

THE PESSIMIST AND PAGANINI

By A. E. ROBINSON

A former resident of Dunn was returning from Raleigh to his home not long since, and met a man that seemed to be the personification of pessimism. He stated in the course of the conversation that he was the owner of quite a large farm in a county not far from Harnett, and said he knew there was no use trying to make any crop this year, so he had notified his tenants to look out for themselves, as he was going to let his farm lie out. He dreaded the bell wench, and could see nothing but blue everywhere he looked.

What a pity that he was not at least large-hearted enough to turn his place over to some one else to work, with the guarantee that the place would not be in worse condition at the end of the year. Wonder if this man ever reads the farm paper, or goes to farmers' institutes, or listens to the county demonstrator, or—thinks. Any sane man, with good rubbers in his veins, should not let a little insect drive all the energy and ambition out of his system. This man must be suffering from some kind of hallucination, and it is highly probable that he does not know much about actual work himself, or he could put his hand in some crop that would be better than letting it grow up in weeds.

It is a pity our informant did not get the name and address of this "blacker," for surely there are many people that would not only discredit his fears, but would be glad to take hold of his farm and proceed to "show him" what could be done under these adverse conditions.

If this man were a reader, and we knew where he was, we would like to refer him to the case of the great violinist, Paganini, who despite the fact that his string broke when he was performing, went on and played such music as no other of Furthermore, he so developed his playing that instead of playing with the usual four strings to his instrument, he removed all but

one, and the records show that with this kind of handicap he made Europe astonished at his ability. It is said of him that he would practice ten hours a day on some difficult passage, until he had thoroughly mastered it.

If our pessimistic subject would put ten hours a day into the simple business of raising chickens, he would find that before the year was out he had learned one lesson from the hen—she doesn't quit scratching just because she does not turn up a worm every time she scratches, but the scarcer worms seem to be, the more she scratches, and generally gets results, if nothing more than good health.

It would seem that there should be some way in which land could be taken from such a person, at least temporarily, by law, and put into the hands of some one that would make an honest effort to succeed, and in what state of the "Sunny South" is there any better opportunity than the "old North State".

A traveling man stated within the last week that North Carolina was doing more business than any state he had visited lately, but such gloom dispensers as the man mentioned have not brought it about. A few like him in any community would be enough to kill the enthusiasm of half a dozen, if they were not well enough acquainted with the real situation to keep their heads up.

Evidently there are some other pessimists abroad, as evidenced by the following verses from the Press.

TWO MEN AND A SMILE

Two men there live in every town,
With lives as like as nuts of brown;
But the one wears a smile, the other
a frown;
The one looks up and the other looks
down.

The one that looks up is a merry
chap
With a hearty "hello" and a friendly
slap,
While his neighbor, Grouch, across
the way,
Has seldom a friendly word to say.

The things they see are just the same,
But the one will praise, the other one
blame
A rosebush for one has flowers
grand,
For the other but thorns that prick
his hand.
If it happens to rain, why, Grouch
will say:
"Tis a beastly, nasty, stormy day,"
While Smiles will laugh as the drops
come down:
"Twill lay the dust on my way to
town."

They work side by side. When night
comes along
Smiles starts for his home with a
snatch of song,
Happy in knowing his day's work is
through;
Grouch only thinks of the chores yet
to do.

And thus through life they go along,
Grouch with a grunt, Smiles with a
song;
One always happy, the other one
blue;
And now, dear friend, which one
are you?

HAS UNCLE SAM A HEART?

A plain seaman stood "on watch"
on the bridge of a United States bat-
tleship several hundred miles out on
the Atlantic when a "wireless" was
handed to him:
"Little Donald passed away yester-
day, funeral Wednesday afternoon.
Can you come?"

"MARY."
The seaman forgot his "watch"; he

saw nothing but the smiling face of
his little baby boy as he had left him
three months before. His only boy;
his hope! Then he broke. And sob-
bing the captain saw him.
"What's the matter, my lad?"
The seaman stood "at attention"
and handed the captain the message.
"Where do you live?" asked the
captain.

"Cleveland, Ohio, sir," answered
the boy, for he was a mere boy. Then
the captain did some rapid figuring,
and in a moment the wireless of the
big battleship began spluttering out
messages to her sister ships in the
vicinity. A tremor was felt in the big
fighting machine, the engines began
to thunder, and "full steam ahead"
went forth the order, and the big ship
plowed ahead. Then a gray form ap-
peared; a faster ship—and a seaman
went over the side of one ship, into
a boat and climbed over the side of
another, while the signal flags of the
first ship fluttered "Good luck."

Then the second battleship began
to race madly ahead. For 200 miles
it raced until a torpedo-boat destroy-
er came up, which had received a
wireless, and over from the side of
the battleship went the seaman into
the destroyer. Then the third ship
put on full steam ahead for the near-
est port.

When the seaman jumped ashore a
taxi was waiting. Into it went the
seaman for the depot, the train had
but four minutes before it left for
Cleveland, and the next afternoon,
just one hour before the funeral,
the seaman-father stood looking down
upon his little boy, with the mother
and wife in his arms.
Three battleships somewhere on

the Atlantic had felt the impulse of
fatherhood.—Ladies Home Journal.

WHEN A MAN IS POOR

A man is poor when he has lost
the confidence of his friends, when
the people who are nearest to him
do not believe in him; when his char-
acter is honey-combed by deceit and
punctured by dishonesty. He is poor
when he makes money at the ex-
pense of his character, when he does
not stand clear out, supreme in his
ideas. When this is clouded, he is in
danger of the worst kind of poverty.
To be in the poorhouse is not neces-
sarily to be poor. If you have main-
tained your integrity, if your char-
acter stands four square to the world,
if you have never been hounded by
if you have never bent the knee of
principle to avarice, you are not

Pay When Satisfied

If our work is not satis-
factory, you don't have us
to pay until we make it so.

Patronize Home Folks

Our prices are as low,
our work as good, and it
means quicker service.
Place your order now
for Mantels, Columns,
Screen Doors and Win-
dows, Mouldings, Window
and Door Frames, Store
Fixtures, or any Cabinet
Work you want done.

Jno. W. Hodges & Co.
Dunn, N. C.

poor, though you may be compelled
to beg bread.—Queensland Free-
masonry.

With things so high, the farmer
who puts out a good garden for this
summer is likely to be well repaid,
even though he may sell nothing from
it.

Farmers in Perquimans county re-
cently sold a 600 bushel shipment
of soybeans co-operatively through
the efforts of County Agent L. W.
Anderson.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF
THE HARNETT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR ASSOCIATION.**

Notice is hereby given the stock-
holders that the annual meeting of
the stockholders of The Harnett
County Agricultural Fair Association
will be held on the 26th day of March
1923, it being the fourth Monday in
March, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon,

at the office of the Associati
the rooms of The Dunn Cham
Commerce, Dunn, N. C., for the
purpose of receiving and acting up
reports of the officers, and fo
transaction of such other busin
may properly come before the
ing.

In accordance with the laws o
State of North Carolina, no stock
be voted on which has been tras
red on the books of the Associ
within twenty days next preced
this meeting.
Dated March 12, 1923.
H. A. TURLINGTON, Preside
March 12 23.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATI
Having qualified as administ
upon the estate of B. C. Lucas,
ceased, late of Harnett Cou
North Carolina, this is to give n
to all persons having claims ag
said estate to present them to
undersigned administrator, duly
filed, on or before the 15th day
March, 1924, or this notice will
pleaded in bar of recovery. All
soms indebted to said estate
please make immediate settlemen
This the 13th day of March, 1
STUART TURLINGTON,
Administrator of B. C.
Lucas, Deceased.
I. L. Levinson, attorney.
March 16 23 30 April 6 18 24

J. L. HATCHER
Dunn, North Carolina
Undertaker and Licensed Embalmer
Prompt Service
Day or Night Phone No. 16

**LADY WAS IN A BAD FIX
FROM NERVOUS INDIGESTION**

Black, Mrs.—"I had, for a year or
more, nervous indigestion, or some form
of stomach trouble," says Mrs. Adams
Black. "I could not eat and I did not
enjoy my meals. I would suffer until I got
so nervous I would get down on the
floor and weep. I felt like I could tear
my clothes."

"Every night, and eight other nights, I
had to take something for a headache, and
it had to be kept up nightly. My side
would pain. I looked awful. My skin
was yellow and seemed spotted. I would
look at my hands and arms, and the flesh
looked ill."

"I happened to get a Shirley Adams,
so I told my husband I would try the
Black-Draught, which I did. I took a
few big doses. I felt much better. My
stomach acted well. I made a good, warm
stomach drink that way. Soon I found

that nervous, tight feeling was going, as
was the pain in my side. I found I did not
have to take it every night. Soon, after
three or six, and I did not suffer with
constipation. . . . I gained flesh. I have a
good color, and believe it was a stubborn
case, and that Black-Draught did the
work."

"I want to my mother's (Mrs. Deaton)
one day, and she wasn't well at all. . . . I
told her we'd try Black-Draught. We
did, and now she keeps it to take after
eating. It certainly helped her, and we
neither will be without it in our homes.
It is so simple, and the dose can be
regulated as the case may be. We use
small doses after meals for indigestion,
and larger doses for headache or bad
stomach."

Theodore's Black-Draught liver medi-
cine is for sale everywhere.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK'S RECORD
IS—SERVICE**

The record of this institution since its inception has been one of service to its community, and its state. Upon that solid foundation has been built a structure that is a matter of pride to our citizens and to those who have had a part in its making.

Every officer, every employe is filled with that spirit of service that makes it agreeable to transact ones financial affairs here.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Dunn, North Carolina

OFFICERS:
H. A. Townsend.....President
J. M. Sherwood.....Active Vice-President
J. W. Draughon.....Vice-President
H. E. Taylor.....Vice-President and Cashier
J. O. Warren.....Assistant Cashier

DIRECTORS:
G. E. Gresham, J. M. Sherwood and
J. W. Draughon, J. C. O'Neil, Marvin Wade, Jas. A. Taylor,
Jas. A. McKay, Ellis Goldstein, H. A. Townsend.

EASTER SALE
At The Fifth Avenue Shop

Another Easter will soon be here and we are ready for it. We have a wonderful line for our Easter Sale. Dresses, Coats, Coat Suits and Capes, fine line of Corsets and Silk Underwear. It is a good time for you to buy your Easter supplies as we have a special price for Easter. Come and look our stock over.

- Point Twill, Coat Suits, newest mod-
els, in various colors, special at \$24.95
- All-wool serge with acetan pleat-
ed collar, silk lining, blouse effect, loose fit,
color, navy, \$19.95
- Spring Coats, long fit, in various
colors, all wool, polo cloth, trimmed with blue and gold
colored thread, newest styles \$17.95
- Medium weight, new designed, light
colors, brown and grey, attached
belt on coat and sleeves, sport
style \$19.95

Bon Ton CORSETS

About 500 Bon Ton Corsets, all
qualities, figures and styles, low, me-
dium and high bust, short and long
hips and special styles for stout wo-
men. We are going to offer them at
a very low price. We will have a
special display on fitting corsets and
can fit anyone who comes to our
store. If you need one, be sure to
come and see.

- No. 311 medium figure, low bust,
lightly boned, medium skirt, white
and flesh, extra special for Easter
.....95c
- No. 320 semi-rubbered top, special
for sport, price.....\$1.75
- No. 327 fleshy figure, well boned, me-
dium bust.....\$2.95
- No. 329 average figure, free hip, rub-
ber top, long skirt, price.....\$3.95




- No. 1018 fleshy figure, long skirt,
perfected front lace, medium and low
bust, protecting tongue, elastic in-
sert in back.....\$4.95
- No. 1412 any stout figure, semi-rub-
ber top, large side elastic insert \$5.95
- No. 790 stout figure, low bust, long
skirt, front and back lace.....\$4.75
- No. 890 1-piece elastic corset girdle,
low bust, long skirt.....\$4.95
- No. 1020 any figure, low bust, long
skirt, free hip, protecting tongue,
price.....\$3.95
- No. 754 any figure, rubber top and
bottom, panel back.....\$2.95
- No. 1048 medium and stout figure,
semi-rubber top, protecting tongue,
price.....\$4.95
- No. 1067 medium figure, rubber top
and bottom, rubber panel back.....\$7.95
- No. 445 elastic corset girdle, low
bust, medium skirt.....\$1.95
- No. 877 sport girdle, short front, hip
confiner, long back.....\$2.95

We only mentioned a few styles
that we have in our stock. Sizes run
from 22 to 38; colors, white, flesh
and lavender; qualities plain, elastic
and silk brocaded, and all guaranteed
from rust. Also we have a big stock
of brassieres, all sizes and all styles.
Silk brocades, plain and silk satins;
prices from.....45c to \$2.95
and we will have hundreds of other
bargains we cannot mention.




Sale starts March 23, come early and get the good bargains.
Years for business,
The Fifth Avenue Shop
DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA

1 Lot Silk Dresses, Crepe Madras,
Taffeta and Satin, all styles, prices up
to \$22.95. All new spring styles
special for Easter.....\$12.95

SAM THOMAS, Manager

New Pussy Willow Silk and heavy
quality, Crepe Madras, sizes 18 to
46, colors, brown, navy and other
fancy colors.....\$25.95