. And hence they were called the Pennsylvania Dutch, whose fathers were of the first Germans who came and settled that large dominion. They were an industrious economical, moral, religious and law abiding and a straight forward, honest people and always given to hospitality.

There cannot be too much said about these Pennsylvania Dutch. But it seems that this youth has rather spoken slightly and disapprovingly about them in these latter days. He compares them with these latter day Germans mercenaries who ramble through the country. He said they were not law-abiding people and were often found in the police courts. That does not belong to the original Pennsylvania Dutch. Rusticus was astonished at his language towards the old Pennsylvania Dutch people.

I do not like to be compared with those latter days German mercenaries who are no Pennsylvania Dutch. When he penned that article he certainly must have been beside himself as he said what St. Paul was in his day—but we suppose that he was like the little boy was when his father had taken him out into the country twenty miles looked up in his father's face and said: Well papa if this world is big every way it certainly must be a whopper.

So his grandparents came from Pennsylvania and were called the Pennsylvania Dutch because they were born and raised in Pennsylvania. We did not think he would go back on his blood. Rusticus did not approve of his language because his mother's father was born and raised in the city of Philadelphia and came to the Sunny South and bought a home and he was a full blooded Pennsylvania Dutchman descendants of these old Pennsylvania Dutch.

We suppose that was the way with this youth when he got 300 miles from home away up in the city of Philadelphia he thought if the world was as big every way for it was a whopper. We feel with the Pennsylvania Dutch to think while he was up in that large city he ought to have spoken more respectfully about them and not compared the old Pennsylvania Dutch with these latter day German mercenaries. We think that another Irishman ought to be after him.

RUSTICUS.

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## A Thimble Party.

On Jan. 23rd Mrs. Geo. Hutton entertained a fortunate number of ladies in honor of her mother Mrs. Bonnenhour. The guests were bidden to bring thimbles and many were the surmises concerning the use these important little implements were to be put. The general opinion inclined to quilts but one lady had a game of thimble and forfeits in anticipation.

Bill Nye, who said he put away childish things but put them where he could get them again, would have felt himself fully sustained if he could have seen the pleasure and abandon with which these ladies went to work with bright colored tissue paper to make caps, no party of children with paper dolls was any appier or more interested.

Mrs. McNutt maintained stoutly that her cap was best and it was if a good serviceable, substantial cap was wanted, but when—since the Vicar of Wakefield chose his wife for her good wearing qualities and his wife chose her wedding gown for the same sufficient reason—when has a woman ever decided in favor of merit when beauty was in question; not in this afternoon. Mrs. Whiteside's creation of lavender and white carried off the prize which was a pretty pin cushion.

After the exhausting mental strain of millinery the guests were invited in the dining room to enjoy a feast of good things and to admire the hand painted place cards and decorations of autumn leaves. Mrs. Winter's music added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon and Mrs. Bonnenhour's singing of old familiar songs was a real treat. The ladies who enjoyed the pleasant afternoon with Mrs. Bonnenhour were Masdame McNutt, Ramsay, Reede, Bonniwell, Whiteside, N. Martin, James Martin, and Mrs. John Shuford.

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## Ground Hog Day.—Six More Weeks of Winter.

Last Sunday was Ground Hog Day. According to the ancient superstition, exploded a thousand times by actual facts, but still cherished by the public, if the groundhog sees his shadow when he issues forth from his hole at noon on Candlemas day, (February 2nd) he will crawl in again and prepare for six weeks more of winter.

If, on the other hand, he fails to see his shadow, he will remain out and make preparations for the coming of the spring, thus indicating that the most severe part of the winter is near at hand.

Not a cloud obscured the sky during the day, and according to the superstition we shall have six weeks more of winter.

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