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SARGE PLUNKETT.

That everything is so cheap it don't pay to make it, is a common expression, and upon this might be counted the failure of many young lives.

In the towns riding is so cheap that it don't pay to walk a quarter. Cakes and pies can be bought cheaper than they can be made at home. Ready-made clothing is so cheap that it don't pay to sew, and so on and so on.

In the country the same ideas prevail. A fine bush cut down and skinned makes the best hoe handle in the world and two slits with an ax—one to cut it down, the other to cut it off—has it ready, yet a plenty of farmers buy hoes with handles just for the handles. Hickory is wasted everywhere in Georgia, and white oak is in abundance, yet there is not a store but what sells ax handles, swingle trees and plow stocks. They are so cheap that it don't pay to make them, and yet we know that the sale of these things are making firms rich somewhere.

In the home life of country folks is where you see the leak of this idea at its worst. Show me a man 50 years old that ever saw an idle girl during his childhood. If they went visiting during those days they carried along some sort of work. Knitting was a pastime occupation and did not interfere in the least with the sociability of any company. It was a clear pick up—as printers would say—to have all sorts of socks and stockings for a family, and yet these things have come to be so cheap that it don't pay to just pick 'em up. Pickles, preserves, the saving of delicacies for soups for winter use. All these things can be bought cheaper than they can be made or saved at home.

This is all a delusion—this idea that it is cheaper and better to buy all these things. But the financial damage is not the worst loss. The demoralization engendered by the idleness it brings is the worst feature. It makes the poor girl so helpless in her idleness that she is an object of pity to any person that looks upon her and thinks at all. The poor things have nothing on earth to do but sit and hold their hands. They may resort to reading—The most of them do—but it is trashy, and this strips her of all her charms as they used to pertain among the girls who knit and talked and laughed and snuggled around every fireside in Georgia.

If it were possible to give a picture of the average Georgia home of before the war, surely it would not be out of place and it would be a blessing if we could but turn the present generation to striving at an imitation of those conditions.

One thing certain, there was no idleness then. There is a notion that the sons of planters were raised in idleness. This is not true as a rule. There were a few fools, and their sons, but the vast majority

great majority—nearly all—the prosperous farmers of Georgia required their sons carry row for row with the negroes. The truth is there was mighty little haughty or self-conceit people in Georgia before the war. The rating people then was in the quality of character, not from the style they assumed or the money they owed. While there was small disposition to exalt one's self among his fellows there was an absence of that low quality implied by the term "poor folks." A proper self-respect belonging to all, as a rule, and this was natural among those of wealth and called for no strain among those in humbler circumstances. From Manassas to Spottsylvania the man of a hundred slaves slept under the same blanket with the boy of a widowed mother who was striving at home with wheel and loom and who died let us hope, without ever a thought that any had more interest in this land of Dixie than she and hers. In my heart I believe that this southland before the war was the nearest a land of equality than any has been before or will ever be again. There was no "rich folks" and no "poor folks" as that term is understood today, but "my folks, my home, my church, my country, they are the best"—this was the spirit of those years, and it was the only lofty of the old field school system then.

Just why, whatever it is that does, should get a million-dollar idea into a fifty-cent capacity I fail to understand. But that it is true that this does pertain is too plain to be disputed. And, allow me to say with all the emphasis that I can put in it, the poor family which has the big notions with small capacity are the accursed people of our race to-day. They are the pitiful idle, who sit and hold their hands, believing everything is too cheap to be spending their time in producing them at home, and with ideas of style that not an honest wage earner in the world could back up. This idea carries the children away, breaks up the home, makes small the old daddies and mamies and will ruin the world unless it is stopped and stopped speedily.

Even if thousands knew just why this is thus, would there be one in all those thousands honest enough and brave enough to proclaim it to the world? I think not. So honest a person is more than apt to be a poverty-stricken cuss and his daily needs would keep him from taking the risk. The truth is, that no one thing has brought us to where we stand. The vile hypocrite that went into the churches and patting the little children on their heads with "you poor, poor thing," has been the greatest factor for harm. In the name of some "ism" those hypocrites got the first poison planted in the youthful mind, and many more have followed. Nothing has been able to stand against these "ismists." They have turned the church into temples of money-changers and prostituted the Christian religion into fanatic craze. We are right now on the eve of a great political campaign, which in the olden times would have brought forward a statesmanship of lofty principles, well calculated to brighten the intellects and keep the wrangles out of church and away from the firesides. Bless you, I confidently make the prediction, that if you were to ever try to start the thing on the lines that he had in the days when Hill and Toombs and Stephens and the Cobbs and such as these met each other and educated the people to a love of country, kept the wrangles out from the firesides by politics approaching statesmanship, it would not run a week before these "ismists" would have every woman and child in the wrangle, and the negro, the dago, the Chinaman or anybody else would be as good as a Georgia cracker, and a

good deal better until after their ballots were cast for some fanatic craze beneficial to the hypocrites. This fanaticism keeps us away from a resume of politics on the hustings, where great principles used to be discussed in statesmanlike order, and from whence this country got the best results from politics, both to church, state and home. Let us all pray to be delivered and to have a resume of times like they used to be.

SARGE PLUNKETT.

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AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

All County and District Funds, Both for Present and From Previous Years Must be Used Before Aid is Asked.

Mr. J. A. McAllister, superintendent of Robeson county public schools has written the Superintendent of Public Instruction, raising quite an important point with reference to county and district school funds to the four months standard. He says:

"From funds apportioned July 1, 1901, some districts have a balance on hand January 1902. Are such balances left over from previous years to be considered as a part of the funds required to be reported and used before aid from the second \$100,000 apportionment can be asked?"

The following answer has been forwarded by the State Superintendent:

"The law, chapter 513, section 4, commencing with line 7 says: 'The county board of education shall also report the amount of all school funds available for the use of the entire county, and also the amount that is available for the use of the particular district or districts needing additional help.' This certainly means that if the district had any 'back money,' that is, money to its credit before July, 1901, that amount should be added to this year's fund. For instance, if in any district there was \$15.00 left over to credit of a district during the spring of 1901, then at the July meeting there may have been \$25.00 more apportioned to that district, and at the January meeting of the board, there was \$40 more apportioned that district thus making the available funds for that district \$90.00, and if the committee paid teacher \$25.00 per month, the district would lack \$10.00 of having enough available funds to run a four months school, and the State is expected to supply that deficiency. If your construction was correct the State would have to supply \$25.00, but you are certainly mistaken. There was in the hands of county treasurers last July \$27,854.57, and that law, chapter 513, section 3, &c., certainly contemplated that all of this money, and the entire school funds of this year, amount received for taxes, the first \$100,000, &c., should all be exhausted, and then if there was not enough to have a four months term, the second \$100,000 could be used to supply the deficiency."

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The cooking school girl doesn't always know.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

Tarboro is shipping horses to Richmond. For a county that imports hundreds of horses and mules annually such a statement not only seems odd but incredible.

The reporter "got on" to this the other day when he heard a trader say to a farmer with whom there had just been a swap of horses, "bring yours in at once, it will just make up a car load I'm going to ship."

The reporter's curiosity was so greatly excited that he had to learn more. He was informed that old "plugs" which will sell in this market for only a few dollars sell readily in Richmond for a much better price. So whenever a trader has accumulated enough to make a car load of they go to Richmond.

Some persons have been heard to express the opinion the county is fortunate to be rid of them at any price.—Tarboro Southerner.

We will wager that some of those same horses are taken to Richmond, fattened up a little and rested, then shipped back and sold to our people as "imported" stock.

Saved Her Child's Life.

"In three weeks our chubby little boy was changed by Pneumonia almost to a skeleton," writes Mrs. W. Watkins, of Pleasant City, O. "A terrible cough set in, that, in spite of a good doctor's treatment for several weeks, grew worse every day. We then used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was soon sound and well. We are sure this grand medicine saved his life." Mothers know it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Spruill & Bro., guarantee satisfaction. 50c. \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

FACTS TOLD CLEARLY.

Now that there are professors of advertising and professional writers of advertisements there seems to be an impression that the principles of publicity are complicated. Yet it remains true that except in peculiar cases a plain and simple statement of facts makes the best business announcement. The facts which the advertiser wants the public to know are exactly the facts which the public wants to know.

Clerk's Wise Suggestion.

"I have lately been much troubled with dyspepsia, belching and sour stomach," writes M. S. Mead, leading pharmacist of Attleboro, Mass. "I could eat hardly anything without suffering several hours. My clerk suggested I try Kodol Dyspepsia Cure which I did with most happy results. I have had no more trouble and when one can go to eating nice pie, cheese, candy and nuts after such a time, their digestion must be pretty good. I endorse Kodol Dyspepsia Cure heartily." You don't have to diet. Eat all the good food you want but don't overload the stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests your food.

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The man who pays his newspaper subscription promptly is a safe man to deal with in any kind of transaction, while the man that will beat his paper will beat anybody else if he gets a chance.—Concord Times.

Wood's Seeds.

Va. Second Crop Seed Potatoes.

These are the result of growing two crops in the same year, the first being planted from select Maine Seed Potatoes, and the seed selected from this crop planted again in July or August. They not only make their crop earlier, but they also make a larger yield and much surer crop than Maine or Northern-grown Seed.

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We Are Forced To It.

We shall, after April 1st charge \$1.50 a year for this paper, unless paid for strictly in advance. We do this in justice to ourself, who has everything to pay, and a great many things are 50 per cent. or more higher than heretofore. Then, if not paid in advance, it very often costs us as much as 50 cents to collect by the time we get the dollar, and sometimes lose it altogether. Farmers should not complain at this, for nearly everything they raise, or is supposed to raise to sell, especially meat, lard, butter, meal, corn, wood, etc., etc., is costing us, who have to buy, from 50 to 100 per cent. more than it did a year ago.

If you want your home paper, as is natural you should; and if you expect to pay for it—sometime—as you should, why can you not pay for it one time as well as another? It only costs \$1.00, and you only have to pay that once a year.

All advertisements not contracted for before April 1st will be charged 25 per cent. more.



STOPS PAIN

Athens, Tenn., Jan. 27, 1901. Ever since the first appearance of my menses they were very irregular and I suffered with great pain in my hips, back, stomach and legs, with terrible bearing down pains in the abdomen. During the past month I have been taking Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Drainage, and I passed the monthly period without pain for the first time in years. NANNIE DAVIS.

What is life worth to a woman suffering like Nannie Davis suffered? Yet there are women in thousands of homes to-day who are bearing these terrible menstrual pains in silence. If you are one of these we want to say that this same

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For advice and literature, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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