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## Notice--Sale!

By virtue of the power vested in me by a certain mortgage executed to me by H. H. Moore, which is recorded in Book 221 on Page 152, in the Register of Deeds' office of Halifax county, I will on the 10th day of January, 1913, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the following property, to-wit:

That tract of land in Bezeneth township known as the "Kel Edmonds Place," adjoining the lands of M. D. Joyner (owner), the Sally Edmonds Dwyer tract, the run of Deep Creek, the James Rogers land, the Liza Savage tract (Allie White's land), containing 100 acres more or less. Title to ten acres of this land is in dispute by D. A. Madry and the matter is now in the Supreme court.

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## Notice of Land Sale.

By virtue of power vested in me by that deed of trust executed to me by Henry King on the 29th day of March, 1909, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax county, in Book 188 at Page 70, I shall sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction in the town of Scotland Neck at 12 o'clock noon on the 3rd day of January, 1913, the following described tract of real estate, lying, being, and situate in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to-wit: The interest of the said Henry King in the original Penny King tract, which is bounded by the lands of Bradford King, Melvina King, G. L. King, the Halifax Road, and by the land of Balfour Dunn, and containing seventy-five acres, more or less. This December 2, 1912.  
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## CHRISTMAS REUNIONS.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggles of life are on this day reunited and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will which is a source of such pure and unalloyed delight and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence provided for the blest and happy! How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken!—Charles Dickens.

## THE LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE.

THE hanging of the mistletoe at this coming Christmas invites the usual tour across the mystic, misty pages of the past. This branch of the holiday's decoration prescribes within its sweets that to the young people are most tempting. It was the same two centuries ago, and so it will be for centuries to come.

While their ladyships were waiting And their lordships were debating There were other gauds and glories going on. It is hardly worth while stating That acoustic oscillating Baptized that British Christmas before dawn.

The sacredness of the mistletoe has always been respected, particularly by the Britons and the Scandinavians. It was a part of the religion of the druids, and they regarded it with the utmost veneration, but restricted their worship of it to the plant when found growing on the oak. The oak was the favorite tree of their divinity. Tutane, which the books say appears to have been the same as the Phoenician god Baal, or the sun, was prayed to under different names by the early pagans. At the period of the winter solstice, which was about Christmas time, a great festival was celebrated in honor of Tutane. When this anniversary arrived the Britons, accompanied by their priests, the druids, went forth with glorious pomp and jollity to gather the mistletoe, which they believed to possess wonderful curative powers. With them they took two white bulls and sometimes human beings to be sacrificed.

Upon finding the oak with the mistletoe clinging to it the chief druid, clad in white, the emblem of purity, ascended the tree and with a golden knife cut the vine. As it fell it was caught in the folds of the robe of another priest. Then the bulls and sometimes the humans were offered to Tutane, and various festivities followed. The mistletoe thus gathered was cut into small portions and distributed among the people, who hung it over the entrances to their dwellings to notify the sylvan deities that they were welcome to shelter during the season of frost and cold.

These rites were retained throughout the Roman dominion in Britain and for a long while under the Jules, Saxons and Angles.

The most beautiful legend regarding the mistletoe and the one from which it derives its mystic powers is of Scandinavian origin. Balder, the god of poetry and eloquence and second son of Odin and Freja, had a dream in which it was intimated that he would be killed in battle. He communicated this dream to his mother, who was very fond of him, and she, to protect him, invoked the powers of nature—fire, earth, air and water—as well as animals and plants and obtained an oath from them that they would do Balder no hurt. With his invulnerability assured, as he thought, he entered the combats of the gods and was very successful in slaying all who came forward to engage him. They struck him with their arrows, but he plucked them out and derided his antagonists as they fell mortally wounded before him.

It was about time for Loke, his arch enemy, to challenge him or suffer the ignominy of cowardice, but Loke was a schemer.

He disguised himself as an old woman and, determining to discover the secret of Balder's immunity from death, called upon Freja. He addressed the mother with complimentary remarks upon the valor and good fortune of her son, and the goddess replied that her son was safe from harm, as all the productions of the world had sworn not to injure him. Loke was very much discouraged and was about to go away when Freja added that there was one plant she did not conjure because of its insignificance. With well feigned indifference Loke inquired the name of it, and Freja said it was the mistletoe.

The designing Loke procured a shoot of the mistletoe, made an arrow of it and then sought the assembly of the gods. There he met the blind Heda and concluded that the humiliation of Balder's family would be more complete if Balder should be killed by a slighted god. So he asked Heda, "Why do you not contend with the arrows of Balder?" Heda replied that he was blind and unsuspecting with arrows, whereupon Loke gave him the mistletoe arrow and said, "Balder is in front of thee." Heda shot, and Balder fell pierced and slain.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## WORDS FROM HOME.

### Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Scotland Neck Citizen.

When a Scotland Neck citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Scotland Neck resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

David Rawls, painter, Sixth St., Scotland Neck, N. C., says: "My kidneys were badly disordered and caused my back to become weak and lame. It was hard for me to stoop or lift and I felt miserable in every way. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured from E. T. Whitehead Co.'s drug store, relieved my aches and pains and benefited my entire system. I have no cause for complaint since taking this remedy."

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### Inspired Famous Hymn.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul," is a hymn around which many traditions and sacred associations cling. The story connected with its origin may be legendary, but it is no less beautiful. Its author, Charles Wesley, was sitting at his desk by an open window when a bird pursued by a hawk flew in. The bird was saved, for the hawk feared to follow it. The incident inspired Wesley to write his famous lines.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man an unhappy slave. For impure blood and sluggish liver, use Burdock Blood Bitters. On the market 35 years. \$1.00 a bottle.

### Stork Partial to Miner's Domicile.

There seems to be an especial affinity between the stork and the family of Frank Bartoski, a miner at Jackson City, Pa. In ten years the bird has brought 12 babies, including three pairs of twins, and one set of triplets. Ten of the children are living.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers.

### Beauty Hint.

Red elbows, says the Evening News, are happily a thorn which may be removed. Saw off the red elbows, soak them in a bleaching mixture of unslaked lime, steep them in carbolic acid, and they will never trouble you again. Cold feet may be treated similarly.

### Do Not Have Sore Feet.

An Allen's Foot-Ease powder in foot-bath gives instant relief to Chilblains and all foot aches. Then for lasting comfort, shake Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder, in your shoes. All Druggists, 25c.

### There Are Others.

In our adolescent inexperience we cherished the notion that hotel clerks and book store attaches were the most conspicuous of the unintelligents. Yesterday, however, a telegraph operator objected to our using "juxtapose" in a night letter. "We don't allow code words," said he. And for the life of us we couldn't think of a snappy comeback.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. The result was lasting." Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

### Best Form of Prayer.

When the hearts of men and women are filled with heavenly love, a power which makes for righteousness constantly emanates from them. Those who pray with their lives offer the most effective prayer, even though they do not utter a word.—Chauncey Giles.

### Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

### Women in Suicide Epidemic.

No fewer than five suicides, all of women, were committed in Paris one recent day. A mother and her daughter took cyanide of potassium because they had had no food for three days. The daughter was a lyric artist. A young Austrian girl of 18 threw herself into the rails as a train was entering the Marbeau station of the Metro. A woman of 49 took arsenic, and the fifth, who was 27, shot herself through the heart.

### Best Cough Medicine for Children.

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers.

## Plucky Birds.

Compared with mammals, parental love is stronger in birds. In protecting their nests and young, birds often show courage and strategy, more or less of which is doubtless inherited. Even the so-called dangerous mammals, the bears, mountain lions, wildcats and other mammals that are best able to protect themselves, seldom make a stand against domestic intrusion. Rarely do they attempt to entice an enemy from their home by strategic means, but at the first warning of danger they either hide or watch the intruder from a safe distance. But there are very few species of birds that do not attempt to defend their homes in some way, and even the most timid evince most intelligence than most mammals.—Collier's.

### Where the Audience Was.

A London actor appearing at a cheap theater in Salford found so small an audience that he sought out the manager for an explanation. "You see," the manager told him, "my people are at the Halle concert." "Oh," the actor said, surprised, "I should hardly have thought your patrons would care much for high class music." "No," the other explained, "to tell the truth, they go to pick pockets."—London Mail.

### A Rank Offense.

"May we have the pleasure of your company this evening, colonel?" she asked.

"The colonel drew himself up haughtily and replied, with every evidence of offended dignity: "Madam, I command a regiment."

### Neighborly.

Dobbs—So you're living in the country, eh? What kind of neighbors have you? Are they desirable? Hobbs—Desirable! Great Scott! We haven't a thing they don't desire, especially in the way of gardening implements.—New Orleans Picayune.

### The Wind Month.

November was called by the ancient Saxons the wind month, or wind month on account of the gales then prevalent. It was also named the blot month, or blood month, from the ancient practice of then slaughtering cattle for the winter provisions.

Society takes us away from our selves.—De Lambert.

### Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

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Banana Skin Law in Brazil. During a Southward inquest, in which it was suggested that an old man had slipped on a banana skin, a juror said he had been in Brazil, and there if a policeman saw a person throw a banana or orange skin on the roadway that person was at once arrested and fined or sent to prison.—London Daily Graphic.

### His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers.

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