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THE WICKET IN THE LANE.

CLINTON SCOLLARD.
One evening, just at milking-time,
I strayed across the down,
And I heard the cherry church bells chime
Below me in the town.
I took the winding path I spied
That led me to the plain,
And Barbara I found beside
The wicket in the lane.
Her cheeks were like the apple-bloom
Upon the hills in May,
Her eyes that shone no trace of gloom
Were open as the day.
In vain you'd search the country wide,
From Oregon to Maine,
For fairer faces than she beside
The wicket in the lane.
How came she there? I do not know,
How came I there? By chance!
I tried to pass. She thought to go.
What had she—oh! a glance!
Tears that she happened to be a bride,
And I to be the swain,—
One little glance exchanged beside
The wicket in the lane.
—Smith's Monthly.

NEWS COMMENT.

The German Emperor is not going to the Isle of Wight, as it is now thought that the more bracing air of Felixstowe would suit her better.

There is so much rock salt in the Colorado Desert that the Southern Pacific Railway people have at one place ballasted 3,000 feet of their track with it.

The first bale of Texas cotton for the year 1891 has been received at Houston from Duval county. To us that sounds out of season somewhat.

Every influence that France can command has been brought to bear on the Emperor of Russia to induce him to honor Paris with an Imperial visit in the autumn.

UNDERTAKER COLWELL, of Birmingham, Conn., a rich widower, announces that he will marry the girl who will go up with him in a balloon, the ascension to take place on August 13.

The experiment of assorting mail matter on steamships as it is assorted on railroads has proved to be a perfect success, and the plan will be adopted for the entire ocean postal service.

GEN. BOOTH'S first practical move in the way of improving the condition of the working poor of London is to establish a match-making factory, in which a higher rate of wages will be paid than in ordinary concerns.

THERE are more women in British India (124,000,000) than there are men, women and children in Great Britain, France and Germany put together, with the population of several other minor European states cast in as well.

The ashes of Mme. Blavatsky are to be placed in a magnificent urn of gold and guarded by the British section of the Theosophical Society. An effort will be made by the Washington theosophists to have the urn stored in the National capital.

Anybody who buys a glass of liquor in Boston now can drink it standing, sitting, running, or lying down. The late restrictive law as to bodily attitude in imbibing fluids was regarded as contrary to the teachings of Delsarte, opposed to the spirit of Ibsenism and un-Emersonian in its nature. Its repeal was inevitable.

It is reported that Mr. Spurgeon that while preaching in a large hall the air became oppressive, and stopping in the midst of his sermon he said: "If those persons sitting near the windows will take their canes and umbrellas and knock out sufficient glass to let in some fresh air, I will pay all damages as soon as I am done preaching."

A DUEL with rocking chairs is reported in New York. Many a man has had the unpleasant experience of a duel with one rocking chair in the dark, but when it comes to more than one he would have little chance to escape with his life. One rocking chair is more than a match for a man trying to find his way through a dark parlor.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

WHAT IS TRANSPIRING IN AND ABOUT RALEIGH.

Raleigh's Death Rate for June—The Odd Fellow's Orphans Home—Empire Plaid Mills Sold—Miscellaneous.

BY OUR RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 11, 1891.
From the report of Dr. James McKee, Supt. Board of Health, we learn that during the month of June there were 36 deaths in Raleigh; and of these ten were children under one year of age; six under two years of age; and five under 4 years of age. Altogether there were twenty-three of these children under 10 years of age and ten grown persons. The greatest number that died of any particular disease was two. Six were married; three of the grown people dying were single; and two were widows. Twenty were white and thirteen colored.

There were eleven white births and twenty colored.
Raleigh makes a better showing than any other town we know of.

THE ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS HOME.

The committee to locate the Odd Fellows' Orphans Home met last night at the Yarboro, all the members being present except Mr. C. D. Benbow, of Greensboro. Propositions were read from several points in the State, and the committee have started on a tour of inspection of the various points. After having viewed the several points they will make a choice.

EMPIRE PLAID MILLS SOLD.

The High Point Plaid Mills were sold a few days ago at public auction, Mr. E. H. C. Fields of that place becoming the purchaser at \$25,077. The sale was made to close a mortgage and settle a judgment held by the First National Bank of Winston amounting to the sum realized.

DIED.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Miss Effie Whitaker, daughter of Mr. Wesley Whitaker, which took place last Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, aged 21 years. She was a most estimable lady in all the walks of life, and her decease has cast a gloom over a large circle of relations and friends. The funeral took place Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence on East Hargett street, Rev. Dr. Marshall officiating. The remains were interred in the old city cemetery.

THE A. AND M. COLLEGE.

The next session of the Agricultural and Mechanical College will open on September 1st, and there is every assurance of a larger attendance than heretofore. During the vacation, many important improvements will be made, especially in the mechanical department, in the way of additional machinery, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Benjamin Taylor, who for some time has been connected with the Globe Phosphate company, Columbia, S. C., has accepted the position of assistant manager of the phosphate factory here.

We note that our friend, Mr. Dorsey Battle, one of the best newspaper men in the South, is again city editor of the Wilmington Messenger.

The gaps in the pavements on the streets north and south of the market house, as well as others, are being filled with dirt preparatory to being paved.

The removal of Secretary Patrick's office to the exposition grounds was rendered necessary for convenience as to arrangements, etc., we are informed.

Your correspondent heard this week that a crayon picture of Hon. Richard Stanford, member of Congress from this State, from 1896 to 1816, is to be presented to the State Library by Mr. Sam' L. Adams, his great grandson.

Too Inquisitive

Aunt Mary of Chicago—No, dear: I am afraid we can't go out for a drive today. Your uncle said not, and you know when he says "no" he means "no."

Little Ethel of Boston—And, aunt, what does he mean when he says "naw?"

Her One Fault.

Mrs. Dulany Fairfax—I have called, your eminence, to inquire about Lucy Snow, who recently left your service. Is she a good cook?

The cardinal—A most excellent one, madame.

Mrs. Dulany Fairfax—And honest?

The cardinal—I have never known her to pilfer.

Mrs. Dulany Fairfax—Why, then, did you eminence dismiss her?

The cardinal—Well—um! She would wear my stockings when she went to a cake-walk.

SUED FOR BEING FOUND.

One Man Wants \$20,000 Spent in Discovering Another.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, July 6.—An extraordinary suit for \$20,000 damages has been brought against Frank Woosley, of South Charleston, by James Brock. Fourteen years ago Woosley and Brock left their homes together and started a small cattle ranch near Fort Griffin, Texas. Woosley had a considerable sum of money with him, and he suddenly disappeared.

His relatives became alarmed, and, believing that Brock had put him out of the way, a reward of \$400 was offered for Woosley, dead or alive. Subsequently Brock was arrested and tried for the murder of his friend, but was acquitted. As soon as the trial was over, to more fully demonstrate his innocence, he himself started out to find Woosley. In the long and tedious search that followed he spent about \$20,000.

But last Friday Woosley was discovered at Benton, Ark., where he has a family and operates a stoneware manufactory. He was brought back to his old home, but as yet he has not given a reason for his strange conduct. Now Brock brings suit to recover the \$20,000 he spent in proving that he did not murder his old-time friend and in ridding himself of all suspicion.

Hurrying a Vessel to Samoa.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—It is said that late advices from Samoa, intimating immediate trouble and a suspicion of interference on the part of the Germans to promote the interest of Matarfa, caused the Navy Department to send instructions by steamer from San Francisco on the 3d inst. for the Iroquois to start at once for Samoa.

A LITTLE OF ALL.

Bits of Information that Probably You Never Knew.

Luminous harness is new.

Soap is a curiosity in India.

Chicago will have an L road.

Annam's King has 579 wives.

Arabia has a laughing plank.

There are 156,974,000 watches.

Jersey City has a blind pastor.

The first gloves were of byssus.

East India has luminous plants.

Paris will be the best lighted city.

Paris is to have an underground road.

Turkey vultures smell food 40 miles.

Jersey City has a good public library.

A Columbus dog shuffled off by suicide.

Melbourne has the finest coffee palaces.

We spent \$600,000,000 in tobacco in 1890.

It is the salt that makes sea water heavy.

Lightning destroyed an Iowa ice house.

Hungary's railway cars have electric lights.

A London pair of earrings is worth \$65,000.

Savannah claims the oldest American theatre.

One stamp collection is valued at \$100,000.

Two-thirds of New York live in tenements.

New York has 3,543 public school teachers.

The Caspian Sea is the lowest body of water.

Big steamships use 466 pounds of coal a minute.

Women are ticket clerks on Irish railroads.

There are about 2700 ties in a mile on a railroad.

There's a big mackerel run on the Maine coast.

Monte Carlo robs its victims of \$6,000,000 annually.

Butter is sold by the yard at Cambridge, England.

"Andrew Jackson" will soon be haeged at Memphis.

Three St. Bernard dogs owned in New York are valued at \$14,500.

Each of the 1500 street cars of New York earned \$20 a day last year.

Ex-Senator Ingalls will do some chautauqua talking down in Georgia this month.

It is said that \$150,000 worth of property changed hands in Durham June 27th.

Grasshoppers stopped a railway train near the Kansas-Colo. line the other day. Ingalls ought to be sent out to expostulate with the hopper.

MURDER AT WILSON.

One Woman Shoots Another for Poisoning Three of Her Family.

A special from Wilson to the Wilmington Messenger, gives an account of a shooting affair in that place some days ago. It says:

The party charged is Minnie Sutton. The murdered woman is Lou Smith, the wife of a Methodist minister. All the parties are colored. The Sutton woman, it appears, was seen waiting around the Colored Methodist Church up to the time of the close of the services and within a few yards of the church a woman approached the Smith woman in company with another woman named Jones. She looked closely in the faces of the two and, upon locating Smith, drew a revolver, placed it on the right breast of Smith and fired. Smith lived only a few moments. For some reason the shooting was placed on Sutton and she was arrested and placed in the lock-up. This morning she confessed and told the police where the pistol could be found. It was found as she stated, wrapped up in a tow sack, back of the garden where the murderess lived. As yet there is no verdict by the jury, and the case is yet pending.

The Sutton woman's apology for the killing is that the woman has killed by poison three members of her family.

Our next court will have two capital cases to investigate.

TRIED TO STRIKE PARNELL.

Result of a Heated Discussion at the Polls in Carlow.

DUBLIN, July 7.—The polling in Carlow to-day for a successor in Parliament to the late O'Gorman Mahon proceeded without any serious trouble, though it was a hot fight. At Bagnalstown Canon O'Neill, a supporter of Parnell, took exception to his curate's earnest interest in opposition, and the dispute spread to the outsiders, threatening a row, but the police maintained order.

In the midst of the disturbance a man tried to strike Mr. Parnell, but he was prevented from so doing by a number of bystanders.

The result of the voting will not be known until to-morrow.

The Climatic Advantages Of Western Carolina.

Several years ago the editor of the Manufacturers' Record, while in search of health, found in Polk county, in Western Carolina, a section where the climate seemed well-nigh perfect. It was a region peculiarly favored by nature. Nearly all of that county and most of the one adjoining, Rutherfordton, lying at an elevation of about 1,000 to 1,500 feet above sea level, were surrounded on three sides by a mountain range averaging about 3,500 feet elevation. This range was practically a horseshoe with the open part facing the South. The result was that the climate there seemed to be the concentration of the best qualities of that wonderful climate which has made Western Carolina noted throughout the world. It was free from the severe cold of the higher mountain sections, while the air was usually dry, bracing and exhilarating. Dewes were almost wholly unknown, the early morning showing the grass dry, but still vegetation remained fresh and luxuriant. In this section is found "The Thermal Belt," where frost is rarely seen even in cold weather, and early as well as late fruits are rarely endangered by this enemy of the fruitgrower. It is a section of great natural advantages and of surpassingly beautiful and picturesque scenery. It is, in fact, an ideal spot for a great sanitarium and for a large increase in population based on climatic conditions alone, even if nature had not bestowed so many other blessings on that country.

Flood at a Wedding Feast.

LONDON, July 7.—A broken water-pipe which caused the banquet hall to be flooded with water created consternation at Windsor Castle last night while the Queen was banqueting the royal peddling party. The attendants were unable to stop the great flow of water into the room, and the fire department was called in to turn the water off.

Not So Silent.

Drummer in a Grand Rapids merchant's store was making some inquiries about his business.
"You run the establishment alone, I notice," he began.
"Yep."
"Anybody in with you?"
"Yep."
"His name doesn't appear on your sign?"
"Nope."
"Ah! A silent partner?"
"Not much! It's my wife."

LET'S LAUGH.

The Sharp and Witty Sayings of the Press Men.

"I think, too sir," said the salesman, "that you ought to have a complete set of Thackeray's works."

"All right, put 'em in," returned Nubuddy. "Let's see. That reduces the space how much? What's Thackeray's width?"

Enpee—Dr. Firstly preached a comforting sermon this morning: Mrs. Enpee—What was the subject? Enpee—Bout there being no marrying here.

Loosing a Grand Opportunity

"Henderson has no sentiment," said Marie.

"Don't you think he has?"

"No I refused to marry him, and he hasn't plunged madly into dissipation, or done anything to show that he is a blighted being."

She (sweetly)—The moonlight is beautiful tonight, George.

He (desperately)—I know it is, Nellie, but I can't propose tonight—I forgot the ring. You will forgive me, won't you?

Delayed.

Featherstone (at the picnic)—Where did Mr. Dashaway and Miss Swansdown go?

Ringway—He stopped behind to tie Miss Swansdown's necktie.

Featherstone—But they have been gone 15 minutes.

Ringway—I know it. It is an Ascot tie, and he has had to get behind her to tie it.

Salesman (selling a fishing-rod)—That one is a little defective. Of course we will give you a straight tip.

Buyer—Thanks. I don't want any straight tips. They're too expensive.

Is Honesty the Best Policy?

"What's become of young Dimity? I never see him any more," said a customer to Mr. Challie, of the firm of Challie & Peckay, proprietors and managers of a vast dry goods emporium.

"I had to dispenoé with his services."

"Ah!"

"Yes. He was too exact."

"Indeed?"

"And too conscientious."

"I never heard exactness and conscientiousness made the causes of a man's discharges before."

"Well, those qualities may be all right in their place, but a dry goods establishment is hardly the place for them."

"I don't quite understand why."

"Well, I'll tell you. I happened to overhear a customer ask young Dimity how much a certain piece of goods was worth."

Well, ma'am, said Dimity, in reply, that goods is worth 75 cents a yard, but the price is \$1. You can see for yourself what an impracticable man he was for the dry goods trade."

SELECT SIGHTINGS.

Jesus Christ our one perfect pattern.

Maine and New Hampshire make all the world's spoons.

A Hope (Ind.) cow gives fifteen gallons of milk a day.

Doing nothing is an apprenticeship to doing wrong.—W. F. Crafts.

The Commissioner of Pensions disburses nowadays over \$100,000,000 a year.

A Pennsylvania town boasts of a pear tree that is 150 years old and full of blossoms.

In average condition, a turnip seed may increase its own weight fifteen times in a minute.

The persecution of Hebrews on the Island of Corfu is said to have been planned by Russia.

The English flag floats over one-sixth of the population and one-eighth of the surface of the habitable globe.

It is announced that the State of Maine will present a solid silver funnel to the United States cruiser which bears her name.

The people of this country use three times as much writing paper as those of any other nation, in proportion to their number.

During the past year there were over 5,000,000 pieces of matter withdrawn from the mails because of incorrect or insufficient addresses.

Pennsylvania makes fifty-two out of every 100 tons of rolled iron in the United States, and sixty-nine out of every 100 tons of steel rails.

THE STATE SURVEYED.

NUMEROUS NEWSY NOTES FROM OUR BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

What Has and Will Happen of Interest Throughout the Old North State—Industrial and Otherwise.

The electric dynamo, 730 candle-power has arrived at Durham for Trinity College.

Brown Bros. are reported as erecting a new tobacco factory to cost over \$20,000 at Winston.

J. M. Dick has improved his steam laundry at Greensboro by the addition of a water purifier.

The buildings of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College will be improved at a cost of \$10,000.

LaGrange Spectator: The crops generally in this section are reported very unfavorable, especially cotton.

William McCorry will erect a two-story brick store building, and W. McD. Burgin a brick block at Marion.

The Western North Carolina Railroad Company contemplates, it is stated, erecting a \$10,000 depot in Newton.

The Winston Land and Investment Co., of Winston, will erect a school building in North Wilkesborough.

Mr. F. L. Merritt, Principal of Pamlico Male and Female Institute, will take a course at Harvard University.

Marion Free Lance: The Carolina Improvement Company with a capital stock of \$100,000, was organized this week.

Sanford Express: Farmers find trouble in getting work hands. The negroes are on the railroads and at the rock quarries.

Concord Standard: Dr. John O. Montgomery has been elected to a position of physician in the State penitentiary department.

The Railroad Commission is busily engaged with the officials of the roads, hearing their statements relative to assessments.

The Governor is corresponding with the Secretary of the Navy, Tracy, with regard to organizing a North Carolina naval militia.

Hickory Press: Rev. J. A. Ramsey, of Rowan county, has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at this place.

Work is progressing on the construction of the foundations for the North Carolina Steel and Iron Co.'s iron furnace at Greensboro.

S. S. Nash, A. L. Heilbroner, H. L. Stetson and others have organized the Central Tobacco Warehouse Co. to build a warehouse at Tarboro.

E. H. Fogg, postmaster at Madison, has been arrested by a U. S. Deputy Marshal and a Postoffice Inspector. Cash of his office is \$547 short.

Carroll News: Farmers are busy harvesting their wheat and oat crops. They report the wheat as being sorry, not more than a half crop. Winter oats are fine.

It is reported that the Williams & Ritter gold mine at Carthage has been purchased by a company which will develop same and at once erect a stamp mill.

Durham Globe: The Oxford Orphan Asylum wants every family in North Carolina to take one child during the month of July and give the little ones a vacation.

Tarboro Advocate: Crops are reported to be about three weeks later than last year. However, with favorable weather and a late season, the cotton crop will surprise many.

Carolina Watchman: Roanoke and Southern surveyors are in and around town this week. The route via Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte will be surveyed as soon as possible.

Shelby Annon: Cotton has been coming out wonderfully the last two weeks. Where it has been kept clean it still looks as if a fair crop may be raised if the frosts do not come too early.

Roanoke Herald: The Roanoke and Southern Railroad from this point to Winston, is rapidly approaching completion and the projected Southern extension from Winston promises to make it a very important and valuable railroad system.