

**PROF. ALLEN'S STORY BOOK.**

**NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY STORIES.**

The Book One That Should be in Every Home in the State—Written in a Terse, Splendid Style that Children Enjoy—The Subject Matter—Points of Interest.

M. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

Prof. W. C. Allen, Superintendent of the city schools of Waynesville, Haywood county, is the author of "North Carolina History Stories," a very charming as well as valuable book concerning persons and events prominent in the history of this State. In selecting the subject matter for his book, Mr. Allen has used splendid taste and excellent judgment. In every way the book is attractive. The material make up is good and the style of composition most fascinating.

The B. F. Johnson Publishing Company, of Richmond, Va., issued the book. It contains 200 pages and is bound in cloth. The picture on the cover is in honor of the Mecklenburg Declaration and bears the following inscription: "Reading the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." The type used in printing the book is large and easy to read.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK.**

The purpose of this book is to stimulate a desire for North Carolina history in the hearts of the small boys and girls of the State. It is designed for use in the public schools and is written in simple language, such as can be easily understood by children of the third and fourth grades. It should be in every school and every home in North Carolina.

The book has been well received. Leading educators have said that it is the ideal book to teach children North Carolina history. The author's subject matter is so interesting and his style so simple and so attractive that the smallest boy or girl must become fascinated with the various stories as they are told or read.

In order to give some idea of Mr. Allen's superb way of introducing choice bits of North Carolina history, I shall quote from the very first chapter in the book. The subject is: "Two Indian Boys." In part, the author says: "Three hundred years ago there were no white people in North Carolina. Only Indians lived here. They owned all the land, and lived in their wigwams near their hunting grounds. They were very happy in their homes in the forest. They knew nothing of the great cities and the fine people on the other side of the big ocean."

"Little Indian boys and girls played games in the fields and woods, and plucked the wild flowers with joy and gladness, just as boys and girls do now. They heard the birds sing and saw the squirrels and the deer. How happy they were as they chased the butterflies or watched the birds build their nests in the trees! "The names of two of these Indian boys who lived on an island called Croatan, are well known. They were Manteo and Monchese. They were about the same age, and were brighter and more active than the other boys of the island. But they were as different from each other as possible. Manteo was kind and obedient; but Monchese was cruel and stubborn."

"This difference, however, did not keep them from being great friends. They were often together, and fished and hunted side by side. They knew nothing of other lands, but sometimes wondered where the big sea ended and what was on the other side of it. So these boys grew up to be men in this wild country, often wishing that they could see beyond the great sea. They did not know how soon or in what way they would get their wish."

"One day when Manteo and Monchese were about 18 years old, a wonderful thing happened. They were going in a canoe to one of their fishing places to see if their fish traps had caught anything. Just as they turned a bend in the shore line they came in full view of a large ship anchored and standing perfectly still in the smooth water. At first they were puzzled and could not tell what the strange thing was. Monchese and another boy who was with them proposed to turn back; but Manteo insisted upon going nearer."

"How can we miss this chance," said he, "which the Great Spirit has given us to find out what this strange thing is?"

The story goes on and tells of the first white people who came to North Carolina. Mr. Allen's

sentences are short and his words simple. Any child raised in the average North Carolina home could understand them.

**THE CONTENTS.**

The book is made up of forty-five stories dealing with persons and events, giving the history of the State from the first landing on the Roanoke Island to the close of the Revolutionary war. The subjects treated are as follows:

- "Two Indian Boys."
- "Visit to a Strange Land."
- "The Loss of a Silver Cup."
- "Lane's Search for Gold."
- "The Lord of Roanoke."
- "Story of Virginia Dare."
- "A Sad Grandfather."
- "The First Settlement."
- "A Cattle Ranch on the Cape Fear."
- "The First Governor."
- "The Tardy Governor."
- "John Lawson and the Alligators."
- "The Albemarle Boss."
- "An Adventure on the Neuse."
- "An Indian Massacre."
- "Capture of Fort Barnwell."
- "Capture of Fort Nohucke."
- "King Blunt."
- "The Carolina Pirate."
- "Daniel Boone."
- "Tryon and the Regulators."
- "British Stamps at Wilmington."
- "The Edenton Tea Party."
- "First Sound of Liberty's Bell."
- "Second Sound of Liberty's Bell."
- "The Fair Tory."
- "Defeat of the Tories."
- "The Noble Four Hundred."
- "Cornwallis in a Hornet's Nest."
- "The Heroes of McIntyre's."
- "Rough Riders of the Smokies."
- "General Green Without a Penny."
- "The Fall of a Patriot."
- "Adventures of an American Boy."
- "Death of the Bugler Boy."
- "How Colonel Pyle Saved Tarleton."
- "Minute Men of the Hills."
- "Cornwallis on the Run."
- "A Strange Night Attack."
- "A Brave Woman's Wit."
- "The Tory Bandit."
- "Hunter's Stone Steps."
- "The State of Franklin."
- "Story of Bath."
- "An Old Time School."

In the pages of Mr. Allen's book there are frequent references to the historic towns and cities of the State, Charlotte, Wilmington, Salisbury, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Newbern, Halifax, Fayetteville, Edenton and many others furnish the scenes for the stories. Every story while founded on historic fact has some romantic coloring to secure and hold the attention.

**THE BOOK WELL RECEIVED.**

"North Carolina History Stories" is being introduced with singular success into the town and city schools throughout the State. It will no doubt be put on the State list of books, for every child in North Carolina should read it. It is there that the boys and girls can learn of their historic ancestors. If one would give a North Carolina boy or girl a Christmas present in the shape of a book Mr. Allen's stories would delight him or her, and then they would stimulate the desire for more of our history.

Mr. Allen will soon add a second volume to the one already out.

**THE AUTHOR.**

Mr. W. C. Allen is a graduate of Wake Forest College. He is an able teacher and a popular gentleman. The people of Waynesville are proud of him. He has built up a good school. His little book will stand as a monument to his great energy and splendid ability.

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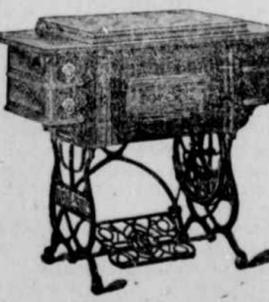
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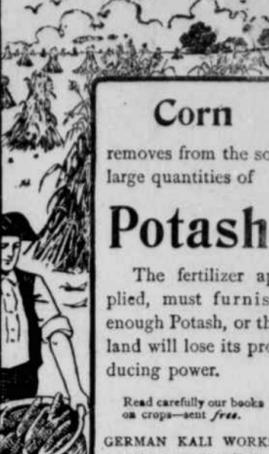
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