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MOTHERS RESPONSIBLE.

"Prof. Flora Rose of the department of home economics, of Cornell University says the chief cause of high infant mortality is ignorance. The person having the most to do with the health conditions of the child is the mother. Her ignorance may sign the death warrant. The cure for this must be an educational one.

Our educational system should consider every child as a potential parent. To be effective the department of home economics must have as the goal of its instruction such information as will deal directly, openly, and specifically with the conditions that affect the child's life.

Professor Rose is unquestionable correct. Human life in all its bearings is a matter of least importance. We send our boys, and girls to colleges, train them in all the knowledge essential to succeed in science, in politics, in the Arts and in money making, but give them but little information about their physical nature, about a human body, or its requirements. The mortality among infants is appalling, and when we consider how absolutely ignorant most of the mothers are of the first principal of hygienics, we wonder why it is not greater.

The average mother to-day knows about as much about rearing a monkey as she does about raising a child. They often torture the little things with improper attention until their frail bodies can stand it no longer, and then they die, the preacher comes in and stands over the little white coffin, and in mournful accents says: The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord," when in fact the Lord had nothing to do with it. It was ignorance, and an ignorance that was inexcusable. When people become surfciently informed to divorce themselves from the old fetich of mock modesty, and dependence upon physicians for everything that is done to preserve their health, and life, and inform themselves of the crudest, and most essential facts of health, and what would preserve it, and follow them, then the percentage of mortality will be reduced. Commit flagrant violation of the laws of health, and sickness, or death essentially follows. An infant is helpless. Its mother to a large extent holds its life in her own hands, she can intelligently use it, to the child's well being, and long life, or she can abuse it with ignorance, and sickness ineventable follows, and often death.

THE DEATH OF JIM TILLMAN.

James H. Tillman of South Carolina died at Asheville N. C. 9:45 Saturday night last, of consumption. Tillman made himself notorious on account of the cowardly murder of N. G. Gonzales, in 1903 Jan. 15th, then Editor of the Columbia State. Tillman became incensed at some well merited criticism made in the State by Gonzales, and shot him down on the streets of Columbia. Tillman was acquitted of murder by a jury selected under peculiar circumstance, but the acquittal by the jury did not mean an aquital by public sentiment. In fact when this miscarriage of justice, this travesty upon law became known, there was a revolt in public sentiment, and Jim Tillman ever afterwards was loathed and execrated, as a vile cowardly murderer, and those who had been his best friends learned to despise him.

If Tillman had given Gonzales and equal chance for his life, sentiment would have been quite different. But the fact will ever remain that Tillman was a low contemptible coward of the baser sort.

We well knew a circumstance connected with his campaign of 1902, when he made a speech at Gafney S. C. At Gafney he was met by E. H. De Camp, Editor of the Ledger. DeCamp denounced Tillman most bitterly, he openly charged him with misappropriating funds belonging to Orphan children, and doing a number of dishonest, and shady transaction. Tillman did not resent DeCamp's charge, he submitted to them like a coward, that he was. He waited to shoot Gonzales down. Gonzales was at that time one of the ablest Editors in the South, a man who possessed all of the moral courage you were looking for. He was a splendid man, and his untimely taking off was a distinctive loss of state wide importance. His place has not yet been filled.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Congress convened in special session last Tuesday. It was called together, to pass the Canadian reciprocity treaty. What will be done can not be stated at this writing. Mr. Taft is very anxious to pass the bill and will do what he can to secure its passage. There is some violent opposition to it, and it will be seriously felt. There are a great many Democrats who regard it a subterfug, to stay off more essential legislation in reference to the tariff, its a bone thrown to appease the hunger of those who are demanding large relief. The House will likely take steps to secure more radical changes in the tariff, and put it up to a Republican Senate to repudiate it.

The country is demanding relief from the pressing burdens of an unjust tariff, and while the Democratic party is not in a position to grant it, it can at least show a disposition to go to the limit of its power in doing so, and place the responsibility of the failure somewhere else.

BUILD MORE HOUSES.

Mebane needs more residences, and she needs them very much. She needs them to-day, "not next week" or next month. If the town is expected to grow, she must have them. It takes people to make a town, and it requires houses for people to live in. If you have any money to spare put it in a five or six room cotiage, and it will bring you rent right along for years. Some one ought to undertake the erection of a dozen or more cottages at once.

CLEAN UP.

As a matter for your own health, and comfort, if not for town pride, you should clean up your premises. The saving in doctor bills will usually pay the cost, in addition you save the comfort, and pleasure of keeping well. Filth breeds flies, and a general contamination, and they all breed disease. Rake out the filth, and trash out of your backyard, scatter lime around, and white wash your trees, and fences, and see if you do not feel better.

Mock Suns.

Mock suns are similar in point of origin to the mirages of the desert, only they occur in the arctic circle. As the long winter night of the polar region wanes once every twenty-four hours a slight glow is seen at some point on the horizon. Often accompanying this glow is seen the phenomenon of the mock suns. Several degrees up in the heavens as many as five of these spectral orbs have been seen at one time. Invariably they are all connected in a geometric figure, the suns seemingly bound together with circles and arcs of light. Often when only one appears it is mistaken for the real god of day, and natives rejoice at the early end of the long winter night only to be disappointed as the image disappears. The explanation of the phenomenon is given by physicists as refraction and reflection of light from the real sun below the horizon on the mists in the upper atmosphere.—St. Louis Republic.

Wanted to buy young calves. The highest price paid for them delivered to me at Mebane.

F. W. Graves,

Lawyers Up Front.

(From New York Herald.)
Senator William Pierson Fiero, of Catekill, N. Y., was seated with others about the enormous fireplace in Keeler's hotel, Albany, N. Y., on a cold night, when he told this story:
"I remember, 30 years ago, when I was a lawyer, there were about 16 or 18 of us—all lawyers—seated about a fireplace much like this. It was a raw, wet night. A bedraggled stranger, wet to the hide, came in, tried to get accommodations and was told there was not a room left. The nearest other place was a mile away. Shivering, the stranger looked at the fire, but we formed such a solid line about it that he could not get near it. Finally one of the lawyers, in a spirit of vivacity, turned to him and said:
"My friend, are you a traveler?"
I am, sir, I have been all over the world."
"You don't say so! Been in Germany, Egypt, Japan and all the countries in Africa and Asia?"
"All of them—been everywhere."
"Ever been in hell?"
"Oh, yes; been there twice."
"How did you find things there?"
"Oh, much the same as here—lawyers all next to the fire."

The Reason.

William J. Bryan, in his Commoner, speaks thus: "The Commoner does not consider Governor Harmon an available man for the Democratic nomination, for reasons that will be given when the discussion of the subject seems proper."

There are two reasons for the Commoner's opposition to Harmon. The first is that the latter has twice carried Ohio for the Democrats when Bryan never came in fifty thousand votes of accomplishing that result. The second is that in his last successful campaign for the governorship Harmon insisted on determining for himself the issues he would run on, instead of accepting the programme which a private citizen of Nebraska attempted to dictate to the Democratic leaders of Ohio. Both of these be mortal offenses in the eyes of the gentleman whose personal property and organ the Commoner is.—Va Pilot.

When the Peach Tree Bears The Blossom.

The peach tree'll bear the blossom; an' the melon—it'll be
As juicy-sweet as ever to the lips o' you an' me;
The blizzard's makin' reads for the last hurrahin' run,
An' the corn-blades soon'll rustle in the wavy wind an' sun.
(Hear that bird a-singin'
'Neath a sky o' blue?
He's singin' for his sweetheart,
An' he's singin' right at you!)
Come in, Mistress Springtime—there's welcome everywhere;
Violets in yer apem—roses in yer hair!
Weary all the winter long to see the smile o' you;
Dress the meadows all in green, an' trim the banks in blue:
(Hear that bird a-singin'—
Singin' o' the May?
Whisper to yer sweetheart:
"World's in bloom today!")
—Atlanta Constitution.

Ambition.

(From the Kansas City Star.)
The scroll of fame has various attractions for different minds. "I want the record to show," said Mr. Delegate Wickereham, of Alaska, "that I was called a liar." A somewhat similar ambition was denoted by Mr. Justice Dogberry, who, it will be insisted upon being written down an ass:
"Here lies one whose name was writ in water"—the despairing and dying John Keats desired that admission of defeat engraved for his epitaph.
"Write me as one who loved his fellowmen," was Leigh Hunt's aspiration.
To be remembered as the author of the Declaration of Independence and of the first statute for religious freedom and as the founder of the University of Virginia, this was Thomas Jefferson's prayer to posterity.
Thus one may go the range. And thus the lines recur:
Ambition is our idol, on whose wings Great minds are carried only to extreme;
To be sublimely great or to be nothing.

Love and Patience.

(From Philadelphia Times.)
Dr. Russell H. Conwell is a great believer in patience and he recently told a story indicating what he believed to be an example of making a virtue of patience.
A young man was standing at the gate, waiting for his sweetheart, and when at last she appeared he remarked kindly:
"What a time you have kept me waiting."
"Oh, dear me, how fussy you are," she observed. "Why, I didn't promise to meet you until a quarter of 8 and it's only two minutes after 8 now."
"Ah, Margie dear," replied the young man, "but you have made a slight mistake in the day. You were to have been here at a quarter of 8 last evening. I have been waiting ever since."

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